

# Central Coast 4WD Club



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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](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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Front cover: Drought stricken farmers enjoying CC\$WDC hospitality



# President's Report

## Presidents Report November 2018

Christmas is fast approaching, and plans are well under way for the Clubs annual Christmas party. As usual Jo Kelly has everything under control and it's great to know that we can rely on her to ensure the event is a huge success as usual. I have no idea what she has in store for us, but you can bet that both the adults and kids are going to have a great time as usual. Our Friends from Dungog RFS will also be attending and hopefully will be able to supply water for the kid's water slide as usual. It's not too late to get your form in in you haven't already done so. You will find the form in the magazine and on our website.

Out convoy to the bush was a huge success and very well received by the two families that we decided to help and for the other farmers in the district. Further back in the magazine you will find two thank you emails from the people involved. I believe that for many it was great just to have a chance to get off the farm and socialise with other people from the area who are experiencing difficulties. One farmer said he hadn't been off his farm for over a year and a chance to socialise and take his mind off the draught was great. Well done to all involved who donated and helped organise this and to our convoy of members who represented our club so well. Thanks, from all.

There is not a lot of news at present, the working B would have taken place at the lease and so thank you to the helpers who came to assist and enjoy a good social weekend at the same time. The new barbeque is installed and working well after we had a couple of small teething issues to sort out which were promptly attended to thanks to Spotto and Rod Dot Boy Phelps, thanks guys.

That's about it for the month and I look forward to catching up with so many people at the Christmas party

Cheers until then.

Craig Green

President

# Editorial

It seems like summer may finally be on it's way. The days are getting longer, the temperatures are climbing and the bloody grass needs mowing. Again! Another thing that is on the way is the annual Club Xmas Party, thanks to our tireless Social Co-Ordinator Extraordinaire Jo Kelly. In order to help Jo with her catering requirements can you all please make sure you get your forms in to her by the 14th of November. Payment can be made by internet bank transfer ( but don't forget to put your name or member number on the transfer so we know who it's from. Alternatively, you can pay by EFTPOS at the November meeting. Don't forget to include the ages of the kiddies, so Santa can give them an age appropriate gift.

Something that has been and gone is the drought relief convoy that saw our club donate thousands of dollars in cash, stock feed and water, not to mention hold a couple of barbeques that brought together a couple of large groups of farmers to let them know they are not alone. Their gratitude can be found elsewhere in this magazine, in the form of some beautiful words from the farmers we helped, and their families. Congratulations guys. Job well done!

SEE YOU ALL AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!!!!

Cheers,  
Scott.

Scientists say the universe is made up of protons, neutrons and electrons... They forgot to mention morons!



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

Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

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

**Attendance:** As per the Attendance Book

**Apologies:** Jo Kelly, Jakie Cobbold, Peter Wade, Bev Douglass

**Visitors:** As per attendance book

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the previous meeting of Thursday 13th September 2018 were tabled.

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

**Moved:** Ken           **Seconded:**           **Steve Farmer**           **CARRIED**

**Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

- Still needing someone to audit the books – anyone with any business acumen that may be able to look over them. Doesn't have to be a member.

**Moved:** Lisa Good           **Seconded:** Scott Good           **CARRIED**

**Correspondence Inward**

Inward - post

1. NIL to report

Inward – email

1. Numerous membership enquires
2. Numerous NSW Now publications that are open all members

Outwards

- Nil

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

**Moved:**   Scott Good

**Seconded:**   Joyce Hollins

**CARRIED**

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Treasurer’s report tabled by Bruce “Wombat” Close

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

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

**Moved:**   Steve Farmer

**Seconded:**   Bev Fort

**CARRIED**

**Membership:**

Assistant Secretary Cherry requested the meeting’s endorsement of the following applicants for membership to the Club:

Ian and Fiona Fisher

**Moved:** Frank Adams

**Seconded:**   Ken MacDonald

**CARRIED**

**Presentations:**

- 10 Years membership David Brown

**DTU**

- 2 more training this year, XXXXXXXX 18 November.

**Editor:**

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

We need a good story from the Famers feed to go in the meeting.

**4WD NSW & ACT Association Delegates Report:**

- Nothing to report

**Last committee meeting held:** 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at the Woodbury Park Community Centre, 1 Woolmers Crescent, Mardi – was

**Business Arising:**

- Cherry to replace Jackie as membership officer
- Committee meeting moved to 19<sup>th</sup> December

**General Business:**

- Christmas party registrations are now available

- Shirts to have an embroidery name
- INVICTUS games promotion announced by Mr Paul Fisher, please attend if you are able.
- Up at the lease there is a problem with the use of temporary orange fence. The fences are there to fend off the horses and ironically the horses are now chewing it and then becoming sick and a further concern on any harm to come to the horses if they ever get caught in the netting.
- Ken MacDonald open discussion for ongoing support for our farmers 80 farmers attended the BBQ where we are only helping 2 farmers. How about member donations at each of the club meetings.
- Farmers support was a great turnout and congratulations to all members for their great efforts
- To donate \$1,000 to Dungog Hospital to be done again.
- Working B at the lease 3<sup>rd</sup> November AT THE LEASE.
- New BBQ was installed and had to go back to the builder as it was not working satisfactory, fingers crossed for next time

**Trip Master: Tony**

- Hello Tony,, Thanks Bev for your hard work,, thanks Faye for holding the fort
- Tracey give trip report about the Farmers Support, John Smyth also thanked the participants who donated their time in food preparation, food delivery, stock food donations
- October fest weekend at the lease was a great success
- Bendethra trip verbal report by Kate Poulson
- Upcoming 13 October Peter Wade
- 21 November DTU Stage 2
- Total discovery Trip at Mudgee (full)
- 3/4<sup>th</sup> November WE leaser working B
- Swans Crossing trip
- 18 Nov stage 2
- Christmas part y 24<sup>th</sup> at the lease

**Piston-broke Trophy:**

- Trevor Banks for not crossing Nolan's Brook and flooding the Ranger

**Pissed & Broken Cup:**

- Dennis Green for feeding the possums

**Fun Fines:**

- No badges
- Tappy for leaving the Dolly with his new car
- Everyone else for not stopping
- Greg Douglass for trying to assassinate the president
- John Brown for disturbing the bus driver
- Joyce for losing her glasses in the loos..

**Meeting Closed** 9.15pm

**Next General meeting will be held on** Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

The minutes of this meeting were recorded by: Alan Booth, Secretary

**Meeting Chairman**

**Crag Green**

# Presentations

Piston Broke Trophy, Trevor Banks



PFO Trophy, President Craig's missus,  
Proudly accepted on her behalf!



# Presentations

Another “long termers” !!!! 10 years

Well done Dave !



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# 2018 Calendar

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- General Meetings
- Committee Meetings
- Member Fees Due

# Upcoming Trips Guide

Date	Event	Class	Trip Leader	Telephone	Limit
10th—11th November	Swans Crossing	C	Tony Clark Faye Goodman	0411 090 653 0423 008 628	9
17th—18th November	Driver Awareness Training Stage 2		Neale Simpson	0404 843 445	
24th — 25th November	Club Xmas Party	E	Jo Kelly	4340 2900	No Limit
8th — 9th December	Blue Mountains (Capertee)	C	Matt Corp	04880 11971	8 Vehicles
29th March — 1st April 2019	We Leaser closed for use by owner.				0

# Some Thank You's are in order.

In case you had forgotten what a great club we are members of, here are some thank you's from some very grateful farmers. Don't forget to check out the photos of the weekend later in the magazine.

From: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

To: "[president@cc4wdc.org.au](mailto:president@cc4wdc.org.au)" <[president@cc4wdc.org.au](mailto:president@cc4wdc.org.au)>

Sent: Thursday, 18 Oct, 2018 At 3:52 PM

Subject: Thank You

To the Members of the Central Coast 4 Wheel Drive Club

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the members of your club who donate items to us recently. To have someone come to our home and sent up and BBQ a wonderful meal for us and our neighbours is truly a special feeling. To know that people from the coastal area care and are willing to travel out this far to help us in this very trying time gives our morale a boost and helps us to keep plugging away until this drought breaks.

Everyone who attended the BBQ lunch that you put on want us to pass on their thanks and appreciation for your kindness and have said so many positive things about it and there was a lot of comments like 'we should get together like this more often'. The BBQ lunch certainly put a positive feeling in the area.

Since you were here we have had 31ml of rain on "Messines" some of our neighbours have had more and some less but it is a start and is very nice to see a very slight green tinge starting to come. Hopefully we will get some more rain soon to keep the grass growing.

Doug & I would also personally like to thank you for your kind donation to Doug's bank account.

Once again on behalf of us and our neighbours THANK YOU.

Kind regards

Chris and Doug

Doug & Chris Andrews

"Messines"

Warren NSW 2824

# But wait, there's more!

From: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

To: [president@cc4wdc.org.au](mailto:president@cc4wdc.org.au)

Sent: Wednesday, 17 Oct, 2018 At 3:24 PM

Subject: Thank You

To the President and members of the CC4WD Club,

Thank you all so much for the night you hosted at the Marra Hall. I think it's safe to say that everyone who attended had a great time enjoying wonderful food and even better company. You certainly helped us to get our minds off the drought for a few hours.



Thank you also for the water that was donated to us personally, the abundance of groceries that we received and money that has been deposited into our bank account. We have been greatly blessed by your generosity and are very thankful to you all.

I went to Warren yesterday to pick up the bags of horse feed. Please let Tracey know that I have given 7 bags to David Dwyer as a thankyou for helping Tracey to organise the transport. Another few bags were given to someone down the road with stock horses.

The drought has hit hard financially and emotionally, together with the responsibility of caring for a new baby. It is so nice to see that many people, near and far, known and unknown to us, have such big, generous hearts and sincerely care for us farmers and others struggling through this drought.

So once again, thank you, and may God bless you all for your kindness and generosity.

From Lincoln, Janelle and baby Salem.

P.S. I have attached a few drought photos.



# And one more thing.....

Many, many thanks go to everyone who has helped out at the working bee this weekend.

30 odd of us camping and another 23 who came just for the today.

This is testament to how much our club has grown in morale and in new members who have been here. Our club is amazing and continues to be.

A big effort has been put in yesterday and today and just look at what has been achieved.



Cheers,

Jo



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Also, just a reminder, that NO PETS are allowed at the We-Leaser under any circumstances, unless they are a registered assistance animal, and have been approved by the Committee.

One more thing..... When visiting the lease please remember to sign in to the visitor book, as this is an official club site and we are required to take attendance, just like we do at club meetings and trips.

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# Farmers Support Convoy

**By Bev Fort**

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October five vehicles and one bus left for the mid-west packed to the brim with BBQ equipment and food along with dozens of bags of non-perishable grocery items destined for two families doing it tough in the midst of the drought. We were heading to two properties about 75km north of Warren on opposite sides of the Macquarie River.

After all meeting up on the Newcastle expressway at 9am the convoy proceeded to Merriwa for lunch, before heading to Mendooran for the night at a lovely free camp on the Castlereagh River. Naturally there was a pub within walking distance in which we had dinner (and free showers) that night.

The journey northwest had been showery most of the way but remained mostly clear for an outdoor gathering under the bus awning prior to a relatively early night with the soft rain then continuing into the early hours. This was the last of the rain we experienced all trip and learnt next day that our families at Pine Ridge and Messines Stations had received no more than 7-10mm while other areas had received 70-80mm if they were lucky enough to be under larger rain-laden cloud.

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October we set off for Warren to have a lunch break and purchase pre-ordered meat, bread and further beverages for the BBQs before heading up the Macquarie Valley Way to Lincoln and Janelle at Pine Ridge Station. There we unloaded half the bagged non-perishable gifts before being escorted about 50km up to the tiny wee location of Marra where we set up in the community hall. It was a perfect location with us being able to utilize the kitchen complete with ovens and fridges, trestle tables and chairs, while setting up our camp around the grounds. The evening BBQ was a great success with about 40 adults and children traveling 40-50 kms. Some of the farming folk hadn't seen each other for months.

By about 9pm the last of our guests had left and everything was pretty well cleaned and tidied up with only the bus to repack with the heavier/larger stuff in the morning. We enjoyed a further hour around the fire before heading off to bed for a 9am start the following morning.

Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> October had us heading eastward on a narrow dirt road through the Macquarie Marshes to the little town of Quambone. I don't think Rob in his Big Bus expected 50km of narrow single lane dirt road. He had to keep his wits about him as the bus tracks much wider than the 4WDs and there was no room for error in many parts. The thought of pulling 14 ton of luxury travel-home out of wet mud and back onto the road certainly didn't bear thinking about for any of us! Never-the-less all was well, and all vehicles made it through without issue, albeit slightly muddier. At one point there was a foot of water across the track due to the first "environmental release" into the marshes for 5 years from Burrendong Dam. Doug and Chris at Messines Station (our next stop) later indicated that it was to be "turned off" the next day.

Quambone is a one-store town where one can eventually get a coffee after the owner has informed you of his opinions of current National Party politicians and politics in general. Tracy got sick of waiting and went back to the bus to make hers! Here we learnt that a convoy of Sydney 4WDers had been through the week before on a similar mission to properties much further north west.

About 15kms south of the town on the Warren Quambone Rd is the turn-off to Messines Station where we put on a BBQ lunch for another 30-40 farming folk and unloaded the last of our non-perishable gifts. This time we set up in the shade on the front lawn of the homestead and Chris and Doug kindly allowed the use of their kitchen to prepare the oven-bake dishes. Again, everyone enjoyed themselves and those interested in horse racing were able, courtesy of the huge satellite TV in Big Bus, watch Winx win at Flemington.

That night after packing up we camped in and around the shearer's quarters which provided us with hot showers, kitchen and bedrooms for those that didn't want to set up swags.

The next morning the Big Bus left as Rob and his crew had to be back at work for Monday. Doug took the rest of us for a bit of a drive around the station showing us the now flooded wetland marshes that border Messines, as well as dry paddocks, hungry cattle that are fed every second day and tilled and sown wheat paddocks that still await rain. We noted at least 6 cows and calves dead in the paddocks. Not from lack of drinking water, but from not enough feed.

Late morning on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October the 5 remaining cars left Messines for the run back homeward through Warren and Gilgandra to overnight for the second time at Mendooran. Arriving there at about mid afternoon, we had a very relaxing afternoon and evening around the campfire before an early night and late departure for home on Monday 8<sup>th</sup>.

It should be noted that due to the quantities of food we'd consumed over the previous days, our "dinner" that night was very minimal with the pub only selling a couple of beers to the ones that went over to catch the last few laps of the Bathurst car race.

Your Club has not only made a difference to the two families that we helped directly, but also to those who attended the BBQs from the wider community. Your thoughts and actions not only resulted in practical tangible assistance but provided positive emotional and mental support as well.

Here I am reminded of an old saying that "The Gift Must Always Move". The generosity of these country folk was not only evident in the warm welcome and thanks that we received at each place, but the non-perishable grocery items we'd brought with us were freely shared out by both families to the other members of the community that attended. I don't think anyone left empty handed and I'm pretty sure no one left hungry or thirsty either (including us!). Men, women and children seemed to have a great time relaxing and catching up with each other. I must say we had such a great time too.

Finally, acknowledgements must go to the following;

John Smythe for his considerable organizational skills, time and numerous phone calls.

Tracy Hughes and her daughter Kaigha for their well-planned and prepared catering/cooking skills.

Ken McDonald, Jim O'Donoghue, John Brown and Pete Glendenning were our "BBQ Boys".

Rod and Lynn Phelps for donating and organising 32000 litres of town water to Pine Ridge Stn.

Clive for sourcing 5 ton of feed and Tracy Hughes for organizing its transport to Warren.

John Brown for an esky full of fresh frozen fish shared out to guests at the first BBQ.

Pete Glendenning for his bagging and sorting skills and quarter mastering and transport help.

Helen Smythe (who couldn't come) for her homemade cookies, lamingtons and cake.

Cherry Pandich for sending along 2 containers of her wonderful peach slice.

Vice President Ken for his speeches on behalf of our club.

Yvonne McDonald for everything else including her multi-tasking skills.

Rob Becker for providing and driving "Big Bus" and transporting sooooo much stuff.

All the great members of CC4WDC that gifted cash and/or goods.

My apologies if I've missed anyone or anything out.

Cheers, Aunty Bev

# PHOTOS FROM THE FARMERS RUN







# IMPORTANT NOTICES

The Xmas party will be here soon.

Get you jingle happening, and your Christmas spirit flowing.....

Your biggest social event of the year is right around the corner.

Saturday 24th November is the day.

As you can imagine, this takes quite a bit of organising, so I'm asking that you all get your forms and RSVP's to me before the 14th November.

You can also notify me through our Club Facebook page.

Ho, ho, ho.....let's go, go, go.

Jo, Jo, Jo

Social Coordinator Extraordinaire

# Club Christmas Party

Saturday 24th November 2018

At We-Leaser



If you are a member and you wish your child—15 years and under—to receive a present, please fill out the following:

Note: Visiting kids/grandkids—\$25 for a Santa present and only children attending the party receive a present

Member #	Surname	First Name	Boy	Girl	Age

If you are staying for dinner, please fill out the details below:

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No Refunds and cut-off date for registration and payment is 19th November, 2018

Name	
Member No	
No of Adults	
No of Kids	
Rec. no (if paid online)	

Please complete the form, scan and email to [social@cc4wdc.org.au](mailto:social@cc4wdc.org.au) or bring to next general meeting, or if you don't have a scanner, just email all these details to [social@cc4wdc.org.au](mailto:social@cc4wdc.org.au) or send Jo Kelly a message on the CC4WD members Facebook group

# A note from the Trip Master

We have simplified the trip sign on process .

The next two pages have two forms for trip leaders.

The first is a club sign on sheet and the second is a guide to participation in club events that trip leaders can distribute to the group. You can print these pages directly from the magazine.

You can also download copies of these documents from the club website, members area [by clicking on this link](#) (you will need to use the password to access the members area)

If you need any help with these forms, I can also email these to you or arrange for you to have hard copies.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can help you with anything trip related.

Cheers,

Tony Clark

PH: 0411 090 653





## Central Coast 4 Wheel Drive Club

# PARTICIPATION IN CLUB EVENTS

On behalf of the club we would like to welcome you to this outing and would like your co-operation in making this a successful and happy trip for all. I would like to remind you of the trip procedures and by-laws pertaining to this trip. Please note that all participant names need to be on the Sign On Sheet, and anyone 17 years or older must also sign the sheet.

### **GATE PROCEDURE**

The leading vehicle will open any gates and the last vehicle must leave the gate as instructed by the trip leader.

### **CONVOY PROCEDURE**

All vehicles must have a working UHF radio.

It is the responsibility of ALL drivers to maintain contact with the following vehicle and you **MUST WAIT** at ANY INTERSECTION OR BRANCH TRACK until the following vehicle has caught up and the driver knows which track to follow.

Always stay in the same position in the convoy for the duration of the trip.

If a driver is trying to contact the vehicle ahead of them (without a radio) they will turn on the headlights and flash the high & low beam. This is a signal for the rest of the convoy to stop.

ALWAYS allow a reasonable distance between vehicles, particularly on hills or in dusty conditions. ALWAYS travel with headlights **ON**.

When negotiating river crossings, steep hill climbs or descents **ONLY ONE VEHICLE** is to be negotiating the obstacle at one time. The following vehicle is to give the vehicle ahead plenty of room and to wait for the preceding vehicle to call the following vehicle through the obstacle.

When any form of recovery is in progress, all those not directly involved in the rescue should keep well clear and at a safe distance. Parents are particularly asked to keep their children safely away.

### **BY LAWS**

Anyone leaving the convoy must notify the trip leader and give details of their destination.

Riding on the exterior of vehicles should be avoided.

Fires can't be lit without the permission of the trip leader and the use of fires must comply with all current fire regulations. Fires must be extinguished when leaving camp.

**NO FIREARMS OR EXPLOSIVES** will be used or displayed on any trips.

**NO LITTER** should be left and rubbish should be disposed of properly.

**NO DOGS OR OTHER ANIMALS** are permitted on club outings

Any special conditions or instructions given by the trip leader must be followed.

### **VISITORS**

Are reminded that they are on a club outing and are also bound by the constitution and by-laws of the club. Failure of visitors to comply with or disregard any directions of the trip leader will result in the visitor being asked to leave the convoy.

### **TRIP REPORTS**

Please be prepared to contribute to the trip by doing a Written Trip Report or a Verbal Trip Report to advise the rest of the members how everything went on the journey. The Trip Leaders put a lot of effort into running these Events.

### **DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH FUEL, FOOD & WATER?**

Please check with the trip leader for minimum requirements



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# Volunteer Agreement Form

To be completed by volunteer during initial registration

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

This agreement commences on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ and remains valid until (date) \_\_\_\_\_

## The OEH volunteer agrees to:

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

## The OEH agrees to:

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

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

## Licences / certificates held by volunteer

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

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



Office of  
Environment & Heritage  
NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service



**Working with Children**

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

			Expiry date	Date checked

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Group/Organisation (as applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / guardian, for volunteers under 18 yrs

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I (insert name) \_\_\_\_\_ an OEH Volunteer Supervisor

Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Region/Section \_\_\_\_\_

Area/Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Office use only**

Volunteer ID card number : \_\_\_\_\_

Date issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's licence sighted

Yes

No

Working with Children Check

Yes

No



# ***HUMOROUS OBSERVATIONS***

## **Crossing the Road**

There's a man trying to cross the street. As he steps off the curb a car comes screaming around the corner and heads straight for him. The man walks faster, trying to hurry across the street, but the car changes lanes and is still coming at him.

So the guy turns around to go back, but the car changes lanes again and is still coming at him. By now, the car is so close and the man so scared that he just freezes and stops in the middle of the road. The car gets real close, then swerves at the last possible moment and screeches to a halt right next him.

The driver rolls down the window. The driver is a squirrel. The squirrel says to the man says, "See, it's not as easy as it looks, is it?"

## **Mellowing Mum**

I have five siblings, three sisters and two brothers.

One night I was chatting with my Mum about how she had changed as a mother from the first child to the last.

She told me she had mellowed a lot over the years:

"When your oldest sister coughed or sneezed, I called the ambulance.

When your youngest brother swallowed a dollar, I just told him it was coming out of his allowance."

## **Vice President Pride**

Tom was so excited about his promotion to Vice President of the company he worked for and kept bragging about it to his wife for weeks on end.

Finally she couldn't take it any longer, and told him, "Listen, it means nothing, they even have a vice president of peas at the grocery store!"

"Really?" he said. Not sure if this was true or not, Tom decided to call the grocery store.

A clerk answers and Tom says, "Can I please talk to the Vice President of peas?"

The clerk replies, "Canned or frozen?"

# ***HUMOROUS OBSERVATIONS***

## **The Haircut**

A young man had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your bible a little, and get your hair cut, then we will talk about it."

A month later the young man came back and again asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said, "Son, I'm real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your bible diligently, but you didn't get a hair cut!"

The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know dad, I've been thinking about that. You know Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair."

His father replied, "Yes son, and they walked everywhere they went!"

## **Hearing Aid**

While talking with my semi-deaf uncle one evening, I noticed that his "hearing aid" was actually an ear-phone from a transistor radio. The wire had been cut and was sticking out of his shirt.

"How does that help your hearing?" I asked.

"Don't help my hearing none," he replied. "Makes people talk louder."

## **Doll Play**

Toward the end of our senior year in high school, we were required to take a CPR course.

The classes used the well known mannequin victim, Resusci-Annie, to practice. Typical of most models, this Resusci-Annie was only a torso, to allow for storage in a carrying case.

The class went off in groups to practice.

As instructed, one of my classmates gently shook the doll and asked "Are you all right?" He then put his ear over the mannequin's mouth to listen for breathing.

Suddenly he turned to the instructor and exclaimed, "She said she can't feel her legs!"

# HUMOROUS OBSERVATIONS

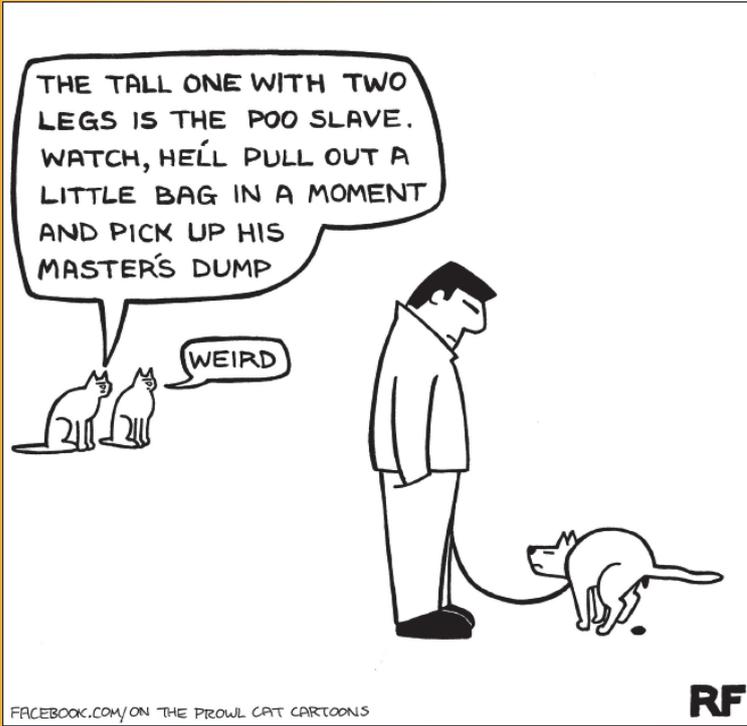
How fights start:



and then the fight started ...



# HUMOROUS OBSERVATIONS



A police officer came to my house and asked me where I was between 5 and 6 He seemed irritated when I answered 'kindergarten!'



Halloween,  
that time of year when you can  
just leave the bodies on the  
lawn and the neighborhood  
thinks they are decorations



## Links to Handy Websites

National Parks NSW

[Forestry Corporation NSW](#) (State Forests)

[Live Traffic NSW](#)

[Rural Fire Service NSW](#)

[Bureau of Meteorology](#) (BOM)

[Without a Hitch - Advice on CB Radio Channels](#)

## Handy Phone apps

Wikicamps – a great app with details and photos of campsites contributed by campers

BOM – the Government weather app

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

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

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

Fires Near Me NSW (there are equivalents in other states if you are venturing further afield)

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

NSW Alerts (there are equivalents in other states)

Fuel Map – guide to fuel locations.

Live Traffic NSW

## [Cessnocks Fantastic 30 ft Lizard Monsters](#)

# Swans Crossing

**10-11 November, 2018**

**TRIP LEADERS:** Tony Clark 0411 090 653  
Faye Goodman 0423 008 628

**MEET:** 9 am, Saturday 10 November, 2018 .Taree South Service Centre, Maccas Car park  
(Take first Taree exit off Pacific Highway). Approx 2.5 hours from the Central Coast.

**WHERE:** Kerewong State Forest, Middle Brother State Forest

**TRIP CLASS:** C - camper trailers welcome

**COST:** Free campsite

**VEHICLE LIMIT:** 9

**BRING:** Usual recovery gear, drinking water, food, bag of wood, full tank of fuel at the meeting point. Completion of Stage 1 awareness training.

We will be heading north from the meeting point along the Pacific Highway for approx 30 km before turning off at Moorland and heading through easy forest roads to Swans Crossing Campground. This is a large and picturesque campground with toilets and a creek nearby. We will set up camp early and then head out for some C grade drives through some beautiful rainforest hills and valleys in Kerewong State Forest, visiting lookouts along the way. We should be back in camp by around 4 p.m. in plenty of time for happy hour.

Sunday, we will be doing some more forest drives and tracks and visiting a spectacular lookout, or you can stay in camp and relax if you wish, before we pack up and head home around 12.30 p.m. On the way through we will visit Middle Brother lookout before hitting the freeway and home. The Middle Brother track is not suitable for camper trailers, so you may have to leave us here and head straight home.



## Stage One Driver Awareness Training Day 21<sup>st</sup> October by Clive and Helen Brill

Clive and Helen, in our Ford Ranger along with fellow training couples, Paul and Alison in a Land Cruiser and Ian and Fiona in their Mitsubishi Pajero arrived at the Cooranbong Community Hall to find our trainer Neale waiting outside, as the hall was without power following the storm the previous night. We were joined at the same time by David and Matt to assist Neale with our training.

Undeterred, session one started outside in the cool morning air. Right from the opening introduction, we felt relief that the training was to be delivered in a back to basics manner with no expectations or assumptions of prior knowledge. I think that made us and everyone else more comfortable, relaxed and feeling able to ask any questions they wanted, even those that might seem obvious.

Explanations of the four-wheel drive components, different tyres treads and the importance of tyre pressures was followed by an inspection of each of our vehicles.

This gave us all a chance to inspect each vehicle, to talk about the different four-wheel drive selection methods and the capabilities/usefulness of equipment that each couple had already purchased.

Wow 'power back on', so inside for morning tea and the completion of the theory sessions covering Club convoy rules, radio use, wheel placement, vehicle recovery options. Advice and suggestions of the type of equipment we should look to equip our vehicles with and what we should consider as the minimum requirement to participate in any club trip.

Just before lunch we are joined by Lachlan and then Neale delivered an over view of the afternoon's practical training session, which would include a stall start recovery. Again, the procedure for each of the vehicles was explained, so that manual or auto transmission (or vehicles fitted with hill control) were all explained to give us an over view of each other's vehicles.

On arrival at the quarry, just up the road, we found that the venue was very congested.

We lowered our tyre pressures (as per our earlier theory training) while we waited and then watched the driving methods of a number of people as they demonstrated mostly how not to drive off road.

Track clear, our turn, with Neale at the front we all followed his tyre tracks up the hill and then into the quarry. There were even more vehicles at the top of the hill and this made finding a slope to practice our stall recovery practical limited. But separately we each found enough space and with the aid of more trainers than vehicles, we each received one on one attention and advice as we swapped drivers to ensure that everyone had more than one chance to practice and gain confidence in this important manoeuvre.

Practical over we left the many youngsters to their extreme four-wheel drive antics and followed Neale again back to the main road via a different track. Deliberately or not Neale found enough muddy water to ensure that none of us had a clean vehicle to drive home, especially Ian who managed to wash his windscreen with muddy water and bend up his front number plate (might need an extra screw).

All in all, it was a fun day. I think we achieved the aim of the training as we all came away having learnt something new and gained more confidence in ourselves and the vehicles we drive when off the main road.



## TRIP REPORTS

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

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

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

### Here's how to register:

1. Go to [www.4wdnow.com](http://www.4wdnow.com)
2. On the top right hand side of the webpage, click "Register"
3. Fill the details requested in the next screen



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

Registration form fields:

- First Name:
- Last Name:
- Username:
- Password:
- Confirm Password:
- Email:
- Phone:

### Logging your trip on the website:

1. Login to [www.4wdnow.com](http://www.4wdnow.com)
2. Click on "Resources" and choose "Parks & Forests", then select "Trip Reports Forests NSW" or "NPWS"
3. You will see a form like this to be completed and submitted online



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



Trip report form fields:

- Location:
- Date:
- Time:
- Activity:
- Comments:

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

*The whole process should take < 5 mins*

# Diggin In The Blue Mountains

Trip Leader: Matt Corp Mob: 04880 11971

Where: Blue Mountains Turon National Park Captertee

When : Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Meet: Shell Servo South Bowenfells 9:30 am

Note the Shell server is on the corner of Magpie Hollow Road and the Great Western Highway (approx. 5 KM before Lithgow)

Class: C This trip is not suitable for camper trailers

Cost: Camp site is free and has one public toilet

Bring: Food and drinking water for 2 days, bag of fire wood per vehicle, full tank of fuel.  
(Swimmers are optional)

Limit: 8 Vehicles

Requirements: Good all terrain tyres, Stage 1 awareness training. 2 inch lift is optional but advisable as we will be going through some deep ruts and water crossings.

Come and join me on my first trip leader experience to the beautiful Blue Mountains.

Saturday – We will start at Portland taking the long route to the Diggins Camp ground. This will take us through some spectacular scenery water crossings and some fun but not too difficult tracks. We will stop at the Pinnacles and then make our way into camp where you can cool off in the Turon River.

Sunday will see us taking in the sites of Capertee Canyon, Black Fellows Hands and the fantastic views of the Lost City.

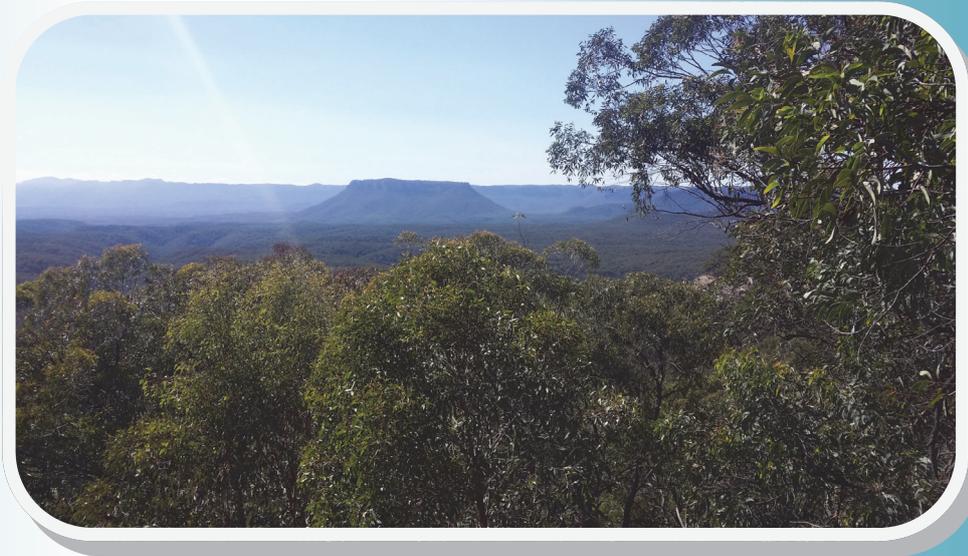
My trip will end at Clarence railway but before that you can have a go and try your skill at the large wombat holes.

A word of caution though these have claimed cars in the past!!! Participation is not compulsory!!!

The trip will officially end at Clarence rail way in the early afternoon where it's a 2 hour drive back to the Central Coast.

If time permits though and you don't mind getting home later you are welcome to join me for a sight-seeing trip to the Katoomba Falls.

At the falls you can take a short or long walk to see the spectacular falls.



# Bendethera Verbal Trip Report

As presented to the club general meeting, October 2018 by Kate Poulson.

Twas the night before Bendethera and all through the house,  
All the people were packing and so was the mouse,  
The fuel tanks were filled by the attendees with care,  
In the hope that the long weekend soon would be there.

The fridge it was snug, with food, it would appear,  
But alas my friends, there seemed, an excess of beer.

DAY 1

At the crack of dawn on Saturday the engines did rev,  
As we all went to Braidwood, and found Aunty Bev.

Out on the lawn, in front of the service station,  
Were trip leaders Faysie and TC, and everyone was waitin',  
For Lachy and Liz, what was the matter?  
The traffic in Sydney, it seemed from the chatter.

The trip was renamed, by a trip leader, a he,  
Poor freezing sod, was icy TC,  
You see being up North, in the sand and the sun,  
He wasn't used to the wind chill, nor minus one...

Then away we all flew, not entirely like a flash,  
To the great open road with the camera on the dash.  
The cars they were counted, named and lined,  
And we were ready for hills to climb,  
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But Car One with Faysie and TC, and a Triton so dear,  
Car Two, the Patrol, Lachy and Liz were inside,  
Whilst Car Three held Yuan, whose Suzuki went for a ride,  
Car Four it had girl power, we'd expect nothing less, the Patrol it held Jack,  
Car Five, the Prado, carried Garry, Tom and Alex on its back,  
Car Six, a cruiser, all covered in white,  
Carried your truly, sometimes out of sight,  
Car Seven was Dave Williams, in his Triton no less,  
We added his surname because Daves are popular around here, I confess.  
Car Eight, she was pretty, or was it sexy I recall?  
Held Mick and Claire, as they had a ball,  
And then there were nine, the final amount,  
Tail end Charlie was Aunty Bev on who we could count.

So we followed our little old driver, so lively as could be,  
We knew in a moment it must be TC,  
We stopped at Penance Grove for lunch and walk,  
And had a look at trees, if only they could talk,  
Many without heads, from some swindling fools,  
Who come in to steal, all armed with their tools.

At the end of our lunch, the situation less than dire,  
Garry was flat, on one rear tyre,  
Lucky for him, it was just a loose connection,  
A little rethreading and we had the correction.

At 1:47pm, to be quite exact,  
We came to the first mountain, that we would attack,  
We looked up ahead, and gee it seemed high,  
And met with no obstacles, up in the sky,  
So up to the hill-top the coursers they flew,  
With the trucks full of toys, and a few children too.

And then, in a twinkling, see saw Moroya and Battery Bay,  
At 900 metres we saw the ocean that day,  
No swimming was planned, not even in sight,  
For minus three was predicted for all of us that night.  
We continued to climb to metres, one thousand and ten,  
When the chainsaw came out, to please one of the men,  
The radio buzzed with chatter, en masse it would seem,  
About chainsaws, and living the dream.

Fast forward a little through 6 km of steep declines, kangaroos and more,  
When we came to Araluen freecamp, and boy was that a score,  
The fire went on, the beverages came out,  
We all stretched our legs, with a smile, no pout.

And what a day for celebrating, singing and cheer,  
Brock and Jack had marked another orbit, a year,  
Faysie, so gorgeous, as we know her to be,  
Came out with a birthday cake, and singing were we.

Then we all nestled down, snug in our beds,  
While visions of powder like dirt, danced in our heads.

## DAY 2

Early the next day, but later than intended,  
The wheels took off and from the campground we ascended,  
From 66 metres we started that day,  
Under no illusion were we under, that that it would stay.

Dry Creek Camp was explored and the Duea River crossed,  
Thankfully nobody seemed to get lost,  
Liz was driving, but into the passenger seat she dived,  
Despite Jack's girl power encouraging her on the other side.  
The area was dry and lower than the norm,  
For we have had drought and barely a storm.

At 12 noon on the clock, it was no time to fail,  
As everyone headed up the Merricumbene Trail,  
And Liz she was dressed, from her head to her foot,  
Her clothes they weren't tarnished with ashes not soot,  
Something she had hidden though, inside of her car,  
Were high heels, heavens, she wouldn't have got far.

At 12:15, I have no recollection why,  
I have written that we were 540m high,  
I also have scrawled, it would be my luck,  
"Hill, sharp rocks, waddle like a duck,"

Our bellies then rumbled, after a wombat we did spy,  
"It's time for lunch", our trip leader didn't quite cry.  
We took some snaps and continued our trail,  
We were having such fun, with barely a wail.  
Then voting began, should we go short on long,  
The further the better, we couldn't go wrong.  
We did the loop and loved it to bits,  
One of the best parts of the trip.

The sun was quickly fading, and the light it grew dim,  
The afternoon shuffle, became quite the sprint.  
We hurled out the gear, tents, swags and wood,  
Found us a spot, and gee it looked good.  
The fire soon roaring the snacks all came out,  
What is the sound? We all had to shout.  
Our neighbours, god bless them, were heard on the ear,  
The news, football and music were all we could hear.

The volume control, what can I say?

It seems the thing had just given way.

### DAY 3

The very next morning as we emerged from our shell,

We were introduced to what you might call pit toilet hell,

Now don't take this lightly and please be aware,

It was trauma inducing, going in there.

We meandered along, and checked out the sights,

Also put out others fires from the previous night,

Aunty Bev the detective, can smell and can see,

While the rest of us were as oblivious as could be.

We saw wombats and hills, and bushes, water crossings and more,

And a fungus collection, which Alex did score.

There were some turn backs on the side of a very large hill,

Which made me realise I really must sign a will.

We came to stop and aired all back up,

And thanked our wonderful trip leaders for filling our cups.

While it was time to say our goodbyes,

Most of the group headed for pies.

We all departed the weekend, with plenty of cheer,

Faysie we adore you and love you dear,

TC we thank you, you are top shelf,

In fact, you are my favourite North loving elf x

# MUDGEES DISCOVERY TRIP

Friday 26<sup>TH</sup> October to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

By Heather and David Brown

## Vehicles

Gary Hutchinson-Ford Everest (Trip Leader)

Joyce Hollis and Barry Vines-Toyota Prado

Simon and Cheryl Newton-Mazda BT50

Peter Glendinning-Toyota Landcruiser Tray back

Brian Payne-Toyota Prado

Bruce Close-Toyota FJ Cruiser

Violet and Dave Brownlee-Nissan Patrol

Ray Hill-Mitsubishi Pajero

Heather and David Brown-Toyota Landcruiser

## Friday

Everyone was looking to have a good few days away, so all were early to meet at the rendezvous. Paperwork dealt with we travelled at a leisurely pace towards Windamere Dam via Bylong Valley and Ryalstone.

The scenery was beautiful as we were expecting drought conditions but the recent rains had greened the country-side up. We were using Windamere Dam as a base camp and we were all impressed with the facilities and views of the dam from the camp. Rates were very reasonable too.

The only issue of the trip was a couple of problems with the Newton's BT50. Luckily the NRMA chap was knowledgeable and they were able to continue the trip and get home safely.

After setting up our caravans/campers it was time for happy hour, some tea and an after dinner chat. The nights were cool to temperate but were great for sleeping.

## Saturday

After a sleep in and brekky we headed back to Rylstone where Gary played tour guide and gave us a guided tour (with commentary) of the old buildings in the town. After a coffee break we headed off for Kandos to get some cheap fuel (Gary's great at sniffing out a bargain) before making our way to the Cooroogooba (say that after a few beers/wines) camping area near Glen Davis. We had lunch in the park-like grounds of this free camping area, a beautiful gorge like setting in the Capertee Valley.

After lunch we made our way to Glen Davis which was the town closest to the shale oil project of the same name. A very interesting store in the town, with various medical instruments displayed in the window of this long closed shop. Then it was onto the ruins of the shale mine itself. Whilst we were late for the tour we did tag along and heard the latter part of the tour guides commentary. It would have been an interesting place in its day with many technological developments made in getting oil from the shale rock. This was another industry lost to Australia, like the Snowy Mountains workforce and many of our other industries.

Back to camp for the usual evening activities.

### Sunday

Another leisurely start to the day and off to Mudgee area for the day. First order of business was the morning coffee and then out to the Honey Haven to have a look at and maybe purchase any honey related products we fancied. Honeycomb is always a favourite of mine.

From there we split in to different groups to see the things that interested us individually or together. We chose to have a look at the Windamere Dam wall on the way back to camp. That night we had a combined camp oven tea with several camp ovens and a Webber cooking up a great meal and a wonderful social occasion. Everyone contributed something and it was great fun.

After tea we sat around the campfire telling jokes and laughing ourselves silly. (Ask Dave Brownlee to tell you the one about the tailor. Clean and very funny).

### Monday

Early pack-up and on our way back to the big smoke.

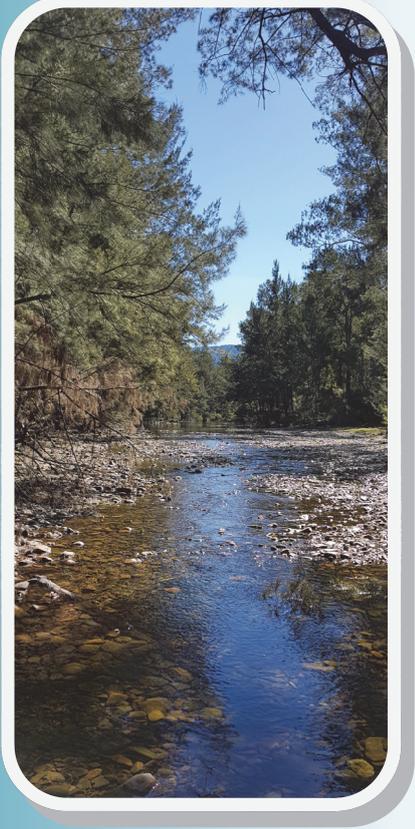
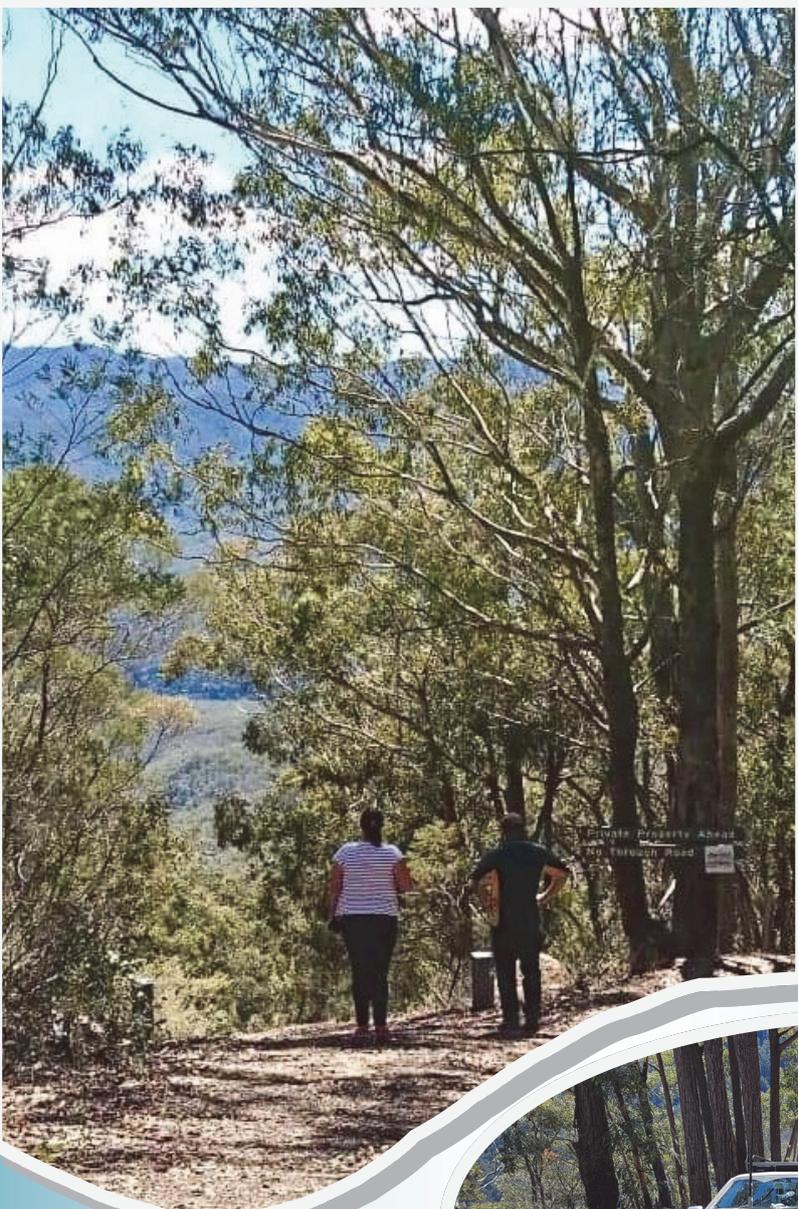
Thanks to Gary for putting on such a great trip for his first effort. It was well researched and organised with plenty to do if we wanted or we could have vegged out at camp in beautiful surroundings.

See you around the traps.

The Browns

# Photos from Faye and TC's Bendethera trip





## A REQUEST FOR HELP

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

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

## **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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# THE CENTRAL COAST 4 WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

## DRIVER TRAINING UNIT

NEEDS MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING DRIVER  
TRAINERS

THIS IS DIRECTED TO ALL MEMBERS AND MEMBERS PARTNERS / WIFE'S  
NOT JUST MALE MEMBERS

### REQUIREMENTS

Minimum 2 years Club Membership  
Have completed the Clubs Stage 1 & 2 Training  
Have completed Association Basic Training  
( Drive & Recover a Four Wheel Drive Vehicle )  
Are willing to undergo / obtain Association Training  
( Drive and Recover a Four Wheel Drive Vehicle  
in Difficult Terrain ) at the next available opportunity  
Are willing to give 10 weekends per year to assist with  
the DTU

The DTU commitment is for a 3 Year period

Expressions of interest to be directed to

The Executive Committee  
Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club  
PO Box 4354  
Lake Haven NSW 2263

# Driver Awareness Training

## Stage One

Dates for 2019— all sessions start at 8 a.m. and run until approximately 4 pm

February 17th

June 16th

August 18th

October 20th

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

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

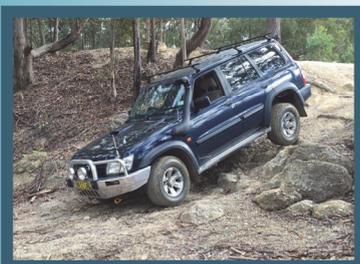
### **What to expect:**

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

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

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

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



# Driver Awareness Training

## Stage Two

Dates for 2018/19—sessions start Saturday 8 am, with additional opportunities on Sunday

17th & 18th November 2018

16th & 17th March

18th & 19th May

20th & 21st July

21st & 22nd September

16th & 17th 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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# 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 0404 729 704

<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>
<b>Extra name plate badges</b> (new style)	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Baseball Caps</b> (with Embroidered Club Logo)	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Floppy Hats</b> (like Cricket hats with Embroidered Club Logo)	<b>\$18.00</b>
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<b>Scarves</b> (with Embroidered Club Logo)	<b>\$18.00</b>
<b>Stubby Holders</b> (with Logo)	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Club Stickers</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>CC4WD Club Windscreen Stickers</b> Large	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>CC4WD Club Windscreen Stickers</b> Medium	<b>\$12.00</b>
<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!

# GREAT NEWS !

## CLUB STICKERS

**Hello All Club Members !**

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



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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

# FOR SALE

Selling a drawer system built by the good guys at Drifta up in Gloucester.

We had these built for our FJ Cruiser, the unit measures 1050W (top 1100W) x 770D x 250H.

They are a two drawer system with a very useful table built in on the left hand side.

We did use them in the bed of our dual cab Ford Ranger for a while, but we are changing our set up so they need to go.

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Bob 0490 926649 or Monica 0431 997529

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Contact: Alison 0418 996 715

# FOR SALE

Gal rack for sale - \$200 neg

2300mm x 800mm – 155mm in height. Can also include rhino racks that have come off a GU Patrol.



Contact: Alison 0418 996 715

# FOR SALE

Water tank 80L suit 4wd, camper or caravan - \$190 neg

80L slim line Boab water tank. Has come out of a Patrol as no longer needed. Measurements are in link below. Includes all plumbing fittings. Has always been filled with food grade hose. Retail at \$345 without fittings. [http://www.dolium.com.au/retail\\_catalogue/WTP80F\\_item.html?ref\\_cat\\_id=Water\\_Tanks\\_Accessories](http://www.dolium.com.au/retail_catalogue/WTP80F_item.html?ref_cat_id=Water_Tanks_Accessories)

Will suit 4wd, it's, caravan or camper.



Contact:

Alison

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# Happy Birthday



Brendan Coleman  
Bonnie Mills

Rachael Knox  
Mia Bidwell

Timothy Wallace  
Katie Vafiopulous



## WANTED

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

## THANK YOU

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



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