

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

# From The Editor

Hello fellow members ,

Still crazy out there, I retired as a theatre nurse 3yrs never to wear a mask again. Hmmmmm well that didn't happen.

Thankyou to all who have supplied photos and trip reports. I am envious of some of the images you are all taking .

Looks like some fun has been had out there in our beautiful country.

Please keep the images coming , if you see an article that might be of interest to other members send to me I will endeavour to get it in the mag .

Take the time to read the trip reports , I am the lucky one I get to read them first.

Neale and I had a nice arvo in the Watagans . We planned to go to the end of Bowmans to a nice lookout for lunch but unfortunately it has been gated so we had our BBQ chook in amongst the trees . Ahhh the serenity.



A day in the Watagans would be a great trip if anyone wants to organise it . Unfortunately with Neale's health we cant plan any trips .

Stay safe every one and enjoy our beautiful country .

Cheers Roz

# Presidents' report



G'day everyone,

We've had some interesting weather of late – snow in the mountains one weekend and a perfect 25 degrees on the coast the next. It really makes you appreciate the diversity of the great area we live in and even though we can't leave the state at the moment, the recent trip run by Jane Savage and Steve Turdak around northern NSW really shows you can still have a great time.

As most of you know the timing of our AGM, which would normally have been held last month, has been on our minds for a while. At the last general meeting it was decided that we'd postpone until February (unless there's an easing of restrictions).

With that being the case everyone is aware that the current committee will be continuing well beyond the period they originally put their hand up for. However, there have been some changes to the committee this month.

Lisa Good and Alison Wallace have resigned from their positions as Treasurer and Assistant treasurer respectively and the last committee meeting approved the appointment of Craig Green as Treasurer and Michelle Edwards as Assistant Treasurer. Thank you Alison and Lisa for all your good work in your positions over the past year and welcome Greeny and Michelle. We really appreciate you both taking on these important roles in the club.

Neale Simpson will take on the role of Vice President and I'll take on the role of President.

Neale, thank you for everything you have done for the club as President and various previous positions on the committee and for your continued dedication and efforts for the club.

Our awesome membership officer Cherrie Pandich is still wearing two hats as she's also acting as merchandise officer temporarily. If anyone would like to take on this role, please let Cherrie know.

All other committee member positions will remain the same, and to those staying on beyond the usual period – thank you very much – Secretary Alan Booth; Editor Roz Simpson; Publicity Officer Jimmy Collis; Tripmaster Trevor Banks; Dave Edwards and the DTU team – Matt Corp, Mark Roper, Greg Douglass, Brian McIlhenny, Shane Tapscott; Quartermaster Pete Glendinning; Webmasters Steve Farmer and Greg Elsey; Lease Manager Paul Kelly, Super co-ordinators Steve Turdak and Jane Savage; Mark Roper and Ralph Teeson, our Association delegates; Joyce Hollins and Barry Vines, our raffle co-ordinators. Thank you all for continuing to do an awesome job for this great club.

This month we would really, really like you to join our general meeting, which will be held via Zoom again. It's a great opportunity to connect with other club members. We keep the meetings informal and there's always time for a laugh. As an added incentive to attend, there will be a shopping voucher given randomly to one lucky attendee. Details in this magazine.

TC and I will be heading out to the Central West for a play in a four wheel drive park this October long weekend – something different for us, so we're looking forward to it. Trip details in this magazine.

Cheers,  
Faye Goodman

# How cold was it.



Pol Blue Taken By Faye Goodman .

I can this hanging on a wall ,  
great image Faye



Images Sky Tek



# Join Us

for the

September meeting for the chance

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its fun*

Lookin forward to  
seein ya



# General Meeting



## 10th September

### “Zoom meeting”

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

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

- For iPhone or iPad, go to the App Store.
- For other phones or tablets, go to the Google Play Store

The app you need is called “Zoom Cloud Meetings.”

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

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

[Click here to join](#)

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Can't wait to see  
ya

Don't have a computer  
use your phone



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and win a gift  
card

# Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club

## General Meeting

Thursday 13<sup>TH</sup> August 2020

**Meeting On-Line;** Vice President Faye Goodman sent video message through ZOOM 8.05pm

All members and guests are welcome to join and post.

**Attendance;** On Line through ZOOM, but not recorded for the minutes.

**Apologies;** Lachy Thomas, Lisa, Roz,

**Visitors;** Nil recorded

### Minutes of the previous meetings;

Motion	That the minutes for the General Meeting held on the 9 <sup>th</sup> July as published in the magazine be accepted.	
Moved; Alan	Seconded; Neil	Action; carried

### Secretaries Report; by Alan

Correspondence, emails received – 9<sup>th</sup> July - 13<sup>th</sup> August as tabled;

From	Subject	Response
Vic president Faye	ABC report	Meeting
4WD Touring Australia	Queensland Touring Guide	Meeting
4WD NSW	Aug News letter	Meeting
Trevor Banks	Membership payments	Meeting
St George Bank	Transfer	Meeting
Lisa	Audit of books	Meeting
Lisa	Report for 2020	Meeting minutes
Dieter Benischke	Ourimbah 4WD Park	Meeting
Shane Willis	membership	Meeting
Care Flight	promotion	Meeting
Lisa	Chasing invoices	Meeting
Lisa	Invoice	Meeting
Cherrie	Stocktake Merchandise	Meeting
Cherrie	Promotional pamphlets	Meeting
4WD Touring Australia	Trackside Mechanic	Meeting
PM 4WDC	July minutes	Meeting
Cherrie	Jaan Oitmaa Membership	Meeting
Shane Willis	Membership	Meeting
Hunter 4WDNOW	Meeting minutes	Meeting
Geoffrey Dominguez	Membership	Meeting
4WD Touring Australia	Promotion	Meeting
Hannah Palmer	Ourimbah State Forest report	Meeting
Convict Trail Project	Change of email address	Meeting
Kevin Deaves	Change of email	Meeting
Seb	Jimm4x4 at Chittaway Bay	Meeting
John Smyth	Overpayment	Meeting
Achim Drescher	Membership	Meeting
4WD Touring Australia	The Eyre Peninsula	Meeting
Barbara Waclaw	House fire promotion	Meeting
Kevin 4WD trip	4WD trip promotion	Meeting
Kathie Trypas	School Hire	Committee
Blayze Communications	Invoice	Committee
4WD Touring Australia	James Baroud promotion	Meeting
JTC	Promotion	Meeting
Treasurer	PL Insurance	Meeting
Treasurer	Accounts	Meeting

Hard copy correspondence;

Outward Correspondence; As Tabled above, media response by Faye to ABC reporter Hannah Palmer regarding 4wd in the Ourimbah Stat Forest. Community Newsletter



Maddie O'Donoghue

Nick Yatsenko

Motion	That the new members as nominated above be welcomed to the club.	
Moved; Bev	Seconded; Neale	Action; Carried

15 year membership badges Mick

115 people have renewed their membership

Badges are delayed due to the Virus

David Austin said thanks for the good times

**Editor;** by Roz

Unfortunately, nothing 'new' to report so relying on old trip reports and always looking for more photos. Despite the absence of new material, the magazine is a great read.

**Assistant Treasurer;** by Allison

Nothing new to report

**Lease manager;** by Spotto

For further events and general maintenance, we will need to look into creating a list of volunteers for work up at the lease. Half of the wood is missing, eggs shells on the ground and problems with the water tank stand using H4 treated Pine.

Working bee's and events be restricted to 20 people max.

**DTU Report;** by Dave Edwards

**Presentations;** Nil

Cancelled DTU for the foreseeable future although new members do wish to do the stage 1 training

Stage 2 up at the lease went well with some of the trainers happy to travel with the members.

All the tracks out the back of the lease are in good condition.

**Trip Leader Report;** by Trevor Banks

**Trip reports,** Nil.

Hill End Trip went well.

This weekend to Cells River

Coolah Tops

**Upcoming trips,**

Tea gardens trip, which is in the magazine

EMPTY ESKY TRIP TC & Faye trip to Nundle

4-5<sup>th</sup> July Cooperook. Which went well.

18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July, Tony and Faye will be going to Hill End.

Christmas in July will go ahead 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Rubyvale is on Gem feat may be cancelled for now.

Cells River Trip by Lachy

November high country trip Lachy details to be confirmed.

October trip to be finalised

Aggquip is rescheduled for November.

Keep an eye on the magazine and Facebook pages for updates.

## Jimmy

Dieetor email about 4WD in the State Forest

## NSW/ACT Association notes;

Neale posted information from the 4WDNOW meetings minutes and Port Hunter 4WDC meeting minutes. Association is in the black with funds and everything is running normally. ARMA apparently do not have the same agenda as the state associations and appears to come out of Queensland.

## General Business;

Cannot make a call on the Christmas party. If restrictions ease, we could do a quick scramble. Note to be placed in magazine.

AGM number restricted to 20 plus organisers so not practical.

**Option 1** same committee to stand until February with an extension from Department of Fair Trading. People who wish to resign could and will be replaced on a temporary measure.

**Option 2** conduct on-line.

**Option 3** 20 people at the school and a zoom meeting to hold an AGM.

Motion	Existing committee to remain as is until February when we can hopefully hold an AGM. If the positions are still not clear seek an extension of club registration with the Department of Fair Trading. In the meantime, the current committee will stand if people wish to resign, they can.	
Moved; Bev	Seconded; Faye	Action; carried

Ralph mentioned the you can travel to the lease trough Cedar Brush Creek. Dungog Council are replacing a lot of signs in the area. State Associations are quiet at the time.

## Items for sale

Nothing for sale this month. Tappy is selling his Calais 5.7 Commodore.

## Piston Broke Trophy

Lachie gladly passed it on to the Fishers. Photo evidence is in the June magazine this is to Stay with them.

Committee meeting at Mardy if we can book it. 24<sup>th</sup> August.

The next general meeting and AGM will hopefully be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 via ZOOM unless otherwise noted.

Notes are still being taken of all the people who are drinking during the Zoom meetings, bring your money with you.

Meeting closed at 9.04pm Minutes by Alan Booth

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**I have attached the Covid Policy**

**Dated 1st June 2020**

**Listing the restrictions**

**See attached email from**



## **COVID 19 POLICY**

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

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

### **We Leaser Guidelines**

#### **Only financial CC4WDC Members will be allowed to attend the lease – No Visitors.**

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

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

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

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

Social distancing of 1.5 metres MUST BE maintained at all times including in the café and campfire.

Please no sharing food during Happy Hour.



You are encouraged to download the CovidSafe app to your phone

#### **Wash hands regularly with soap and water or hand sanitiser**

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

*You are encouraged to bring your own cooking facilities to help prevent the risk of transmission of*

*Covid 19.*

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

The shower is closed until further notice.

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

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

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

*It is encouraged to bring your own porta pottie or wee bucket to help prevent the spread of*

*Covid 19.*



## **COVID 19 POLICY**

### **Club Trips Training Guidelines**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please no sharing food during Happy Hour.

### **Wash hands regularly with soap and water or hand sanitiser**

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

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

*Please supply your own hand sanitiser, disinfectants and soap.*

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

# Club Event for 2020

## Club Christmas Party

We Leaser

Weekend of 28th November

HOPEFULLY

Depends on Covid Restrictions

Watch this space



If you feel you could help with this event please speak to a committee member.

# Upcoming Trips Guide

Date	Event	Class	Trip Leader	Telephone	Limit
17th—23rd Sept	Brooms Head	D	Ken and Yvonne McDonald	43581357	open
3rd—5th Oct	Central west 4wd park	D-B	Faye Goodman Tony Clarke	0423 008 628 0411 090 653	6 Vehiclces
12th Oct	Hunter Regional 4WD council meeting				
Nov 28th weekend	Club Christmas Party		We Leaser		open
7th Dec	Hunter Regional 4WD council meeting				



Get in Early  
We have  
2 trips  
Booked for  
Sept/October

Gap falls Watagans



# Central West four wheel drive park

3-5 October, 2020



(October long weekend)

- Trip Leader: Tony Clark 0411 090 653  
Faye Goodman 0423 008 628
- Where: Central West four wheel drive park, Avisford (near Mudgee)
- When: Saturday 3 October-Monday 5 October, 2020
- Meet: 11 am - McDonalds Mudgee cnr Church and Horatio Streets, Mudgee  
(approx. 4.5 hours from the Central Coast)
- Cost: \$50 per car per night, 2 nights = \$100
- Booking payment: Payment needs to be made direct to the 4 wheel drive park. We will provide details
- Class: D-B lots of tracks to choose from with grades to suit everyone
- Bring: Food, drinking water, recovery gear, full tank fuel.
- Limit: 6 vehicles
- Requirements: Good all terrain tyres, Stage 1 awareness training  
This trip is suitable for camper trailers

We will meet at Mudgee McDonald before heading south west to the Central West Four Wheel Drive park at Avisford, where we will base-camp for two nights.

The park comprises 1500 acres of rocky and hilly terrain. There's camping along the Meroo River with showers and toilets available. The park has a variety of tracks and challenges varying from easy to difficult. [Here's a link to their website](#)

We'll leave late morning on Monday to head home to the coast.



# **Brooms Head Recreation trip**

**17th to 23rd Sept**



**Trip Leaders Ken and Yvonne McDonald**

**Contact—43581357**

**Where— Brooms Head fist night Coopernook**

**When—17th to 23rd Sept**

**Class—recreation trip**

**Meet - Heatherbrae Hungry Jacks—Check with trip leaders before going regards time to meet .**

We will meet at Heatherbrae then head off to Coopernook where we will stay overnight.

Then head off to Broomes Head for a couple of days for some Rest and recreation

This is a social trip

We will be staying at the Northern end of the Broome Head caravan park— when making your booking please mention that you are travelling with the CC4WDC. So that we can be all together .

We Hope to see you there Broomes head is a beautiful spot .



## GET YOUR CLUB MERCHANDISE HERE

### You can still purchase your club merchandise!

Cherrie Pandich has kindly offered to take on the merchandising officer role in addition to her current membership officer role temporarily.

*If you'd like to purchase club merchandise  
we can now post it to you.*

#### Procedure

Email Cherrie – [membership@cc4wdc.org.au](mailto:membership@cc4wdc.org.au) with your request.

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

Cherrie will advise availability and cost.

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

The club bank account details are:

Account name: Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club Incorporated

BSB: 082 620

Account: 622378649

See the full list of merchandise on page **23**



# 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: Cherrie Pandich— email—membership@cc4wdc.org.au

<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>
<b>Beanies</b> (with Embroidered Club Logo)	<b>\$15.00</b>
<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!

## **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**

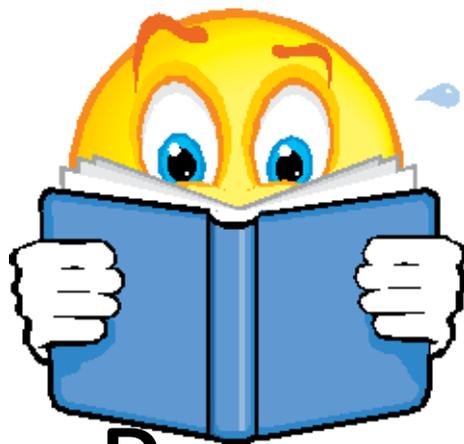
- A.** This class of trip is considered to be extremely difficult. Participants will have to be experienced at travelling over difficult terrain. An amount of winching and/or towing will almost definitely be required. Participants will be required to bring along basic recovery equipment. The trip leader 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.

## ***Past Trips— 4WD and Social***

Yalwal Circuit	Maitalnd Gaol
Polblue	Cockatoo Island
Crowdy bay National Park	The tunnel systems Sydney
Coolah tops National park	St Albans / sections gGeat North Walk
Lithgow /Turon River	Blue Mountains N.P.
Cells River	Hill End
Talwahl/Myall lakes	Ophir
Watagans day trip/ Weekend	Nundle S.F
Victorian High Country	Coffs harbour and Hinterland
Back Road to Bilpin	Yerranderie– WombeyanCaves
Back Road to Cedar Creek	Pilliga N.P.
Patonga	Myall Lakes
Bendethra	Farquar Inlet
Swans Crossing	Point Plumer
Woko Via the Barringtons	Glen Davis
Western Wollemi/ Dunnes Swamp	Agquip
Newnes	A social evening of bowls
Wadbilliga	Events around area i.e. Billy cart races at Gresford
Dungog Day Trip	<a href="#">Further afield</a>
Stockrington State Conservation Area	<a href="#">Vic High Country</a>
Caves to Caves – Jenolan Caves to Abercrombie Caves	<a href="#">Darling River</a>
Ourimbah State Forest Day trip	<a href="#">Victoria N.P.</a>
We Leaser Weekend trips via back gate	<a href="#">Flinders Ranges</a>
Awaba	<a href="#">Border Ranges</a>
Knorrit Flats	<a href="#">Moreton Island</a>
Upper Colo Reserve	<a href="#">Frazer Island</a>
Mount Sugerloaf	<a href="#">Cape York</a>
Yengo N.P.	<a href="#">The Simpson</a>
Finchley lookouts and Carvings	<a href="#">The Kimberley's</a>
Fort Scratchley	<a href="#">Googs Track S.A</a>

Take the time to read  
the amazing trip reports  
on the following



Pages

Amazing Stories, Poems  
and spectacular images



# *Piston Broke Trophy*

Here is photo of our “adventure” last Sunday.

Went for a drive in our newly purchased patrol and got stuck on Lemon Tree Rd. **Damien Erickson** came to our rescue. It got dark and started raining and we ended up calling it a night. Ian went back with friends the next day and managed to get out. The lit up area is solely from Damien’s lights!! **Damien’s Sunday night rescues – is now a thing??** He said we should keep the trophy for a bit longer??

**Cheers**

**Ian and Fiona Fisher**



# Trip Report

## for

### Jane & Steve's "Mystery Tour - Not Queensland"

**Trip Leaders** - Jane and Steve. Jane was chief navigator, followed by Dan and Lynne (me), Joyce and Barry (Bazza), Pete (Poppie). About 2,400 ks round trip.

**Destination** :somewhere in NSW towards the Qld border and warmer weather. Passing through Singleton and Tamworth, our 1st free camp was Glenriddle Reserve, near Barraba. Great spot on the creek, quiet, lots of firewood and racing helicopters along the creek bed. Really cold for 2 nights, minus 3 or 4.

Couple of casualties; Danny cut the top off his finger and Joyce had a spark burn on her leg. So thanks heavens for Jane and the first aid kit!

Our goal was to explore small towns such as Manilla and spend some money, even a small amount, it all helps.

Then on to Moree, Gwydir Caravan Park staying 2 nights and loving the Artesian Hot Pools. The water felt like liquid silk.

Off to our 2nd free camp by the Barwon River near Collarenebri, beautiful spot. Enjoyed a beer at the Colly Pub, where, as we found out, the previous publican won \$6K on keno, decided to go on a trip and never ever returned.

Leaving Collarenebri we travelled the Ridge Road, into Lightning Ridge. The scenery along the way was clear evidence of the drought, with 1,000's of dead trees. A strange contrast together with broadacre crops looking lush.



Opal Caravan Park was home for 3 or 4 nights. Heavy rain and wind early morning saw us escape to the Willy (Not Nelson) Pavillon, for coffee toast and a welcome fireplace. Followed by bacon and eggs compliments of Steve.

Exploring Lightning Ridge town included IGA (a must), a search party found good coffee at a shop called Duncan's Fashions; selling pretty much everything; photos of a giant metal sculpture of an emu; John Murry Art Gallery (fantastic).



Next onto "car door tours" lead us to the "Club in the Scrub". A cobbled together establishment displaying the wonder of opals, locals and yokels.



Next stop Hilton Pub and Accommodation, another brilliant display of bush engineiunty. Over the road to Sweeney's Arts and Crafts; past the Miners Association. & Love Shack.

Arrived at the Sheepyard Inn hoping for something to eat. We settled for Bread, Chicken and one or two sausage rolls. Poppie had a pie that he felt sure was roadkill. The interior of the pub included a wonderful display of the names and details of Vietnam Vets. The surrounding area was very interesting with hundreds of old cars, trucks, you name it, it was there. The toilets were shaded by a BRA TREE. See it to believe it.

Down the Dog and Duck Road is the Sheepyard and Community War Memorial next to Lake Beard. A solemn and beautiful place with moving tributes to those who fought. No rubbish or silly stuff here, just respect and honour to those fallen.

Off to the first "First Shaft McDonalds 6 Mile Lookout". Looking over the Coocoran Opal fields, sunk in 1885.

That night we chased the ace and learned a new game called :May I". Couldn't help thinking about and missing Bruce.

Visit to the "Walk in Mine " Drive through or come in and say G'Day. Open Fossicking for opals. Danny was lucky to find one.



Highlight here....Off to a property called "Bando". Run by a farming family, the Turnbull"s. Robert Turnbull and his family have started a tourist attraction known as Just Rustic. We were greeted by a fire sculpture and Robert presented a mud map timeline to describe his family history of farming and spells of drought and good years, from the early 1800's to the present. He demonstrated machinery, motors, shearing equipment, and implements of all descriptions used in the early settlement of the district.

While we ate scones and drank pots of tea Robert recited moving poetry that he had written; he described his struggles with farming life, health and mental health. He explained the many hardships and obstacles to successful farming, over time, both political and environmental. He talked about successful efforts to raise money for Black Dog, Beyond

Blue and SIDS to name just a few. Robert started, with the help of Alan Jones, the initial run of donated hay bales for drought relief, starving stock and struggling farmers.

A MUST SEE! The quality and quantity of his knowledge is truly astounding, The families ongoing fight towards sustainable farming practice is commendable.

Back to Opal Caravan Park for a dip in the Artesian pool, dinner and then surprised by a fellow camper, known as Martin providing us with entertainment, singing on his guitar and playing requests.



Off to Wallert looking for a camp along the Barwon River. Thanks to Barry and Poppie who went walking off the road only to find a great spot on the Pagan Creek. Just a beautiful spot. Camp oven dinner and a display of sparks from the fire or possibly ignited gas from Jane's bottom! We'll never know.



The Elders Artcentre was closed, coffee at the "Stones Throw Cafe". Yummo

Heading to Burren Junction on the Kamilaroi Hwy was pretty exciting with Pete getting bogged and rescued by Steve Off to Pilliga Artesian Bore for another hot bath. \$5.00 a night again. Great fun with a campfire enjoying Joyce's Damper and perfect sunset to end the day.

Baradine Cafe Coffee hit the spot next morning off to Pilliga National Park Camp, hoping to walk to "Sculptures in the Scrub". Rain stopped that adventure the following morning, but only till our next trip.

Off to Pilliga Pottery for an early lunch. Great German Food and Pottery. Another must see!

Fueled up in Coonabarabran and minor repair for Pete's car.

Merriwa...last stop for coffee, pies and photos of the silo's. Great giant paintings of sheep in yellow paddocks.. Very cold and very wet.

Thanks to Jane & Steve for all your planning and effort. Such a great trip; relaxation and fun with a friendly group made our two weeks memorable and most enjoyable.

Regards, Lynne Turley



# Picnic in the Watagans

## turns into recovery

There's a story of two not so young people who decided ,on the spur of the moment to grab a chook and some bread rolls and head up to The Watagans for a spot of lunch.

Bowmans Track was the plan their favourite spot which has quite a fetching view .

Alas the top of the track was gated .

Saddened but not defeated they headed down the Harris fire trail ,only to be stopped at the bottom by a gi-normous mud hole .

The driver has a history with mud holes so it was decided Yeah Nuh.

Back they went.

An opening on the track out , gave for a nice spot for them to get stuck into their gourmet lunch amongst the trees.

After their little adventure it was time to head home and the obligatory ice-cream from the shop at Coorabong.

But no , Other plans where before them

Waved down by a nice young man on a dirt bike. "Help "he cried "someone's stuck in the mud "

What could they do , but come to the rescue . So another story begins.



"Attach this here , hmmm one recovery point one tiedown , need to use an equalizing strap. I think this young man learnt something today. "Don't forget t use 2 dampener's if possible " . "Already Ill beep twice you beep once when ready to go ." Stand Back . Recovery done . A suggestion was made about joining the club



1 happy vegemite  
and two  
vey happy passengers

# The Not-Cells River Trip Report



**Trip Leader:** Lachy who left his Patrol and roof top at home

**Trip Leader Wing Man:** Dad/Steve

**Trip Idiots whose radio was not plugged in for the day:** Kate and Dan with accompanying gremlins in the Cruiser

**Trip Attendees:** Linda and Ray in the Pajero

Twas early one morning, some time about three,  
The car was not packed and neither were we,  
Had been raining quite some, the night before,  
And the swags still sat there, on the garage floor.



In an hour or two, the roof racks were set,  
Lunches were packed and the kids out of bed,  
At 5:30am we were off on our way,  
Messaging Lachy (still I'm bed) we were prepped for the day.



We paused there in Gloucester, the tanks we did top,  
And visited Roadies Cafe for a delicious breaky stop,  
While the Esky was full and food did abound,  
It was important to support, communities all around.

At 8:30am, in Billabong Lane,  
The crew we did meet and the trip was explained.

For the past week there'd been rain, the sky had been a giver,  
A change of plan, we would bypass Cells River,  
The incline is steep, the clay would be all amock,  
The chances were slip, sliding and someone be stuck.



Left we did turn onto Potteroo Road,  
Headed for a waterfall, with which we were bestowed,  
Right on morning tea time, twas a fab little place,  
And so nice to momentarily leave the rat race.

With barely a sound from the gremlins all day,  
There was a moment of sunshine and some time to play,  
Down to the falls and the forest we went through,  
When one of the kids went back for the loo.



The water was rushing, the stream it ran clear,  
The slippery rocks, gave a moment of fear,

Climbing and climbing then over the crest,  
We witnessed a moment that was really the best.

Trip leader himself was crossing the stream,  
With a yip and a yelp, we did hear a scream,  
Down on his posterior in a right wet plop,  
And fumbling once more with a splash and a splosh.

Wet was he from his butt to his toes,  
When once again from the water he rose,  
The waterfall was spectacular, a right sight to see,  
Come summer, back we would be.



With some Kodak moments and giggles we all head-  
ed back,  
Knowing this time it was a wet slippery track (back from the waterfall on foot),  
Crossing the water, again was no bore,  
When Steve's glasses went from his head and then were no more.

In the rapids they landed, but we hoped wouldn't stay,  
When the wet trip leader made a rescue that day.  
No winch was required, no snatch and no truck,  
But arms and searching and a right bit of luck.

There underneath, the water and rock,  
Eventually they were located with a freeze and a shock.  
The water was cold, freezing he did say.  
And once again we were back on our way.



A meander on through the campground at Dingo Top,  
A little look around whilst at our stop,  
To Browns lookout, expecting a 360 view,  
Trees they were down and we couldn't get through.



Onwards we traipsed, and Padmans Road they had closed,  
So all turning right and Northeast we nosed.  
A Pole Dump sign we witnessed with no idea of its meaning,  
Till we looked at the map and the road name it was seeming,  
We traversed Pole Dump Forest Road, which we named plan C,  
When out on the tracks you need more than Plan B.

The elevation dropped and so did we,  
A cute little water crossing and a cute little stream,  
The mountains they rose, and so did the truck,  
And took a bit of a detour to see a hut.



Turning left at Blue Knob we thought we were set,  
And back to our original trail we would now get.  
Westward we moved and those roads they were fine,

We rolled along the dirt in our one convoy line.  
Time for a pitstop, some lunch and a sight,  
For a location it appeared, trip leader picked right.



Whilst it was windy and cool up above,  
The views they were endless, what wasn't to love?  
Our bellies now full, as well be they should,  
It was onwards and upwards, and finding some wood.



At 1000m, and 1500m for camp,  
We realised it could be quite cold and really quite damp,  
A fire was needed, right here at lunch on the park,  
Heavens it was gonna be cold come the dark!

A side track lookout gave a moment of distraction,  
When there on the radio, "Stay there, we need a minor extraction",  
We waited quietly, thinking this would be a sinch,  
Then on the radio, "Ok, go the winch".



Eyebrows were raised and Steve and Lachy did move,  
Into the mud they had found some groove,  
Back down they came with a smile and sigh,  
Moving on to collect wood because it soon would be night.

The track it was covered in a big fallen tree,  
Out came the chainsaw and minions were we,  
Lugging the logs whilst clearing the track,  
Then turning around so our camp we could unpack.



New Country Swamp Campground was a pleasant ol' sight,  
Plenty of space, tables, fire pit, there for the night.  
We set up our spots in a sprinkle and lit the fire,  
When there was a moment of panic when the weather seemed it could be dire.

Alas, twas fine and the fire did heat,  
For it was quite cold from our head to our feet.  
Round the campfire we sat and drank and ate,  
Warming the cockles of our heart, it was great.



To bed we retired for a kip and a rest,  
Up bright and early to pack, I can attest.  
Packed by 8:30am our cars all aload,  
Time it was to hit the road.



Before we did that, a quick little explore,  
Around the campground and a lookout and a water course and more,



And into the cars, we all did just fine,  
Moving on out, right on nine.

A little side tour to Dick's Hut no less,  
Turning right and Dick wasn't home, we must confess.

Hill climb o'clock, on the wet dewy grass,  
Steve went climbing, then the LandCruiser did take a pass.



Reversing on back through the mud and the wet,  
Up it seemed, Kate and Dan would not get,  
Lowering down to 20 this time, it appeared that the Cruiser WOULD make the climb...  
Until it didn't.

Ray and Linda retreated, as did the Cruiser,  
Walking up that windy hill was a bit of a bruiser,  
No heart attacks had, but I'm sure they were nigh,  
Thankfully the top had some beautiful sights.



Then onto the road and a short cut we found,  
Minus a sign that should have said, "Extremely wet ground",  
With a slush and a splat, and a stop in the clay,  
A winch or three were required that day.



The wheels went left, the trucks they went right,  
Watching each other was one heck of a sight,  
The grader it seemed, had left its mark,  
The water had filled it which gave us a lark.

An hour or two later we came to the end,  
A little later than expected, our plans did amend.  
A quick stop for lunch and the straps all away.  
A little more air and then back on our way.



Left we did turn to Jackie Barker Campground and hut,  
Let the gears do the work, it is really a must,  
3.5kms and all of it down,  
Riding the brakes would make them frown.

What goes up must come down and what goes down must come up,  
In this case we traversed at a leisurely putt,  
We'd taken in sights and waterfalls to boot,  
Of many a places, it really was beaut.



I little more driving, some air and once again tar,  
Happy hearts and humans, who had travelled afar.  
All in all, it was such a fun day...

***Until we realised that tomorrow was Monday!***



Blue Knob lunch stop was cold and windy but the sunshine was out and the views were beautiful.



The sign that said it was a 600m walk to the waterfall. Conveniently left off the part where you need to climb up and down rocks and cross over the freezing cold creek. We are thankful for that though because we were privileged to witness the trip leader take an unplanned dip J



Poulson Palace



# IMPORTANT NOTICES

The lease manager would like to remind everyone not to feed the horses at the lease as they become too familiar and can cause damage to cars, vans and tents.

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.

## This is Club 4X4 Country

### *You have arrived.*

You took that red dirt track, wheeled your way through the mud and battled the bulldust.

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How often have you found yourself in this setting and considered what you would do if the worst were to happen to your kitted out 4X4?

Take a moment to do that – we'll wait.

Would your insurance payout allow you to rebuild this dream? If your rig burnt to embers that night, how much would you be covered for? If you had an accident on that red dirt track, would your insurer cover you for driving there?

If you're not sure, head on over to Club 4X4 country, we understand what you need.

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# ***Presentations Driver Awareness Training***

We have some news from our  
Driver Training Officer  
Dave Edwards.

**!!! DRIVE TRAINING  
IS Cancelled!!!**

**Due to Covid till further notice**

Contact Dave on—0418605445



**CANCELLED**

# Upcoming Driver Training

Date	Event	Class	Trip Leader	Telephone	Limit
16th August	DTU stage 1		Dave Edwards	0418605445	8
Sept 19th 20th	DTU Stage 2				
Oct 18th	DTU Stage 1				
Nov 21st 22nd	DTU Stage 2				

**CANCELLED**



# Driver Awareness Training DTU



## Stage One

Dates for 2020— all sessions start at 8 a.m. and run until approximately 4 pm

Cancelled

**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.

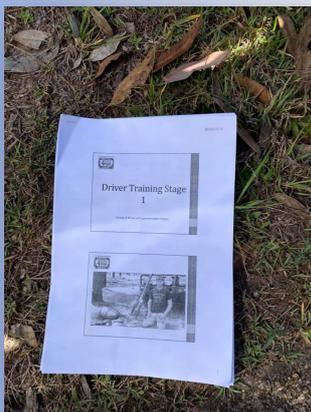
**What to expect:**

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.



Images by Brad Tooth

# Driver Awareness Training DTU

## Stage Two

**Dates for 2020—sessions start Saturday 8 am, with additional opportunities on Sunday  
Cancelled**

**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.*

# GVM upgrades and Weight Limits -

## What I have learnt so far (Sean Du Toit)

I will start off by saying that I am definitely not an engineer and that I certainly do not have all the facts, nor is this article comprehensive by any stretch of the imagination. This is simply my experience so far, which may help people considering a new 4WD.

In 2017 we purchased a brand spanking new Prado 150 2.8D. At the time I thought this was my forever 4WD and that there was not limit to the future ability of my vehicle. Time has taught me a few lessons to the contrary.

I don't want this to seem like a negative article so it is important that I point out my experience with my Prado. It has been a great vehicle both on and off road. While I don't go out and attempt to do things that are car destroying, I have done some fairly serious 4WD tracks in my vehicle. We have done both off road and beach driving as well as the club DTU training. To date I have never felt like my vehicle is coming close to it's limits and it has been very impressive and far more capable than we ever expected.

The first real big trip we did in our Prado was down the south coast of NSW and into a small section of The Victorian High Country, while towing a small camper trailer. This was a big learning experience and highlighted some of the limits of my SUV, remembering that at that stage it was a stock standard car with stock road tyres fitted. One of the scary facts was that looking back we were probably towing above our unbraked towing capacity.

I have included some figures which most people probably already understand, however I have added them for completeness.

Kerb weight (KW) is the weight of the vehicle, oil and a full tank of fuel. This is your starting point. Sometimes the Tare weight is quoted but that is rather useless in the real world as Tare is an empty fuel tank (except for 10l), fuel being one of those basic necessities.

Your vehicle GVM (gross vehicle mass) is the maximum mass your vehicle can weigh at any time. The GVM includes anything and everything in or added to your vehicle. Fuel, luggage, passengers and other bits and pieces like bull bar, larger tyres, recovery gear, fridges etc. Therefore, while your GVM may sound high initially the weight adds up quickly and just to make matters worse you need to include the ball weight of your trailer in your GVM.

The payload or weight your vehicle can carry is easy to calculate, it is simply  $GVM - \text{Kerb weight}$ . In my vehicle the theoretical payload is  $2990\text{kg} - 2335\text{kg} = 655\text{kg}$ . I can only use the weight on my Rego papers as a starting point since the vehicle was never weighed by us before modifications.

Putting this into practice is rather more technical in the real world. I weighed my car with a full tank of fuel once I had added some accessories, namely bull bar, winch, suspension and tyres and under body protection. I was a little surprised to discover that the car now weighed 2600kg with only a driver in the car. Doing the calculations means my payload was now only 390kg. Some may think that is still plenty, read on.

I started weighing everything I put in my vehicle when we travel. In my case, 2 passengers, a fridge with 2<sup>nd</sup> battery, recovery gear, camping gear, food, water and other drinks. The weight adds up quickly and I discovered I had very little to play with, less than 30kg's, which was very scary.

The reason I did this was because there is more and more talk about the legalities of vehicle weight and towing capacities. The last thing anyone needs is to be found to be overweight. The legal ramifications can range from fines to being charged with manslaughter if someone is killed in an accident and insurance claim refusal on the basis of being over-

weight. Have you considered what could happen if you get stopped 2000k's from home and are found to be over your GVM? Have you checked the weight of your vehicle when fully loaded, including passengers?

Back to the initial issue of a GVM upgrade. I got some quotes which ranged from 4 to 5 thousand dollars. One of the frustrations is that when I did the suspension upgrade, I had no idea about the GVM limitations. My suspension is not part of a GVM upgrade and there is no option for this on my vehicle with this suspension kit. That means that I would be removing perfectly good suspension and taking a massive loss in the deal. As we live, we learn. I was not part of a 4WD club at that stage and had lots to learn.

There is a YouTube video available where a guy sorted out his own GVM upgrade as he wanted to use a specific suspension setup. Search for "How to get a GVM Upgrade with your current Lift Kit!". This guy is however in WA so not sure how you would go in NSW. I called a few engineering places and one suggested I do a towing upgrade at around 7k. My research has suggested that this would have been a lot of badly spent money as towing upgrades are not legal from everything I have read.

The second part of my problem is towing ability of the Prado. My vehicle owner manual suggests that my maximum towing capacity is 2500kg. Remember however the other limit being the GCM (gross combined mass). This is the maximum combined weight of the vehicle and trailer, not forgetting the fact that GVM includes tow ball weight. My vehicle GCM is 5370kg. Once I started crunching the numbers it all became a little disturbing. One article suggested that in reality a trailer mass of about 75% of maximum towing capacity is more what a person should be looking at. This equates to 1850kg's on my car. As a side note the latest Toyota Prado specification sheet has an increased towing capacity of 3000kg on the auto Prado's, still 2500kg in manual spec. The GVM remains at 2990kg however.

In conclusion I feel a little ripped off by the industry. There are many articles available and more than one suggests that we are being misled by the industry quoted figures. We have looked at off-road caravans and when the weights are considered my vehicle is very limited in what it can tow. My research has also suggested that there are likely to be many tow vehicles out there that are not within legal weight limits, when towing their holiday accommodation.

I can imagine the non-Toyota supporters saying that it's a vehicle issue, however the figures are true for most vehicles, even bigger vehicles like the Toyota Landcruiser 200 series. To substantiate this claim I looked up some other vehicle weight limits. One of the Yank tanks the Chevrolet Silverado has a 2588kg kerb weight and 3300kg GVM, that is only a 712kg payload. At maximum towing capacity of 4500kg that leaves only 72kg, rather unbelievable. The latest Navara has a specified payload of 968kg, but according to a road test the standard rear suspension is not stiff enough to comfortably support that weight.

The ute market allows a bit more payload but with some big trade-offs. The cost of adding accessories like canopies to a ute is high and generally utes don't offer the same ride quality and luxury as an SUV, although it does appear that the newer utes are starting to offer more in this respect. If money is not an issue a ute is probably more likely to offer a better overall solution at a higher cost for certain modifications. Think about custom canopies which can cost well over 10k, not forgetting that everything adds weight to the vehicle. I have read an article where someone purchased a brand new Landcruiser 200 and promptly chopped off the back to convert it into a luxury ute, clearly money was not an issue for them.

What is the solution? I have started to look at other ways to reduce my vehicle payload. One option at this stage is to reduce small amounts of weight in many areas. Instead of dragging everything along from home, purchasing food and drinks at the destination, a lighter recovery kit, possibly a Lithium battery, which is expensive but has many other benefits. There are also other benefits to less weight such as reduced fuel consumption.

Hopefully this article will be useful for someone who has considered a GVM upgrade or a new vehicle. If anyone wants more information, I am happy to send you some links to useful articles on the subject.

CC4WD club member Sean

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# ***Are thinking you would like to put on a “Club Trip “???? Not sure where to go???***

**It's a difficult job to run a trip and only for special people. “NUP”**

**First of you have to choose where you wish to go and what you would see along the way.**

**You get to choose when and where the trip starts from and the duration of the trip.**

**You have to stay out in front of the trip and not behind somebody else's dust cloud.**

**You get to see the wildlife before a group of four wheel drives thundering down the track scares it off.**

**After the trip you get to have everybody praise you for getting them lost along the way.**

**Is it difficult to run a trip .– NUP.—We are here to support you**

**Most of this list is trips done by club members and only touches on the possible destinations as this country is one great four wheel drive destination and If you wish to explore it often there is somebody that would love to tag along.**

**So if you're not sure, try raising an expression of interest and do not be backward in asking for help and suggestions , as often others have knowledge to give you or you could ask Mr Google or one of the many 4x4 books for Help.**

**If it's a Spur of the moment thing it's also possible to advertise it on the clubs private Facebook site or E-Mail to the club Editor and Tripmaster, download an attendance form from the club web site and have fun..**

**Your trip could cover from a day to several weeks, be difficult or a simple drive or event to attend some possible destinations are.**

**I will keep the list in the Magazine ,if you would like to put forward some suggestions I will add to the list .**

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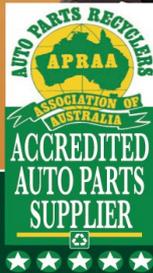
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[Bureau of Meteorology](#) (BOM)

[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**

[Cessnock's Fantastic 30 ft Lizard Monsters](#)



## 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"



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

3. Fill the details requested in the next screen

### Logging your trip on the website:

1. Login to [www.4wdnow.com](http://www.4wdnow.com)



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



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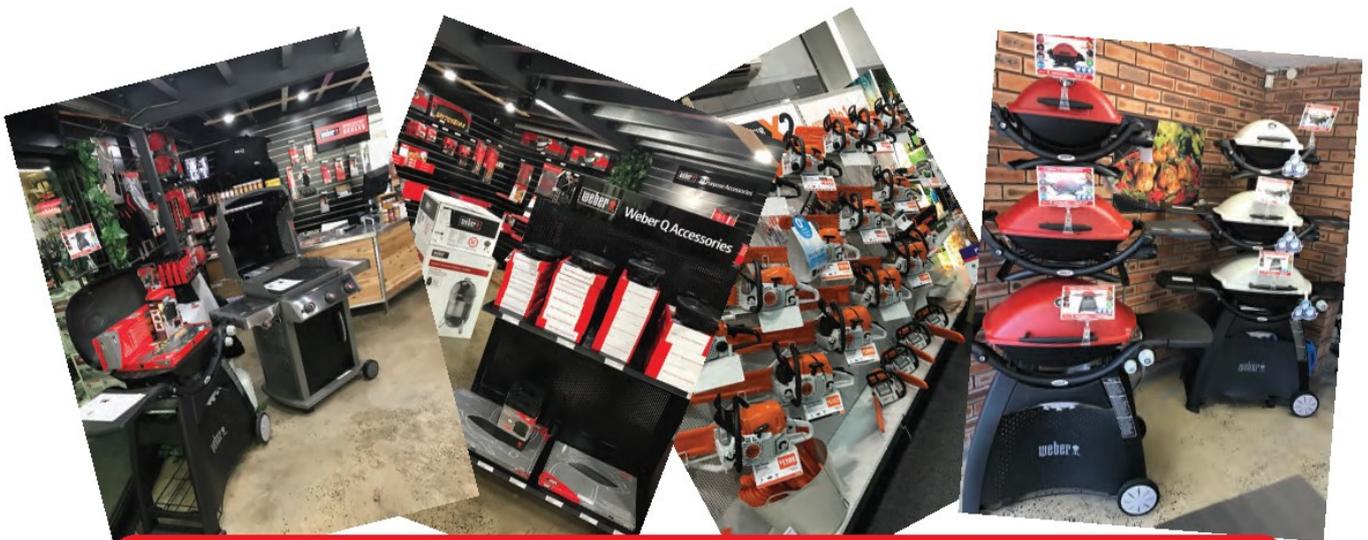
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Minimum 2 years Club Membership

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 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



# 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.**

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## 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.

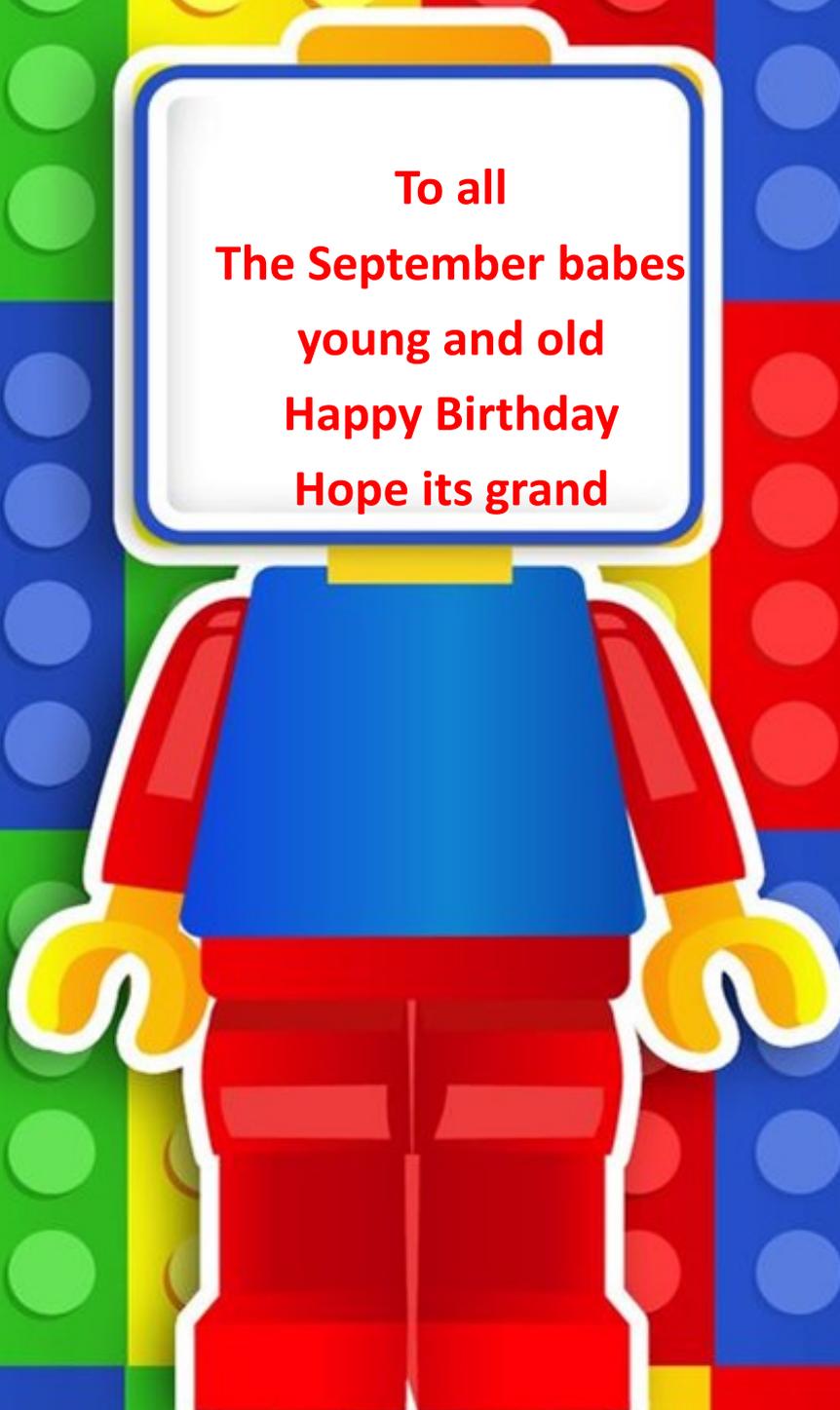
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The Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT Association has its own website with information about the association and its current activities

- 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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