

Central Coast 4WD Club



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CLUB MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

MAGAZINE INFORMATION

ALL articles and photos are welcomed by the editor and can be emailed to editor@cc4wdc.org.au Please ensure that your articles and trip reports are sent to the editor as soon as possible so they can appear in the next magazine. **The cut off date for production is the last Thursday of each month**

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Presidents report

Hi everyone,

You should have received an update on upcoming activities by now. Here's a summary of the situation as at 28.6.2021.

July General Meeting – 8th July 2021 At this stage, the meeting will be held via Zoom. (You'll find the link on page 8). In the unlikely event that restrictions are lifted early, we will let you know.

We-leas-er will remain open at this stage for members who live outside the lockdown areas to access. However, if you do live outside the lockdown areas, please check the current restrictions before going there as restrictions can change on a daily basis. For those of us in lockdown areas – it's a no-brainer—we cannot go to the lease for any reason.

Xmas in July We will postpone making a decision on whether this needs to be cancelled until closer to the event.

Covid restrictions permitting, we will hold our AGM on Thursday 12 August, 2021

Some of our committee members have served in their positions for a number of years and therefore can't nominate again. Please consider nominating for a committee position. Most committee positions only require a few hours work per month and it can be fun and rewarding being a part of the committee. We keep the formalities to a minimum and always have a laugh. There's a committee nomination form in this magazine (page 16), or you can download one from the members area of our website.

Club members advertising directory We are starting a club member's advertising directory in the magazine so that any club members who have a business can promote their services to other club members. Your business doesn't have to be 4 wheel driving related, and the cost is \$80 per year. More details in this magazine.

Membership renewals are now overdue. If you haven't yet paid, please pay your membership fees ASAP. Details in this magazine (page 17).

Whilst you're in lockdown, it's a great opportunity to plan a club trip you want to run. There are lots of YouTubers that will give you inspiration. One of our favourites is Tyler Thompson, who lives around Port Macquarie and does lots of runs that are reachable for us. [Check him out on Youtube here](#). We also enjoy the [Off road Adventure show](#) and [All Offroad Adventures](#)

(Hoping) to see you all out on the tracks soon!

Cheers,

Faye

From The Editor



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

Well here we are in lockdown again, although I have to say I have never seen so many people out and about! I only know this because we have just moved house—during a pandemic, during lockdown and I could not believe how busy the roads were and how packed the Ikea carpark was—how is Ikea an essential service??



We were lucky enough to squeeze in a trip to BrisVegas for a beer festival in June. Three of us made the journey north (all club members!) So many weird and wonderful beers to taste and yes, that is a blue beer!

I hope everyone is faring well during this lockdown and staying healthy. Hopefully its just one more week and we'll be free to roam this beautiful country of ours again with minimal restrictions.

As always, any stories, photos or tips and tricks about 4WDing or camping from our members are welcome. Especially as we have so many new members, any contributions from our longer term members with their pearls of wisdom would be most valuable!

Till next month.

Happy Days!

Cheers, Claire

Piston Broke Trophy

This month goes to Ray Hill for accidentally setting his bedroom on fire with the fan heater from his camper trailer.

Nice work Ray!



Even the Piston Broke trophy travels far and wide. Apparently it has been on quite a number of adventures.

Here is it at Dangar Falls, near Dorrigo.

Oh the stories it could tell!

Photos from the May Club Meeting



A slightly smaller turnout this month possibly due to the cold weather.

Bev giving the “Badass Babes of the Barringtons” trip report.



Cherrie welcomed three of our new members.

A very warm welcome to you all!



Damien showing Brad Smith his new members pack. Brad had to work but still logged in on Zoom for the meeting.

Greeny and Faye having a laugh about Qld's lose in the State Origin game on Wednesday night.



Mark presented Brad Smith with his Stage 2 certificate via Zoom. Congratulations Brad!! Somehow we don't think Mark was that impressed.....



Mark presented Peter Blair with his Stage 2 certificate. Congrats Peter!!



Some of your awesome committee members. Joycie showing the raffle prizes for the night.

Next General Meeting is on July 8th, 2021 Via ZOOM due to the current COVID restrictions



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](#)

Zoom etiquette : Please remember to remain on mute unless you are the one speaking

Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club

General Meeting

Thursday 10th June 2021

Meeting; General meeting held at The Entrance Leagues Club, 3 Bay Village Drive Bateau Bay the meeting was also presented on ZOOM. Meeting started at 8.02pm.

All members and guests are welcome to the meeting.

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

Apologies; Ros, Frank Adams, Bev & Greg Douglas, Janice Wells, Simon Newton, The Browns, Lachy & Liz Thomas, Jo & Spotto, Matt Corp, John Helen Smyth, John Brice, Helen Tanner, Libby Finnimore, Jacky, Ken & Yvonne.

Visitors; Bruce & Jillene MUX, Ross & Anne Toyota, Peter & Lyn DMaxxy

Minutes of the previous meetings.

Motion	That the minutes for the General Meeting held on the 13 th May 2021 as published in the magazine be accepted.	
Moved; Bill	Seconded; Mysteire	Action; carried

Noted corrections. Nil this reference to AGM meeting

Secretaries Report; by Alan

Correspondence, emails received – 13th May – 10th June as tabled.

From	Subject	Response
4WD NSW ACT	Quarterly Meeting 15 May	Meeting
Faye Goodwin	Membership list	Meeting
Cherrie	Membership list	Meeting
4WD Touring Australia	Australian Travel Bible NT & SA	Meeting
Hunter 4WDNOW	Trails Reference Group Cessnock	Meeting
Ian Lamborn	Follow up email	Meeting
Jillene Donnelly	Membership	Meeting
Hunter 4WDNOW	Booking System NPWS feedback	Meeting
Coach hire	Promotion	Meeting
Brad Johnson	Membership	Meeting
Campersat	Promotion	Meeting
4WD NSW	Jamboree expression of interest	Meeting
The Convict Trail	Newsletter	Meeting
Hunter 4WDNOW	First Aid Course	Meeting
Hunter 4WDNOW	Barrington Tops Seasonal Closure	Meeting
Craig Green	Scan Data from GOSWP02	Meeting
Cherrie	Memberships	Meeting
Hospitality Furniture	Promotion	Meeting
4WDNOW	Affiliation Invoices	Meeting
Bays Holiday Park	Promotion	Meeting
Hunter 4WDNOW	Barrington Tops severe weather warning	Meeting
Affiliation Invoices	Slight delay	Meeting
Campersat	Promotion	Meeting

Hard copy correspondence: Ronald MacDonald, Careflight promotion, Cancer Council, ICheck 4X4 Accessories

Outward Correspondence Tabled above.

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

Treasurers Report; by Craig

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

Opening Balance	\$19,183.67
Deposits	\$2,550.40
Monthly Expenditure	\$1,873.00
Account Balance	\$22,127.33
Investment	\$10,327.19

Bills For Payment

Trophy Worlds	\$683.10
Erwin's Fuel	\$31.34
Onya Visuals	\$763.90
Joyce Hollis Raffle Prices	\$72.50
Tracy Hughes Kings	\$78.40

Fun Fines Collected \$72.80, thank you.

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

New Members; by Cherrie

Motion	The committee seeks the approval of members to welcome the new members as listed below.	
Moved;	Seconded; Damien	Action; carried

Bruce & Jillian Donnelly

Brad Johnson & Clare Hall

Jordan Hansen

Matthew Binns

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

New Brochures are available from Cherrie and the table.

Vice President; Damien

Working Bee weekend week, at the lease. An introduction to track building.

Editor; Claire

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

Assistant Treasurer; by Michelle

Nothing new to report

Lease manager; by Spotto

Nothing to Report

DTU Report; by Mark Roper

The following members have all participated in the Stage 2 DTU training and the certificates are ready for collection, congratulations.

Peter Blair

Nathan Shephard

Mick Philips

Alan Bowerman

Scott Hines

Siete Woldhuis

Brad Smith

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

Trip Leader Report; by Trevor Banks

Trip reports,

Last month 2 trips including.

Bad Ass Babes in the Barrington’s presented by Bev. Thanks to Faye everybody had a great time including Svetlana.

Day Trip to the Watagans resented by Ray Hill. Thanks to Ray for a great day.

Upcoming trips;

July Christmas in July looking for wood cutters and trip leaders for day trips

August Short drive to Winton, 3-4 week trip, including Aggquip.

August Gem feast, see Steve and Jane.

September Out the back of Newns by Bob and Monica.

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

Public Relations Tracey

Chasing Debts.

NSW/ACT Association Matt

18-19 Sep First Aid Course discounted to \$145.00 with a free snake bite kit. 2022 Jamboree April Location TBA. National Parks and Wild-life (NPW) are conducting a survey on how people found the on-line booking of campgrounds. The survey is on-line as well.

General Business.

Faye advised Jenny the owner of ‘We Leaser’ was paid the previously agreed amount of \$1,650.00. which was increased by \$90.00. However due to abnormal times, a request was received to increase again an amount of \$152.00

Motion	The committee seeks the approval of members to pay the increased amount of the lease.	
Moved; Faye	Seconded; Trevor	Action; carried

It's that time of year again where fees are due, this is a gentle reminder.

59 /179 members have paid. Please put your surname on the back of the payment so it is recorded accurately.

For Sale

Cub Brumby camper trailer for sale a good buy 12.5, see Aunty Bev.

Piston Broke Trophy

Ray Hill wins the coveted trophy this month, congrats. The story goes that he tried out his camper trailer heater in his bedroom and it caught fire.

Club person of the month

This month goes to Mark Roper for doing an excellent job in the DTU training.

The Committee meeting will be held on the 21st June via Zoom. Contact Faye for connection details, all welcome to attend.

The next general meeting will be held on Thursday 8th July 2021 at The Entrance Leagues Club and ZOOM.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm Minutes by Alan Booth

President Faye Goodman

CC4WD CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, 12 August 2021

Following the December general meeting at 8 pm at The Entrance Leagues Club, 3 Bay Village Drive, Bateau Bay

In addition to normal business, the business of the AGM is:

- To confirm the minutes of the last AGM and of any special general meetings held since previous meeting.
- To receive reports from the managing committee about the activities of the club during the last financial year.
- To receive and consider the financial statement which is required to be submitted to members pursuant to section 26 (6) of the act.

To elect the members of the Managing committee and office bearers for the coming year.

Members are to be elected to fill the following positions:

Managing Committee:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Treasurer
Magazine Editor
Trip Master
Public Relations Officer

Sub Committee:

Assistant Treasurer
Quartermaster
Public Officer
Social Co-ordinator
Merchandising Officer
Raffle Co-ordinator
Lease Manager
Association Meeting Delegates (2)

Elections will be conducted in accordance with rule 14 of the Club Rules.

In particular, please note that candidates for the positions must have been a member of the Club for a minimum of 12 months since last joining. Candidates must be nominated in writing, signed by 2 members and accompanied by written consent of the candidate.

The nomination in writing must be delivered to the secretary of the Club not less than 7 days before the date of the AGM. Note that nominations can only be accepted in writing, as above, however if no nomination for any particular positions are received prior, then nominations for these positions will be accepted at the AGM.

CENTRAL COAST FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB INC.

Duties of Office Bearers and Sub-Committee Members

President:

- Club spokesperson
- Chairperson for general and management committee meetings.
- Sign off on all meeting minutes
- Monthly report for club magazine.

Vice President:

- Duties of President in their absence
- Organise a yearly new members barbecue

Secretary/Public Officer:

- Keep minutes of all general and management committee meetings
- Maintain records of:
 - Appointments of office bearers and management committee members
 - Keep record books and documents relating to the club
 - Maintain a register of club correspondence
 - Arrange collection of the club's mail (from PO Box at Lakehaven)
- Monitor incoming club email correspondence and forward to relevant members.
- Submit the following to the Department of Fair Trading
"Annual Statement Form" (at start of financial year), "Notice of Appointment and of Name and Address of Public Officer" (after Annual General Meeting),
"Notice of Alteration of Objects or Rules" (within one month of Club voting) and any other requirements of the Department.
- Forward committee details to the Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT Association.
- Forward general meeting minutes to the editor for inclusion in the magazine

Membership Officer:

- Duties of Secretary in his/her absence.
- Maintain club database and membership details
- Process new memberships – purchase badges and create new member packs

Treasurer:

- Ensure all money due to the club is collected & received;
- Ensure all payments authorised by the club are made
- Keep books and accounts showing the financial affairs of the club including full details of all receipts and expenditure related to club activities.
- Maintain a balance sheet and income and expenditure account for the financial year to be prepared and tabled at the Annual General Meeting.
- Ensure all Club monies are deposited in the nominated bank accounts.
- Ensure all signatures are submitted to the nominated banking authority and that they are kept up to date.

Assistant Treasurer:

- Duties of Treasurer in their absence.
- Assist membership officer to process new memberships
- Collect payments at meetings - EFTPos and cash and reconcile for the treasurer

Trip Master:

- Encourage and co-ordinate trips and events.
- Prepare pre-trip paperwork for trip leaders.
- Forward trip reports to Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT Association after each trip.
- Announce upcoming trips and co-ordinate verbal trip reports at general club meetings

Magazine Editor:

- Collate all articles for the club magazine and publish online
- Compile club magazine monthly
- Maintain email addresses for club Members and
- Email Magazine to all Members
- Email magazine to our advertisers and affiliated associations
- Maintain Attendance Register & Visitors Register at club general meetings

Public Relations Officer:

- Seek advertising for the club magazine and promote the club activities.
- Update register of Advertisers and advise editor of all details
- Update club website and Facebook page

Social Coordinator:

- Arrange and co-ordinate social activities, including Christmas parties.

Quarter Master:

- Keep all club equipment in a safe place
- Issue the equipment to members as required
- Keep a register of where all equipment is stored

Raffle Coordinator:

- Arrange for purchase of raffle prizes and run the raffle at club meetings.

Lease Manager

- Oversee maintenance and co-ordinate working bees at We-Leas-er
- Maintain a register of volunteers to maintain We-Leas-er

Merchandising Officer

- Order and maintain supplies of club apparel and merchandise
- Attend meetings and sell club merchandise

Association Meeting Delegates

- Attend meetings of the Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT Association
- Report Association news to club general meetings



CENTRAL COAST FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB INCORPORATED

**NOMINATION OF MEMBER AS CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION AS MEMBER OF THE
MANAGING COMMITTEE AND/OR OFFICE BEARER**

I, (nominator 1) _____
(print name of nominator 1)

And I, (nominator 2) _____
(print name of nominator 2)

both being members of the above club hereby nominate _____
(name of nominee)

as a candidate for the position of _____ for the club year --- _____
(position name)

Signature of nominator 1 _____ date: _____

Signature of nominator 2 _____ date: _____

I (nominee) _____
(print name of nominee)

hereby declare that I have been a member of the club for a minimum of 12 months since last joining and hereby consent to be nominated for the above office.

Signature of nominee _____ date: _____

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Are now OVERDUE!

General Membership

\$90 per annum

Gold Membership

\$50 per annum

Gold membership applies after 15 years of consecutive membership

Please make payments to:

Account name: Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club Incorporated

BSB: 082 620

Account: 622 378 649

Description: Your name OR membership number and the word RENEWAL

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

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

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

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

UHF Radio Channels Australia

Which channels to use & avoid

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

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

Acceptable UHF channels and their usage:

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

Channel 10: 4WD Clubs or Convoys and National Parks

Channel 18: Caravanners and Campers Convoy Channel

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

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

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

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

Legally restricted channels

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

How it works:

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

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

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

NSW & ACT Association News



Club 4X4 and 4WD NSW & ACT Association announce strategic Partnership

Specialist off-road insurance specialist Club 4X4 and 4WD NSW and ACT Incorporated announced a strategic partnership which will drive benefits across both organisations.

The partnership will launch in the coming weeks and give all 4WD NSW & ACT affiliated four wheel drive clubs and their financial members access to Club 4X4 products at a preferential rate.

Kalen Ziflian, General Manager of Club 4X4 is very excited about the announcement. “We have enjoyed a tremendous relationship with the NSW & ACT 4WD Association for many years as a result of the alignment to encourage responsible four-wheel driving and off-road touring” he said. “It makes a lot of sense for us to support each other given this alignment, and we look forward to working with the Association further in a more structured way”.

Craig Thomas, President of 4WD NSW and ACT, was equally proud about the arrangement. “As the principal organisation in NSW and ACT that supports and lobbies for and on behalf of 4WDers, and which represents the majority of 4WD clubs in the state, we’ve worked closely with Club 4X4 who have demonstrated a true passion for our members. This partnership recognises the natural progression and alignment of two organisations. This is the result of many years working together and we value our relationship as it will provide a tangible benefit in preferential pricing for our members.” The agreement is being finalised and is expected to go live mid-July.

Does your club ever organise trips into State Forests ?

So did you know that if you do this then you must apply for a permit? Any group going into a State Forest needs to do this, but don't worry about the cost as we have you covered.

9 years ago, we worked with the Forestry Corporation to find a solution to this problem and now the Association pays an annual fee that covers all it’s members. This was the reason we started with the vehicles stickers and why it is important to keep them up to date.

Your club still needs to go to the Forestry Corporation web site and scroll to the bottom of the page to the “find a” list and fill in a permit and submit it, but there will be no cost involved. This helps them manage the area and to make sure it does not clash with other groups. It is also a good idea for your club to contact the office of the forests that you visit as it is a great opportunity to get to know them, we have found this to be very beneficial for everybody.

Remember to go to our website and fill in a trip report after your event, this helps Forestry to know numbers and identify any issues, usually before it becomes a problem.

Here’s a link to the Forestry [Corporation Permits page](#)

NSW & ACT Association news (continued)

How does cold weather affect your car battery?



Inside the typical lead acid battery are lead plates in electrolyte liquid which creates an electro-chemical reaction to produce a charge to the battery terminals. Heat accelerates this chemical activity but also speeds up the internal corrosion with the cells which in turn reduces the lifespan of your battery.

This is particularly true of batteries that repeatedly reach high internal temperatures, and once capacity has been damaged by heat, it can't be restored. But just as heat speeds up chemical reactions, cold temperatures slow them down. That's why you might feel your battery can become sluggish in winter, even though its state of charge may remain unchanged.

At colder temperatures, the battery's ability to provide sufficient power to start and run a vehicle is diminished. Automotive batteries are rated in CCA (Cold-Cranking Amperage). This is the amount of current a battery can deliver for 30 seconds at -18 C without dropping to a specified cut-off voltage. A fully charged lead-acid battery can survive up to -50 C, but a battery with a low state of charge can freeze at -1 C. When the water in a battery freezes it expands and can cause irreparable damage to the cells.

We recommend that car owners start paying close attention to their batteries after three years of installation. If your battery is starting to go, the first thing you'll probably notice is that the car sounds sluggish when trying to start. This is a major warning sign that shouldn't be ignored.

If you hear sluggish sounds when you start up your car, do not immediately assume that the battery needs replacing. Check that the battery connections are tight and that the wires are not broken or disconnected. Also ensure that your terminals are clean - you can get them cleaned regularly during every major service.

If your battery has caps, remove them and check that the fluid inside is about 5mm above the plates, or between the levels as indicated on the battery case. If low, top up with deionised water and avoid overfilling. Mop up any spillage. Some batteries are permanently sealed and do not require maintenance, so you won't be able to check the fluid if this is the case.

Wagga Wagga 4wd Club have almost completed a new toilet at their club property

Wagga has generously offered the plans for this little beauty. It used the Green Loo Dry Composting toilet. It's insulated and fully lined inside. They are still working on the water tank compartment doors, plumbing and internal fittings but it should be complete soon.

Details also included with the plans , which will be on the association website soon [4WDNow](#)



Upcoming Events in 2021

Refer to following pages for detailed trip notices

Date	Event	Class	Contact	Telephone	Limit
8 July	July General Meeting VIA ZOOM only	Social			
17-18 July	DTU Stage 2, We-Leaser	C	Mark Roper	0420 978 784	FULL 6 vehicles
24-25 July	Xmas in July Casuarina Campground Olney State Forest—Watagans	Social			No limit
12 August	August General Meeting The Entrance Leagues Club	Social			
15 August	DTU Stage 1, Cooranbong	C	Mark Roper	0420 978 784	8 people
18 August—8 Sept	Dinosaurs to Dinosaurs	E/D	Trevor Banks Roger Carrodus	0428 972 763 0416 298 323	8 vehicles
11 September	CRUZ-in to the 80's	Social	Jo Kelly	0448 271 064	No limit
18-19 September	DTU Stage 2, We-Leaser	C	Mark Roper	0420 978 784	6 vehicles
25-26 September	Newnes Plateau	C	Bob Montgomery	0490 926 649	6 vehicles
16—17 October	Backroads of the Hunter Valley— Trip 1	C	Lachlan Thomas	0403 083 191	8 vehicles
17 October	DTU Stage 1, Cooranbong	C	Mark Roper	0420 978 784	8 people
21-22 November	DTU Stage 2, We-Leaser	C	Mark Roper	0420 978 784	6 vehicles
27-28 November	Christmas party at We-leaser	Social			No limit



Xmas in July

24-25 July 2021

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

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

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dinosaurs 2 Dinosaurs



16 August to 8 September 2021

Trip Leaders : Trevor Banks 0428 972 763

Roger Carrodus 0416 298 323

Grade: D/E

Limit: 8 Cars

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

For those interested please contact the above for more details

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



Cruz-in to the 80's

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

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

Organiser: Jo Kelly 0448 271 064

When: Saturday 11 September, 2021

Where: We-leas-er

Dress: Your best 80's gear

Bring: Drinks and nibbles

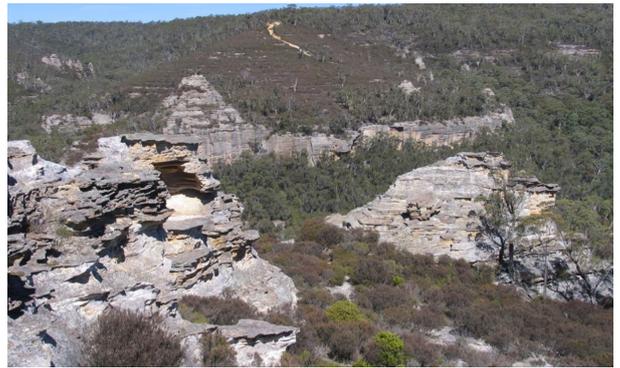
Cost: \$25 per person

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



NEWNES PLATEAU

25th—26th September



Trip leader: Bob Montgomery

Phone: 0490 926 649

Where: Newnes Plateau, Wolgan Valley

Meet: 9:30am Zig Zag Railway, Clarence

Bring: Camping gear, basic recovery gear, full tank of fuel, food & water, bag of wood, torch

Limit: 6 cars. Not suitable for trailers or caravans.

Minimum Requirement:

Stage 1 driver training or equivalent, good all terrain tyres, functioning UHF radio

Out the back of the Zig Zag railway, the Newnes Plateau is a renowned 4x4 playground, this trip is going to be an easy tour of the Newnes Plateau ideal for newer drivers, we'll be visiting The Lost City, the glow worm tunnel (bring a torch), Aboriginal art. Saturday evenings camp is at Newnes campground, **be prepared for a cold camp and please bring a bag of firewood.**

Sunday morning is a bushwalk from camp to explore the shale mining ruins at Newnes, this is an amazing look at man's ingenuity and tenacity.



Backroads of the Hunter Valley – Trip 1

Saturday 16th – Sunday 17th October 2021

Trip Leader: Lachlan Thomas 0403 083 191

Where: Nundle State Forest, Barrington Tops Region

Meet: 9am, Carpark corner of Denison St & Billabong Ln Gloucester

Trip Class: C – This trip is intended as an easy touring grade trip.

Limit: 8 vehicles - This trip is camper trailer friendly.

Bring: Food, water, recovery gear, cool weather camping gear.

Minimum Requirements: All terrain tyres, Stage 1 DTU – If you have not yet completed DTU please contact the trip leader to discuss.



After meeting in Gloucester and topping up the trip leader's caffeine levels we will head off on our meandering route north-west to the Nundle area. The exact route will be open to a little bit of interpretation depending on current weather and track conditions in the area, however the trip will be an easy touring camper trailer trip taking in as many country dirt roads as we can. Stopping off at every lookout and POI along the way we will arrive at Ponderosa Campground and set up camp for the night. Camp is at around 1200m so best still to bring your woolies for overnight just in case.

Sunday morning will have us going for a short scenic drive around the Nundle State Forest while the canvas dries, taking in sights such as the Hanging Rock Pioneer Cemetery and Hanging Rock Lookout, before hooking up and heading off mid-morning. Our route home will take us south from Nundle through Timor on mostly good quality dirt roads before finishing up at Aberdeen in the Upper Hunter.



Annual Club Christmas party

27th—28th November 2021

We-Leas-er Dungog



TRIP BOOK-IN PROCEDURE

1. You must personally book in
2. If you book in early you must confirm that you still intend going no later than two weeks before the trip. If you do not confirm, your position will be re-allocated
3. If you are unable to attend please notify the trip leader as soon as possible so that someone else has the opportunity to fill the position
4. It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to contact the trip leader the night before the trip. This will enable you to confirm your attendance, and also check that the trip hasn't been affected by weather conditions

TRIP CLASSIFICATION CODES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Driver Awareness Training

Stage One for 2021

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

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

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

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

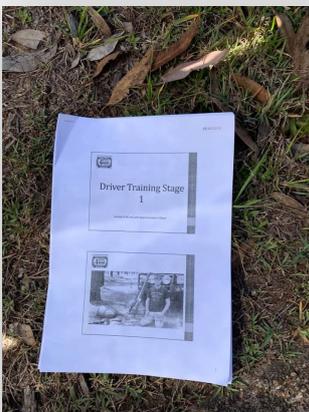
What to expect:

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

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

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

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



Driver Awareness Training

Stage Two for 2021

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

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

Where: Club Lease 'We-Leaser' Dungog

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

Recovery Gear: Front and rear recovery points, snatch strap, bridle or tree protector, dampener and rated shackles. **Please note:** that a trainer will accompany you during the practice drive and there must be a seat available in your vehicle.

What to expect:

Stage Two training is a full day of practical exercises completed as a team to expand on the knowledge gained in Stage One training. We further investigate aspects of vehicle maintenance, practising pre-trip inspections and completing a tyre change. After morning tea, we revise the stall start recovery and simulate simple snatch strap recovery techniques. This is where you finally get to use all that wonderful gear you've brought along. In the afternoon, we head out the back gate and put our training into practice. Taking the back tracks through the State Forests, we complete rutted and rocky tracks and simple water crossings. Prior to dinner, we complete a simple revision assessment as a group.

Upon completion of Stage Two, you will be prepared to undertake the NSW and ACT 4WD Association Accreditation Certificate, a nationally recognised qualification.



The We-Leaser Maintenance Roster

MONTH	Name
JANUARY	Sean Du Toit & Mysteire Egan
FEBRUARY	Scott & Lisa Good
MARCH	Mel & Ben Gall
APRIL	Bill & Diana McConville
MAY	Harvey Lopez & Alma Thompson
JUNE	Jim & Lisa O'Donoghue
JULY	Neil Pearson & Vickie Doran
AUGUST	Anna & Damien Erickson
SEPTEMBER	Lachy & Liz Thomas
OCTOBER	David & Alison Wallace
NOVEMBER	Craig & Dee Green
DECEMBER	Paul & Just Jo Kelly

A HUGE thank you to everyone who put their hand up to help with the maintenance of the We-Leaser. We are always in need of volunteers to keep the lease neat and tidy for **everyone's** enjoyment, so if you would like to put your name down to help out, please contact the Lease Manager—Paul Kelly, to register your interest.

Club Person of the Month

Presented to Mark Roper for his monumental effort in the Driver Training Unit.

Well deserved Mark!



Taralga

June Long Weekend

Trip Report

by Jo Kelly

Trip Leaders: Steve and Jane

Accompanied by: The Spotto's—Paul and Jo
Harvey and Alma
Papa Smurf- Pete

We arrived around 4.30pm on the Friday, after an uneventful drive, against the long weekend traffic. It was really nice to drive through Goulburn, rather than past it, and the trip out through Taralga was pretty, but raining.

Spotto uttered quite a few curse words when we hit the now, muddy, wet, red dirt and seeing it being sprayed all over the van. Like any supportive partner would do...I reminded him that it was almost time for some "medicine" and it would all wash off!

It was a beautiful drive out to the property, though very windy and cold. We were going to stop and give a poor wombat a lift to his home, but thought he looked like he'd settled in where he was and we'd leave him sleeping on the side of the road. Jane and Steve's directions made it easy to find the property.

WE agreed to MY positioning of the van (let's just say that). We were perched up on top of a very big hill, and WE/ME was certain that the van parked with the wind hitting the side, would provide a good wind break. WE/ME may have been a tad too impatient to get inside and out of the cold, because we spent the whole night being thumped, rocked and pounded by huge winds, while I was mentally preparing for the apology I'd have to give... you know - that "you were right, I was mistaken" one.

A few doses/beers later we were wondering where Pappa Smurf was as we'd expected him to be there prior to us arriving. Spotto gets on the hand held, and starts with "pistol packing pirate Pete, do you copy" I'm just eye rolling and what do you know! 'Is that you Spotto?' comes echoing back. Pete missed the turn into the property, but we got him back, and he mentioned that he saw the wombat, and it was still asleep.

After a cuppa, we tethered Pete to a safety rope while he went outside in the cyclone to set up his van and to protect him from the three kangaroos, loose on the top paddock.

Jane, Steve, Alma and Harvey arrived 9-9.30pm, with a quick hello, see you in the morning.

Saturday was still very windy, and after admitting I was mistaken, Spotto moved the van, as did Pete. We found the chain, but the dog was long gone.

Steve cooked up a brekky feast and we headed off to Wombeyan Caves.





I stayed in the truck and “looked after the handbags”. Pete wandered all over the place while the others did the caves. They were all very animated when they got back from the tour, and amused by the tour guide. A spot of lunch was had, courtesy of Steve and Jane, as none of us thought to take anything with us (doh!). We took the long way back to camp which was very scenic. Thankfully, the wind had dropped significantly and we were looking forward to Happy Hour.

Let me preface this with....those that know Spotto and Spotto around a fire - You will understand!

There are no words to explain the excitement of not one, but two pyromaniacs, and a pile of timber 6 feet high. It was as though they had just discovered fire themselves. Steve just wanted to keep feeding the beast, even bringing in the tractor for extra wood from other areas. Spotto just wanted to get it lit, and throw on more wood. (no wood tickets needed here)



He had earlier said that he didn't want to see me without a jacket on, or tell him I wasn't cold, as I normally do. The irony of it all was to come out with happy hour nibbles to find him, by the fire in his T-shirt.

This fire went close to rivalling Christmas in July fires !

The coals were very nice under our chairs.



I'm pretty sure that none of us had actual dinner that night. Food was plentiful-and the company brilliant.

Sunday was C.O.L.D (like really, really cold) Spotto wore long pants all weekend.

We headed off to see the old Ruby Creek mine sites. There is so much history out there, that we just never know or hear about, let alone see, and experience it.

The old mine areas are littered with artefacts and remnants of these early days. Just in one spot, Alma found two huge spikes, literally on the surface, with old machinery parts and the foundations of the buildings. Sadly, the bushfires did significant damage to the whole area and a lot of history was lost. The views were amazing and the regrowth that of the forests is clearly visible.

We headed to Yerranderie from there. It was a big drive, with some of the most beautiful views we've seen. It was very much like the Victorian High Country, but I'm sure it was colder here.

Yerranderie is one of NSW's most authentic, unchanged mining ghost towns, which was cut off from direct access from Sydney, by Warragamba Dam, in 1927. It is surrounded by abandoned mine shafts and relics. The day would not have been complete without a walk through the old cemetery.

We headed back to camp, and that wombat must have been really, really tired, because it was still asleep in the same spot.



The pyrotechnical team we're back in action at a different location, with another cracker of a fire lit.

We headed off, Monday morning, while the others stayed another night.

The traffic was great, and we were very happy to not have been heading South, when we came out of the tunnel and saw that it was a parking lot, right back to Mooney bridge.

Thank you, Steve and Jane for a fabulous weekend. Thanks everyone for the laughs and good company.

The Spotto's
Jo and Paul Kelly

Let's just see who reads this!

On a side note: If you book in to do a trip, don't leave it until the day before to decide that the traffic might be too bad, or it might be too cold, or it's too far. Apart from one couple who had an emergency situation, the others changed their minds at the last minute. I know for a fact that Jane had other members wanting to go, but had to say no, as they were full. Either commit or don't book in. It's not fair to the trip leaders, or to those that could have gone, after all. Just sayin'

GHOSTS OF THE DORRIGO LINE

Trip report by Nerida Turrise

Trip Leaders: Tony Clark (TC) and Faye Goodman – *Ranger*

Ray Hill and Linda Seymour – *Pajero*

Ray Kaltenbacher – *Prado*

Eileen Daly and Frank Adams - *Prado*

Judy Roberts and Siete Woldhuis – *Prado*

Tony and Nerida Turrise – *Landcruiser*

Anthony Gavin – *Landcruiser*

Kym and Sharonne Fisher – *Fortuna*

Anna & Damien Erickson and Luke and Ryan Marshall

Thanks to Faye and TC for another well organised trip with plenty to see and do. Their effort in recon and organisation, as always, makes their trips outstanding.

For us Saturday morning commenced with a great trip up the windy Waterfall Way through Bellingen and then up the road to Dorrigo. Our drive was smooth, as unlike some of the other club members we didn't get stuck behind a truck or van. The only semi we saw was coming down the hill partially on our side of the road but fortunately not at the point we were passing it.

Dorrigo is a nice little town, with all the basic amenities: fuel, supermarket and pub (with good food which we enjoyed on Saturday night). The showground, where we made camp, was comfy, great grassy sites with power, water and amenities block. The weather remained sunny all weekend with day time temperatures in the mid to high teens. The night time temperatures however, were brisk, dropping to around zero. The fire both nights was very welcome.

Early Saturday afternoon TC and Faye led us on our first adventure out to the Dorrigo National Park Skywalk Lookout, just outside Dorrigo, down to Never Never Picnic Area and then out to Dangar Falls. The skywalk was amazing, not least because of the 30 metre long timber walk suspended up to 10m above the forest floor below. We were literally walking through the tree tops. The view at the end was 270 degrees from the escarpment to our left, across the hills to the ocean on the horizon and south to the hinterland.



From there we headed down to Never Never Picnic Area, through native forest on a well maintained gravel road. There were some lovely walks heading off from the picnic area. At least according to the sign there were some lovely walks, as this being a 4WD trip the amount of walking done by members was limited. After heading back up and out of the valley we headed to the other side of town to Dangar Falls. Yet another spectacular view. This time complete with a picnic area, park, toilet block and coffee cart.



Our next stop was the train museum opposite the showground and camp. On the way through as we were admiring the rolling green hills someone pointed out the sewerage treatment works and what a “shit” view it was.

The train museum is a work in progress with the world’s largest (according to the pamphlet) collection of NSW rail paraphernalia of mostly steam locomotives, rolling stock and carriages and also diesel and electric. It’s not open to the public yet but many of the artefacts are on display in a paddock. We were fortunate that our plan of parking all the cars out the front led the president of the museum to see us. He invited us in for a closer look and impromptu guided tour which was a great experience.





It was a short drive from there across the road back to camp for happy hour around the fire before heading off to the pub for dinner.

Sunday saw an 8.30am departure for our trip from Dorrigo to Glenreagh. Our first stop just out of town was the largest bridge on the line. We were escorted by a local (cow) on this short detour. The cow made for interesting driving as it variously walked down the road in front of the cars and played chicken with the cars in the convoy.

Through the village of Megan – we then headed to Briggsville where in the past there was a sawmill over the line and steam trams for logging. Our next stop was Cascade for a leg stretch at the old station and siding followed by a short walk to an old steam driven sawmill that was in use until 1962. Parts of the boiler and mill were still there. A beautiful tawny frogmouth owl obliged by relying on its camouflage and remaining motionless for us all to take a look.

On our way to Bobo River, for the benefit of new members our club president explained the protocol of a track absorption test (TAT): just say you need to stop for a TAT and appropriate privacy and space will be given. Over the radio came: "In other words if you want a toilet break let us know and we will stop!" It was noted that results for TAT's were never really reported back but participants should feel free to do so.

Next, we crossed Bobo River and off to our right was a clear view of a rail bridge. This was the bridge TC spun the wheels of a steam train on when as a youngster he took the controls from his brother-in-law. The locals in the area, or at least their signs, were not very friendly. "Due to the increase in the cost of ammunition no warning shots will be fired". Fortunately no-one was shot at on this occasion.

From there it was onto the village of Ulong and its station which still had a building standing and our sunny morning tea stop. A few kilometres down the road and we were at Lowanna where the station has been restored, including the rails. There's also a massive hand winched crane not far from the station. I wouldn't have liked to be the manpower required for that.

We wound our way through the forest from Lowanna to Glenreagh via a side trip down Timber Top Road. We contemplated another track out but a couple of local dirt biker's opinion was we could do it but probably wouldn't have any paint left on the side of our cars so we decided to double back and stick to the main track.

At this point there was a small lapse in convoy procedure as we turned towards Glenreagh resulting in a vehicle having to do a bit of fancy reversing down the hill. The offending member was up for a fun fine but as the infringement was by The Club President she relied on The Trump defence (no prosecutions while in office).

We continued on to Glenreagh with spectacular peppermint gums to the left, their white straight trunks towering over the road and views on the right over the hinterland to the sea.

At Glenreagh we took a quick look at the original station before heading to the recently redeveloped showground for lunch. Still a showground campsite but now with hot showers, a fire pit area and a camp kitchen complete with pizza oven. It looks like a good base camp for a future trip. TC was impressed and we could hear his mind ticking over for future adventures.

After lunch we headed back to camp via Nana Glen (no sign of Russell Crowe) and the winding Eastern Dorrigo Road, about half was sealed and the other half was well maintained gravel. The scenery was again spectacular with massive gums, ferns and palms. The dust was kept down when in the shaded areas but as it was getting late in the day the visibility was tricky around the bends where the sun shone through the dust, especially for those towards the end of the convoy.

Nearing the turnoff to Dorrigo, 14km out of town, our convoy split. Six vehicles headed back to camp to watch the sunset over the hills and get the fire started. Three vehicles headed to Platypus Flat campground and it turned out to be just that. Flat. One of the members got the only flat tyre of the trip. This was quickly rectified and the group enjoyed the pretty emerald camp ground and the short night drive back to camp was a new experience for some.

Monday morning dawned clear and cool again but not with the thick frost of the night before. Care needed to be taken with your breakfast as the butcher bird was eying it off, the magpies were in fine form warbling away from the fence and the cockatoos were screeching as well.

Shortly after 8.30am saw our camp break as we made our individual ways home.

Thanks again to TC and Fay for a great trip.

Club members advertising page

Do you have your own business and want to share with other club members?

Please contact editor@cc4wdc.org.au if you're a member and would like to advertise your business in the club magazine —it doesn't have to be four wheel drive related. Cost is \$80 per year.

Everyone wants to deal with someone they can trust, so if you need a hairdresser, a plumber, a bookkeeper or any other service, it will be great to contact a fellow club member for assistance. If you have a logo or a website we can add that to your listing.



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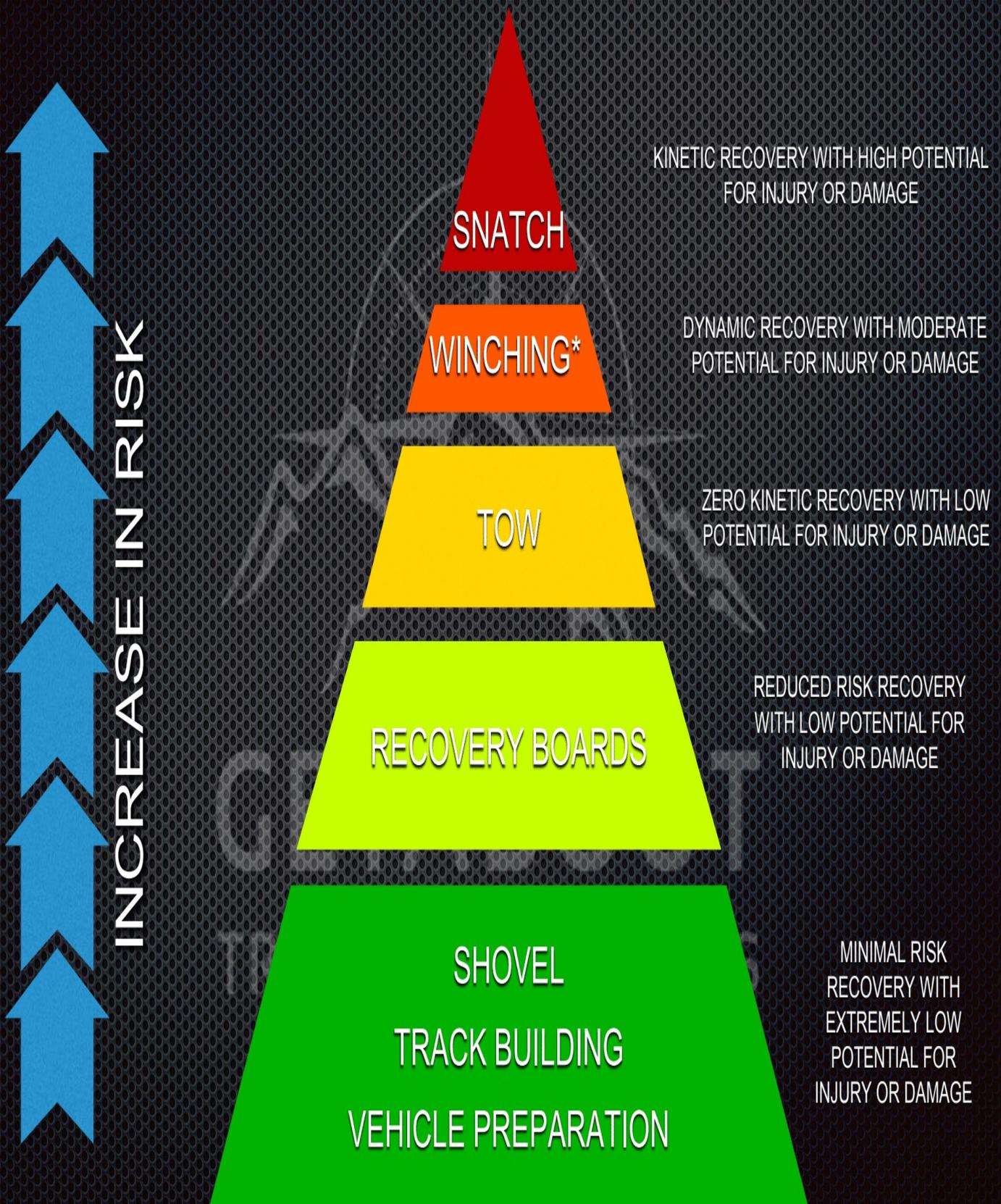


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Visitors must have a club member with them

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



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



COVID 19 POLICY

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

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

We Leaser Guidelines

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

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

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

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

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

Please no sharing food during Happy Hour.



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

Wash hands regularly with soap and water or hand sanitiser

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

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

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

The shower is closed until further notice.

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

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

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

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



COVID 19 POLICY

Club Trips /Training Guidelines

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please no sharing food during Happy Hour.

Wash hands regularly with soap and water or hand sanitiser

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

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

Please supply your own hand sanitiser, disinfectants and soap.

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

How to run a club trip the easy way!

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

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

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

Contact any member of the committee for the password.

Past Trips— 4WD and Social

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

How to purchase club merchandise

You can purchase your club merchandise at general meetings or you can email our merchandise officer and have your items posted to you.

If purchasing by email:

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

Sean will advise availability and cost.

Contact Sean— 0414 158 412

Email— skdutoit@yahoo.com.au

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

The club bank account details are:

Account name: Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club Incorporated

BSB: 082 620

Account: 622378649

See the full list of merchandise on the following page.



Club Merchandise For Sale

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

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

Jacket (polar fleece with emblem)	\$40.00
Green sleeveless vest (polar fleece with emblem)	\$35.00
Club Shirt (with Embroidered Club Logo)	\$30.00
Long Sleeve Bisley Shirt (with Embroidered Club Logo)	\$45.00
Optional Extra (with first Name only)	POA
Wet Weather light-weight Jacket (with Embroidered Club Logo)	POA
Extra name plate badges (new style)	\$10.00
Baseball Caps (with Embroidered Club Logo)	\$15.00
Floppy Hats (like Cricket hats with Embroidered Club Logo)	\$18.00
Beanies (with Embroidered Club Logo)	\$15.00
Scarves (with Embroidered Club Logo)	\$18.00
Stubby Holders (with Logo)	\$5.00
Club Stickers	\$5.00
CC4WD Club Windscreen Stickers Large	\$20.00
CC4WD Club Windscreen Stickers Medium	\$12.00
CC4WD Club Windscreen Stickers Short	\$8.00

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



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This is Club 4X4 Country



You have arrived.

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

You find yourself a nice secluded patch to set up camp for the night, or maybe two – who knows. The awning is out and the rooftop tent is ready to lay your head later that night. The campfire is roaring and the Milky Way is beaming down at you. This is what it's all about right? Well you're not alone, this is what we're about too.

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.

Visit CLUB4X4.COM.AU or call **1800 CLUB 4X4** for a quote



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[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 photos and details of campsites contributed by campers

BOM—Bureau of Meteorology

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

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

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- **The club can assist with the cost of these certificates and they are recognised Australia-wide qualifications.**
- **Although there are training sessions most months, you don't have to attend every single session.**

Talk to Mark Roper for more information 0420 976 784





OUR CLUB WEBSITE

Click here to visit our club website www.cc4wdc.org.au

The website is a great resource with information about our club as well as club magazines, up coming trips, past trips, FAQ's and memorabilia. If you have anything you would like to contribute please email publicity@cc4wdc.org.au

CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

Find us on 

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

CLUB FACEBOOK MEMBERS GROUP

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

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

Your request to join will then be submitted for approval by one of the Admin team who

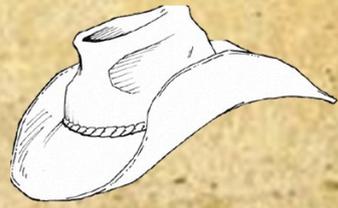
FOUR WHEEL DRIVE NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION

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
- 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

Charlie's Tales

The view from back here.



Welcome again my dear reader. While we guard ourselves from these trying times at home, one's mind turns to thoughts of future adventure. It has long been opined that the most important part of any journey is the preparation. Over many trips I have found that planning a new trip is often as satisfying as being out on the road itself and I feel a sense of duty to share my own thoughts on the matter.

As a simple man with a simple life, it is my preference to lay things out simply. When it comes to planning there are just three simple steps to follow:

One, select a destination; Preferably somewhere I have not been before, life is an adventure after all, although there is also a great adventure retracing one's steps and finding things you might have missed the first time.

Two, figure out the details; Know how long you will be out on a trip, work out who you will be travelling with, sometimes this is the best part of the trip, and work out exactly what you will need while you are away like food, clothing, gear, and fuel.

Three, book it in; make sure you let people know where you are going to be, if you need to contact the locations and book it in, nothing worse than going somewhere and finding it is not available and then confirm all your stops and turns along the way.

With the advent of the internet, planning can be somewhat overwhelming, with a plethora of choice and opinion about places and things to see and do. Take my advice and limit your time looking at opinions, do not let the opportunity to experience this great country be ruined before you start by looking at other people's opinions. It has been my experience that without the comfort of their flat televisions, grumpy baristas and warm houses, people tend to bemoan their choices, remember they are not you, they probably like hot showers rather than adventure.

When looking at destinations seek to find variety, maybe a great campsite by a river or on a hill, some tracks to explore with your trusty four-wheel drive and just maybe, if luck plays it's part, a small country town serving Australia's best meat pie. It helps to have a map and something to read that explains the highlights of a location when picking a destination, explaining the surrounds and to figure out how to get there.

When working through the details, it helps to jot down in a journal any ideas for places to see, sleep and drive, which becomes invaluable when finalising your plan. It may be a weekend trip to a renowned campsite, or a longer sojourn across this great country, either way, having the details down on paper gives purpose and direction for planning. It also helps work out what to bring, how much food is required, what type of clothes to wear, who to travel with, and what time of the year to travel, and dear reader, Australia is both beautiful and harsh, so be well prepared, organise some time beforehand with any companions to discuss the details.

It was on a longer trip that the importance of booking revealed itself and the final important step in planning a trip. It was the end of long dusty and dry day's driving through the outback where I pulled into camp behind a roadside pub, to my dismay the pub was closed for the season, leaving me thirsty for company and more that day, a harsh lesson learnt!

So, my friends, stay safe, enjoy planning your next trip, and before long, we will all be out on the road again together.

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