

# 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](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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# Presidents report

Hello members,

Well, we've made it through the winter months into spring, which has to be an achievement of some sort! We've saved a lot of money on diesel over the past couple of months and I know we won't be the only ones to spend it all on getting out and about as soon as we can.

I hope everyone is doing ok in lockdown. Don't hesitate to call out to someone if you are feeling down. We can all help each other through this – whether it's a phone call, a video chat or just a message to show you're thinking of your fellow club members.

Don't forget our general meetings are still being held via Zoom whilst we are in lockdown. It's a good chance to check in with other club members. We always have a laugh and meetings are usually done in a little over an hour.

As soon as registered clubs are re-opened we'll be heading back to Bateau Bay and will put everything in place to hold our AGM as soon as possible.

A big thank you to Craig Green for all your work as Treasurer this past year. Craig has done an outstanding job and has put a lot of initiatives in place that will make our reporting more accurate in the future. Craig has done so much for our club over the years, including serving two terms as president and two terms as treasurer. Thank you so much Greeny, and I hope you enjoy your well-earned break from committee work.

At the last committee meeting the committee approved a new treasurer to take on the vacant treasurer's position. A huge welcome to our incoming treasurer, Michelle Edwards. Michelle has served as our assistant treasurer this year, and I know our financials will be in good, expert hands with Michelle.

Our annual audit was recently conducted by Monica Porteous. Many of you will know Monica as a long standing and active member in the past. Monica and her partner, Bob Montgomery have been away for a few years travelling Australia and have recently rejoined the club. Thank you so much Monica for helping out with our audit.

Monica found that the club financials showed that there were no irregularities in our transactions, however, she has suggested some reporting improvements which the committee discussed at our last meeting. These include better reporting on our assets and ensuring that minutes show the approvers names in detail. If anyone would like a copy of the audit, please email me and I can send you the full document.

We really need someone to fill the role of secretary. Alan Booth has served three years in this role – which is the maximum number allowed. If you'd like to know about the role, please contact Alan or me and we can fill you in on what is required.

We're still hopeful we can reschedule some of the events we've had to postpone – including our much anticipated 80's party. Some committee members have suggested we might be able to provide more generous funding to the event, so the committee will be looking into that as soon as we're in a position to schedule an event like this again.

Take care everyone, and I really hope to see you all out in the bush again soon!

Cheers,

Faye

# From The Editor

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

This month we're featuring Glenn & Clarissa McCreadie who were members of our great club prior to their move to Melbourne (but hopefully will be members again in the not too distance future!). The McCreadies have taken their 4WDing adventures to the next level and have started a YouTube channel to document their travels. These guys are super passionate about 4WDing and camping and are well worthwhile following on social media. If you ever get a chance to tag along on a McCreadie run trip, then you won't be disappointed! I had the opportunity to interview them to ask them the tough questions on 4WDing and get the goss on their YouTube channel. You'll find the interview on page 20.



I was browsing through my photos and came across the picture I used for the front page. For anyone who has travelled to Birsdville and camped at the caravan park there, you would be familiar with this sign. I thought it was appropriate for the situation we currently find our world in. Follow the directions and everything will be OK.



Please remember to be kind to each other during these testing times.

As always, any stories, photos or tips about 4WDing or camping from our members are welcome. Please email [editor@cc4wdc.org.au](mailto:editor@cc4wdc.org.au) so I can add them to the next edition of the magazine.

Till next month—stay safe and take care of yourselves and each other.

Happy Days!

Cheers, Claire

## Piston Broke Trophy

Is remaining as Siete Woldhuis' for getting a flat tyre on a Club trip (which seems like a lifetime ago) but is still in the possession of Ray

We'll get the trophy to you somehow Siete!



# Next General Meeting is on September 9th, 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 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021

**Meeting;** Due to Covid 19 restrictions the July General meeting was held on ZOOM. Meeting started at 8.06pm.

All members and guests are welcome to join the ZOOM meeting.

**Attendance;** Those on ZOOM.

**Apologies;** John Brown.

**Visitors;** Nil

### Minutes of the previous meetings.

Motion	That the minutes for the General Meeting held on the 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 as published in the magazine be accepted.	
Moved; Tappy	Seconded; Paul Fisher	Action; carried

Noted corrections. Nil this reference to AGM meeting

### Secretaries Report; by Alan

Correspondence, emails received – 8<sup>th</sup> July – 12<sup>th</sup> August as tabled.

From	Subject	Response
CTP Newsletter	Email from Mari Metzke (suspicious)	Meeting
Peter Durrance	Driver Training this Sunday	Meeting
4WD NSW	Quarterly meeting agenda 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Meeting
Treasurer	June Committee meeting minutes	Meeting
P Smith & Sons Sales	4WD Park for Sale in the Tweed Valley	Meeting
Kate Potter	Web design Promotion	Meeting
4WD Touring Australia	Dirk Hartog Island	Meeting
Treasurer 4WDNOW	4DNEW Certificate of Public Liability Cover	Committee
Hunter 4WDNOW	First Aid Course reminder 18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> September	Meeting
Hunter 4WDNOW	Meeting minutes	Meeting
StGeorge Bank	Membership payment	Meeting
Ben Munson	New member inquiry about activities	Meeting
4WD Touring Australia	Big Lap Planning	Meeting
Inkspot	Promotion	Meeting
Sarah Bebbington	Membership enquiry	Meeting
Campersat	Promotion	Meeting
Ian & Jenny Trigg	Membership application and payment	Meeting
Care flight	Promotion	Meeting
Tony Ellery	Receipt \$3,146.50 4WDNSW Inc	Committee
Campersat	Promotion	Meeting
CCIANSW	Applications Canberra Expo	Meeting

Correspondence: Nil this meeting

Outward Correspondence: Tabled above

Motion	That the inwards and outwards correspondence as presented be accepted.	
Moved; Bev	Seconded; Greenie	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.

Deposits	\$3,217.00
Monthly Expenditure	\$483.30
Account Balance	\$25,947.98
Investment	\$10,327.19

**Bills For Payment**

MYOB	\$46.75
Trophy World	\$221.00
Pizza Man	\$50.00

0.2% roll over

Fun Fines Collected: Nil this meeting.

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

**New Members; by Cherrie**

Brad Johnston paid his membership

Dustyn Johnston has not sent the membership form.

10 & 15 year memberships are ready to be handed out to deserving members. We will have to wait.

**Vic President; by Damien**

Nothing this week.

**Editor; by Claire**

Please help Claire with some of the photos and stories from previous trips to help the magazine as there is no current trips.

**Assistant Treasurer; by Michelle**

Nothing new to report

**Lease manager; by Spotto**

Attempt will be made to get to the Lease prior to 11<sup>th</sup> September, pending Covid restrictions

**DTU Report; by Mark Roper**

The 2021 training is halted due to Covid restrictions. For updates refer to dates posted in the magazine and on the WEB.

**Trip Leader Report; by Trevor Banks**

**Trip reports:**

There have been no trips due to the lockdown.

## **Upcoming trips;**

September Out the back of Newnes by Bob and Monica **CANCELLED**

September Long live the 80's Pizza weekend at "We Leaser" **CANCELLED**

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

## **Public Relations Tracey**

Chasing Debts. Reaching out to The Edge still.

## **NSW/ACT Association Matt**

Nil this month

## **General Business.**

Business size ad in the magazine for \$80.00.

With no AGM tonight however, Michelle has offered to step up as Treasurer as Greenie needs a well earned break from committee duties.

If you need any Merchandise you can email Sean and arrange for delivery and payment.

Apart from the First Aid course there is nothing more from the Association.

We intend to hold the AGM within 6 months of the end of the financial year.

Cherrie has a volunteer for membership officer however they have not been in the club for more than a year.

## **Social Activities; by Jo**

Everything is cancelled until further notice.

## **For Sale**

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

## **Piston 'n' Stitched Up Trophy**

This month remains with Siete Woldhuis for a flat tyre on the club trip. How it is to be delivery is yet to be confirmed. Ray still has it.

Club person of the month, this month goes to Faye Goodman for endless effort.

The Committee meeting will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, via Zoom. Contact Faye for connection details, all welcome to attend.

The next general meeting will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 either at The Entrance Leagues Club and/or ZOOM.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Minutes by Alan Booth

President Faye Goodman

# **POSTPONED**

## ***until further notice***

# **CC4WD CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Following the August 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 20 \_\_\_\_  
(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: \_\_\_\_\_

# NSW & ACT Association News



## First Aid Course

**18 –19 September 2021**

4WD NSW & ACT are organising a First Aid Course (Provide First Aid - 2 Day Course HLTAID003) at Charlestown on 18 & 19th September 2021.

Club members, friends and family can attend, including children aged 13 or over.

### Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this course, students will be issued with a nationally recognised Statement of Attainment.

Units of Competency: HLTAID001 Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, HLTAID002 Provide Basic Emergency Life Support, HLTAID003 Provide First Aid

The price for the 2 day course is \$145 and includes an ARB Snake bit kit.

To register or for more info see <https://benefits.4wdnow.com/products/provide-first-aid-2-day-course-hltaid003-with-arb-kit>

It was lovely to see people enjoying backyard fires during lockdown and sharing their photos in the Facebook group. There were some crackers!





# Upcoming Events in 2021

Refer to following pages for detailed trip notices

Date	Event	Class	Contact	Telephone	Limit
18-19 September	DTU Stage 2, We-Leaser	C	Mark Roper	0420 978 784	<b>POST-PONED</b>
25-26 September	Newnes Plateau	C	Bob Montgomery	0490 926 649	<b>CANCELLED</b>
16—17 October	Backroads of the Hunter Valley— Trip 1	C	Lachlan Thomas	0403 083 191	8 vehicles
27-28 November	Christmas party at We-leaser	Social			No limit

# Backroads of the Hunter Valley – Trip 1

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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



# Where to now?

4x4

An interview with Glenn & Clarissa McCreadie



## ***What 4WD trucks have you owned/do you currently drive?***

My (Glenn's) first "AWD" was a Subaru Forester, and it was really the car that got me interested in 4WDing (It was an XT, which has the WRX engine in it!). They are actually pretty capable off-road, ground clearance aside. I signed up for a tag along on Stockton Beach, and was hooked. Just before joining the Central Coast 4WD Club, I upgraded to a 2005 GU Patrol, which I still have. Actually, now we have his and hers GU Patrols- "The Truck" and "Sylvia", a 2004 STL GU Patrol (Sylvia's mods include an Old Man Emu 2 inch lift, BF Goodrich KO2s - 285/70 R17 tyres, ARB Safari snorkel, GME radio and handheld, 45L Engel fridge, ARB recovery gear, 2 x fire extinguishers, and a first aid kit.

You usually see The Truck in our videos, because it's all set up for touring, with all of the usual kit. It sits in our driveway loaded up and ready to go, and we can't wait to get away again, like everyone. Lockdown has put a bit of a kibosh on our travels.

A quick rundown of The Truck:

- 2005 GU Patrol ST-S – ZD30 (hand grenade)
- Old Man Emu 3 inch lift
- BF Goodrich KO2s - 285/70 R17 tyres
- ARB Safari snorkel
- Front and rear ARB air lockers
- ARB twin air compressor (with air tank)
- Custom Drifta drawer system

- Waeco 120L fridge (we don't mind a drink or two on trips...)
- Custom made (by Glenn) platform and storage where the second-row seats used to be
- Foxwing 270-degree awning
- Front and rear diff breathers
- Upgraded Garrett turbo
- Upgraded intercooler
- Redarc DC-DC battery charger for the 100ah lithium battery
- Rhino pioneer roof platform system
- Upgraded gearbox (it's from a TD4.2, with the upgraded 5<sup>th</sup> gear)
- ARB Bullbar
- Runva 13XP winch, with synthetic rope
- 43% reduction gears in the transfer gearbox (Crawler gears)
- ARB Safari snorkel
- GME and Uniden UHF radios and a handheld GME
- ARB recovery gear
- 2 x fire extinguishers (front and rear)
- A Personal Location Beacon (PLB)
- A first aid kit

### ***What is your favourite track?***

Wow, that's a REALLY tough question. We've got so many favourite tracks. Maybe we'll short list them:

#### **Tracks we like for the views and scenery:**

***Blue Rag Range Track – Victorian High Country.*** The drive is a bit of fun, but this one for us is more about the outstanding view at the top when you reach the trig.

***Crooked River Track – Victorian High Country.*** This track follows the Crooked River and passes through Talbotville campground. It ranks up there for us because it's a gorgeous drive and has about 25 river crossings along it.

***Merricumbene Fire Trail – Deua National Park, NSW.*** Starting from the river crossing at The Beach, on the Moruya River, it heads up over the mountain and eventually into Bendethera. The start of this track is high country steep and puts you back in your seat like you're taking off in a rocket.

***Chinaman's Track – Grampians National Park, Victoria.*** This is a lovely drive

which starts at the base of the Grampians escarpment and winds it way up the range to Wartook Reserve.

***Anything on Fraser Island...***



## Tracks we like because they are challenging:

**Dark Corner Mountain Trail – Dark Corner, NSW.** This is part of the trip that heads from Sunny Corner to The Turon National Park. There's a "short cut" about half way along that comes off the main track and heads up the side of the hill. This is one of the toughest tracks we've ever driven. It's rocky and steep, and has some pretty nasty rock steps in it.

**Rocky Track – Toolangi State Forest, Victoria.** This one also ranks up there as one of the toughest tracks we've driven and is up there with Dark Corner. As the name implies, it's rocky.

**Launders Track – Grampians National Park, Victoria.** Again, this is another challenging track which heads up from the Valley to the top of the escarpment.

That muddy track we had to winch down a hill in reverse, in the rain, in Wang Wauk State Forest, half way between Bulahdelah and Coolongolook. Thankfully we work really well as a team, no matter who is in the driver's seat.

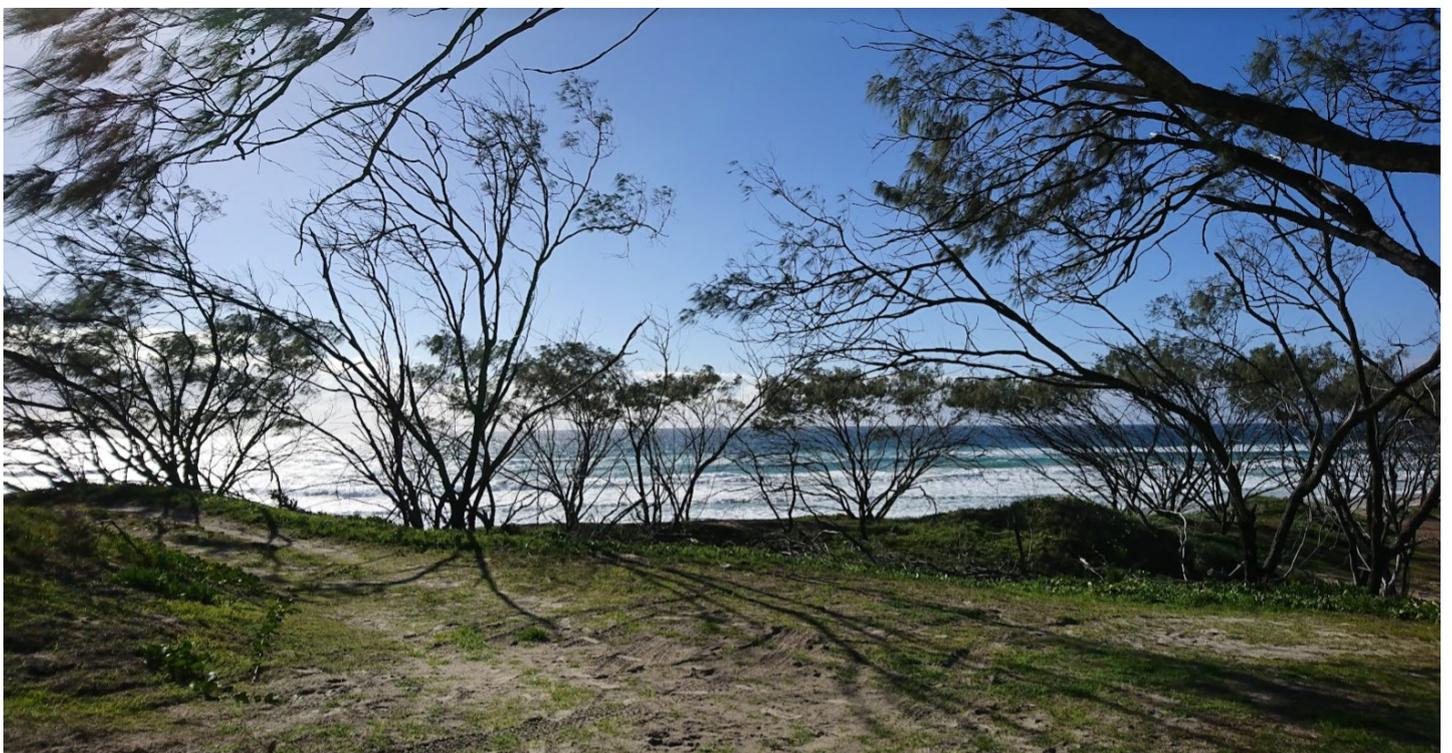
There are LOTS of others we could list. Several of these we have covered in videos on our YouTube channel (check them out!).



## **How about your favourite camping spot?**

Again, it's hard to choose, there are so many!

**75 Mile Beach, Fraser Island, QLD.** We have a favourite spot half way between Eli Creek and the wreck of the Mahino.



***The Beach Campground, Moruya, NSW.*** This is the camp site at the start of Merricumbene Fire Trail. Unfortunately, I was told a few months ago this has largely been wiped out by the floods earlier in the year.

***Farquhar Inlet, Manning Point, NSW.*** Interesting drive in along the beach and then in through the dunes. This is a lovely spot to have a swim or just sit next to the water and watch the sun go down.



***The Murray River, Victoria.*** There are so many great spots, but we really like the area to the North West of Victoria, because there's very few people there. The few times we've camped there we've had the place to ourselves.

***The Darling River, between Tilpa and Louth, NSW.*** This is a secret bush camp that we found many years ago on the river. If you ask us sometime, we might share the location.



**Aboriginal Community Campground, Tibooburra, NSW.** Got to be honest, the reason we really like this camp site is largely because it's clean and tidy and has hot showers and flushing toilets. If you're planning a trip to Cameron Corner, check it out. Much better than the National Park, and you can have a fire.



**Silent Creek Campground, Abercrombie River National Park, NSW.** This is one of our favorite National Parks in NSW, and we've run several club trips in there. The last time we stayed there we had the entire campsite to ourselves.



**Willow Springs Station, Flinders Ranges, SA.** This has to be one of the best presented and maintained station camps we've ever stayed at and couldn't praise it enough. Carmel and Brendan who run the station are lovely. And while you're there, check out SkyTrek.

## ***What is the trickiest 4WD situation you have found yourself in and what did you do to get out of it?***

Heh, there's been a few over the years, but the one that jumps to mind for us would be the most recent one. That would be on a recent trip to Abercrombie River National Park, when we'd stopped to take a look at an erosion gully that we were trying to negotiate. We'd just jumped out of the car and started walking down the hill. That was right about the time that the handbrake on The Truck let go and 3 tonne of 4WD started rolling down the hill towards us, thankfully ending up in the erosion gully on its diffs and not nose down in the steep creek. Again, we worked as a team to winch recover The Truck out of the gully. The video of that one is up on our channel too, and is certainly worth a watch – we learned a valuable lesson. A really scary moment, which could have ended much worse.

## ***Favourite 4WD holiday to date?***

Wow, these questions are tough. We honestly can't go beyond our crossing of the Simpson Desert, a few years ago. It was a fantastic experience with some great friends, made particularly interesting by the fact that we cracked the head on The Truck half way through the trip, and spent the rest of the trip pouring water into the radiator every couple of hours (ZD30 hand grenade true to form). To its credit, The Truck did make it the entire distance back to the Central Coast. Actually, aside from using A LOT of water, it performed perfectly.



## ***What do you think are the main benefits/advantages of being a member of a 4WD Club?***

You can't go beyond the fact that lots of people join 4WD clubs for the training, and it really is invaluable in terms of learning to be a better and safer 4WDer. We can honestly say we have both benefitted from this (we've trained with both 4wd clubs we've been a part of), and fallen back on the knowledge and skills shared many times (like when the hand brake let go...).

A real benefit is the knowledge and experience of the people in the club. We've learned a lot from the people around us, and have certainly been to many places and driven many tracks that we wouldn't have been to if we hadn't gone on club trips.

We've also made many great friends through 4WD clubs, both in NSW and Victoria. You really get to know people when you travel with them day in and day out, and not to mention having a drink and a yarn around the camp fire at night.



And we think the final thing that stands out for us is the ability to give back to the club. While we haven't to date taken on committee positions, we do REALLY enjoy planning and running trips. It's great to be able to take other people to places we know they will love, and let them experience new tracks and campsites. We also always try to add some other points of interest on our trips to make things a bit more interesting, and to break up the driving.

## ***Do you have any tips for newbies? Something you wish you would have known when you first started out?***

This is a really obvious one – air down your tyres. It makes a significant difference to your vehicles off-road capability, and also significantly reduces the impact on things like your tyres and suspension (and your teeth or bra straps falling off your shoulders on corrugated roads). It still amazes us to overhear people saying they don't bother. We recall sitting under the Algebruckna bridge on the Oodnadatta Track, having a conversation with some other campers regarding how many flat tyres we'd had since leaving Maree. Between our three vehicles we hadn't lost any, the other campers lost several between the group – they hadn't aired down!



The second tip would be to learn convoy procedure and follow it. As a trip leader, one of the most frustrating things is when people don't follow convoy procedure. There is nothing worse than somebody not waiting for the car behind them at an intersection and then having half the convoy miss the turn and head off in the wrong direction. You should also be very mindful of when you should be using the radio in a convoy and when to stay quiet. We always encourage banter on the radio during our trips, but when the trip leader or Charlie are working, stay off the radio.

## ***You've started a YouTube channel! Tell us how that came about and how can people watch and subscribe?***

We recently started our YouTube channel, Where to Now 4x4 in October 2020, and have been attempting to publish content about every two to three weeks. Since moving to Victoria, in late 2018, we've been doing A LOT of trips and camping. We're only a couple of hours away from the High Country, so why not! We reckon, even though we didn't film it, we've probably seen more of Victoria than most Victorian's! When we first started, we just thought we'd give it a go and see how it went. It's been an interesting learning journey to say the least! We always figured that we go to some really great places, so why not share that with other people. It's the same reason we run club trips.

We started out using an old GoPro Hero4 and our 12-year-old Canon DSLR, combined with our Garmin Dashcam. The dashcam is great, because it's always recording and we're both a pair of clowns in the car when we're traveling. Some of the first things we posted are just GoPro footage mounted to the bull bar or the dashcam. These all stack up to some pretty average video and audio quality.

We've come quite a way since we started. We look back at some of our original content and shake our heads. The original "Cooking with Clarissa" still gives us a giggle- ask us about the back story sometime, as Clarissa shakes her head in disbelief.

We've upgraded some of our camera gear now, and our production quality has greatly improved. We're still working our way through editing some of the content we shot earlier in the year, with some of the old gear, and are REALLY looking forward to producing and editing the newer content with our new gear.

The other thing we'd say about starting a YouTube channel is to be aware of just how much work it is. Not only are you constantly stopping to set up cameras and record content, once you get home you have to then take all of the content and string it together, somehow. We take a lot of notes while we travel, to help with the editing. And then there is the sheer volume of data we create. We literally generate hundreds of gigabytes of data every day we travel, which then needs to be backed up on the road and stored when we get home. The editing takes many days for one of our average 30 minute or so videos.

Links to our socials have been included below. Have a watch and if you like it, we'd REALLY appreciate it if you'd like our videos and subscribe.

### ***So, where to next?***

Actually, it's Where to Now? :D That's a great question, and we'll let you know when lockdown finishes. We had been planning a Tassie trip in 2020, but don't think that's going to happen any time soon. We've got a couple of weekend trips planned close to Melbourne (Wallan to Strath Creek and Cobaw State Forest), nothing too ambitious, if we're allowed out of our 5km bubble. These trips are actually out of the "4WD Treks Close to Melbourne" book – there's also one for Sydney, which is pretty good. These books are great if you're looking to do a trip, and need a bit of guidance.

We'd also really love to do the Gibb River Road in Western Australia and get across to the Margaret River. There are so many gorgeous and spectacular places to see in Australia.

***You never know, maybe we'll be members of the Central Coast 4WD Club before you know it and we'll see you back around the tracks in NSW.***



Please click on the links to the Where to Now 4x4 social media accounts to subscribe and follow us so you never miss one of our adventures!



# *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.**

## **TRIP BOOK-IN PROCEDURE—Please familiarise yourself with these procedures to avoid any frustration**

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

**ALL SESSIONS POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**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.

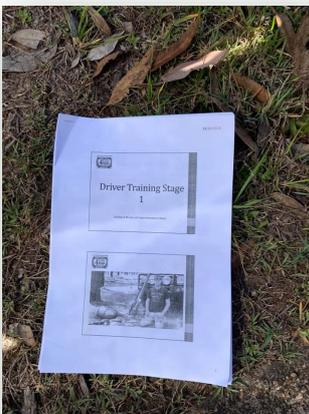
**What to expect:**

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

**ALL SESSIONS POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**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

**PLEASE NOTE: THE WE-LEASER IS CLOSED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE**

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**

**Goes to**

## **Faye Goodman**

**for her endless efforts and contribution to our club**

**Thanks for all your hard work Faysie.**

**We love you!!**

## Club members advertising page

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

Please contact [editor@cc4wdc.org.au](mailto: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.

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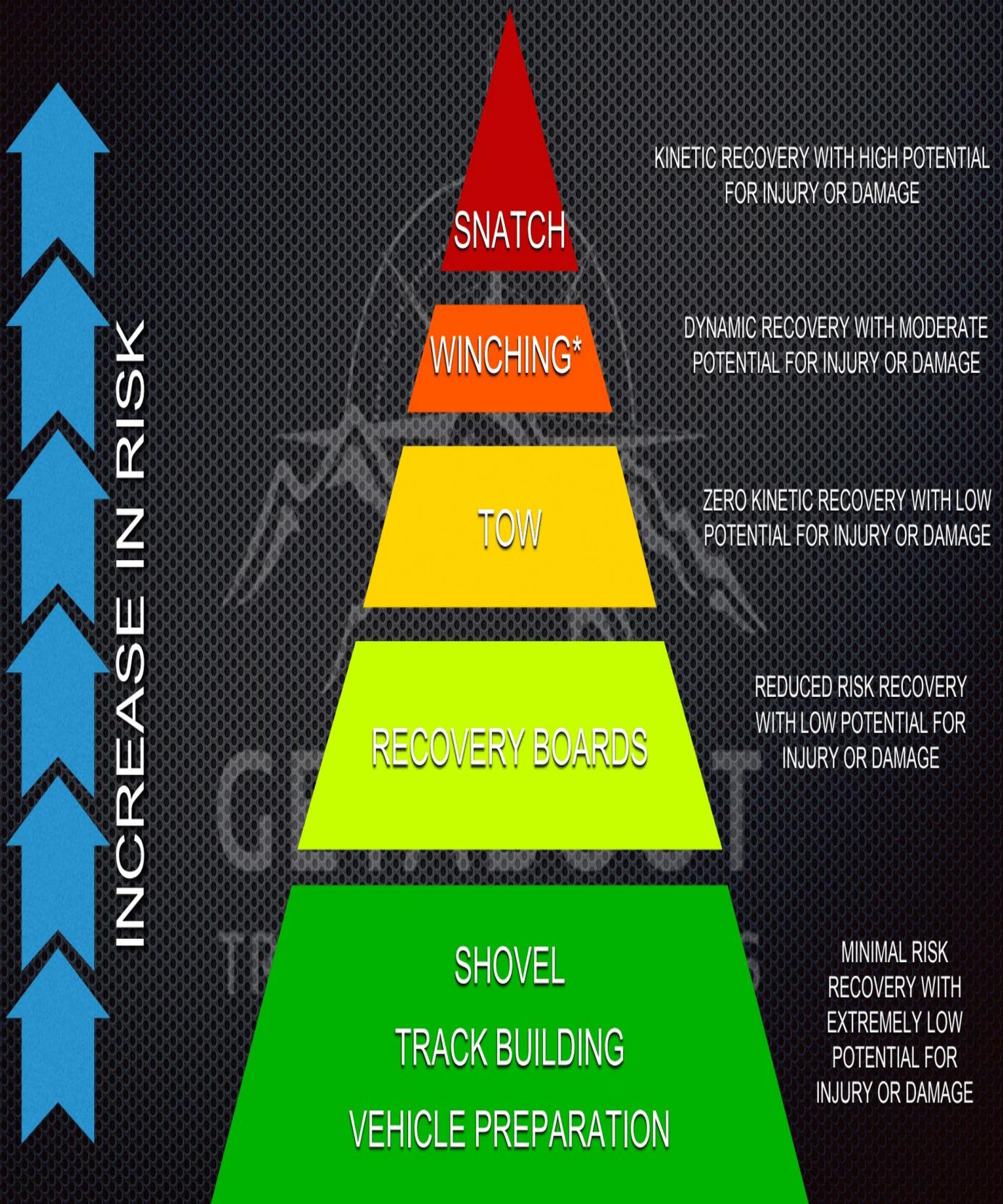


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# HIERARCHY OF RECOVERY



**PLEASE NOTE: THE WE-LEASER IS CLOSED DUE TO  
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*We-Leaser is for use by Financial Club members and their Family.*

*Visitors must have a club member with them*



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 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 4WD driving and the clothing is good value.

Contact: Sean Du Toit – email—[skdutoit@yahoo.com.au](mailto:skdutoit@yahoo.com.au)

<b>Jacket</b> (polar fleece with emblem)	<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>Green sleeveless vest</b> (polar fleece with emblem)	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Club Shirt</b> (with Embroidered Club Logo)	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Long Sleeve Bisley Shirt</b> (with Embroidered Club Logo)	<b>\$45.00</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>
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**Our windscreen stickers are made by one of our club members, Chris Newbold and donated to the club. Thank you Chris!**

# This is Club 4X4 Country



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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  
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yourself in this setting and  
considered what you would  
do if the worst were to happen  
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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?

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[National Parks NSW](#)

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

[Live Traffic NSW](#)

[Rural Fire Service NSW](#)

[Bureau of Meteorology](#) (BOM)

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

## Handy Phone apps

### ***Wikicamps***

a great app with 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

### ***NSW Incident Alerts***

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### ***Fuel Map***

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### ***Live Traffic NSW***

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## **The Driver training unit is always looking for members to become trainers**

### **What's required:**

- **Patience and people skills**
- **First step is to complete Stage 1 and 2 of the club's driver awareness training.**
- **Next you you'll need to obtain your "official" Basic training certificate offered by the NSW 4WD association. You can also go on to do the Advanced Recovery certificate.**
- **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](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

## FOUR WHEEL DRIVE NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION

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- Click here to go to [www.4wdnow.com](http://www.4wdnow.com)
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