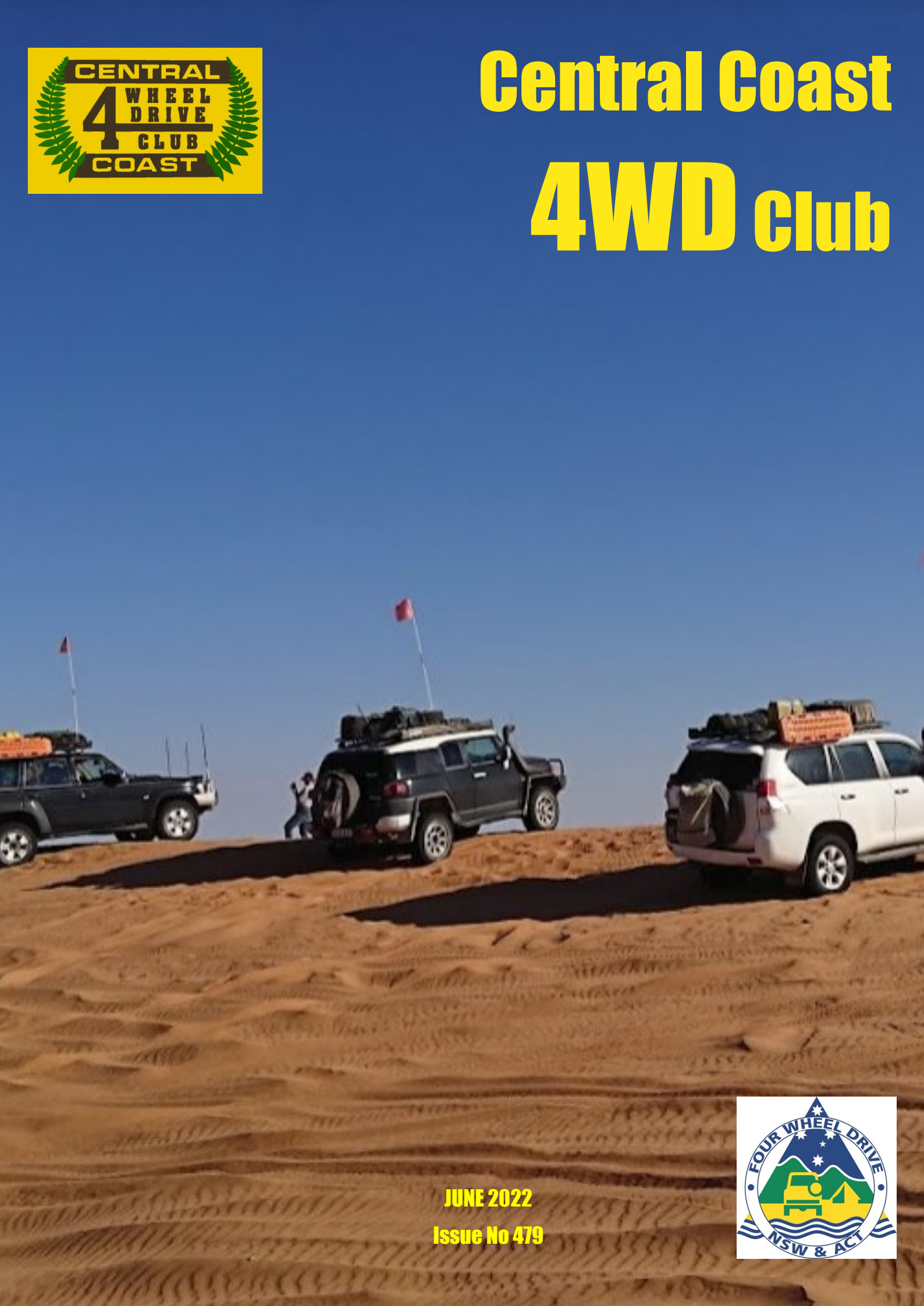
Central Coast 4WD Club



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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

Happy winter members,

Winter means just one thing – XMAS in JULY!!!

We're all pumped for this event after having to cancel due to Covid restrictions the last two years.

Lachy Thomas has hit the ground running and has some awesome plans for this year's event. There will be drives around the Watagans for all levels of experience, fun games for kids, some great camp oven cooking and a roaring fire. Casuarina campground is easily accessible from Cooranbong and there's plenty of room to camp and two drop toilets. Come and stay for as long as you like – you can come for the week, the weekend ,or just a day trip as it's only 45 minutes from the middle of the Central Coast.

And don't forget to bring your best Christmas lights, table decorations and cosy Christmas wear as there will be prizes for the best dressed and best table decorations.

Don't forget membership fees are due by 30 June. If you don't pay by that date, you'll become unfinancial and miss out on all the great benefits of being a club member. You can pay at the June meeting by cash or EFTPOS or by online bank transfer. Details are in this magazine on page 34.

If you have changed any of your details since you joined the club – your vehicle, your email, your address or anything else – please email membership@cc4wdc.org.au with your new details. This will help us to keep you informed of everything that's going on in the club.

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 11 August – right after our August general meeting. At this time all committee positions become vacant.

After seven years on the club's management committee and almost three years as President, I will be stepping down this year. It has been a wonderful experience contributing to the management of the club over these last seven years. I've had a lot of laughs, learnt a lot and hope I have contributed a lot to the club – especially in reviewing all our functions and bringing a lot of our processes online. I believe this work has been essential to "future proof" our club as much as possible for the next few years and make us relevant for a new generation of club members. I hope I'll be leaving a more efficient, modern and tech-savvy club to my successors on the committee.

If you have some four wheel driving skills, tech skills, financial skills, writing skills or just want to help out any way you can, I really encourage you to nominate for a committee position. You will also have the opportunity to contribute to decisions about the club's management. Most committee roles only require 5-10 hours work per month and I guarantee you will find a committee job very rewarding! There are nomination forms and a description of duties for each role in this magazine.

There's still a wood shortage at the lease, so if you are going up there, please take your own wood. When the weather dries out and the repairs around the back gate become possible, we will be looking for some volunteers to help gather wood.

See you all at Xmas in July!!

Cheers,

Faye

From The Editor

Hi everyone and welcome to the June 2022 edition of the magazine.

In this months edition we have 3 awesome trip reports—Jackie Robinsons day spent at Stockton Beach with Camp Quality is a fantastic read, the Funkhana replacement trip to Pol Blue by Bob Montgomery which I thoroughly enjoyed and Lachys trip to the Turon written by the lovely Liz.

There are no new trips planned for June or July at this stage except for the Taralga Trip which I believe is fully booked up. There is a working bee on at the We-Leaser on the Saturday of the June long weekend and volunteers are needed! Also, keep an eye on the Facebook Group page during the month for any last minute trips or gatherings.

Jackie Robinson has organised a Bush First Aid course to be held at the We Leaser in August. Details of this are on page 26. It's an accredited cause which has been discounted and further subsidised by the club.

As Faye mentioned, all committee positions become available on August 11th and anyone in the club can put their hand up for a position on the committee. Job descriptions and the nomination form are on pages 10-13.

Faye has done an amazing job as President and it has been an absolute joy working along side her. Faye has truly made a difference to this club and has created lasting change which has made club management more streamlined and easier to navigate. Thank you Faye! We love you!

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

Happy Days!

Cheers, Claire

Next General Meeting

June 9th, 2022

8pm—Arthur Lake Room
The Entrance Leagues Club
3 Bay Village Road Bateau Bay

Or you can attend by Zoom if you wish!

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 4WD Club General Meeting

THURSDAY MAY 12, 2022 - THE ENTRANCE LEAGUES CLUB & ZOOM

Start time:
8.01pm

Attendees:
As per attached attendance record

Apologies:
John Brown, Helen Tanner, Trevor Banks, Bev Fort, Sandy Chapman, John and Helen Smyth, Beryl and Alan Howard

Visitors:
As per attached attendance record

Minutes of the previous meeting:
Motion: That the minutes for the General Meeting held on 14th April 2022 as published in the magazine be accepted.

Moved: Ken McDonald **Seconded:** Mark Roper **Action:** Carried

Secretary's Report: Narelle Stokes
Correspondence, emails received as tabled.

From	Subject	Response

Hard copy correspondence: Bank Statement

Outward correspondence:

Motion: That the inwards and outwards correspondence that will be presented in the magazine be accepted.

Moved: Tracy Hughes **Seconded:** Tony Clark **Action:** Carried

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Edwards

Michelle presented the following report at the General Meeting to be captured in the meeting minutes and printed in the monthly magazine

Deposits: $ 2,278.20

Monthly Expenditure: $ 1,310.49

Account balance: $ 34,311.40

Investment: $ 10,345.25

Motion: That the Treasurer's report as presented at the meeting and reported above will be accepted.

Moved: Tracey Hughes **Seconded:** Steve Murray **Action:** Carried

Bills for payment:

Who	What	Amount
Mark Roper	DTU	$ 23.75
Mark Roper	DTU	$ 61.10
Mark Roper	DTU	$ 71.67
Libby Finemore	Badges	$ 75.60
Ken McDonald	Irwins Fuel	$ 78.92
Faye Goodman	Members flowers	$ 136.90
Royal Flying Doctors	Donations	$ 372.50
Shave for a Cure	Charity	$ 210.70
Trophy World	Badges	$ 33.00

Motion: That the Bills of payment as presented at the meeting and reported above will be accepted.

Moved: Damien Erickson **Seconded:** Jackie Robinson **Action:** Carried

Membership Officer Report: Libby Finemore

New Members:

Full name	What car they drive
Rhonda Campbell & Brett Jacobson	

Membership presentations: NIL

Vice Presidents Report: Damien Erickson

Facebook post was up for the **'show and shine'** at Wyong Markets on 12 June.

Editor's Report: Claire Campbell

Claire advises to keep the trip notices and trip reports coming. If anyone has any packing and planning tips you swear by before going on a trip, or any camping recipes, please email them through to editor@cc4wdc.org.au

Assistant Treasurer's Report: Alison Wallace

Lease Managers Report: Ken McDonald

Lease is open. Not too boggy. Toilets are usable. Tank has been moved thanks to Jim Elcoate. Allen and Meredith Morton were particularly helpful in this task and we would like to thank them for their assistance. Maintenance is ongoing and a working bee has been organised for long weekend in June. Road in to lease has been graded. Perhaps impacted by the number of visitors and caravans travelling in during the wet. Discussion that we would like to assist Jenny in covering costs for grading. Costing will be taken to next Committee meeting.

Motion: Brushcutter to be approved for the Lease with approval for up to $300

Moved: Tony Clark **Seconded:** Mark Roper **Action:** Carried

DTU Report: Mark Roper

Jenny and Ian Trigg, Nigel Cupitt here to accept their certificate.

Vacancies on 21st and 22nd May Stage 2.

June Stage 1 booked out.

Merchandise Report: Sean Du Toit

Jackets, beanies, work shirts, scarves all available

Raffles: Joyce Hollins

Fire blanket, bag, bushman kettle, Super Cheap Vouchers, Wheel Clamp on raffle this week.

QuarterMaster Report: Peter Glendinning

Nil

Public Relations:

Ange Jeffery coming on board. Hand-over will be occurring in the next couple of weeks.

Edge 4wd has come back on board as an advertiser.

NSW/ACT Association: Jackie Robinson

Maggie (Webmaster) and Craig (President) here as Association representatives visiting our club meeting. Available for any questions.

Jackie did a presentation on her new role. Website is accessible and a good read for members to find out why the Association is important. Monthly newsletters available. Member benefits outline activities available and events. Association website- https://4wdnow.com/

Discussion around Association events. Would be lovely to see more members participating in events to meet up with other clubs and showcase our area.

General Business:

- Kate Poulson will be assisting with Website and social media.
- Thanks for the assistance for those at the lease.
- Tracey approached meeting to ask approval for placing link for their 'Go Fund Me' on our members page.
- Ken produced a series of walks that he has mapped out around the lease.
- Yvonne mentioned that Jenny came through and Ken and Harvey Lopez assisted her to take out her bogged mower and a little furniture removal. Good PR for Club.
- Membership due end of June. $90 per annum. $50 for Gold members who have been continuous members for 15 years or more.
- Barry raised the issue that the Lease is essential to our club. Suggestion is that we move money from our general account to investment account as a buffer in case we ever lose the lease.

Motion: Move $2000 across from general account to our investment account

Moved: Pete Glendinning **Seconded:** Steve Turdak **Action:** Carried

Social Activities:

Items for Sale:

TripMasters Report: Trevor Banks

Lachy standing in for Trip Master

Trip Reports:

Brindabellas: Jackie Robinson

Ray's going to reschedule his runs.

Upcoming Trips:

Month	Where
May	Pol Blue for a chilly weekend this weekend, 13-15 May
28 May	Touring the Turon
4 June	Advance Recovery Weekend
11 June	Capertee Capers—CANCELLED on 31MAY22
11 June	Taralga

Piston Broke Trophy:

Fishers are continuing to hold this prestigious award.

Legend of the Month:

Joyce absconded with the award but consideration for next meeting.

Ken nominates Jim Elcoate for this award for work at the lease.

Fun Fines:

Final Notes:

- The Committee meeting will be held on 23 May via Zoom (unless a physical location is specified). Contact Faye for details - all welcome to attend.
- The next General Meeting will be held on 9 June at the Entrance Leagues Club and on Zoom.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Minutes by Narelle Stokes

President Faye Goodman

CC4WD CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY, 11 August 2022

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 the treasurer in their absence
- Assist membership officer with processing new memberships
- Collect EFTPOS and cash payment at monthly meetings and reconcile them 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
- Maintain relationships with magazine advertisers.
- 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:_____

Subject: 2022 - Annual State-wide permit NSW ACT 4WD Association PAID

Hi Members,

It is probably a good time to reiterate the basic message to all 4WDers of the impacts of un-sealed forest roads use during wet conditions/periods.

Key messages are to:

- Protect roads for all users - plan trip and best avoid any damage to wet roads
- Unsealed roads are easily damaged during wet periods, with silt run-off affecting both condition of road surface and adjacent creeks/aquatic ecology.
- Road collapse and bridge failure are likely after severe weather events. There are already a long list of outstanding road projects, so prevention and prolonging road assets is best option for all.

I know once the rain stops, everyone likes to get out and explore. It would be great if the above messages could get out to your members on top of any other flood messaging etc.

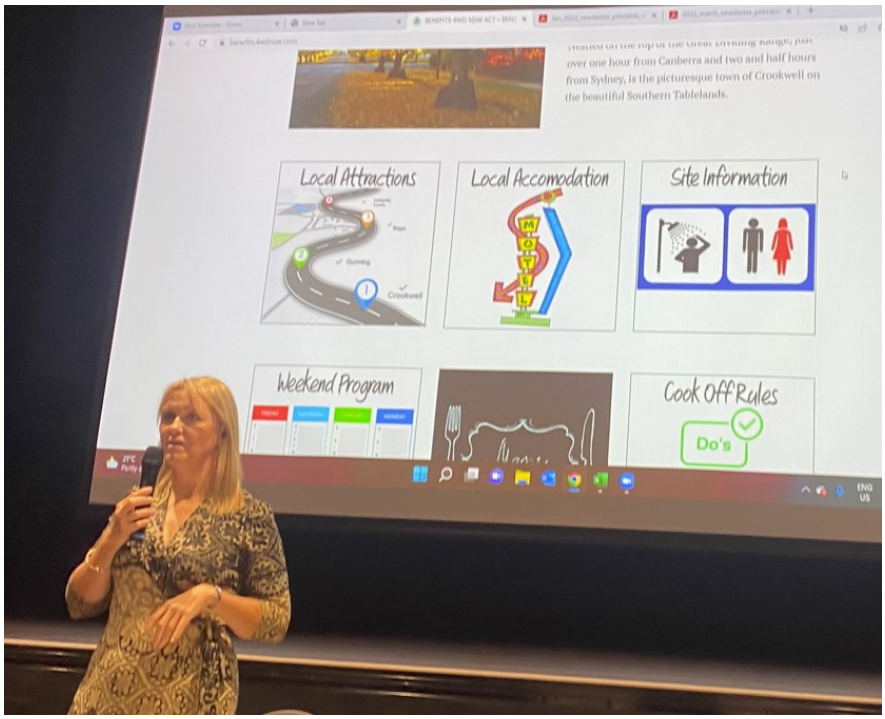
Thanks again Tony.
Appreciate your help,
Mike
Partnerships Leader
Forestry Corporation of NSW | Hardwood Forests Division | Forest Stewardship | Tourism and Partnerships

Photos from the May meeting

We had a large turnout for this month's meeting

It was great to meet some new members who have completed the DTU's training.

Congratulations



Jackie, our NSW & ACT 4WD Association Delegate, gave a presentation on what the association can offer us and what's available on their website.

Vice President Damien advised that members are invited to enter their trucks in a Show and Shine at Wyong Racecourse in June. Contact Damien.

Jackie Robinson gave a trip report on the Brindabella trip

Lachy Thomas was acting Tripmaster this month.

LEGEND OF THE MONTH TROPHY

Remains with

Joyce Hollins

Ken McDonald nominates Jim Elcoate for this award for his excellent work at the Lease

PISTON BROKE TROPHY

Goes to

Ian & Fiona Fisher

The Fishers continue to hold this prestigious award

CC4WDC Association Report

May 2022 Quarterly Meeting

Hosted by Wagga 4WD Club

The Association quarterly meeting was held on the 21st of May with 20 clubs attending on-line and others face to face unmentioned.

I was surprised to find that there was a total of 74 clubs within NSW & ACT Association, 6 of which were already from QLD.

This was a 5-hour meeting on a Saturday morning, and will summarise key points, but the minutes in full can be provided to members if interested when made available.

There were 2 items to consider, and 4 motions for members to vote their preference and provided to the committee for comment which included:

1. Two new Queensland clubs would like to join our Association. **Passed as accepted.**
2. The tender for the office function role was to be finalised. Motions 1 & 2 were passed as accepted, 3 & 4 pending a review and dissemination of key performance indicators being agreed, and contract sent to secretariate.

MOTION ONE
That Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT execute an updated Services Agreement with Very Clever Enterprises Pty Ltd t/a Clever Management Services (Clever) for the Office function. **Passed as accepted**

MOTION TWO
That the remuneration Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT will pay Clever is $9.90 per annum per paid member or pro rata for new clubs. **Passed as accepted**

MOTION THREE

That the term of the Services Agreement between Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT and Clever is 2 years from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024. **Held over pending review of key performance indicators.**

MOTION FOUR

That the Services Agreement between Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT and Clever has an option term for an additional 2 years from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026. **Held over pending review of key performance indicators.**

A background, Very Clever Enterprises (Clever), has been creating and managing the platform that hosts the Association web pages, content and events for several years unpaid, and is solely run by Maggie, the Association Presidents wife. Clever had been managing this as a paid role for the last 18 months until put out to tender and a competitive process followed, offered to all Association members. It was advertised as requiring the applicant to be a sole contractor and not an employee, with only one suitable applicant applying, Clever.

Update on National Parks

It was again brought to the attention of all association members, the pending and proposed increase in governance by national parks, of local beach and council governed land. This having an impact to communities using for dog walking and general access.

The discussion was also raised by a Wagga 4WD Club committee member, regarding the pending management plan of the Gardens of Stone Conservation Area. This is an area recently involved in a graffiti clean up by local clubs in the area and is the subject of draft management plan presented by National Parks. www.environment.nsw.gov.au/consult

The Wagga club delegate emphasised the importance of 4WD Clubs submitting feedback regarding proposed management plans, whether within or outside their local area, for the benefit of all clubs using them.

This discussion I felt was important as it seems in the past, the small numbers of submissions from clubs were ineffectual in allowing or increasing 4WD clubs access, in fact the lack of submissions seemed to reduce the tracks available to us.

It seems that we as a club use these parks and conservations areas including The Gardens of Stone, and in being mindful of our club motto ‘Respect the Great Outdoors’, we should also have a voice in protecting and accessing these sites. Imagine if a new management plan were proposed regarding the Watagan’s, which reduced the ease of access and use of the area for our club? Would we not ask for support from other association club members in supporting our concerns?

I raised the question of how we should comment as a Central Coast Club, and suggested key points be provided by the Wagga 4WD Club, to enable a literature, independent submission prior to the 5th of July.

Wagga 4WD Club have suggested submissions regarding 4WD access be given to the following:

Map Lithgow

Old Drift Road "Pipeline Track"

Lost City Trail

Ranger Bob's Trail

Marrangaroo East Trail

Marrangaroo West Trail

Beecroft Fire Trail or Old Bells Line of Road

Waratah Ridge Road

Wollangambe Trail

Bungleboori Dam Trail Alibaba's Cave

Camp Road " Old Newnes Rail Easement "

Cullen Bullen map

Sunnyside Ridge Road

No 5 trail " Spanish Steps "

Blackfellows Hands Trail

Birds Rock Trail, good view of Carne Creek

No 8 Fire Trail

Angus Place Fire Trail

The other side of Wolgan Road which catches people off guard

Bicentennial Trail to Baal Bone Gap

Long Swamp Trail

Gardiners Gap Trail " it's on the great dividing range "

Cape Horne Trail

Can those who know of these tracks and trails, please forward their thoughts for a combined review and submission to: jackie.robinson66@hotmail.com

You are also able to and encouraged to provide independent submissions and feedback on the draft plan of management or draft master plan, which are outlined at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/consult. The more submissions the better.

If you have any questions about the park or the draft plans, you can also contact npws.parkplanning@environment.nsw.gov.au.

In closing….

Overall, I was impressed with the organisation of the association, and can see clear benefits from being members of it. Clever, in lieu of any other tender, provides an excellent service for very little renumeration, of which Clever has no complaint.

More details can be provided as requested.

Jack Robinson

Upcoming Events in 2022

Refer to following pages for detailed trip notices

Date	Event	Class	Contact	Telephone	Limit
9 June	Club General Meeting	Social			
10—13 June	Taralga Trip	D	Steven Jane	0425 249 879 0422 021 179	6 vehicles
11 June	Working Bee at We-Leaser		Ken McDonald	0423 411 830	!!Volunteers needed!!
19 June	DTU Stage 1—Cooranbong	C	Mark Roper	0420 976 784	8 people
16-17 July	DTU Stage 2—We-Leaser	C	Mark Roper	0420 976 784	6 vehicles
23rd July	Xmas in July	Social	Lachy Thomas		!!Volunteers needed!!
11 August	August General Meeting **Followed by the AGM**	Social			
13 August	Bush First Aid—Accredited		Jackie Robinson	0401 864 070	20 people
14 August	DTU Stage 1—Cooranbong	C	Mark Roper	0420 976 784	8 people
9—11 Sept	Sydney 4WD & Adventure Show—Sydney Dragway, Eastern Creek		https://sydney.4wdshow.com.au/		
17-18 Sept	DTU Stage 2—We-Leaser	C	Mark Roper	0420 976 784	6 vehicles
16 October	DTU Stage 1—Cooranbong	C	Mark Roper	0420 976 784	8 people
19-20 November	DTU Stage 2—We-Leaser	C	Mark Roper	0420 976 784	6 vehicles
26 November	Club Christmas Party—Weleaser	Social	Save the Date!	Save the Date!	!!Volunteers needed!!
28 Dec—6 Jan	Victorian High Country	B/C	Dave Edwards	0418 605 445	No Limit

WORKING BEE AT THE WE-LEASER

SATURDAY JUNE 11TH 2022

(THE JUNE LONG WEEKEND)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The lease is in need of some TLC and you're all invited! We need people to cut and split some wood to replenish the stockpile. General maintenance of the Lease is also needed.

Items to bring with you:

Chainsaws if possible, along with gloves, sturdy boots, a hat, sunscreen and plenty of water! Please be ready to go by 9am on Saturday.

A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided

If you can help out, please let Ken McDonald know— 0423 411 830

The more the merrier!

TARALGA TRIP

10–13 June 2022

Troup Leaders:	Steven and Jane
Cost:	Nil camping fees
Grade D:	Caravans and Campers all welcome
Bring:	Your food, a full tank of fuel, recovery gear, your own water for showering, warm clothes
Meet:	McDonalds at Goulburn off the first exit between 16:30 – 17:00hrs. Fuel up in Goulburn before heading out.
Limit:	6 vehicles

Activities:

This is to be a relaxing weekend. There will be bonfires of a night. Possibly a day trip to the old silver mine and/or to Wombeyan Caves depending on what everyone wishes to do.

Contact:	SMS only Jane 0422 021 179 or Call Steven on 0425 249 879

Xmas in July

23 - 24 July 2022

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 Lachlan Thomas on 0403 083 191 to let him know what you will be able to assist with.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bush First Aid

RTO Accredited HLTAID011

- Provide First Aid

Trip Leader: Jack Robinson

Mobile: 0401 864 070

Email: jackie.robinson66@hotmail.com

When: Saturday 13th of August **9am** start

Where: We Leaser

Class: Ungraded no driving

Cost: $120

Bring: Bag of wood, food etc

Limit: 20 people

Minimum requirements: Completion of online pre-learning, USI number or registration for certification.

This bush first aid accredited, and certificated course is provided by Sue Wells from Express First Aid, at a reduced price and subsidized by the club also for members.

This fun, interactive course run previously at the lease, will provide you with first aid tailored to the bush environment.

In the course you will cover first aid scenarios such as, severe blood loss, snake bites, asthma and anaphylaxis, chest pain, broken limbs, burns, hypothermia, hyperthermia, diabetes etc., as well as training in use of defibrillator and CPR.

VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY TRIP

28 December 2022 – 6 January 2023

Base camp at Talbotville - Camper trailer and caravan friendly

All Club members welcome including children. No limit.

Organisers: Dave & Michelle Edwards

Talbotville is a large flat, FREE camping area on the Crooked River with some shady trees. There are lots of options for day trips to iconic tracks such as Blue Rag and Billy Goats, as well as an overnight trip to the Wonnangatta Valley. Dargo has the closest supplies with a pub, fuel and basic food about 30km away. For those not wanting to 4WD each day there is the option of exploring nearby gold diggings at Grant or lazing in the river.

Rated Class C with possibility of Class B depending on weather and conditions

Essential Requirements:

- Roadworthy vehicle with cooling system and brakes in excellent condition
- 2 inch suspension lift recommended
- All terrain tyres, light truck rated with a minimum of 50% tread.
- Front and rear rated recovery points
- Recovery gear

Expressions of interest from volunteers to run day trips

More details will follow over the next few months.

Contact: Dave Edwards on 0418605445 for more information or to register your interest.

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.

A NOTE FROM OUR TRIPMASTER

Have a place you wish to go to? Would like company but are not sure on what to do?

Why not make it a club trip?

Having other members along provides company, security and emergency assistance if required.

Advantages of running a trip:

You are out in the lead out of the trailing dust

You get to see the wildlife before it disappears into the bush

You cannot make a wrong turn – every turn is just an exploration for a future trip

You might think it a hard job to run a club trip be it for a day or longer, but the truth is it's a lot easier than you think!

Steps:

1. Pick a location or event that you would like to go to
2. Gather information – from Club members, Google, magazines & books
3. Pick a time to go (longer trips may require a spreadsheet to plan out the days, distances, accommodation/ campgrounds, sightseeing, fuel and comfort stops). Things to note in your trip plan are: time/date, location, trip grade (A,B,C,D,E), assembly time/ location and group size, what to bring
4. Contact the club Trip master (tripmaster@cc4wdc.org.au) to confirm the trip for advertisement. Preferably 1-2 months or more in advance for the magazine – however, short notice trips can always be advertised on our internal club Facebook group
5. The Trip master will then pass a folder to you to record trip attendance. At the completion of the trip, you just give the completed document back to the tripmaster or you can download the trip attendance document from the members area of our club website
6. We recommend that trip participants have a medical form in the glovebox of their vehicle. This only needs to be completed once (or whenever their medical details change) Here's a link to this form on our website
7. The Read before Signing form is to inform members why they are signing the attendance sheet & they will follow club rules & guidance by the trip leader whilst on the trip. Here's a link to this form on our website
8. Trip attendance sheet is a list of attendees and contact details if required. (To be returned to club Tripmaster on trip completion) Here's a link to this form on our website. Here's a link to this form on our website
9. Ask for a volunteer or pick somebody to do a verbal report at the next club meeting and a second volunteer to do a written report for the Magazine with photos if possible. A good incentive for a prompt start is to assign these jobs to anybody who turns up late at the trip start. Also on longer trips you may consider having an exercise book and pass it from car to car each day to record events from all the trip members to form a basis for the magazine report.
10. Enjoy the trip / event and have a great time!

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.

Convoy Procedure

- Trip leaders to remind all drivers about convoy procedure before moving off
- Trip leaders to check that everyone on the trip has enough water, fuel, recovery gear and food
- Trip leaders to inform all participants of the radio channel (and alternate radio channel in the event of too much interference on the first channel) to be used and ensure everyone can hear them before moving off
- The trip leader will appoint a “Tail End Charlie” who always travels at the back of the convoy. Their job is to acknowledge and confirm all communication from the trip leader and ensure all vehicles are on the road whenever setting off
- Trip leaders to let Tail End Charlie know the state of any gates (whether open or closed) and Tail End Charlie must leave them in the same state they were found in
- Trip leaders to advise all participants of upcoming turns/hazards etc and make sure the Tail End Charlie has acknowledged any communication
- Do not drive in a manner or at a speed that could endanger yourself or any another participant
- If driving through steep or hazardous terrain always ensure the vehicle in front has passed through the hazard/steep section before you proceed and pay particular attention to the vehicle behind you, to ensure they’ve safely navigated the hazard
- Make sure you maintain visual contact with the vehicle behind you. At intersections, stop and wait until the driver behind acknowledges they’ve seen the turn
- If you need to leave the convoy, you must let the trip leader know
- If the convoy gets too spread out, the trip leader can appoint someone to be a relay between the trip leader and Tail End Charlie
- If a recovery is necessary, the trip leader will take control and delegate if necessary. If you’re not directly involved, make sure you stay well away from the recovery
- When in convoy, stay in your designated position. Eg: 4th car in the convoy. Do not overtake the vehicle in front without their permission
- Do not reverse or drive in the opposite direction to other vehicles in the convoy
- Always drive with headlights on
- Although the preferred communication is by radio, if you can’t contact other drivers via radio, you should flash your headlights
- Using radios to communicate doesn’t replace the need for convoy procedures to keep everyone safe and on the right track

Trip Reports

There are written and verbal trip reports for each trip undertaken. At the beginning of each trip, the Trip Leader will request a volunteer for the written and verbal reports. Usually, the last person to turn up to the meeting place is assigned the coveted job of writing the trip report for the magazine.

How to submit a trip report:

⇒ Take notes as you travel and take lots of photos along the way

⇒ When you get home, type up your report in Word or Publisher (we use Publisher to compile the magazine) and include your photos in the document.

⇒ If you prefer to send your photos separately, please label your photos with the location and names of people etc.

⇒ Please upload your photos to Google Drive, OneDrive, DropBox or a similar file sharing service and email the link with your Word or Publisher document to editor@cc4wdc.org.au.

⇒ You can always refer to past magazines for examples of how a trip report is presented.

If you have any questions at all, please email the Editor at editor@cc4wdc.org.au

Trip Notices

What to include in a Trip Notice

First of all, a big thanks to you for running a trip! We appreciate that there is a lot of planning and thought which goes in to leading a trip.

When you are writing up your trip report to be advertised in the magazine, please include the following details:

Trip Leader:	Name and contact details
Where to meet:	Include as much detail as possible including the time
The location of the trip:	
The Grade of the trip:	Please refer to the Trip Classification codes
Vehicle limit:	the maximum number of vehicles permitted on the trip
What to bring:	Please be detailed here eg: food and water requirements, a bag of firewood, full tank of fuel, recovery gear, swimmers
Minimum requirements:	Eg: must have completed stage 1 or 2 driver awareness, snorkel, recovery points, working UHF radio, winch
Costs:	Please note here if there are any costs involved. Eg: camping fees, museum or entry fees, booking fees, meals, accommodation etc

Please then write a summary of the trip so people know whether the trip would be suitable for them. Include where you'll be heading, where'll you camp/stay, any highlights/points of interest along the way, then conclude with how, when and where the trip will finish up.

Another fantastic addition to any trip notice are some photos you have taken on previous trips to showcase some of the highlights of the trip. Please do not leave this up to the editor to include any photos.

Once you have all the details in your trip notice, please email in Word or Publisher format to tripmaster@cc4wdc.org.au so the Trip Master can log the trip AND to editor@cc4wdc.org.au so it can be included in the next magazine.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

due 30th June 2022

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

Camp Quality Stockton Beach

May 1, 2022

by Jackie Robinson

The Hunter Region 4WD Council organised this year's 22nd Annual Camp Quality Family Fun-day, on behalf of the clubs in the region on the 1st of May 2022.

The day started at the meeting point near West Mayfield, meeting the 13 families, (43 individuals), and 4 Camp Quality Volunteers. Escorting them were the 44 members from the Hunter Region 4WD clubs which included the Central Coast, Newcastle Districts and Lakes Touring, but by far the biggest turn out being from the Port Hunter 4WD Club who hosted this year's event.

Some families were spread over 2 vehicles due to numbers and car seats but were able to easily keep in contact over the radios and at stops along the way.

My family included a recently widowed mum and 2 primary school children, who were keen and excited to see their transport for the day, excitedly jumping in and starting to devour of a large bag of chips, crackers, and chocolate they found on the back seat, before we left the car park.

The adventure continued by airing down at the beach car park, before driving along the National Parks side to the left of Stockton beach and stopping for morning tea at the wreck. The surf was up on the day and the wreck was difficult to see, but the weather was calm and incredible sunny considering the previous days weather. A group photo was had on one of the many trees and driftwood displaced along the beach in recent bad weather and swells.

We then proceeded in small convoys of 5 cars, to take it in turns to drive as fast as the kids could scream, up the giant sand dune. Some took a long run up, some decided to try from standstill at the bottom, and some just got bogged. None of the CC4WDC cars were among those requiring any shovels I might add, but sadly there were only 3 cars from our club. Time after time we drove up and down the dunes, even the adults clinging on as we bounced our way up and down.

When the screams to go 'faster, faster' had dulled slightly, we all rolled off the beach to be escorted to the Aboriginal side of Stockton by National Parks Rangers, to a secluded spot seemingly untouched by humans, and populated by a chorus of frogs.

Tina from Port Hunter Club had organised a catering team for the second year, with more than 11 volunteers who organised a BBQ lunch (of really good sausages I might add being sausage and sausage roll fanatic), and a bright yellow Camp Quality cake kindly donated. Tina co-ordinated volunteers, tables, gazebos, BBQ's, and a toilet trailer in the middle of the sand dunes, quickly set up the catering tent and cooked lunch for a hungry bunch of smiley faces.

One of the field rangers gave an interesting display of bush medicine, showing all how to treat insect bites and make soap from the vegetation that surrounded us. The ranger went on to show the younger ones how to make whistles out of grasses and use stones and soil to paint on their faces and bodies.

With some interesting paint effects, we climbed up a nearby sand dune to find an even steeper slope in which to use the sand boards provided by the rangers.

It wasn't only the youngers ones that flew down the dunes that afternoon, but were unfortunate enough to have to carry their own and those of the little peoples sand boards back to the top…..repeatedly.

After a lovely family day in the sun, all then returned to the car park, aired up, and returned to the meeting point. Some had drifted into the land of dreams whilst others asked to go again next time.

After farewells and goodbyes, further connections were made between the clubs, emails and contacts shared and promises or catching up on shared club trips.

I had never participated in this event in the past and truly enjoyed being able to do something for someone else experiencing challenging times.

Giving to others, volunteering, truly gives something back to you that is hard to put into words. Giving your often stretched time seems to provide more time to yourself and impacts positively to your own wellbeing.

I will sign up again next year and hope we can represent our great club with even more Central Coast 4WD Club cars and members next year.

Not the Funkhana - Barrington Tops

Trip report

14-15 May 2022

Faye Goodman	Ranger	Jack Robinson	Prado
Lachy Thomas	Ranger	Michelle & Dave Edwards	Prado
Bob Montgomery	Ranger	Linda Seymour - Ray Hill	Pajero

Way back in time, long before Covid, we moved up to the Central Coast and went about looking for a 4WD club. We found this club and attended a meeting. The President of the time Russell Ashdown, invited us to the We-leaser to see what the club was about. We found the We-lease easy enough and found ourselves entered as club guests in a Funkhana—a WHAT? Turned out a "Funkhana" is a fun friendly competition with driving games, some map reading skills (paper maps that is) and various other 4WD related skill games. Anyhow, the crux of this ramble is we won that Funkhana and were made so welcome, we joined this club at the next meeting. When we saw a Funkhana on the calendar this year, well count us in!

Unfortunately the weather put the kibosh on festivities at the We-lease but undaunted, our fearless President came up with a plan to move the festivities up to Pol Blue at Barrington Tops, a great choice. It's a top camping spot with the bonus of a sturdy shelter with a big fireplace, perfect!

We became I as Monica felt under the weather after a flu shot, so Friday saw me speeding (figuratively) up the Putty Rd (we no longer live on the coast) towards Scone and Barrington Tops. The drive up from Moonan Flat was shrouded in cloud with a constant heavy drizzle, and the odd cow appearing out of the mist, making for an interesting drive on a greasy road. It was good to get to a clear camp and find some friendly faces — hello Jack and Lachy! I introduced myself to Linda and Ray not having met them before. I put my tent up, grabbed a beer and all was good with the world.

Saturday saw President Faye (minus TC, mate?) along with Michelle and Dave arrive in time for morning tea. After they were set up, Faye led us out on a tour. The main road through the park to Gloucester is currently closed which is why we had all accessed the park via Scone. Road and track closures are not unusual at the moment considering the current weather patterns so we drove towards Gloucester to the road closed sign and turned left. Considering the many visits I've made to the Barringtons, I'd never been out to the North East. WOW! The views out over the ranges here are easily as stunning as anything you will see down in the Victoria

Faye led us out along Pheasant Creek Rd onto Wrights Trail where we spotted the brumbies, we then followed the Tomalla Road, Poly Fogal Road and then Carters Trail which is where we get back to the slippery track. Faye to her credit, gave a real slippery section a red hot go but sometimes things just aren't meant to be. The track looked okay but was off camber, the ground was sodden, and once the surface is broken well the conditions aren't getting any better. These situations show the best of people. Shovels and Maxtrax appeared, a discussion was had, a plan made and the team got to work. It took a few attempts but with some digging and creative use of the Maxtrax, Faye was on her way. The rest of us stayed further left well out of the goo and regrouped at the top of the hill for lunch and to clean up.

After lunch we were on the Gummi Road and stopped at the bridge over the Manning River, there is supposed to be a walking track to a waterfall from here, we didn't find it but admired the rapids and pondered how long a large foamberg would be caught and rotate endlessly in an eddy upstream, this was also where we saw the wombat, from here it was back to camp.

Pol Blue campsite has a big communal shelter with a great fireplace, we were lucky to have this to ourselves so a big fire was in order, Various camp ovens appeared. Rays oven was very swish — it's a handmade stainless job made whilst he was a tutor at TAFE. Lachy slow cooked a beef dish that smelled delicious just to prove there's not a lot he can't turn his hand to. Dinner over and the fireside stories came out, everyone knows the rule, "what you hear or happens on the trip, etc" haha!

Sunday we woke to a beautiful cloud free sky, an easy pack up with dry tents which is good. Faye then took us out via Tomalla Road which again has stunning views out over the ranges. We passed more MAMILs on their way back to Gloucester. We aired up at the bottom of the mountain and agreed Gundy Hotel sounded good for lunch. Bugger! Closed because of the covid. Aberdeen then! An hour wait for food! Sod it, a picnic in the park it was. We said our goodbyes here and just down the road at Muswellbrook the rain started, the first since Friday. By the time I got to the Putty Road it had stopped and I had the 10 mile to myself—Woohoo! if you ride motorcycles this might mean something to you. Anyhow, a fun drive home.

I'd like to thank Faye for relocating the Funkhana — no it wasn't a Funkhana in the end but it was fun. I got to spend a pleasant weekend with some good people which in the current climate is good for our mental health. I'm looking forward to club trips returning to somewhat how they were pre-covid.

Cheers, Bob.

!!! TOURING THE TURON !!!

28.05.2022-29.05.2022

Trip report and photos by Liz Thomas

Attendees: *Lachy (trip leader) & Liz, Ian & Jenny, Allan, and Bob & Monica*

On a brisk Saturday morning the troops gathered at Lithgow McDonalds to learn what adventures Lachy had in store for the weekend. As a first order of business the seasoned club members welcomed new members Ian & Jenny Trigg who quietly advised this was their first club trip. This made our seasoned members give them an even warmer welcome and made the group even more excited for the days ahead.

Approximately 24 minutes into the trip a motion was raised by Sir Allan; 'What happens on the Turon trip, stays on the Turon trip'. This motion was seconded by Lady Porteous. Motion carried.

*Disclaimer - you really should have been there. It was amazing!

CLUB EQUIPMENT

Are you having a get together, party or going on a trip?

The CC4WD Club has equipment which is available to go on loan to its Members

Some of this equipment includes:

- Fold up tables (located at the lease)
- A gas barbeque
- Gazebos

Should members wish to borrow this equipment please contact either:

Club Quartermaster—Peter Glendinning on 0407 201 120

Club Trip Leader—Trevor Banks on 0428 972 763

Driver Awareness Training

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

Stage One for 2022

19 June, 14 August, 16 October

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:

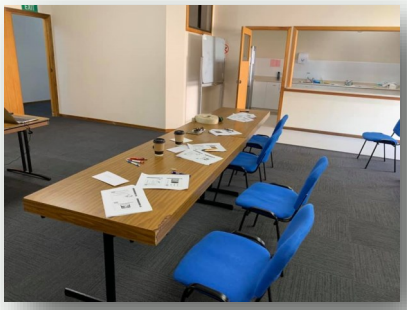
Stage One training is an introductory course to 4WD. The day is split into two parts, initially at the community centre and involves theory, starting with the basic mechanics and safety knowledge of a 4x4.

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.

Please keep an eye on the members Facebook group for any updates/date changes



Driver Awareness Training

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

Stage Two for 2022

16-17 July, 17-18 September, 19-20 November

Where: Club Lease 'We-Leaser' Dungog

What to bring: Food and drink for the two days, however, dinner is provided on the Saturday night. 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 & 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 need and tidy for **everyone's** enjoyment, so if you would like to put your name down to help out, please contact the Lease Manager—Ken McDonald, to register your interest.

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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Convict Trail Project May 2022 Newsletter

A VIRTUAL WALK UP THE GNR: Finches Line or the first ascent from Wisemans Ferry

[Contributed by Elizabeth Roberts using information from the Convict Trail Project's CMP]

The initial line for the Great North Road at Wisemans Ferry was selected by Heneage Finch in 1825. This included a river crossing about 1.5kms downstream from Lower Portland Head (now Wisemans Ferry) at the narrowest point of the river.

This 5km ascent was constructed by No 25 Road Party (not working in Irons) between 1827 and 1828 under the supervision of Lt Jonathan Warner. Work commenced at both ends. As constructed, the ascent of Finches Line is relatively narrow and has a steep gradient, especially on the zig-zag section where the radius of the curves is only about 8 to 10 meters. The supporting work for the roadway is generally of coursed rubble masonry walling. The stones were either roughly squared with some attempt at coursing and jointing or better prepared stones, allowing rough jointing, more definite coursing and sometimes

with tooled faces but the stones are generally not of standard shape or size. Some sections of walling have collapsed particularly in the area of the main zigzag and probably relates to the steep hillside and the original poorer standard of construction and drainage. Other sections with low walling have only roughly stacked stones with no attempt at coursing or jointing. Finches Line only has fairly small scale drainage structures, including several small box culverts.

In 1829 either Mitchell or Darling decided that this zig-zag ascent was too steep and circuitous and Mitchell marked the new line via Devines Hill in 1829. The construction of Finches Line was abandoned shortly afterwards with the abrupt removal of No. 25 Road party. This left the central portion of Finches Line unfinished but useable. Several piles of cut stone lie beside this unfinished section.

As a 1820s road line, Finches Line is one of the oldest surviving roads north of the Hawkesbury. Its narrow, winding formation and simpler construction provides a dramatic contrast to the more scientific road-building ascent up Devines Hill. Associated with Finches Line on the hillside just above the road, before the current entry to Finches Line, are the remains of a stone hut dug into the hillside, reputed to have been a gun powder store. It may also have been a food store as, being dug into the hillside, it would have acted as a primitive cool-room. Also associated with Finches Line is the 25 Road Party graffiti near where Finches Line joins the Great North Road - a large engraving on a vertical rock face.

The latest news on Thomas James Bridge and the collapsed walling:

In late April Jenny Brand, DLHHS member and friend of the Convict Trail, managed to take some photographs of the damage to the walling at Thomas James Bridge.

Following our letter writing last month we have had very satisfactory replies from the Department of Planning and Environment (the division that manages the NSW section of 11 Australian Convict Sites that are World Heritage listed), Central Coast Council and Hawkesbury City Council. Hawkesbury City Council has cleared the site of vegetation growing on the walling for urgent access as shown in Jenny Brand's photos, inspected the damaged area and carried out interim works to secure the site from further erosion and slope instability. They have also put protection in place to facilitate temporary vehicular access for residents living along Settlers Road. Having stabilized the site HCC are now progressing with permanent remediation of the site which will involve a formal review of environmental factors (REF). The following quote is from their letter to the CTP:

"This process would take into consideration and address the concerns raised in your [CTP] correspondence. Hawkesbury City Council is setting up a dedicated team to take over the responsibility of all tasks associated with the immediate and permanent restoration of damaged assets at Settlers and Great North Roads. Further briefing would be provided to your organization [the CTP] in the near future as works progress on site."

USEFUL LINKS & WEBSITES:

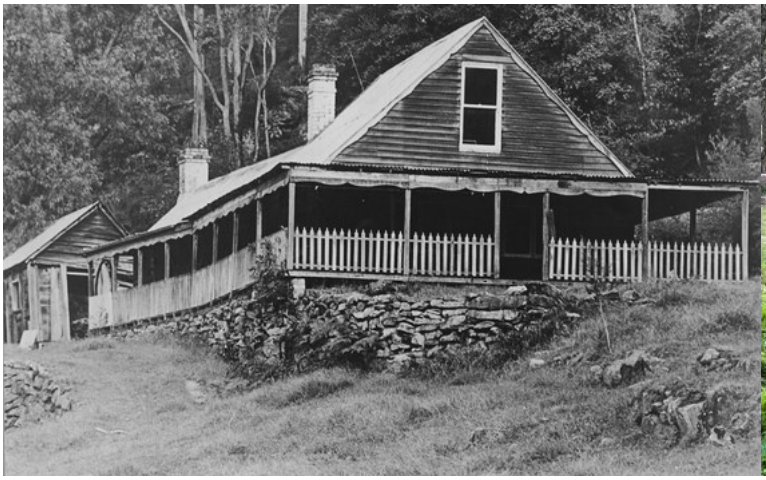
NSW Heritage Festival continues until 31 May Http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/nsw/

From the **History Council of NSW newsletter—**Heritage Ventures - 'The Secrets of Dubbo Gully'

When: Saturday 14 May, 9:00 am - 4:00pm.

Where: Dubbo Gully Road, Mangrove Mountain.

Admission: $65 (general admission). Tour leader Belinda Cook destinations Dubbo Gully; On this walking tour we drop down into Dubbo Gully to Mangrove Creek and explore the hidden sites of a former community. First fleet lemons and blackberries, former orchards and slab huts. Our expert guides illuminates the histories of settlers from the 1830s and 1840s and living stories from growing up in the area - fireball hill and snake gully. We trace the original road from Sydney to the coast across heritage wooden bridges within the extraordinary landscape of Gymea Lilies, sandstone bluffs and trickling creeks. Morning tea at The Hub, Mangrove Mountain. Please bring your own lunch for during the walk.



Tour Leader Belinda Cook is an accredited outdoor adventure guide who loves sharing the magic of adventure with others. Belinda has been exploring the wild places of the Central coast for over 20yrs and has built up an extensive knowledge of the hidden trails and out of the way places along with expertise in local flora and fauna identification. Her BA is in History and English. Belinda is joined by local historian Dr Bernadette Flynn who brings a rich knowledge of the public and social history of the Mangrove Creek catchment area.

Book Tickets

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-secrets-of-dubbo-gully-tickets-268328958137

And in closing ….

Unfortunately, we have received an email from a long time CTP Board member and ardent supporter, Barbara Appleton, resigning from the CTP Board. “The time has come for me to formally resign from the Board. I am moving out of the district quite soon. Thank you all for the interest and challenges the Convict Trail has provided for the last sixteen years. For those who may want to keep in touch, emails will be welcome. Meanwhile, I will have to explore the history of Mudgee.”

We thank Barbara for her practical support in all our endeavours over the past 16 years. The CTP publication program benefited from her excellent literary and editorial skills and the CTP Board was all the stronger for having her as an active member. We wish her well in her move to Mudgee.

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

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))

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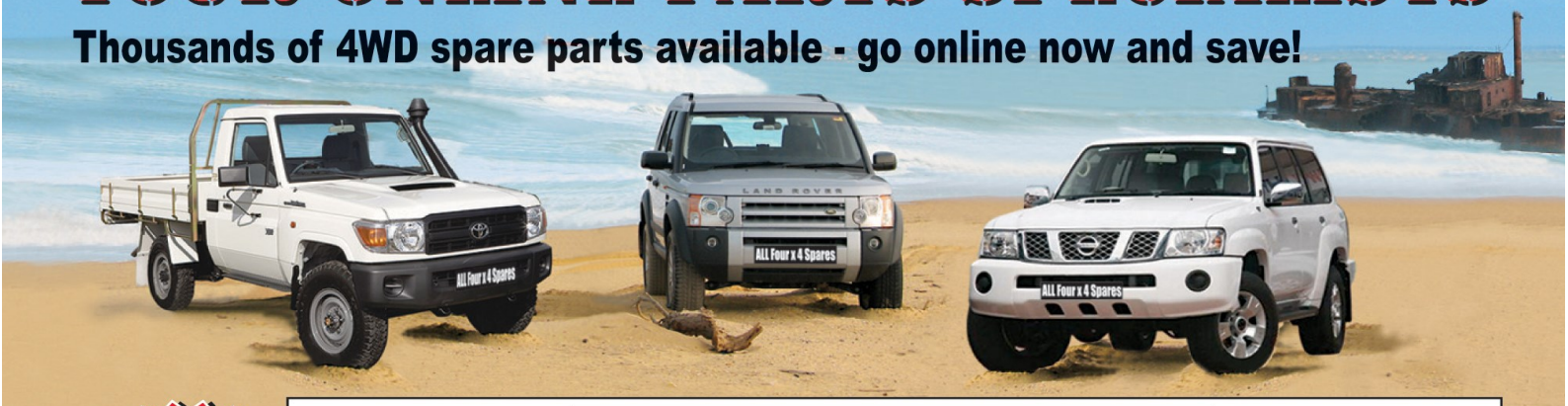

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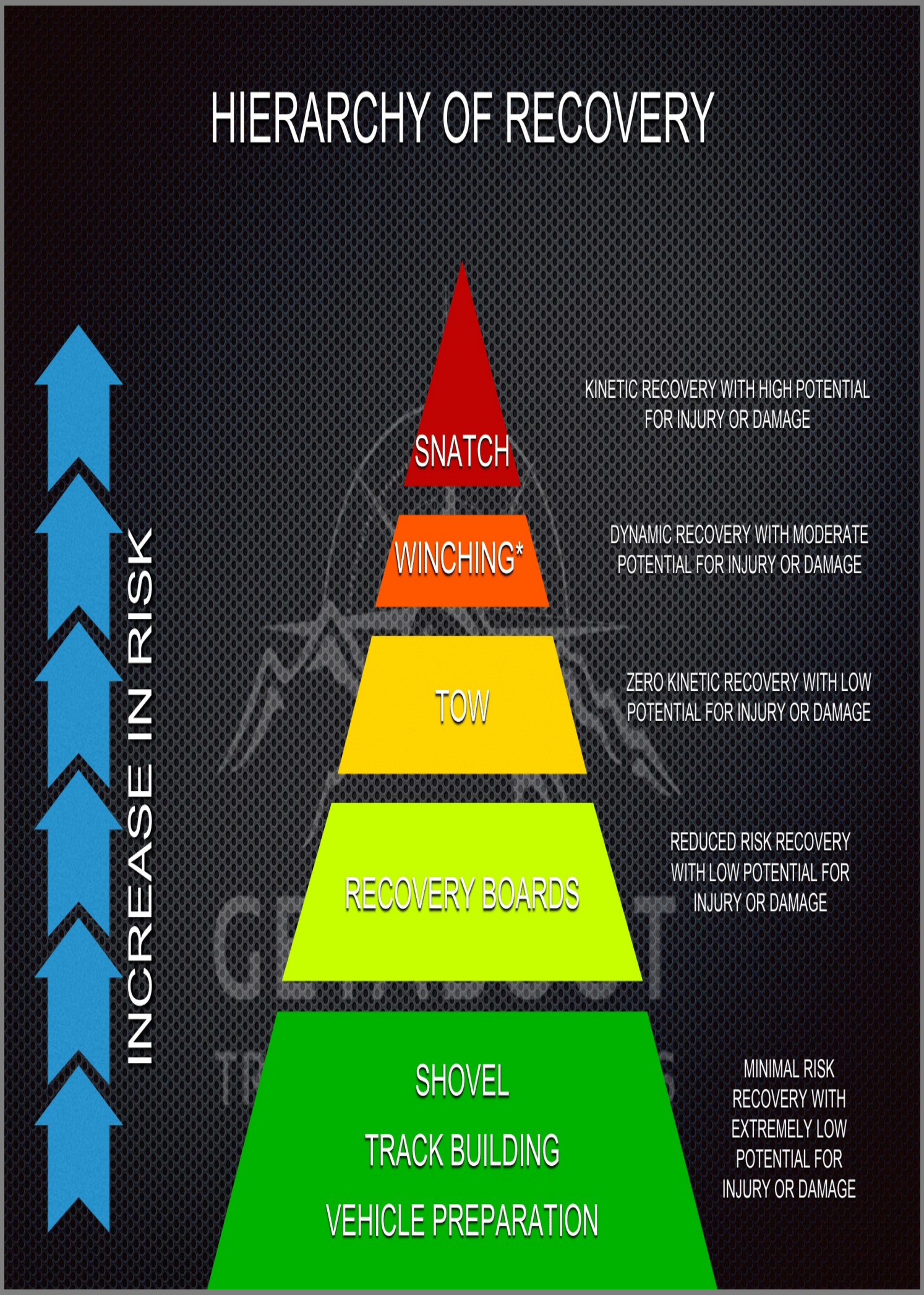
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We-Leaser is for use by Financial Club members and their Family.

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

Guidelines for use of We-leas-er

The Lease Manager for 2022 is Ken McDonald

Contact: 0423 411 830

- These guidelines have been prepared in conjunction with the property owner and reflect the club's ethics to ensure that everyone enjoys their time at the property.
- Everyone is expected to treat the property with care and respect.
- Club members must accompany any visitors for duration of stay.
- You must sign in on the forms provided as soon as you arrive. Sign in forms are located in the box attached to the pole inside the café.
- Always check current fire restrictions for the area before lighting a fire. Make sure that the fire is properly extinguished before the last person goes to bed and/or before leaving the property.
- Please use the established firepit to avoid fire burns all over the property.
- Rubbish must all be taken home with you.
- We only lease the 30 acres around the camping area. Please do not drive to any other parts of the property.
- Motor bikes and any unregistered vehicles are not allowed on the property. We aren't insured for these, and our lease doesn't allow it.
- Don't feed the animals on the property.
- When-ever possible, replace firewood you use with timber from outside the property. Do not collect fire-wood from the property.
- The tanks on the property collect rainwater and are not for drinking. They may also be empty if it hasn't recently rained, so please always carry your own water.
- When using the barbecue or the burners, please turn off the gas at the bottle as soon as you finish cook-ing, otherwise it will leak. If the gas bottles are empty, there are 2 options:

  1. Pay to get them refilled and request reimbursement by emailing a copy of your receipt and bank de-tails to the treasurer at treasurer@cc4wdc.org.au

  2. Use our account at the garage at the top of the town as you come in (contact the lease manager for how to use our account if using this option). If using this option, please remember to email a copy of the invoice provided to you to treasurer@cc4wdc.org.au

- No domestic animals or pets are allowed.
- Before you leave, please check the following:
  - ⇒ Double check the gas is off at the bottle to ensure no leakage.
  - ⇒ Make sure the café gates are closed so livestock can't get in and make a mess
  - ⇒ Make sure the toilet and shower doors are closed.

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.

1st June 2020

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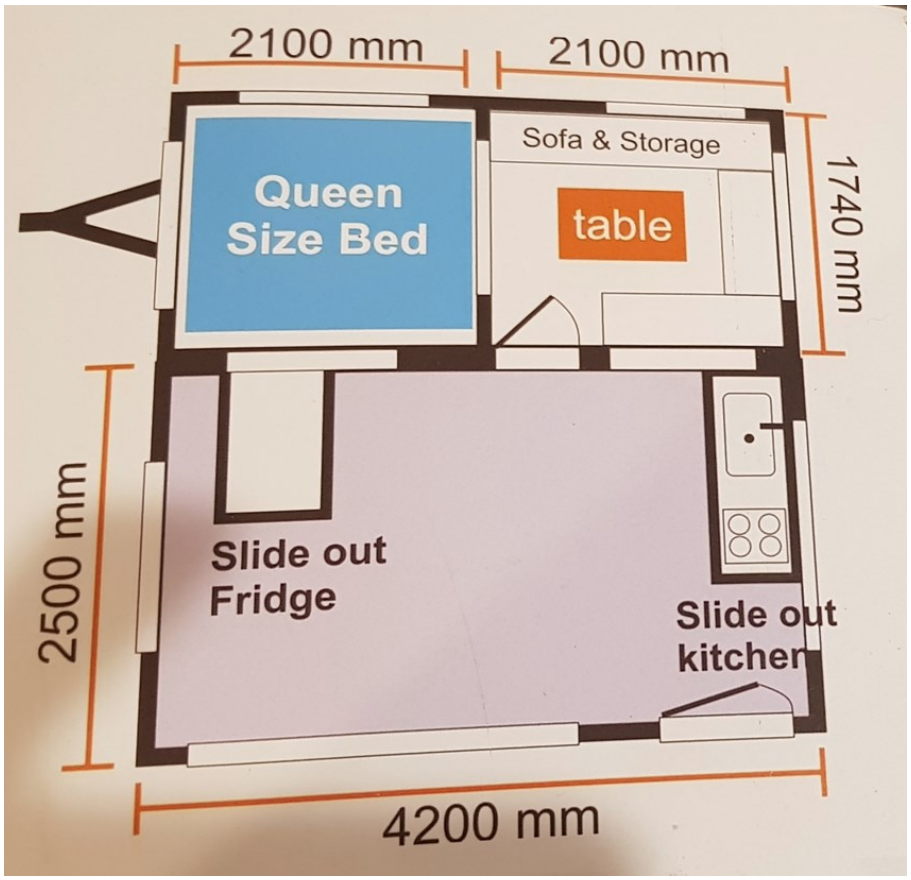

How to purchase club merchandise

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 4WDriving 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**
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Scarves (with Embroidered Club Logo)	**$18.00**
Stubby Holders (with Logo)	**$5.00**
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Memory Maps

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Fires Near Me NSW

(there are equivalents in other states if you are venturing further afield)

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NSW Incident Alerts

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Fuel Map

Guide to fuel locations

Live Traffic NSW

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

The website is a great resource with information about our club as well as club magazines, up coming trips, past trips, FAQ's and important and relevant club documentation.

There is also a members only area on the website. Please contact one of our committee members for the password. In this section, you can access a link to Club 4 x 4—our Club's preferred insurance provider where you will receive a discount on your insurance.

If you have anything you would like to contribute please email publicity@cc4wdc.org.au

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CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

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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!.

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