



# Central Coast 4WD Club



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## CLUB MONTHLY MEETINGS

Club meetings are held on the SECOND THURSDAY of each month at 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 FEB 2023

Welcome to 2023 and the first edition of our club magazine for the year. Hope you all had a great Christmas and New year period and enjoyed the much-improved weather conditions for the holiday time. I have seen a few travel pics and stories on the Facebook site of some of your travels. Hoping that 2023 will bring us great weather and remove so many of the challenges we have faced over the last few years with weather and pandemics that have dramatically affected our travel and camping plans.

Our Driver Training will re-commence in February with a few people waiting to attend the training days that were delayed from last year. Driver Training is always looking for members to join the team and increase your own 4wd skills. Also, our Lease maintenance roster I believe has rolled over from last year, so your names may re-appear in the same month as they did in 2022. If there is any problem with you keeping that commitment for the month, if you can let Ken or Yvonne now and others may be able to fill the gap.

There is a Trip Leaders training day mid February and this will hopefully encourage more trip planning for day trips and longer. This is being conducted through the 4wd association and hoping that we may see more training and other events being organised by the association throughout the year. There are a few trips in the planning for the year and looking forward to getting out while conditions are good.

I was able to get out in January and test out my new caravan for the first time. Visiting family in Brisbane and in a caravan park on Moreton Bay. Sensational weather and time to work out how everything works. A bigger step forward and more accessories than the old Jayco camper trailer.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone at the next meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February.

Pete Robinson

President CC4WD Club.

# From The VP

## Feb 2023



I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year.

Starting 2023 with optimism and an eagerness to get out and about, with a few things coming up this year.

There were a couple of trips running over the break and look forward to hearing the reports and seeing the photos at the next meeting and in the magazine. Unfortunately, I missed the trip to the High Country due to sick dog duties, so hope to live vicariously through others reports.

I'm keen to again schedule the new members trip in March come hail or shine, probably having even more new members having joined since initially running the trip.

There is a Trip Leaders Training Weekend run by the Hunter Area clubs and involving our own Trip Master and Publicity Officer Lachy and Dave.

There is also an invite for club members to attend an Association SWOT analysis, in which to identify areas for focus going forward. I will keep those interested in attending posted.

The outcome of the member survey is now being formulated and might not be ready for February's magazine but hope to feedback to everyone asap.

Look forward to catching up with everyone at the first meeting for 2023.

Jackie

# From the editor



Welcome to the first magazine of the year and may 2023 be a great year for everyone.

The cover picture was taken traveling up one of the highly iconic and frequently photographed tracks on the recent, popular Victorian High Country trip. This is the Blue Rag Range track. The views along the way and at the peak were unbelievable at times. The damage from a massive bush fire in 2003 is still evident and it is suggested that it could take up to 100 years for the vegetation to fully recover. There are plenty of articles from this amazing trip included in this issue for your reading pleasure. Thank you to everyone for their contributions.

I chose to use a picture of the Ettamogah Pub (just north of Albury), as we free camped at the pub on our trip down. Unfortunately the place is in need of some TLC but it was a great and unique little camping spot and not surprisingly it was very busy.

The event calendar is already starting to fill up, including training, day trips and the new members trip. Have a look at the events calendar there may be something just for you.

It seems appropriate to continue including some safety articles once again. I also received a very extensive directors report from National Parks and Wildlife which covers a huge range of information over a very large geographical area.

Enjoy your reading,

Sean

**Next General Meeting**  
**February 9th, 2023 at 8pm**  
**The Entrance Leagues Club**  
**3 Bay Village Road Bateau Bay**



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# Central Coast 4WD Club

## General Meeting

THURSDAY December 8th, 2022 - THE ENTRANCE LEAGUES CLUB & ZOOM

**Start time:** 8.05pm

**Attendees:** As per attached attendance record

**Apologies:** Sean Du Toit, Mysteire, Helen & John Smythe, Bev & Greg Douglass, Fay & TC,

**Visitors:** As per attached attendance record

### Minutes of the previous meeting:

**Motion:** That the minutes for the General Meeting held on (insert date) as published in the magazine be accepted –

**Moved:** Jackie Robinson      **Seconded:** Paul Fisher      **Action:**

**Secretary's Report:** **Glenn Turnbull**

Nothing to report

**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:	\$903.10
Monthly Expenditure:	\$2396.50
Account balance:	\$25053.07
Investment:	\$10352.95

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

**Moved:** Bev Fort      **Seconded:** Lisa Good      **Action:**

**Bills for payment:**

Who	What	Amount
Irwins	Fuel	\$74.44
Trophy World	Badges	\$11.00
Lisa Good	Christmas party craft	\$59.24
Mysteire	Christmas party food etc	\$1012.82
Michelle Edwards	Christmas Party Lollies	\$52.60
The Entrance Leagues Club	Catering	\$220.00
Ray Hill	Hay	\$99.60
Joyce Hollins	Raffles	\$56.00
Cheri	Christmas Party Fruit	\$62.45
	TOTAL	\$1648.15

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

**Moved:** Lisa Good      **Seconded:** Alison Wallace      **Action:**

**Membership Officer Report: Libby Finemore**

**Membership presentations:**

(5/10/15 etc years memberships)

Full Name	How many years?
Brian McInney	15 years

**Vice Presidents Report: Jackie Robinson**

Nothing to report.

## **Editor's Report:**

Next Magazine will be in Feb – email any details to [editor@cc4wdc.org.au](mailto:editor@cc4wdc.org.au)

**Sean Du Toit**

## **Assistant Treasurer's Report:**

Nothing to report

**Alison Wallace**

## **Lease Managers Report:**

Nothing to report – Lease in good condition following the Christmas party.

**Ken McDonald**

## **DTU Report:**

Next Stage 1 & Stage 2 – details in the Magazine  
DTU Certificates – Chris Mitchell

**Dave Edwards**

## **Merchandise Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Sean Du Toit**

## **Raffles:**

Lots of fabulous raffle prizes, fire extinguisher, fire blanket, snake bite kits, chocolates etc.

**Joyce Hollins**

## **Quartermaster Report:**

Thanks to the members that helped to pack & unpack for the Christmas party.  
Also, Lisa Good thanked Peter for all the bits purchased for the kids Christmas party, goggles etc.

**Peter Glendenning**

## **Public Relations:**

Some invoices have been sent out to advertisers – waiting on payments.

**David Edwards**

## **NSW/ACT Association:**

Assoc ¼ meetings recently. A lot discussed however not the medical info form.  
11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – trip leader training session – collaboration of all Hunter clubs. Dave & Lachlan will be representing the Club for that weekend. Will be a combination of theory & practical. Anyone interested in running a trip for the Club, this will be a really good weekend to attend.

Also discussed at the quarterly meeting was the Govt looking to start handing over management & Stewardship & governance to first Nations people starting with 20%. Copy of minutes to be further provided by Jackie for review.

## General Business:

- Barry Vine would like to move a motion. For a number of years, the club has been trying to donate money to the local Dungog Hospital. This hasn't previously been able as any money donated would have gone to the Hunter Hospital. Barry recently spoke to the Hospital Auxiliary & they advised that any money donated to them would go straight to the Dungog hospital.  
Motion moved by Barry - \$1000 to be donated to the Dungog Hospital Auxiliary.  
Moved: Barry Vines                      Seconded: Peter Glendenning
- Michelle Edwards – a couple of months ago, there was a motion to add \$2000 to the term deposit. Michelle now has access to do this. Given we have over \$25K in the working account, should we be looking to transfer more into the Term Deposit? Brian McInney suggested to change to a 6-month term?  
Some concern about the  
Motion: Rather than \$2K as previous moved, a further 8K – total of 10K to be transferred from the working account to the term deposit at maturity being 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan for another 6 months.  
Moved: Jim Alcott              Seconded: Lisa Good
- Lisa Good – Thank you for everyone that came to the Christmas party. Sean & Mysteire for organising. Jo Kelly for organising the salads and to everyone else that contributed.
- Libby Finemore is standing down as the Membership officer. Cherie will be taking back over from the next general meeting.
- Sunglasses found from the Christmas party - they are prescription glasses.

## Items for Sale:

- Bev has 2 yellow steel jerry cans - \$20 each
- Lachlan - MSA drop slide - \$500
- Barry – camp kitchen for sale - \$50 Also Alpaca rug - \$120
- Ray - ARB rear awning, Spinifex Stretcher, Shower tent – more details in magazine.

## Tripmasters Report:

## Lachlan Thomas

- Western Wollomi trip was cancelled
- DTU 2 training – all went well
- Upcoming trips – Vic Highlands – Dave Edwards. Will be starting from 28<sup>th</sup> Dec through to 6<sup>th</sup> Jan.
- New Members trip in Jan – see Jackie.
- Lachlan Thomas – running an Australia Day weekend trip – will start on the Thursday. Details to be provided.
- Trip Leaders Trip – see Jackie of Lachlan
- Stage 1 on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>
- If you want to run a trip next year – please see either Lachlan, Jackie, Dave or anyone 😊
- Lisa looking to run a BCFing weekend – will come back with dates.
- Tappy heading to Stockton this Sunday – leaving Lavis Lane Maccas at 8am – See Tappy for details.
- Also Tappy looking to run another trip around April out to Wallaroo. Will probably start at the Lease on the Saturday.

## Trip Reports:

None to report

## Piston Broke Trophy:

Steve – his car has gone into Limp mode!

## Legend of the Month:

Peter Glendenning for all his help for the Christmas Party.

## Fun Fines:

Scott Good got a new “pole” for his boat!

No name badges

Mr President for getting a caravan

Mobile phones ringing!

## Final Notes:

- The Committee meeting will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – location to be confirmed. Contact Pete for details - all welcome to attend.
- The next General Meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb at the Entrance Leagues Club and on Zoom.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Minutes by Alison Wallace

President Pete Robinson

# PISTON BROKE

## TROPHY

*Goes to*

*Steve and Jane*

*Steve managed to put his car into limp mode while changing a light bulb?*

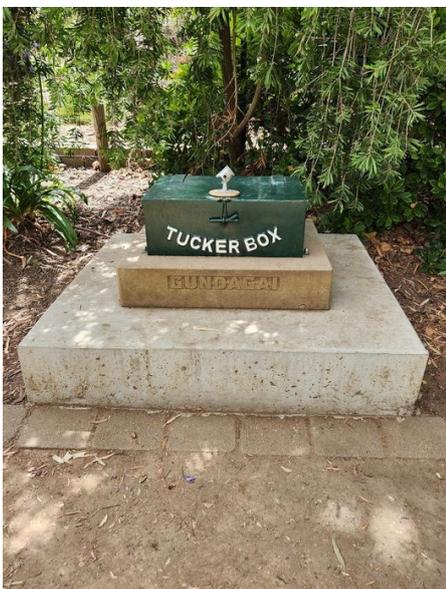
*It seems that the trophy got some travel time over the December period..*



Heading to South Australia



Visiting Tooleybuc



I'm sure we can all figure out where this is

# LEGEND OF THE MONTH TROPHY

*Goes to*

***Peter Glendinning***

Peter once again did a huge amount of work including fetching and carrying for the Christmas party.

Thank you Peter.



## **Members Profile February**

### **David and Michelle Edwards**



*Some of our new members will have met Dave and Michelle over the Christmas period on their trip to the Victorian High Country but may not be aware of the details here in this bio.*

*Dave and Michelle both grew up in the Ryde area in Sydney and were introduced by Dave's best mate who Michelle had met previously at university in 1984. Michelle had never been camping when she met Dave, but Dave and his mates had been camping for years being involved in the Scouts.*

*Newnes was one of their favourite destinations back when the pub was still licenced and on the banks of the Wolgan River, being one of the first camping trips together. With a group of friends, they drove to the Barrington area on an October long weekend, totally unprepared for the snow which started to fall on a bushwalk! They soon realised they shared a mutual love of travel and exploring, and 4 years later were married.*

*They started their 4WD apprenticeship in a Subaru wagon in which they had many trips to the north coast and the ski-fields. The first real 4WD was a 2 door Toyota Forerunner in which they had many adventures, the most memorable being Long Angle Gully. Michelle was amazed that she ever agreed to go on another trip!*

*This trip was outlined in an edition of 4x4 Australia magazine and only a short drive from Sydney near Springwood. They set off on a short afternoon drive but found themselves stuck at a precarious angle on a steep section of track, with the passenger side hard against a rock ledge and the wheels stuck in a rut.*

*Recovery gear was rarely thought of back then and night was fast approaching, spending a restless night trying to get some sleep in the car where they were, but fortunately, the light of day made extraction possible without too much damage. Michelle's memories of this event recalls the HUGE rock steps that Dave wanted to drive up, but Michelle wouldn't have a bar of it back then, now knowing that they weren't really that big and that the car and Dave were more than capable!*

Further adventures in the Forerunner included a trip to Fraser Island and lots of ski trips camping at Island Bend or Thredbo Diggings. Seal Rocks and Point Plomer were (and are) other favourite destinations. They were lucky enough to win a tagalong trip with the 4wd magazine to the Victorian High Country hosted by the Portman's, who at the time were well known in the 4WD community. This allowed them access to many locked gate areas in the Mt Jagungal area, swimming in rock pools and getting their first taste of High Country driving.

Dave trained as a motor mechanic since leaving school and over the years has had two separate businesses on the Central Coast, the second which was sold last year.

Michelle studied Industrial Chemistry and was on maternity leave from Duracell Batteries in Sydney until they shut down in 1992. This precipitated a move to Bateau Bay to enable them to afford a larger home for their growing family, that was near the beach.

Their son Sean was born in 1992 and shortly after daughter Megan in 1995 which slowed down the 4WD and camping forays a little, also with another vehicle change to another Subaru, recalling it being packed to the hilt on a trip to Polblue, with an a-frame tent and Megan in a porta-cot. They later advanced to a three-year-old Pajero in 1996 and which they kept for the next 16 years.

The Pajero took them on a lot of camping adventures following which included the Red Centre and Oodnadatta Track, Stockton Beach and Crowdy Bay, joining another Vic Widman Tagalong to the High Country over an Easter weekend. Michelle and Dave being the only participants with children made this tour very challenging as required many early starts, often packing up a tent covered in frosty ice. The pace was fast, and the weather was far colder than expected, recalling young Megan crying each morning as her hands were so cold.

But the cold didn't put them off, each winter for 10 years following traveling to friends at Tumut via the Brindabellas, being privileged to see it blanketed in snow on their first trip. They were even evacuated from Mt Selwyn due to a blizzard conditions, having to drive back along ice covered roads. Definitely evidence of experienced, hard-core campers and 4wders for sure.

But it was time again to upgrade the 4wd and in 2012 they purchased a new Toyota Prado GX. Two years later they signed up to the CC4WDClub at the Mingara 4WD show, and the rest as they say is history.

Michelle and Dave joined the Club to meet likeminded people that like to travel on dusty roads to interesting destinations, having participated and run many trips and events, holding various roles and positions within over nearly a decade. Currently Michelle is our Treasurer for another year and Dave is our Publicity Officer and has a major role in the DTU.

# VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY TRIP

## SUMMARY

28 December 2022 – 6 January 2023

By Michelle Edwards

29 participants in 14 vehicles enjoyed challenging 4-wheel driving, stunning scenery and mostly great weather over 10 days camping at Talbotville in the Grant Historic Area near Dargo. Not all participants were present for all 10 days, with some leaving early and others arriving later. Some chose to have rest days at camp and enjoy the quiet. Although the weather was not very hot many of us did enjoy a dip or two in the Crooked River with some making it a morning ritual. We were very fortunate to have a large area to ourselves surrounded by fruit trees and later in the week sharing it with some cows. We didn't spot too much wildlife, but the birds and insects were plentiful-especially butterflies.

Individual trip reports will be provided by other members.

Thanks especially to Lachy and Liz Thomas, Bev Fort, Bob Montgomery and Monica Porteous for guidance, instruction and trip leadership and to Greg and Bev Douglass for tail end duties.

### PARTICIPANTS:

Dave and Michelle Edwards (organisers)	Toyota Prado
Lachy and Liz Thomas	Ford Ranger
Beverly Fort	Toyota Prado
Bob Montgomery and Monica Porteous	Toyota Prado
Dave and Alison Wallace	Toyota Landcruiser
Luke Wallace and Jamie	Nissan Patrol
Geoff Dominguez and Paul	Toyota Landcruiser
Greg and Bev Douglass	Mitsubishi Triton
Drew and Rhonda Pinkerton	Toyota Hilux
Glenn, Nicki, Will and Alice Turnbull	Toyota Prado
Darren and Fiona Rickett	Toyota Hilux
Anthony and Kylie Gavin	Toyota Landcruiser
Mike Ellis and Clair Campbell	Toyota FJ Cruiser
Sean Du Toit and Mysteire Egan	Toyota Prado



**ITINERARY:**

- 28 Dec Set up and Local trip along Crooked River, Bulltown Spur, Collingwood Tracks.
- 29 Dec
  - A Blue Rag Range
  - B Billy Goats Bluff ascent, Pinnacles, plus...
- 30 Dec
  - A Crooked River, Randalls and Conway Tracks then to Dargo
  - B Kingswell Bridge, explore and Billy Goats Bluff descent.
- 31 Dec Omeo in 2 convoys
- 1 Jan Blue Rag Range in 2 convoys
- 2 Jan
  - A Billy Goats Bluff ascent and Pinnacles, Moroka Hut
  - B North end exploration
- 3 Jan Wonnangatta Valley
- 4 Jan Crooked River, Good Hope Mine, Dargo Pub, Wallers Hut
- 5 Jan Local trip along Randalls and Hibernia Tracks then Dargo River Inn
- 6 Jan Pack up and head to Albury via Dinner Plain, Omeo and Mitta Mitta

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## Hunter Central Coast Branch

### Director's Report

### November 2022

#### Planning and Projects

##### Minister visit to Glenrock State Conservation Area

On 18 August, Minister James Griffin visited Glenrock State Conservation Area to inspect recently completed mountain bike trail upgrade works and also discuss Glenrock SCA draft Plan of Management and draft Mountain Biking Plan public exhibition.



#### Asset and Infrastructure Capital Program updates

##### Hunter Coast Area

**Tomaree Coastal Walk:** Work is progressing on constructing the Tomaree Coastal Walk, including the 'missing links' to connect the 20km walk from Tomaree Headland to Birubi Point. Recent works include new track at Middle Rock, One Mile Beach, Boat Harbour and Iris Moore. Contract for the southern Gateway awarded.



**Tomaree Headland Access Upgrade:** Visitor infrastructure funding has been secured to upgrade the elevated stairways on Tomaree Headland. The funding is to replace the steel elevated steps on the main track which lead to the summit. The headland is listed on the State Heritage Register so all works require heritage approvals. This project site also has a rare orchid which grows right under the structures themselves. The works are consistent with the Tomaree Coastal Walk master plan.

Project status – REF approved, Design completed, tender released, heritage approvals under s.60 of the Act are due for submission by end of November. Proposed works program is Feb-June 2023 (outside school /peak visitation times). Annual survey of orchids due 28 Nov, with community reps.



Photos: elevated steps and orchids at Tomaree Headland.



**Hunter Coast Area – new office and Depot project:** the tender for the new build was released in mid-November closing mid-December. Construction due Feb – June 23, dependent on weather, budget and contractor availability.

### Central Coast Area

**Somersby Falls precinct upgrade** (Brisbane Water NP): Planning and approvals are a significant part of what’s required to deliver capital works and asset projects, including Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permits (AHIP) and historic heritage assessments.

The Somersby Falls precinct upgrade project is partly to protect cultural heritage, as well as improve the visitor experience.

Project status: Detail design completed, construction tender being prepared, REF due early Dec, AHIP application submitted and due for approval mid Dec. Construction due March – June 2023.

**Crackneck Lookout precinct upgrade:** located in Wyrribalong NP, this popular lookout will be upgraded to improve visitor accessibility, safety, increase parking capacity. Project status: tender awarded to local company, planning design, approvals completed, works due to commence Feb 23.

**Bouddi Coastal Walk:** Stage 5 (final section) works is due to be completed by mid-Dec.



### Barrington Tops Area

**Gummi Gummi campground upgrade:** works commenced after 2 years of being on hold due to wet weather. Project includes installing new amenities. Due for completion in Dec 22.

**Polblue campground upgrade:** campground facilities and walking track works under contract with works due to commence in late Nov 22.

**Walking track in southern Barrington tops area:** Works to replace pedestrian bridges at Rocky Crossing, Jerusalem Creek and Blue Gum Loop are progressing as weather permits.

## **Lower Hunter Area**

**Yuelarbah visitor facility upgrade:** The project to construct a new carpark to improve visitor safety on Burwood Road is in final design stage, with REF being prepared.

**Dudley Beach access:** In late October, a new viewing deck and beach access upgrade was completed in Glenrock SCA. Completing the Dudley Beach precinct upgrade.

**Glenrock mountain biking upgrades:** project is in year two, with tender due for award for two high priority tracks in late Nov. AHIP pending which is required to complete further works.

**Blue Gum Hills upgrade:** with a focus on an inclusive playground, this project will see an upgrade to the play equipment for stage one of the upgrade. Tender for design closed, due for award by end Nov. Works due by Jun 23.



Photos: Glenrock SCA



**Roads and fire trail program:** Werakata NP program is the current focus for roads and fire trail upgrade works with completion date due mid-Dec. Currently over 10 trails have been completed working closely with RFS, Crown lands, Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC), Cessnock Council and private landholders. The project has involved extensive consultation, AHIPs, and adjustments due to flood impacts.

Scoping and design works for road and fire trail upgrades in Jilliby NP in Central Coast Area are well progressed.

## **Flood recovery in Hunter Central Coast Branch**

All capital programs/teams have had projects impacted by flood '21 or flood '22 events. Current cost estimates for known recovery works is just under \$25M.

## **Improving access in national parks**

As you are aware, NPWS has developed a draft Accessible Parks Policy. Public consultation on the policy closed 11 November.

The recent installation of an accessibility gate for mountain bike riders at the Gun Club Rd entrance to Glenrock SCA is an example of how the policy is already being implemented in our parks. The gate allows mountain bike riders on accessibility bikes to use a MLAK (Master Locksmiths Access Key) to open a gate that can accommodate their wider mountain bikes. The MLAK system is a universal key to allow people with disabilities to access dedicated public facilities 24 hours a day throughout Australia.



Two mobility riders – Colleen and Chris – participated in a photo shoot recently so we could promote the improved access to Glenrock SCA. This is Colleen’s story she shared with us on site (she is happy with us sharing it):

- Mountain biking had long been a big part of Colleen’s life and from what she told us she was pretty amazing at it.
- In December 2020 (almost two years ago) Colleen had a low-speed accident on her mountain bike (not in a NP) that resulted in her being paralysed from a spinal cord injury.
- That moment changed her life and among many other things, mountain biking was instantly taken away from her.
- Since her accident, Colleen had not mountain biked in Glenrock SCA...until today.
- The new accessibility gate installed by NPWS has enabled her to return to mountain biking.
- She commented the gate is a ‘game changer for her mentally’. Not only can she return to mountain biking, but she can do what she loves and share the experience with her family and friends.

At a cost of less than \$3,000 this was a little big idea that has made a positive change to some park visitor experiences. We also recently had feedback from an accessibility bike rider who was very appreciative of the Werakata NP road and fire trail maintenance works.

Hunter Central Coast Branch (HCCB), in collaboration with the NPWS Digital Unit, is also using this updated policy as a catalyst to drive improved online content for park visitors with mobility issues or disabilities.

The HCCB project will identify current gaps in online information and the upcoming visitor infrastructure projects requiring inclusion or updates on the NPWS website.

By June 2023 the NPWS website will have undergone functional improvements and HCCB visitor attractions and facilities present enhanced online descriptions and photos.

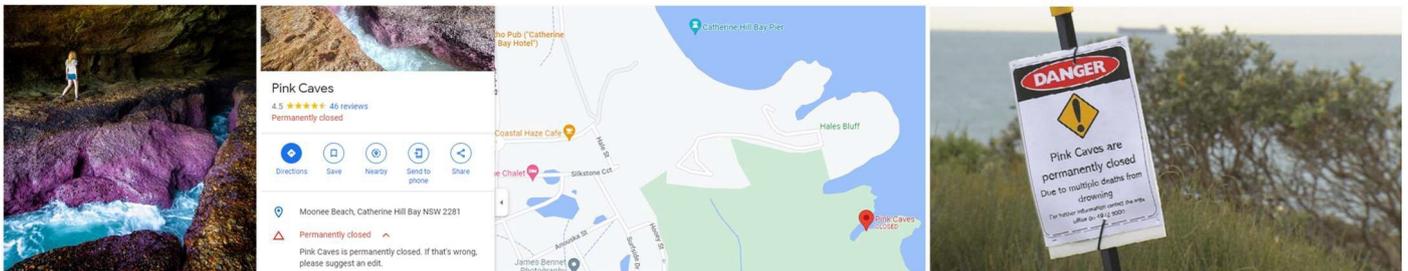
## Park Management

### Snowfall event Barrington Tops

In late August, widespread fall of 20cm snow across Barrington Tops NP brought an influx of visitors and a range of public safety issues to manage. Barrington Tops Area worked with local Police to manage access and public safety.



## Pink Caves, Munmorah SCA – safety update



Sadly, the Pink Caves site (also known as the Cotton Candy Caves) in Munmorah SCA had three visitor fatalities during 2022.

The local team (Central Coast Area) have been dedicated to doing all they can to improve safety. Even when they think they've done all that's possible, they've continued to be open to new ideas, trying different things and have been willing and open to feedback.

Safety measures undertaken include the following:

### Public communication and signage

- Pink Caves permanent closure communicated to public via [NPWS website alert](#) for Munmorah SCA. The alert has explanation about why site is unsafe
- website and blog publishers have been contacted by NPWS and requested to remove web content that promotes or encourages people to visit the Pink Caves, eg: <https://travelmademedoit.com/the-pink-caves-close/>
- NPWS arranged for Google to identify the site as permanently closed (see above)
- Generic 'visitor safety on rock platforms' post for NPWS Facebook and Instagram. It won't specifically call out Pink Caves and will be applicable to all NPWS coastal reserves.
- new beach access and 'wear a life jacket' signs installed at the southern and northern pedestrian access to Moonee Beach (main location where visitors have embarked on visit to pink caves)
- temporary '*Danger – Pink Caves Closed*' signs installed at the northern access to Moonee Beach and at locations on the headland on approach to the Pink Caves
- working on new regulatory signs for the Pink Caves closure, including map identifying the area closed and applicable penalties
- 'shock signage' being designed for trail entrances leading to the Pink Caves to show treacherous sea conditions using pictures.

### Stakeholders

- NPWS discussed Pink Caves visitor safety risks and concerns with tourism stakeholders and encouraged no active promotion of the site. Stakeholders included:
  - the tourism departments of the two adjoining councils – Lake Macquarie and Central Coast Councils
  - Destination Sydney Surrounds North
  - Destination NSW
- continue working with NSW Rock Fishers Association to ensure angel rings are maintained in coastal high risk areas including Moonee Beach
- liaising with relevant LGA stakeholders and the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) for Lake Macquarie

**Infrastructure**

- planning and approvals underway to repair Moonee Beach fire trail and provide improved access for emergency response vehicles and personnel. Works are scheduled before the summer school holidays
- plans to upgrade another vehicle access for improved emergency vehicle access to Moonee Beach pending funding and permissibility under current PoM.

There has been a drop off in community reports of people endangering themselves and there haven't been any reported incidents of people getting washed off rocks or rescues since the double fatality.

**Recent hazard reduction burning in Bouddi NP and Medowie SCA**



On 3 November, HCCB staff, with the assistance of RFS, successfully completed a 27-hectare burn in Bouddi NP. The burn will provide direct property protection to 52 park neighbours as well as the adjacent community. The controlled burn is Stage 1 with Stage 2 to be a cultural burn and completed with the assistance of the Darkinjung LALC in the near future.

<https://coastcommunitynews.com.au/central-coast/news/2022/11/hazard-reduction-burn-in-bouddi-national-park/>

With the favourable weather continuing into the weekend, NPWS and RFS crews also conducted the Medowie South HR on Sunday 6 November. Hunter Coast Area described the burn as “textbook”, with a nice consistent low intensity burn across the entire 22-hectare block. More importantly, the burn was completed safely for our crews and nearby residents.

**Jason Wells - Port Stephens Council Central Ward Councillor**  
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Backburning today between Sassini Cres and Coachwood Drive Medowie. Today is not the day for mountain bike riding or bush walking, please keep out of the area. Amazing to watch the professionalism of Medowie Rural Fire Brigade and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service at work.




In mid-July, Aboriginal staff from Manning Great Lakes Area and Hunter Coast Area, Taree Indigenous Development & Employment (TIDE) Aboriginal cultural fire trainees and Firesticks Alliance spent a day at Yacaaba headland in Myall Lakes NP learning about and applying cultural fire on the site.



## Hazard reduction burn planning

Hunter Central Coast Branch (HCCB) has a Strategic Fire Advantage Zone (SFAZ) treatment target of 5,100ha and Land Management Zone (LMZ) target of 2,661ha.

We currently have planning complete for 40 hazard reduction burns which consolidates 3,374 SFAZ hectares (66% of HCCB SFAZ target); and 5,720 LMZ hectares (213% of HCCB LMZ target).

In recent weeks with drying weather, HCCB has planned to deliver several burns only to have rainfall on firegrounds mean these were postponed, some until next year. We are continuing to closely monitor ground conditions and weather and have scheduled three HRs for week commencing 21 November.

## Conservation and Wildlife Management

### Feral animal control

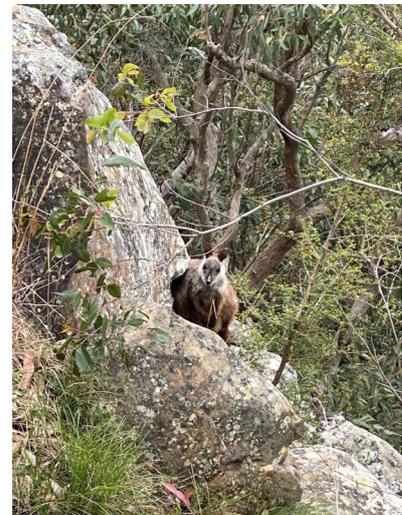
The fifth round of post-fire recovery/conservation aerial shooting across multiple Barrington Tops Area reserves was completed in late August. This round has removed a further 532 feral animals – mainly deer, pigs and goats, and another feral cat. Positive indications that the number of remaining feral animals is gradually reducing.

In October, 1,042 bait lines (11,841 baits) delivered by both fixed wing and rotary across 30 NPWS reserves (four areas and two branches), to help with the protection of threatened species communities eg Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby (Watagans NP and Curracabundi NP), Broad-toothed Rat Barrington Tops NP and the Manning River turtle (Curracabundi, Barakee and Bugan NPs).

The program also allowed for development opportunities in roles such as OIC, air observer, bait dropping, flight following and bait prepping. It was a great collaboration between Park Operations teams and Park Air.

### Threatened species - Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby in Sugarloaf SCA

In late October, field staff recorded the first sighting of an endangered Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby in Sugarloaf State Conservation Area. This record represents an important range extension, as the closest known records are 15km away in Watagans National Park.



Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby in Sugarloaf SCA.  
Photo: Chris Haviland

## Events



### Visit from US National Parks Service

NPWS hosted a delegation from the US National Park Service (NPS) including its Director Charles (Chuck) Sams III, the first Native American to lead the National Park Service. This included visiting Worimi Conservation Lands and meeting with the Worimi Conservation Lands (WCL) Board of Management and NPWS staff to discuss joint management and tour the WCL. The visit culminated with WCL Board of Management presenting the delegation with cultural gifts.

Photo: WCL Board member Uncle John Ridgeway and the US delegates.



### NPWS involvement in Gloucester Wild Event

Gloucester Wild, a local community event celebrating Threatened Species Month was held in Gloucester from 7 September – 8 October. A series of community events were held including discovery tours, koala workshop, a festival day and school activities – art competition, koala hunt and displays in the Gloucester main street. The response from the local community and visitors was positive with all activities well supported by NPWS staff.

### NPWS on “Recovering Paradise” discussion panel

Hunter Coast Area Ranger, Susanne Callaghan, was a member of the expert panel at the “Recovering Paradise” film premiere, following the work of a team of scientists, conservationists and managers from across the Department of Planning and Environment’s Biodiversity, Conservation and Science group and the Lord Howe Island Board, resulting in the island's biodiversity renaissance.

## Review of Environmental Factors (REFs)

Reserve	Title	Description	Date of Determination
Munmorah SCA	The Beaches hazard reduction	The proposal is for a low intensity mosaic hazard reduction burn, trail maintenance and hand tool line work in The Beaches HR area which occurs within the Beaches SFAZ and Moonee LMZ. The aim of the activity is to provide protection to life and property at The Beaches estate at Catherine Hill Bay. The burn is proposed to be implemented in 2023/24, however, weather patterns are currently in a La Nina phase and burns are likely to be delayed and rescheduled until burning windows become available. This assessment will last for 5 years so the burn can be rescheduled as required.	17/11/2022
Glenrock SCA	Hunter Water sewer Main	Replacement of replacing approximately 40m of sewer main within Glenrock SCA.	10/11/2022
Myall Lakes NP	Nerong Road bridge and culvert replacements	The proposed activity involves the removal of two existing damaged timber log bridges located along Nerong Road. The existing structures will be replaced with:  Site 1: A standard NPWS modular vehicle bridge in the same location.  Site 2: A single box culvert structure in the same location.  The amount of habitat to be disturbed by this activity is minor with most of the activity confined to the existing disturbed road width.	9/11/2022
Myall Lakes NP	Jarra Road (Bridge No.2)	The proposed activity involves the removal of an existing damaged timber bridge which has had a temporary timber deck installed and	9/11/2022

		replacement with a standard NPWS modular vehicle bridge in the same location. The amount of habitat to be disturbed by this activity is minor with most of the activity confined to the existing disturbed road width.	
Copeland Tops SCA	Modification of a Determined REF: Derelict mine remediation work, Copeland Tops Gold Field, NSW	<p>Addendum to the approved REF for works at Mountain Maid.</p> <p>Original REF covered all aspects of Copeland's Legacy Mines rehabilitation and safety works. This included work at Mountain Maid to rehabilitate the portal/mine entrance but did not cover the installation of the engineered bulkhead needed to prevent further water inrush impacts (on the mine, microbats and heritage) and ensure safety.</p> <p>The proposed works under this Addendum are a continuation of the original works and provide detail on the design of the structure, particularly in regard to minimising impacts on bats.</p>	22/9/2022
Bouddi NP	Little Beach Creek surface water	Diversion of surface water from Little Beach Creek to stop overflow and drainage into camping area.	19/9/2022
Worimi NP	Construction of new Hunter Coast Area office and depot (REF determination approved by WCL Board)	<p>Construction of a new 496 m<sup>2</sup> NPWS office and 858 m<sup>2</sup> depot (plus supporting infrastructure) to serve as the primary worksite for the NPWS Hunter Coast Area and the Worimi Conservation Lands Board of Management.</p> <p>This would replace leased office in Nelson Bay, leased storage warehouse in Taylors Beach and NPWS-owned depot in Boat Harbour (which would be converted to an unstaffed materials storage site).</p>	30/08/2022
Barrington Tops NP	Replacement of log bridges on Tubrabucca Road	Removal of existing, failed log / gravel bridge tops. Bank logs (abutments) / wings to be left in-situ. New concrete footings will be poured behind the bank logs and a prefabricated steel and concrete deck will be installed (the old bank logs/abutments will have no weight upon them, they will just continue to protect / armour the creek banks – as was done previously at Butchers Creek bridge – image below). Paddys Creek Bridge will also have railings included due to the height off the water / potential fall height.	23/08/2022

# VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY TRIP

## Déjà vu and a storm. Trip date 30th December 2022

Bob and Mon      Prado  
Lachy and Liz    Ranger  
Geoff and Paul   100 Series Cruiser  
Anthony and Kylie 76 series

Today the plan was two shortish trips with a meet up for lunch at the Dargo Pub. Monica and I were to lead four cars on a trip along Racecourse Track, left up Station Track turn right onto Cynthia Spur Track to the Junction with Eaglevale Track, this was to give us a rough idea of travelling time for an upcoming trip to Wonnangatta Valley and Station. That all happened, as did morning tea at Kingswell Bridge with the other crew who we saw descending Conway Track and called up on the radio and agreed to meet at the bridge. During a conversation at morning tea Lachy asked a question about a track south of Dargo that gave access up to the Pinnacles lookout without climbing the long steep scabble that is Billy Goat Bluff Track.

Way back, maybe twelve years ago on a club trip Monica and I had used a track called Mc Donald Track to descend from the Pinnacles, at that time there was a confusion because there is a fork which leads to a locked gate. At morning tea Lachy suggested maybe a small detour to find the correct entrance to Mc Donald Track then back to Dargo Pub. We found both entrances, the locked gate first then a signpost for Mc Donald Track, a suggestion on the radio to run up the track to the first Junction sounded good, everyone agreed to abandon lunch at Dargo as we all had provisions on board.

The track was steep but dry and in good condition, the weather was good and clear unlike two days earlier when we'd driven up Billy Goat Bluff Track and had no views from the Pinnacles lookout because of cloud cover, we had lunch at a helipad and managed to get a phone signal and a weather forecast, there was rain shown tracking far to the north of us with nothing local as we were experiencing, we decided to carry on to the Pinnacles and see the views.

**Right a vehicle driving down the  
Billy Goat Bluff Track  
(the track is visible in the background)**

**Below a picture of a helipad**



Our route took us onto Junction Spur Track which has patches of that boggy black soil, needless to say there were bog holes but only one recovery needed, then on to the Pinnacles lookout. When we got out of the cars we could hear thunder rumbling, by the time we'd made the short walk to the bottom of the lookout steps that weather to the north was now very local with lightning visible and loud thunder claps, there was a spectacular view to the south but that didn't last long as the cloud came in and obscured the lookout tower, bugger we needed to move, fast.



There's a French word "déjà vu" that describes this situation, back in 2016 Lachy and I were on this same mountain with a storm brewing, that time we turned around and made a 280km detour via Licola back to camp at Talbotville. The time was approaching 4pm, we've all heard of the 4 o'clock track well I put that thought away, we had four very competent drivers and trucks and the decision was made to drive down the very steep Billy Goat Bluff Track, Vic Parks have designated this track difficult, you will see a black diamond with a D in it on maps.

We had driven up this track two days earlier so we were aware of the track conditions, that being rocky with loose scabbly sections. What a drive, we started down in the rain, we just got past the narrow ridge section and started on the steep scabbly section when the hail started, low first with the rear locker engaged to keep the rear somewhat under control and concentrate on the track. Headlights, there are trucks coming up the track, we aren't the only ones caught by the fast moving weather, as far as I'm concerned those coming up have right of way, we call on the radio to warn our crew and we all pull over to let the three trucks climbing come past. We carry on down and as we drive the saddle section it's hailing hard enough to look like a snow field, the next section has us basically driving down a creek bed there's so much water. The climb ahead is up to the helipad, it's rock so plenty of grip and we crest the helipad and sit and wait for the other four trucks, exciting would describe the last eight kilometres.

The last kilometre or so descent back to the main Wonnangatta Road was a little slippery but the rain had eased, then the run back had us along the Crooked River Track through deepening River crossings and finally into camp at Talbotville.

What started as a planned short day ended up being a 140km nine hour expedition, I'd personally like to thank all the crew for their willingness to follow and participate when these spontaneous "recces" occur, most of the time you never know what you'll find but they are a great way to test your skills and push your boundaries. We all need a bit of adventure in our lives, today we got that, thanks for coming along.

Bob Montgomery

# VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY TRIP

## Day trip 2<sup>nd</sup> January – written by Geoff Dominguez

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan, we had a lovely drive through the Crooked River Track then the Bull town Spur track stopping for lunch at the Dargo Pub.



### ***The very famous Dargo Hotel (This place gets seriously busy)***

Lochy & Bev organised a short exploratory drive north of Dargo. Being a short drive I thought why not! How wrong we were all were thinking a short drive would be such an adventure. 6km north of Dargo we turned right at Farm Junction up a scenic good dirt road following the Dargo River, slowly climbing for 30 to 40 Mins to 900m passing Rudolph Gap.

From here the fun began as the track got narrower, steeper & muddy we arrived at Seldom Seen, (I know why) then Right onto Mt Baldhead Rd, also very steep undulating track. This is where the car detailing began with all of us getting our fair share of pinstriped paint with the heavy bush closing in on the so called road.



We finally made it back to Dargo High Planes Rd, then down McMillians back to Talbotville at 6.30pm, some 100km travelled for a well-earned beer & lots of stories to tell.

Can't say driving in the Vic High Country is not exciting, thanks Lochy, Bev & Dave for another great adventure, I might leave this track for the more adventurous next time!

# VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY TRIP

**DAY 6 – 03.01.2023**  
**WONNANGATTA VALLEY**  
By Michelle Edwards.

**Attendees:** *Bob and Mon (Day Trip Leaders), Drew and Rhonda, Greg and Bev, Geoff & Paul, Mick & Claire, Glenn and family, Darren and Fiona, Lachy and Liz, Dave & Michelle (Tail End Charlie).*

The original plan for this trip was to be an extended overnight camp in the Wonnangatta Valley. As most people weren't really set up for an overnighter and some had already headed back home, it was decided to fit a modified version into one day. Nine vehicles headed off bright and early (8.30am) in one large convoy via the Crooked River and Racecourse Tracks with the first of many water crossings of the day. We turned west onto Station track and began a steep ascent onto Cynthia Range Track. This follows a ridge with some great views out both sides where we stopped briefly at a helipad for some pics.



Eventually we arrived at Herne Spur Track and after a brief deliberation over its suitability began our steep descent to the Wonnangatta Track with a stop on a level part to enjoy a morning tea break and admire the wildflowers before continuing down into the valley.



The track winds its way along the end of the Wonnangatta Valley through bush and scrub with at least 10 crossings of the Wonnangatta River before the landscape opens out into the grassy valley that was once home to one of Victoria's most remote cattle properties and homestead as well as being renowned for an unsolved murder mystery.



With one eye on the dark storm cloud we parked near the ruins of the old homestead for a look around. Unfortunately, just as we started to make lunch the rain poured down but only for a few minutes before the sun returned. The valley was covered in tall grass and great feed (if you're a cow!).

After a quick visit to the cemetery we did a circuit along the camping sites scattered by the river with some of the crew reminiscing about previous trips and visits to this valley.



Heading back to camp we followed the Wonnangatta Track again across the river multiple times but this time turned onto the Humfray River Track and then Hart Spur Track to begin our ascent. This too was a very steep climb and hard to imagine how anyone would want to drive down it with a trailer. We took a right turn onto the Tea Tree Spur Track which started out as a slow descent back to the Crooked River Valley. We travelled in the mist for quite some time before the track got steeper and a bit "technical" in parts. Fortunately, no one had any issues, and we eventually found ourselves back on Racecourse track before joining the Crooked River Track back to camp.



# VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY TRIP

DAY 7 – 04.01.2023

Trip report by Liz Thomas. Photos by Liz Thomas & Michelle Edwards

**Attendees:** Lachy & Liz (Day Trip Leaders); Aunty Bev; Geoff & Paul; Mick & Claire; Bob & Mon; Dave & Michelle (Official Trip Leaders/Tail End Charlie)

**Special appearance:** Darren & Fiona; Glen, Nikki & the Kids



We began the day by taking the Crooked River Track out of camp to give the trucks a well overdue clean. Yes, you read that right, a clean. The Crooked River Track has a total of 27 river crossing – we took 24 of them! The way the track was created, Lachy would call one river crossing and before the team could all pass through it, he was already calling the next one! However, the track itself is a beautiful drive and I would highly recommend you drive it.

Along the way we came across a “15-minute walk” to see the New Good Hope Mine. We all thought that would be a great mine to look at but the signs lied. It wasn’t a 15-minute walk.... It wasn’t a flat walk.... In fact, it was a very steep walk up a hill that not all of us could make! A few of us got half way before our knees, backs or will power gave up while the rest of us did make it to the top although a bit hot and bothered. Frequent hiker Geoff thought it was a walk in the park! We all envied him.

From here, we came up Bulltown Spur Track to make our way across to explore the Grant Township Site. Earlier that morning we had left Darren & Fiona and Glen, Nikki & the kids at camp believing they wanted a relaxing day off. By pure fluke, our convoy was intercepted at the Bulltown Spur Track and McMillans Road intersection! They joined us and we attempted to explore the Grant Township Site however the drizzling rain and knee-high grass resulted in a drive by of the area before making our way together over to the Dargo Pub for a hot lunch!

After a lovely lunch we bid farewell to Mick & Claire as they continued their adventures off road. A certain member of this duo thought they got away with not telling us it was their birthday until the little bit of phone service in Dargo sent a reminder and they were outed! After a very traumatic rendition of Happy Birthday was sung, Mick & Claire were finally allowed to leave.

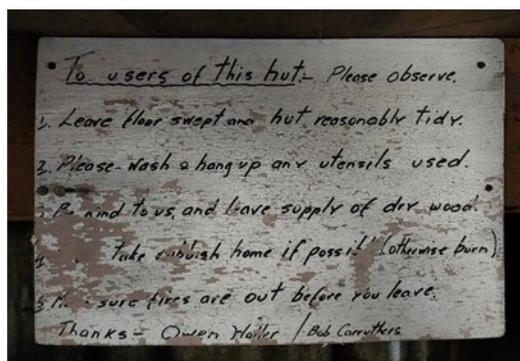


Darren & Fiona and Glen, Nikki & the kids, made their way back to camp whilst Aunty Bev; Geoff & Paul; Bob & Mon and Dave & Michelle decided an in-trip reccie lead by Lachy & I was a good idea. They were wrong. Lachy wanted to show me some huts so he picked the Owen Waller Hut and off we went! We did make it to the hut for afternoon tea but the Punchen, Gidley and Storer Tracks were all wet, greasy and overgrown with some sections of Storer Track almost undrivable due to the undergrowth from the fire breaks not being maintained. The afternoons trip consisted of 25.3 kms of "pin stripe tracks" with the Gidley track also providing a whoopee which had you coming over the crest straight into a nasty bogg hole – should have driven the Crooked River Track on the way home...

The afternoons in-trip reccie may not have turned out the way Lachy & I thought it would but it did result in a seeing a very nice hut and coming home to a roaring fire lit by Darren & Glen for which we were VERY GRATEFUL!

#### Animal Count

- 1 x baby wallaby
- 1 x suicidal bunny
- 1 x fox devouring its rather large lunch



# VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY TRIP

DAY 8 – 05.01.2023

Trip report and photos by Liz Thomas

**Attendees:** *Aunty Bev (Day Trip Leader); Lachy & Liz; Bob & Mon; Dave & Michelle (Official Trip Leaders/ Tail End Charlie)*

And then there were four. Four lonely but extremely good-looking trucks. By this day, only the people who didn't have to go back to work on the Monday or the people who really didn't want to go back to work at all were left.

Today Aunty Bev lead our convoy along the Randall Track which is a stunning track. It has it all, easy parts, hard parts, shallow river crossings, deeper river crossing that go over the bonnet.... Being the only Ranger in the convoy of Prado's we had to prove ourselves on the track. Lachy tried a bit to hard and that deeper river crossing, the one I mentioned before, may have covered the bonnet. This wasn't a problem until we came out the other side and started a decent climb. About a quarter of the way up, we noticed on every whoopee we seemed to be letting out a puff of steam from under the bonnet. We joked we were a steam train until it got worse and the joke wasn't funny anymore.

So half way up this climb, all four trucks stopped. Lachy popped the bonnet and WHOOSH! Steam was coming from everywhere!!!! Whilst I sat in the car thinking we'd blown the engine, Lachy reported back that it was only water that was sitting on the engine parts and the steam was from the engine boiling off the water. After a good 5-10 minutes all was normal and we were on our way again. Needless to say, the only Ranger was the laughing stock for the remainder of the day.



The rest of the morning consisted of a few tracks here and there we had driven on previous day trips until we made our way to the other end of Dargo to check out the Dargo River Inn. Under new management they are currently re-branding as a function/event/club retreat centre offering cabins, powered sites and non-powered sites, an outdoor dining area, manicured lawn for weddings and small bistro with delicious food. The owners also have a horse sized Great Dane cross Staffy who loves head rubs.



Four trucks went into Dargo and only two came out. Well four came out but only two trucks took the Grant Township Site detour back to camp. The Grant Township Site still had knee-height grass but the day was sunny so Dave & Michelle and Lachy & I stopped to wonder the site. There is so much history there that you really could spend hours walking the site and reading about what buildings were there. We also stopped at the Grant Cemetery at the top of the hill. Such a beautiful resting place. Unfortunately, you can only make out some of the grave plots that weren't the wealthy. However, the family plot of four graves is definitely something to experience.



Finally, we made our way back to camp via the Collingwood Spur Track which is filled with wildflowers including wattle and millions of butterflies. We had one final camp fire and the moon shone through the clouds and trees. Perfection.



# Upcoming Events in 2023

Refer to following pages for detailed trip notices

Date	Event	Class	Contact	Telephone	Limit
9 February	February General Meeting	Social			All welcome
11 & 12 February	Trip Leader training weekend	All	Jackie Robinson	<a href="mailto:vicepresident@cc4wdc.org.au">vicepresident@cc4wdc.org.au</a>	Limited
12 February	DTU Stage 1— Cooranbong	C	Mark Roper	0420 976 784	8 people
18 February	Watagans National Park	D	Ray Kaltenbacher	4342 7521	10 vehicles
12 March	New members day trip	C	Jackie Robinson	0401 864 070	10 vehicles
18 March	DTU Stage 2 — We-Leaser Dungog	C	Mark Roper	0420 976 784	8 vehicles

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## *Trip Leaders Training Weekend*



### ***Mulbring***

**Trip Leader:** Brock Smith

**To register:** Jackie Robinson, [vicepresident@cc4wdclub.org.au](mailto:vicepresident@cc4wdclub.org.au)

**Where to Meet:** Mulbring, details provided on registration

**When:** 11-12<sup>th</sup> of February

**Trip Grade:** All grades

**What to Bring:** Water, camping gear, wood if you have some handy

**Costs:** Free to club members

This weekend is aimed at those with little or no trip leading experience and are willing to give it a try. If you would like to know more about trip leading and build confidence in planning, running and advertising a trip, then this is for you.

The weekend is a collaboration between the Hunter Area Association clubs, being organised by professional 4WD trainers and club members, Lachy Thomas and Dave Edwards. Training will start 9am Saturday morning and finish at Lunch time Sunday.

There are no stupid questions and will be your opportunity to make mistakes and practice with others in the same boat. You will get to meet members from other clubs in the area, at a fun social weekend on a private property at Mulbring, sharing a beverage and laughter around a fire on Saturday night

Toilets are available, but your own water and self-catering is needed. The property is camper trailer friendly but not suitable for caravans.

Registrations are limited but will have a backup list of participants.

# Trip to Watagans National Park

Saturday 18th February 2023

Meet 150mt past the corner of Freemans Drive & Martinsville Rd in Freemans  
Drive 9:00am

The trip is along Martinsville Rd; Watagans Forest Way visiting Boarding House Dam, Roper track, Georges Fire trail and some lookouts along the way exiting via Walkers Ridge Forest Rd Bring lunch, snack, uhf radio, recovery gear, full tank of fuel. There is a short walk at Boarding House Dam

**Contact: Ray Kaltenbacher 4342 7521 ([rayandberyl15@bigpond.com](mailto:rayandberyl15@bigpond.com))**

# *New Members Day Trip*

*Casurina, Laguna and Finchley lookout*



**Trip Leader:** Jackie Robinson, 0401 864 070

**When:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of March

**Where to Meet:** Morrisset BP Servo 9am, Alliance DR and Wyee rd

**Trip Grade:** C

**Vehicle Limit:** 10 cars

**What to Bring:** Smiley face

**Minimum Requirements:** Low/High range, all terrain tyres, working radio, full tank of fuel

**Costs:** Nil

3<sup>rd</sup> attempt at this trip which should be a great day out with great weather

This trip will start at the BP servo at Morrisset just off the freeway at 9am. Coffee and pies available at this starting point.

After an introduction, and discussion regarding convoy procedure, we will head up to Casurina campground to air down, and travel along some dirt tracks towards Laguna for Lunch at the Great Northern Trading Post.

After a relaxed lunch we will then travel along the Finchley Track to the look out before returning back to Morrisset.

Please confirm 2 days prior that you will still be attending via text message.

## Know your lease — An update from Ken & Von (our lease managers)

Front Entrance - The entry to the Lease from Main Creek Road. (thru gate marked by a Black Sign with a White Circle on it)

Lease Road - Dirt road that runs from the Lease Entrance thru Carowiry Creek. From the creek it then runs across The Lower Camp Site and up to the Middle Camp Site. From the Middle Camp Site it then runs up past The Top Track to the Back gate

Carowiry Creek - Name of Creek at entrance to Lease.

The Lower Camp Site - First Camp site nearest to creek.

Middle Camp Site - Camp Site on which The Rosebud Café is located.

Top Camp Site - The Camp site which is located at the top of the hill next to the Storage Sheds and the Toilets.

Rosebud Cafe - Under cover B,B,Q / Kitchen Area. (Named many years ago when some children hung a bunch of plastic Rose flowers on to one of the Canteen support poles. (they are still there today)

Stairs - Run from canteen down to The Bottom Camp Site

Woodstock - Name given to the shed where wood is stacked.

Storage Sheds and Toilet Amenities - Located on hill 50m South of the Rosebud Cafe.

The Top Track - The North to South track that cuts across the top of the Lease.

Back Gate - Rear entrance to the Lease. ( Entrance to Black Bulga State Forest area)

Wallaby Dam - A small dam located on the Northern Side of The Lease Road and halfway to The Back Gate.

Frog Hollow - Area of dense, dark forest which starts at the beginning of Walk 1 and runs thru to the 1.2.3. sign at the beginning of Cow Gully.(Maps of Lease Walks and instructions are found in the Lease Walks Log Book in the info cupboard.)

Cow Gully - The gully which acts as a water course for the Southern side of The Lease and runs from The Top Track down to Carowiry Creek.

Memorial Lookout - Small area dedicated to the memory of those that have passed. (Located 50m South of Back Gate)

### **REMEMBER**

It is not safe to camp underneath Gum Trees as they often shed branches.

Due to the agistment of stock on the Lease please leave all gates on the Lease as you find them.

# **WE-LEASER MAINTENANCE ROSTER**

## **2023**

Once again it is time to organise a roster for the lease for the coming year.

A big thankyou to this year's members who gave their time and energy to keep the lease in such good condition for all members to enjoy.

If you can find time sometime during the year to go up to mow and do any maintenance you can see needs doing. Please notify the lease manager with the month you would like to have your name put against.

A roster will be made and posted in the magazine with names and month volunteers nominate. Contact Ken or Von on 43581357 or kenandvon5@bigpond.com

### **2023 Roster - Carried over from 2022**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Name</b>
JANUARY	Mysteire Egan and Sean Du Toit
FEBRUARY	Scott and Lisa Good
MARCH	Mel and Ben Gall
APRIL	Bill and Dianna McConville
MAY	Harvey Lopez and Alma Thompson
JUNE	Jim and Lisa O'Donoghue
JULY	Vickie Doran and Neil Pearson
AUGUST	Anna and Damien Erickson
SEPTEMBER	Lachy and Liz Thomas
OCTOBER	Dave and Alison Wallace
NOVEMBER	Craig and Dee Green
DECEMBER	Paul and 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 Ken McDonald, to register your interest.

## LEASE MANAGERS REPORT 2022

Thank you to all who helped to maintain the Lease during the past year.

A date is to be set in Feb 2023 to have a general clean up and wood gathering weekend at the Lease. The Committee will advise the date in the new year.

It has also been observed that there have been items of furniture, used tyres and various goods taken up and left at the Lease. The club committee must give permission for any donations to be left at the site. The club motto is respect to outdoors and this also applies to our Lease.

Ken and Von McDonald.

# This is Club 4X4 Country

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

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

How often have you found yourself in this setting and considered what you would do if the worst were to happen to your kitted out 4X4? Take a moment to do that – we'll wait.

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

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

Visit [CLUB4X4.COM.AU](http://CLUB4X4.COM.AU) or call 1800 CLUB 4X4 for a quote



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# 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 portable gas barbeque
- Gazebos
- Eskies
- And lots more...
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For a more detailed list of all equipment, please see Members Page on the Club Website.

Should members wish to borrow this equipment please contact our Club Quartermaster—Peter Glendinning on 0407 201 120.

**Please be aware that it is the Quartermasters role to store and issue equipment and NOT to deliver it or clean it. Please ensure anything returned to Pete is clean and let him know if it is faulty or broken.**



# *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.**

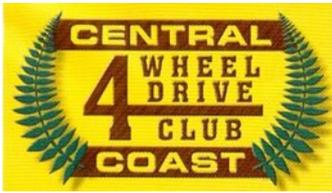
## **TRIP BOOK-IN PROCEDURE—Please familiarise yourself with these procedures to avoid any frustration**

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.



# 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 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:

<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Name and contact details
<b>Where to meet:</b>	Include as much detail as possible including the time
<b>The location of the trip:</b>	
<b>The Grade of the trip:</b>	Please refer to the Trip Classification codes
<b>Vehicle limit:</b>	the maximum number of vehicles permitted on the trip
<b>What to bring:</b>	<u>Please be detailed here</u> eg: food and water requirements, a bag of firewood, full tank of fuel, recovery gear, swimmers
<b>Minimum requirements:</b>	Eg: must have completed stage 1 or 2 driver awareness, snorkel, recovery points, working UHF radio, winch
<b>Costs:</b>	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](mailto:tripmaster@cc4wdc.org.au) so the Trip Master can log the trip **AND** to [editor@cc4wdc.org.au](mailto:editor@cc4wdc.org.au) so it can be included in the next magazine.

# Trip Reports



There are written and verbal trip reports for each Club 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](mailto: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](mailto:editor@cc4wdc.org.au)

# Caravan and Camping Bush Fire Safety

**HAVE AN ESCAPE PLAN. IF CAUGHT IN A BUSH FIRE YOU MAY DIE.**

## Before travelling you should check:

- Fire Danger Ratings and Bush Fire Alerts at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) or on the Fires Near Me Smartphone application
- Weather conditions at [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)
- Caravan has a smoke alarm, fire extinguisher and fire blanket
- Electrical and gas equipment is secure, appropriately fitted, in good working order, and turned off while travelling
- How you can call for help
- Survival kit includes a working battery operated radio, protective clothing, woollen blankets and water.

**Don't travel through remote areas on Total Fire Ban days.**

**If the conditions aren't good, don't go!**



## Setting up your camp fire or barbeque

- Place fires and barbeques at least three metres from flammable materials, on an existing fire site or cleared area where the wind will blow flames away from tents
- Fires should be attended by a responsible adult
- Have a water supply
- Extinguish fires, candles and lanterns before bed

**A fire can be terrifying, with strong winds, intense heat, flames, and thick smoke.**

## IF YOU'RE CAUGHT IN A FIRE:

- Call Triple Zero 000
- Park off the road in a clear area away from trees
- Face your car towards the fire
- Turn off the engine and turn on headlights and hazard lights
- Close windows and air vents
- Stay low in the car to protect yourself from radiant heat
- Cover yourself with a woollen blanket
- Drink water and cover your mouth with a damp cloth
- Stay down until the sound of the fire has passed.

**PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE. | BUSH FIRE INFORMATION LINE | 1800 679 737**



# First Aid Kit Basics



With increasing interest in the recent Bush First Aid course run by Sue from Express First Aid, I thought it would be good to examine what is available, what should a first aid kit contain, and where to purchase a recommended one.

## What's required?

Carrying a First Aid kit within your vehicle is a must when driving remotely and recommended on all club trips.

But what should your kit contain? Most have a collection of plasters, bandages and other first aid bits and bobs, but does it contain what is needed for trips out bush?

Below are some of the contents a BASIC first aid kit should contain, but more is recommended for camping and 4WDing, customising your first aid kit depending on the activities you do. A basic first aid kit checklist might include:

- crepe bandages of varying widths
- hypoallergenic (skin) tape
- triangular bandages
- adhesive dressing strips (such as bandaids) in different sizes
- gauze swabs
- combine dressing pads (10cm x 10cm)
- non-stick dressing pads (7.5cm x 10cm)
- sterile eye pad
- alcohol swabs
- stainless steel scissors (sharp/blunt) 12.5cm
- disposable gloves
- stainless steel pointed splinter forceps (tweezers)
- shock (thermal) blanket
- safety pins
- notepad and permanent marker
- sterile saline tubes/sachets
- disposable resuscitation face shield
- antiseptic skin swabs
- stop itch cream
- first aid booklet

# Driver Awareness Training

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

## Stage One for 2023

February 12th 2023

**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 2023

March 18th 2023

**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 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**



## 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.

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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# 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.

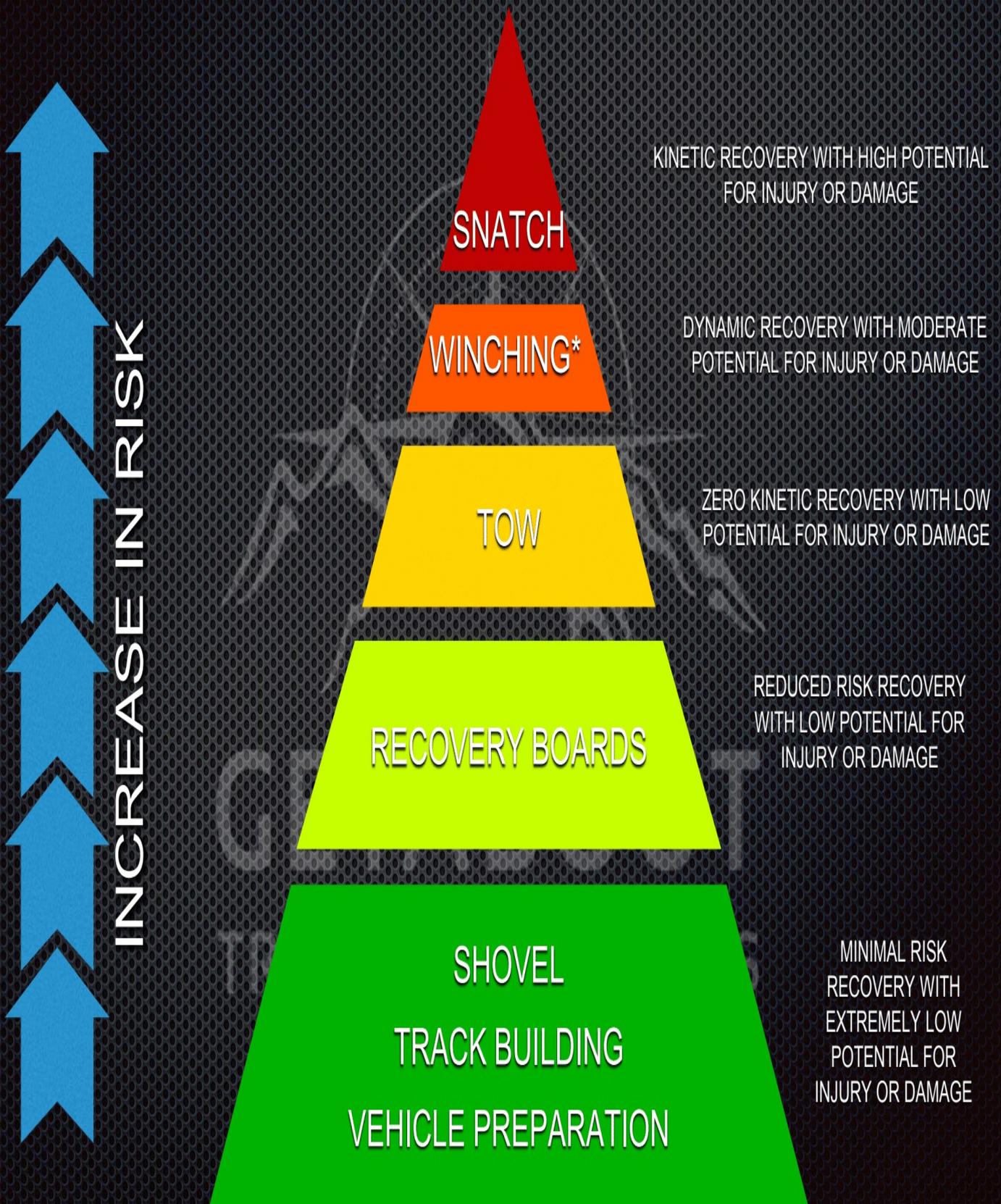
**Channel 22 and 23:** to be used for telemetry and telecommand automated communications only. Packet data and voice transmissions are not permitted

**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))*

# HIERARCHY OF RECOVERY



***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, or wild 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 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 firewood 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 cooking, 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 details to the treasurer at [treasurer@cc4wdc.org.au](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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[rayandbery15@bigpond.com](mailto:rayandbery15@bigpond.com)



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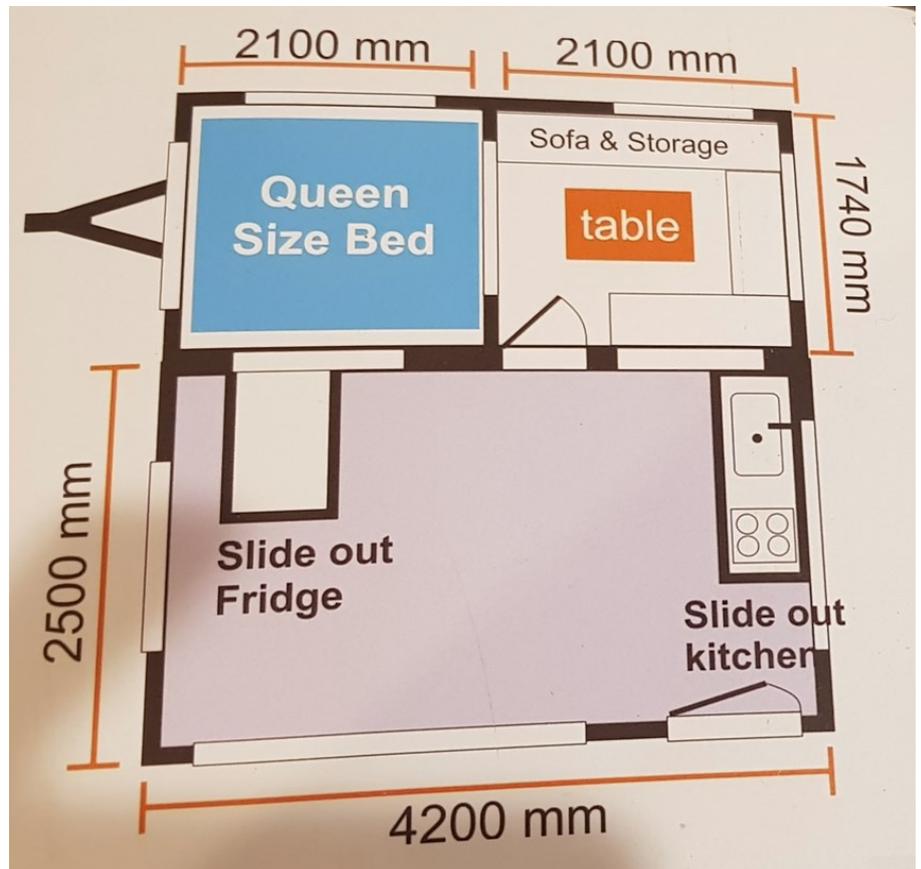
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- Gas struts assist setup
- Spare wheel
- 2 x jerry can holders
- 2x 4kg gas bottle holders
- 2 tonne ploy block tow hitch
- 4 x Stabilizing legs
- Swindle jockey wheel
- Stone guard
- Midge proof screens
- Enclosed Annex



# 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>
<b>CC4WD Club Windscreen Stickers</b> Medium	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>CC4WD Club Windscreen Stickers</b> Short	<b>\$8.00</b>

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



## **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 7 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 campfire.

Please no sharing food during Happy Hour.

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.

Pit toilets are 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.

### **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 7 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.*

## Links to Handy Websites

[National Parks NSW](#)

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

[Live Traffic NSW](#)

[Rural Fire Service NSW](#)

[Bureau of Meteorology](#) (BOM)

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

## Handy Phone apps

### ***Wikicamps***

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

### ***BOM—Bureau of Meteorology***

Government weather app

### ***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***

(there are equivalents in other states)

### ***Fuel Map***

Guide to fuel locations

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



## 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, upcoming 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](mailto:publicity@cc4wdc.org.au)

## CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

Find us on 

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

## CLUB FACEBOOK MEMBERS GROUP

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

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

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



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