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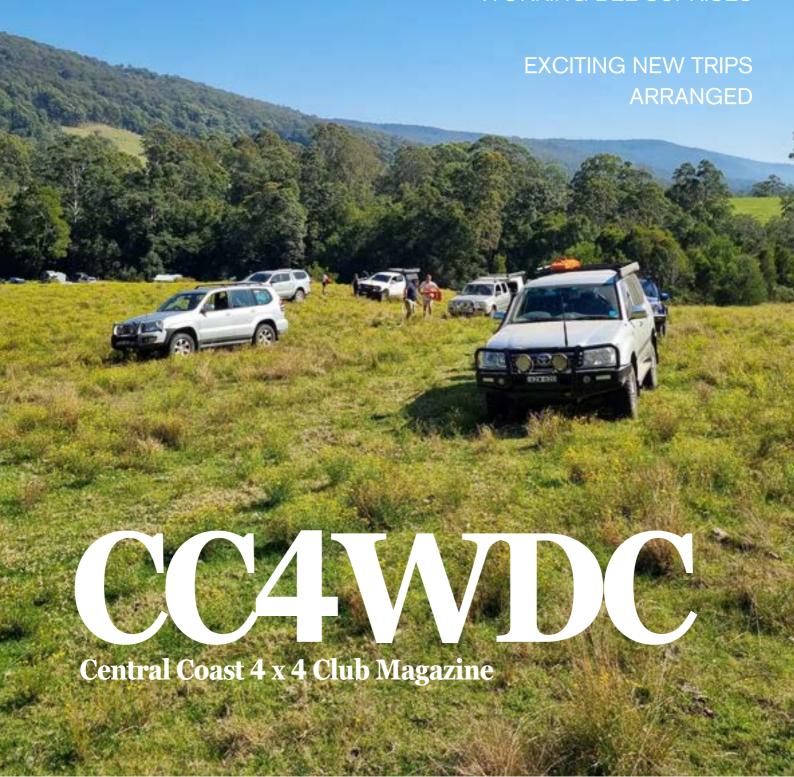
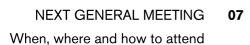


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the October edition of the Central Coast 4WD Club magazine. We are moving closer to the end of the year now and we have been having some great warm weather to break right into the Spring season. El Nino has been declared so we will be experiencing some drier weather this Spring and Summer periods. We will still have rainfall, but not as much.

Also, due to the drier weather and hotter temperatures, fire danger is increased so please be aware when traveling for fire warnings. We have already seen some fires throughout NSW and other states so hoping we don't have any bad bushfires.

Our Christmas party is fast approaching and numbers are needed if you know you are going, to ensure catering and other events can be organised. Yvonne McDonald is our new Social Co-Ordinator and is leading the team helping the Christmas weekend party.

We have had some changes in our Driver Awareness course. I attended the recent Stage 2 at the Lease and after reading some of the end-of-course comments, it appears that many owners of new vehicles are not too familiar with some of the electronic features that come with their vehicles. I know myself, I've had to refer to the manufacturer's manual to check on a few things: Something to include in future courses. I will inform members a bit more at the next meeting. This also includes to encourage a few more members, including the ladies to come on board and undertake the education programme to join the team. This is an opportunity to increase your own 4wd skills and pass on that knowledge to future members.

Ken and Yvonne, recently organised a Working Bee at the lease and it was good to see a few turn up and help out with a few chores and maintenance. Wood shed is always a priority to keep a good supply up, especially for the cooler months when a roaring fire is a welcomed sight on a cold night.

Our next meeting is on Thursday the 12th of October, at The Entrance Leagues Club, so look forward to seeing you all there. As usual, the meeting starts at 8pm. Dinner in the Bistro area normally starts from around 6pm to enjoy a meal and a chat before the meeting commences. Travel safe and see you there.



PRESIDENT



FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,

I'd just like to take a moment to introduce myself to those I haven't had the chance to meet yet. My name is Scott and I am the Vice-President of this amazing club. My wife Lisa and I have been members for almost 10 years as well as our two children Marice and Zara, who many of you know. This is my second committee position, having been the magazine editor for a couple of years, and Lisa has also been heavily involved as Assistant Treasurer and now on the Social Club Xmas Party Committee.



I'd like to welcome all our new members and look forward to meeting you all in the coming months, maybe

at the Xmas party in November, or at a new members trip I will organize for some time early in the new year. In the meantime, have a look at any trips that are coming up and, if you've completed Stage I driver awareness training you can probably go and have some fun and learn new things.

With the weather warming up it is worth noting that the wildlife up at the lease is becoming more active. I got to meet a lovely little red belly black snake a couple of weekends ago when we were splitting wood at the working bee weekend, and leeches and ticks are also around (I've had first hand experience of those too). Please make sure you check yourself and your loved ones regularly and be careful in and around the bush. Adding some tick freezing spray and tweezers, as well as some insect repellant to your kit can also help.

Anyway, that's enough from me. Please feel free to come up and introduce yourself at any of our meetings or gatherings. I look forward to it.

Cheers,

VICE PRESIDENT

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the October '23 issue of the Central Coast 4 x 4 club magazine. This is my first month as editor and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sean for all his help and support in handing over the baton to me, along with all of the time and effort he has spent on the magazine.

A little about me:

I am married to Leon, whom many of you have met already. He get's to go to all the meetings whilst I stay at home watching shows he hates and making sure our three kids go to bed at a reasonable hour.

My dad was a racing driver and I basically grew up at Brands Hatch and Silverstone; two UK motor racing circuits. After about 10 years trackside, I can now confidently change a car wheel but it's still Leon's job to top up my washer fluid...

I grew up in a rural area and we would regularly go off-roading in the mountains when I was a kid as my dad enjoyed taking part in the now-extinct camel trophy cup. I have fond memories of "discovering" deserted lakes, tracks and vistas as a child and love seeing the same excitement on my own children's faces.

I'm thrilled to bring you the best our club has to offer each month. Remember: Your input matters! If you have anything you'd like to see in the magazine, please email me at editor@cc4wdc.org.au

Here's to more adventures ahead!

trika thillips

EDITOR





CC4WD Club FAQs

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

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING



12th October 2023 8pm The Entrance Leagues Club 3 Bay Village Road, Bateau Bay



Join Us
On Zoom

Zoom meetings are free and you can join from your computer, phone, iPad or other tablet. If you are not joining by computer, you will need to get the Zoom app before you can join a Zoom meeting.



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SPEAKING

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING







Thank you to all who came!



Central Coast 4WD Club General Meeting

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 - THE ENTRANCE LEAGUES CLUB

Start time: 8:04pm

Attendees: As per attached attendance record

Apologies: Bev Fort, Helen and John Smyth

Visitors: As per attached attendance record

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Motion: That the minutes for the General Meeting held on (10/08/23) as published in the magazine with the amendment above be accepted:

Moved: Scott Good Seconded: Gerri Donaldson Action: Carried

President's Report: Pete Robinson

N/A

Secretary's Report: Glenn Turnbull

Correspondence and emails received as tabled.

From	Subject	Response
Mari Metzke	CTP September Newsletter	Will Post it on FB
Brett Clark	Member Page access	Sent the details

Port Maq 4x4 (Luke)	August newsletter	N/A
Dept of Fair Trading	T2-A12 form submission confirmation	N/A
	3 x New membership enquires	Answered questions and 1 was referred to Dawn

Hard copy correspondence: N/A

Outward correspondence: N/A

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

magazine be accepted.

Moved: Ken McDonald Seconded: Lachy Thomas Action: Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Michelle Edwards

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

CC4WD CLUB TREASURERS REPORT -for SEPTEMBER general Meeting		
DATE:	1 September 2023	
BALANCE SHEET		
Investment Term Deposit		\$20,626.18
Undeposited Funds		\$0.00
Cheque account:		\$18,835.83
NET POSITION		\$39,462.01
Fun Fines		\$13.20
Donations		
Raffle		\$129.00
Membership		\$3,430.00
Merchandise		
Miscellaneous		
Christmas Party		

Social Event	1st aid	\$520.00
Interest		
Advertising		
TOTAL INCOME		\$4,092.20
Expenses:		
DTU		
Miscellaneous	PO Box	\$122.00
Bank Charges		\$18.64
МҮОВ		\$65.00
Monthly meeting	TELC	\$368.00
Lease	fuel	\$173.75
Advertising		
Club affiliation		
Membership		\$185.00
Merchandise		
Raffle		\$63.98
Social Event		
Donations		
Income :		
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$996.37
NET PROFIT		\$3,095.83

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

Moved: Steve Turdak Seconded: Luke Mead Action: Carried

Bills for payment:

BILLS FOR PAYMENT		
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Express First Aid	battery and pads for AED	\$292.00
Express First Aid	first aid course x 6	\$990.00
Dave Brown	solar panels for lease	\$150.00
Glenn Turnbull	Club a12 form	\$54.24
The Entrance Leagues Club	catering for meeting	\$130.00
Yvonne	lease expenses	\$47.68
TOTAL		\$1,663.92
OUTSTANDING INVOICES:		
Suspension Concepts		\$515.00

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

Moved: Luke Mead Seconded: Jane Savage Action: Carried

Membership Officer Report: Dawn Smit

- Application from Ariana Janiw
 - o Approved: Glenn Turnbull
- · There is a delay on new member badges at the moment

V	ice	Presidents	Report:	Scott Go	oc

N/A

Editor's Report:

N/A

Assistant Treasurer's Report: Alison Wallace

N/A

Lease Managers Report:

Ken McDonald

- Working bee coming up in September
 - Sausage sizzle supplied
 - To do list:
 - Wood cutting
 - Splitting wood and stacking
 - Spraying the woodshed
 - · New lights and solar panels to be mounted on the roof
- · Bottom gate is open at the moment
 - o Reminder to leave the gate as you find it.
- Reminder the lease is closed on 21st / 22nd October

Driver Awareness Report:

- Looking for a someone to run the DWU
 - o Reach out to Pete if you are interested
- · Stage 2 is still going ahead this weekend

Merchandise Report: Jane Savage

- Jane is organising some new summer merchandise
 - Watch this space!

Raffles: Joyce Hollins

Prizes on offer tonight include:

- Cast iron tea pot
- Gift baskets

QuarterMaster Report: Peter Glendinning

All going well, please contact Peter if you need anything

Public Relations:

N/A

NSW/ACT Association:

The Sydney 4wd Show Asc. Stand – Dawn gave an update on how the show went.

General Business:

- ME:
 - o Catherine did our audit for the last year.
 - Motion to give Catherine a gift of up to \$100
 - Seconded: Alison Wallace
- PR
- o Confirmed the FB post has been sorted.
- o Feel free to chat to Pete if you have any concerns

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Social Activities:

Yvonne McDonald

 Yvonne is looking for people to be on the Christmas party detail, please get in touch with Yvonne if you are interested.

Items for Sale:

- Cherrie
 - o A size 14 ladies club jacket
 - Club shirt, size 10
 - o Club Cap and beenie
 - Beer coolers
- Paul Fisher
 - o Nissan Patrol
 - It's been well looked after
 - Talk to Paul if you are interested

Trip Masters Report:

Lachy Thomas

- · Trips presented on the night (see the magazine for more details):
 - 4WD Adventure Show
 - Dawn assisted with the Association stand
 - They had record crowds on Saturday
 - Bush first Aid course & CPR 26th August
 - Lisa gave a report on what happened over the weekend and cannot recommend it enough.
 - Thanks Dave and Michelle for organising such a great weekend!
 - Stockon Trip
 - Paul Fisher gave a trip report
 - For the record he did not get bogged, he was "getting to know the vehicle"
 - Ray did a recce to the water tower at Umina and the lookout at Patonga

Upcoming Trips:

- Here's a summary of the up-and-coming trips, check out the magazine for more details:
 - Driver Awareness Training Stage 2 this weekend
 - Working bee at the Lease
 - · Let Ken know for catering
 - Ray is running a Watagans day trip 21st October
 - Bob and Monica 21st October trip to 6 foot track
 - Dunn's Swamp late November
 - Christmas Party 24th/ 25th November

Piston Broke Trophy:

Dawn Smit for giving the credit card a workout at the Sydney 4WD show

Legend of the Month:

 Dawn Smit for representing the club at the Sydney 4WD show (and providing security over the weekend!).

Fun Fines:

Gold coin donations for forgotten badges and phones ringing.

Final Notes:

- The next Committee meeting will be held on 25/09/23 7pm @ The Entrance Leagues Club. Contact Pete Robinson for details - all welcome to attend.
- The next General Meeting will be held on 12/10/23 at the Entrance Leagues Club and on Zoom.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm

Minutes by Glenn Turnbull

President Pete Robinson

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO



WORKING BEE AT THE LEASE

A great club turnout at the working bee with some unexpected suprises!



A magnificent job was done by an awesome bunch of people who turned up at the Lease. There was a total of 23 people at the lease over the weekend and a massive amount of work was carried out.

The wood shed is now well stocked with timber as the chainsaw crew spent hours cutting logs into splitting size which were transported to the woodshed by the crew that used the trailer and the mower trailer to move logs from where the trees were cut up. Our log slitter queen LINDA manned the splitter for hours and did a great job. Shock of the day was when a log was split and inside was a Red Belly Black snake and also a very large centipede.

Lunch was cooked by Dave and was enjoyed by all along with a well-deserved break before getting back to more filling of the woodshed. Thank you to Heather for cleaning up after lunch.

Other jobs done were installation of new solar lights in the café and putting the new solar panels on the café roof. These are now working well.

Heather Brown and Lisa Good spent time with me brainstorming our plans for the upcoming Christmas Party and I thank them very much for their help and input for the organising of this event.

Many thanks to all these people for their hard work because with out them the lease would not be as good as it is for all members to use. Of course it was not all hard work as we all enjoyed social drinks in the evening around a nice fire.

BY YVONNE MCDONALD PHOTOGRAPHY BY LEON PHILLIPS



WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO

DRIVER AWARENESS





Geoff & Julie let us know how they got on at the Lease for Driver Training 2 on 16th & 17th September...



I was lucky enough to attend Driver Awareness with a great bunch of members, new, old & not so old.

We had perfect weather, great conditions, and excellent venue at the Lease in Dungog.

A variety of cars with a big variety of new and old technology, which we learnt to use correctly and safely.

The course ran over a full day and a half with a lot of excellent input from our experienced instructors, generously sharing their knowledge and skills patiently with us keen students.

The presentation and content was excellent, our instructors were friendly, non judgmental and very helpful only too happy to explain or demonstrate best practice in the use of our vehicles.

Big thankyou to the members who gave up their weekend sharing their skills and knowledge, especially Paul, Tappy Dave & Greg.

BY GEOFF & JULIE DOMINGUEZ

STOCKTON BEACH TRIP

Participants

- Pete Robinson in a 200 Landcruiser
- Ian and Fiona Fisher in a Nissan Patrol,
- Luke and Melissa Mead in a LDV T60
- Ray Kaltenbacher driving a Prado
- Colin Bradshaw in a Jeep
- Peter and Fiona Hak driving a Prado
- Dave, Michelle and Megan Edwards in a 200 Landcruiser
- Paul Fisher in a new Ford Everest
- Bob and Shane Tapscott driving a D Max
- Leon, George and Arlo Phillips in a LDV T60
- Dawn Smit, Andy De Cressic and Tracey Gear driving a D Max.



After a well-attended reccy trip, Pete's actual Stockton Beach Trip was also well attended with a total of 11 vehicles. Some of the drivers were well experienced at driving on the sand and others like myself had never done this before.

After getting our permits, we met at Maccas in Williamstown where some had breakfast or a cuppa. Then it was down to Stockton beach carpark, where we had a briefing and aired down. It was very strange to air down so much: Then off we headed to the sand.

Oh what a strange experience it was! I couldn't keep a straight line. It looked like some other cars also had the same trouble. We went up and down a few small dunes waiting until the car in front had just crested them before it was the next car's turn.

Then we came to a big dune (well to me it was). Pete, as the leader, went up with no worries, so did a few others. A couple struggled a little and Colin got bogged in his new jeep. Paul went down to give advice and at some stage a second attempt was made and the top of the dune was achieved. Then Paul got bogged and some comments were made about how he had no recovery gear, but he was able to get himself out. There was a good view of the beach from the top of the dune but it was windy.

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO

STOCKTON BEACH TRIP (CONT)



We then all drove down to where the wreck of the Sygna can be seen at low tide. Unfortunately it was high tide so we couldn't see it. We were shown a print out showing photos of how the wreck had deteriorated over the years which was interesting to look at.

Next it was off for morning tea and a very big dune to tackle if you wanted to. Some went up and down several times, once was enough for me although I was in the car when Peter went up a few times. On the fourth run up the dune we even had our first experience of not being able to get up it but were able to reverse down again.





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STOCKTON BEACH TRIP (CONT)



After morning tea we headed up the beach to tin city. The sand keeps trying to cover the huts but the owners keep digging them out. Only descendants of the original owners can stay there, anyone else has to camp at the designated area.

Further up the beach we headed to near the Anna bay exit for lunch. A couple of cars left and the rest of us relaxed and chatted as we ate. The kids had a great time playing in the sand.

Then it was time for the drive back to the Williamstown exit. I was surprised at the number of cars we passed in both directions. It seems like a popular activity. My confidence increased but I still find it a strange experience.

At the car park it was time to air up and head home.

Thanks to Pete for running the trip especially as it gave some of us a chance to drive on the beach for the first time.

BY FIONA HAK





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CLASS C

6FT TRACK TRIP

LIMIT - 6 VEHICLES

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4-5 NOVEMBER

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20-24 NOVEMBER

DUNN'S SWAMP

LIMIT - 6 VEHICLES

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25-26 NOVEMBER

CHRISTMAS PARTY

RSVP 27TH OCTOBER

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GRADE C

UPCOMING EVENTS 2023









WATAGANS NATIONAL PARK TRIP

SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2023

MEET WOODBURY PARK YARRAMALONG RD ALISON 9:00AM

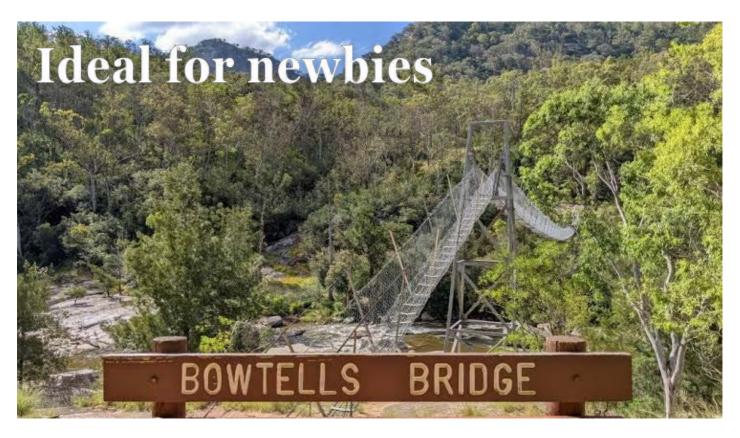
The trip is along; Watagans Forest RD, visiting Roper Track, Boarding House Dam, Georges Fire trail and some lookouts along the way exiting via Walkers Ridge Forest Rd also, having a look at the Basin picnic, area Bring lunch, snack, uhf radio, recovery gear, full tank of fuel. There is a short walk at Boarding House Dam.

YOU WILL NEED:

- LUNCH
- SNACKS
- UHF RADIO
- RECOVERY GEAR
- FULL TANK OF FUEL

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6FT TRACK TRIP

SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER - SUNDAY 22 OCT 2023 MEET 21ST OCT, 9:30AM AT THE LOLLY BUG LITTLE HARTLEY

This weekend is about exploring the Six foot Track and Gibraltar Rocks. The Six Foot Track is a long-distance walking track from Katoomba to Jenolan Caves, although a walking track sections are open to 4wding. We will visit the Bowtell's Swing Bridge which hopefully will be reopen and you can if you're brave cross the Cox's river, then explore the tracks up to the lookout at Gibraltar Rocks.

YOU WILL NEED:

- STAGE 1 DRIVER TRAINING OR EQUIVALENT
- ALL TERRAIN TYRES
- UHF RADIO
- FULL TANK OF FUEL
- CAMPING GEAR
- BASIC RECOVERY GEAR
- FOOD
- WATER
- BAG OF WOOD

CONTACT

BOB & MONICA TEL: 0490 926 649

LIMIT: 6 CARS - NOT SUITABLE FOR TRAILERS OR CARAVANS

UPCOMING EVENTS 2023





DUNNS SWAMP

MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER - FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER MEET 20TH NOVEMBER - DUNN'S SWAMP CAMPGROUND

The NSW NPWS have put strict booking requirements on all visitors! You will need to book your site on-line (Google "Dunns Swamp"). There are only 11 caravan sites but 40 tent sites.

- Caravan/Camper trailer costs are \$17/night + 2.5% booking fee
- Tent sites \$12/night + 2.5% booking fee

Pit toilets are provided, but no power nor drinking water is provided.

Dunn's Swamp is 25km from Rylstone; the last 10km of the access road to the campground is dirt and often very rough.

The 4WD portion of this trip (only 20km) takes us into the north-western corner of Wollemi National Park, on a rarely traversed track, over Nullo Mountain, via private roads at each end. A scenic drive through the Widden valley brings us back on to the Cox's Gap road. This part of the trip, in 4WD vehicles only, will be undertaken on the Thursday morning, weather permitting. When the Cox's Gap road is reached, those travelling home will do so via Denman, while those who have caravans will need to return to Dunn's Swamp via Bylong.

Activities include bushwalking, swimming and kayaking in/on the beautiful water reservoir (on the Cudg-egong River), rock climbing, fishing (fishing licence required) and a perhaps a half day excursion to Ferntree Gully (rain forest).

YOU WILL NEED:

- CAMPING GEAR
- DRINKING WATER
- SHOWER (IF DESIRED)
- KAYAKS (IF POSSIBLE)
- STURDY WALKING SHOES
- SWIMMING TOGS

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If/when you have been able to book in

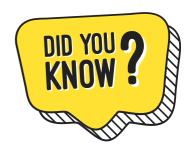
LIMIT: 6 VEHICLES



PLAN YOUR OWN CLUB TRIP

- 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.



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

First of all, a big thanks to you for running a trip! We appreciate that there is a lot of planning

and thought which goes in to leading a trip.

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

Trip Leader: Name and contact details

Where to meet: Include as much detail as possible including the time

The location of the trip:

The Grade of the trip: Please refer to the Trip Classification codes Vehicle limit: the maximum number of vehicles permitted on the trip

What to bring: Please be detailed here eg: food and water requirements, a bag of

firewood, full tank of fuel, recovery gear, swimmers

Minimum requirements: Eg: must have completed stage 1 or 2 driver awareness, snorkel, recovery points, working UHF radio, winch

Costs: Please note here if there are any costs involved. Eg: camping fees, museum or entry fees, booking fees, meals, accommodation etc

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

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

Once you have all the details in your trip notice, please email in Word or Publisher format to

tripmaster@cc4wdc.org.au so the Trip Master can log the trip AND to editor@cc4wdc.org.au so it can be included in the next magazine.



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 and include your photos in the document.
- If you prefer to send your photos separately, please label your photos with the location and
- names of people etc.
- Please upload your photos to Google Drive, OneDrive, DropBox or a similar file sharing service and email the link with your Word or Publisher document to editor@cc4wdc.org.au.
- You can always refer to past magazines for examples of how a trip report is written.
- If you have any questions at all, please email the Editor at editor@cc4wdc.org.au



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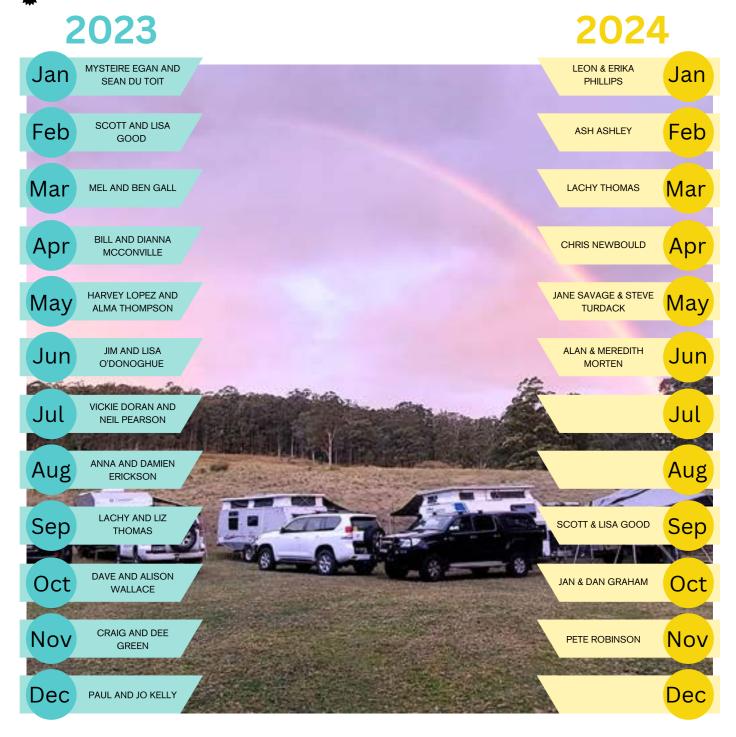
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We have almost filled the 2024 roster with just three vacancies left. If you can find time sometime during the year to go up to mow and do any maintenance you can see needs doing. Please notify the lease manager with the month you would like to have your name put against.

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

Contact Ken or Von on 4358 1357 or kenandvon5@bigpond.com

WE-LEASER FOR MEMBERS

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 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



CONTACT: 4358 1357

GUIDELINES FOR USE OF WE-LEASER

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
- Rubbish must all be taken home with you.
- We only lease the 30 acres around the camping area. Please do not drive to any other parts of the property.
- Motor bikes and any unregistered vehicles are not allowed on the property. We aren't insured for these, and our lease doesn't allow it.
- Don't feed the animals on the property.
- When-ever possible, replace firewood you use with timber from outside the property.
 Do not collect fire-wood from the property.
- The tanks on the property collect rainwater and are not for drinking. They may also be empty if it hasn't recently rained, so please always carry your own water.
- When using the barbecue or the burners, please turn off the gas at the bottle as soon as you finish cook-ing, otherwise it will leak. If the gas bottles are empty, there are 2 options:
- Pay to get them refilled and request reimbursement by emailing a copy of your receipt and bank de-tails to the treasurer at treasurer@cc4wdc.org.au
- Use our account at the garage at the top of the town as you come in (contact the lease manager for how to use our account if using this option). If using this option, please remember to email a copy of the invoice provided to you to treasurer@cc4wdc.org.au
- · No domestic animals or pets are allowed
- Before you leave, please check the following:
 - Double check the gas is off at the bottle to ensure no leakage
 - Make sure the café gates are closed so livestock can't get in and make a mess
 Make sure the toilet and shower doors are closed.

KNOW YOUR LEASE

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.

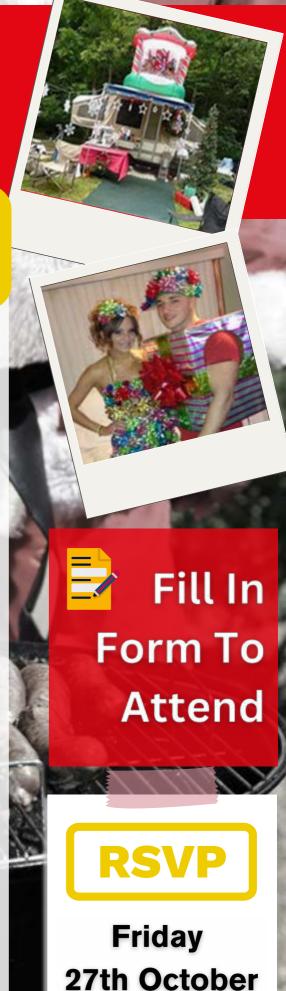
Due to the agistment of stock on the Lease please leave all gates on the Lease as you find them.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

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SATURDAY

- 10.00am
 - Kids Craft & games
 - Sno Cones and fairy floss
 - Xmas Raffles
- 11.30 am
 - Santa & fire truck
- 1.00 pm
 - Christmas Lunch
 - BYO Plates and cutlery decorate your table.
 - Xmas themed dress encouraged.
- 2.30pm
 - Water slide and water fights bring your swimmers – you will get wet!
 - Craft and games
- 5.00pm
 - Nibbles and drinks
 - Craft and games
- 7.30pm
 - Dessert
- After Dark
 - Prizes for best dressed adult and child
 - Adults Anything goes.....????



Central Coast 4WDC Christmas Party

Weekend of Saturday 25th November 2023 Registration Form

Surname		First Name			
If you wish your children (16 and under) to receive a present from Santa, please complete the following					
Member Number	Surname	First Name	Boy	Girl	Age
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Please note: Only Children attending the Xmas Party receive presents.					
Visiting kids/grandkids (Non-Members children) the cost is \$25.00 per child to receive a present from Santa.					
All children eat free					
ADULTS PRICING FOR THE MEAL/CATERING					
\$10.00 per Adult – CC4WDC Members No of Adults					
\$25.00 per Adult – Non Members (visitors) No of Adults					
Please pay at the Club Meeting – Cash or EFT					
Or directly to the Club Account BSB 082 620 ACCOUNT 622378 649					
Please write Xmas and Surname					
Email registration form to <u>kenandvon5@bigpond.com</u>					
RSVP Friday 27 th October 2023					



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Some of this equipment includes:

- Fold up tables (located at the lease)
- A portable gas barbeque
- Gazebos
- Eskies
- And lots more...

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.



CLUB MERCHANDISE



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.

Contact Jane - 0422 021 179

Email— 03jane68@gmail.com

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 SHOP

 $Contact: Jane\ Savage-email-03jane 68@gmail.com$

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

DO THE HIERARCHY OF RECOVERY

INCREASE IN RISK

Snatch

Winching*

Tow

Recovery Boards

Shovel
Track Building
Vehicle Preparation

Kinetic recovery with a high potential for injury or damage

Dynamic recovery with moderate potential for injury or damage

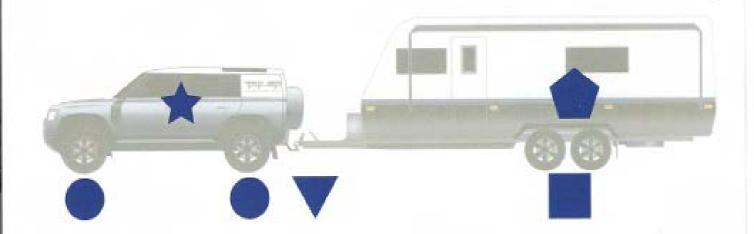
Zero kinetic recovery with low potential for injury or damage

Reduced risk recovery with low potential for injury or damage

> Minimal risk recovery with extremely low potential for injury or damage

Know your Weights





VEHICLE TARE WEIGHT

(Unladen weight | No payload)

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GROSS VEHICLE MASS

GROSS VEHICLE (GVM or max legal weight)

(Vehicle tare weight + max vehicle payload)

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TOW BALL MASS Downward mass applied to tow vehicle (to be calculated into gross vehicle mass) V

TRAILER TARE WEIGHT

Unladen weight | No payload



AGGREGATE TRAILER MASS

(ATM) Trailer tare weight + max trailer payload



GROSS TRAILER MASS

(GTM) Trailer tare weight + max trailer payload excluding tow ball mass



GROSS COMBINED

(GCM)

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MASS

(Gross vehicle mass + tow ball mass + gross trailer mass)

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Loading Your Vehicle and Caravan

Everything you pack weighs something

To determine how much you can pack, or your pay load, everything that is additional to the TARE mass of your caravan, plus everything you have packed must be weighed.

Don't overload your caravan

This table shows example weights of various items that may be part of a caravan's payload along with the caravan's tare and maximum carrying capacity to demonstrate how to measure the safe carrying capacity.



Maximum carrying capacity: 2500kg

Caravan TARE: 2100kg

Maximum pack weight 400kg

capacity of your towbar, towing vehicle, tyre capacity or caravan ATM.

What you pack, or your payload, must not exceed the lowest tow

Holiday Pack Luggage = 30kg Cutlery = 3kg Crockery = 10kg

Pots and pans = 11kg Barbeque = 25kg

Groceries= 35kg

Cleaning supplies = 7kg

Broom= 2kg

2 x sheets = 5kg

2 x pillows = 2kg

2 x blankets = 6kg 2 x bicycles = 30kg

Outdoor seating = 15kg

Outdoor table = 10kg

TOTAL = 191kg

Vehicle Extras

Awning = 30kg Air conditioner = 35kg

Caravan TV = 7kg

Spare tyre = 25kg 2 x mattresses = 45kg

Gas bottle = 25kg

100L water = 100kg

TOTAL = 267kg

Total = 458kg (58kg overweight)

ADDITIONAL WEIGHTS*

Vehicle Extras

additional to TARE

SULKE	Steet Duitout
55kg	Alloy bullbar
40kg	Plastic bullbar
30kg	Winch bar
50kg	Full roof cage
8kg	Roof racks

10kg+ Side awning 24kg 50L fridge (empty)

35kg 75L fridge (empty) 75kg 2man rooftop hard shell

65kg 4man rooftop tent

30kg Second battery 35kg Single slide draws 70kg 2 slide draws

22kg 20L jerry can (full)

35kg Side steps

Caravan Extras

additional to TARE

10kg

35kg	Air conditioner
7kg	Caravan TV
25kg	Spare tyre
30kg	Awning
45kg	2 mattresses
25kg	Gas bottle
100kg	Water
40kg	Annex floor/sides
10kg	Hoses

If Was consider the entre weight you may accumulate while transfers, grey water lank, cassette tallet water, terms you pick up slong the way.

Ramps/chocks

Holiday Pack

additional to TARE

30kg	Luggage/clothi
3kg	Cutlery
10kg	Crockery
11kg	Pots/pans
35kg	Groceries
15kg	24 beers
4kg	4L wine
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7kg Cleaning supplies 4kg Broom/vacuum

15kg Sheets/towels/linen

25kg Barbeque

15kg Outdoor seating

10kg Outdoor table 30kg 2 bicycles





^{*} Weights are indicative only. Actual weights may vary



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 band aids) 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 47



UHF RADIO CHANNELS - AUSTRALIA

Which channels to use and 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))



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



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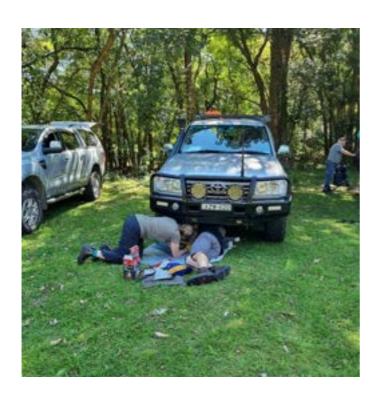
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Please contact editor@cc4wdc.org.au if you're a member and would like to advertise your business in the club magazine — it doesn't have to be four wheel drive related.

Cost is \$80 per year.

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













LINKS TO HANDY WEBSITES



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 Meterology
 - 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



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

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

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

OUR CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

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.



OUR CLUB MEMBERS FACEBOOK PAGE

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

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

Your request to join will then be submitted for approval by one of the Admin team who will check that you are a financial member and then approve your request.



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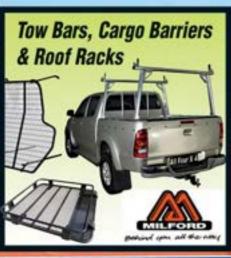


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