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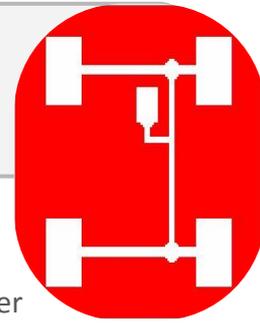
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ALL WHEEL DRIVE CLUB OF SYDNEY INC

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Having a break at Tabbut, Easter 2021. Snapped by Ricky Morales

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Front Cover photo:

Nino Lamaro's LC100 at TJs 4WD park on the club trip 20 Feb 2022. See Member's Profile in this issue. Photo by Beatrice Lamaro.

Back Cover photo:

Joel Wang's shiny Toyota Hilux SR5 guided down by Steve Cox on Driver Training 19 Feb 2022. See trip report in the next issue. Photo Ricky Morales.

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Bistro meals are available prior to the meeting.
VISITORS WELCOME.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Are normally held at 7:30pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Members who wish to attend should contact the President or Secretary to confirm the date and venue.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Is normally held in conjunction with the October Club Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL YEAR

Runs from 1 July to 30 June.

CHARITIES FOR YEAR 2021/2022

Raffle tickets and fines levied by the Sergeant-at-Arms for misdemeanours (real or imagined) will be divided between the following charities this year:



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FROM THE EDITOR

Doug Stewart



“Beyond the Bitumen” is here again. Thanks to those extra people who downloaded last month. Tell your friends if you like this magazine. Or tell me if you don't.

In this month's edition we have all the usual columns plus Member's Profile, Driver of the Month and an update on Safety RCD raised by a member. Also Dirt'n'Dust Festival Info in case you are going to Qld.

Please let me know which of these items you like and which you don't. Without your feedback I'm just guessing as to what to put in your magazine.

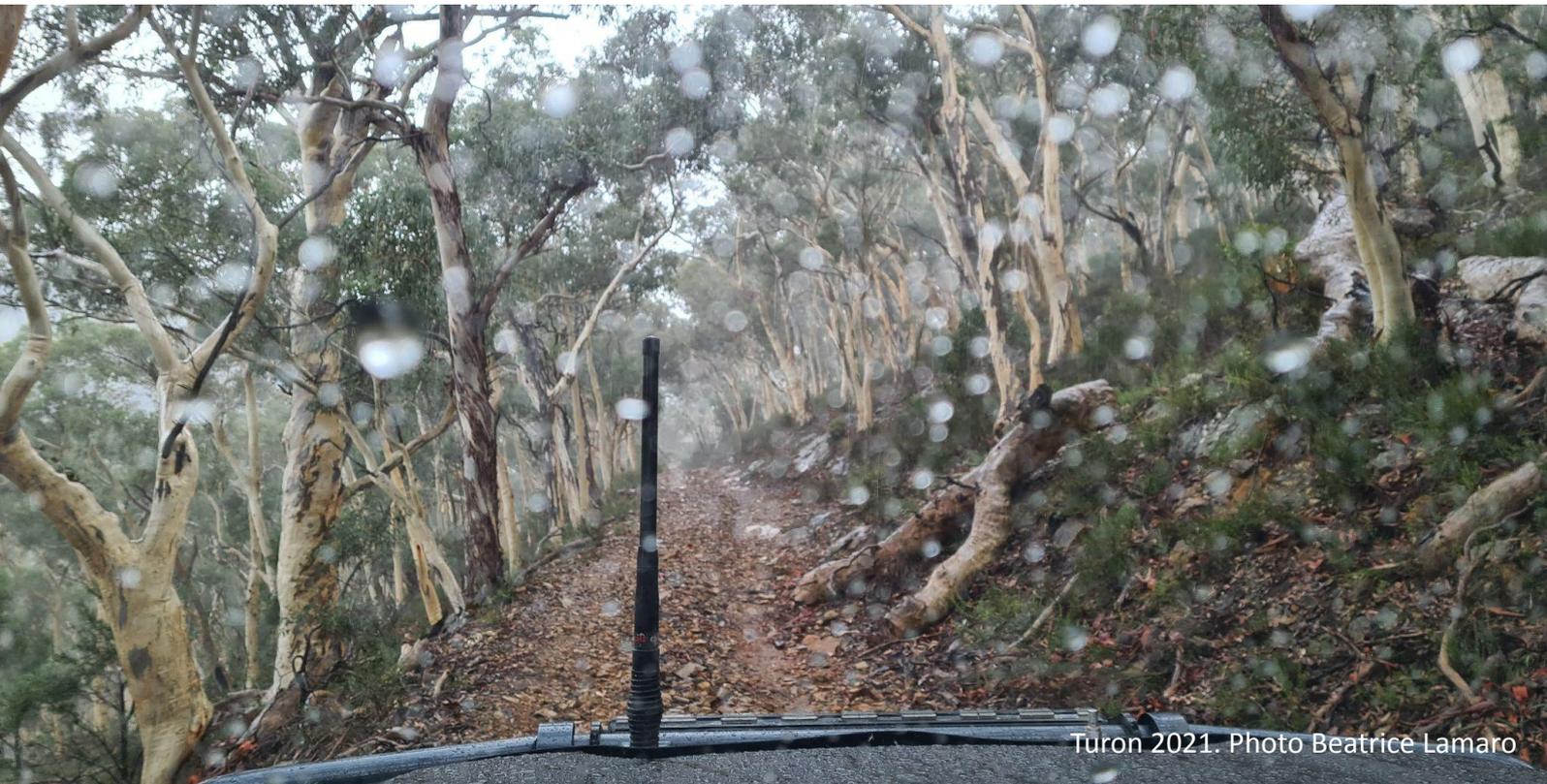
Also let me know if you are willing to contribute a review about any equipment, accessory or camping item?

Drop me a line if you have anything that you wish to Buy, Swap or Sell. And/Or post your item to the [Classifieds Forum](#) on the AWDC web site.

Letters to the Editor? I am happy to publish any relevant letters you care to submit.

There are a huge number of trips on our program so I hope that you can all find one to scratch your 4WD itch.

See you out travelling somewhere,
Doug



Turon 2021. Photo Beatrice Lamaro

Trip reports, general interest articles and photos can be sent to

editor@awdc.com.au

Closing date for next magazine is

LAST DAY OF THE CURRENT MONTH

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PRESIDENT REPORT

Joc Mannes



Hi everyone,

I don't have any 4WD related things to tell.

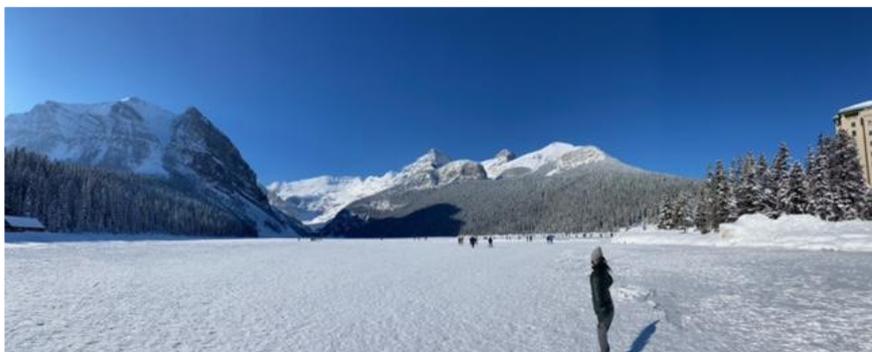
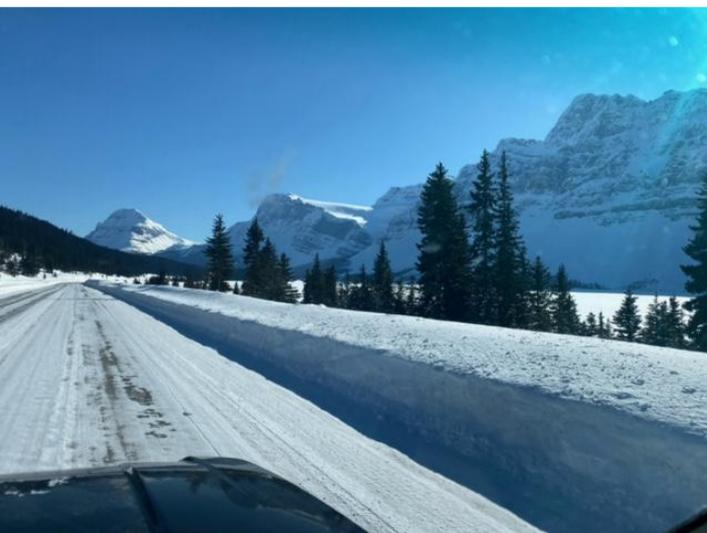
I am currently in Kicking Horse Canada this morning's temperature is -25 C. The trick of throwing a mug of boiling water into the air for instant snow actually works!

The scenery is fantastic and I even drove my mates 2008 Range Rover Vogue in 20cm of new snow.

Anybody thinking of travelling, to somewhere civilised, go! The plane was half empty, cheap and here they are as switched on about safety as in Oz.

It will be great to get back on the tracks soon! See you in March.

Joc



The club acknowledges and thanks Eileen Gallery for the generous donation of a Satphone to be available for members of the club for use on club trips. The safety net of being able to get help when needed even in the remotest places is priceless. As for our defib devices, the satphones can be requested for loan by request to the President. president@awdc.com.au



VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Brad Paull



Hi everyone,

I would like to thank Ian Ferrett from RFI Technology Solutions coming along to speak about his CEL-FI Go range booster. Hopefully everyone who wanted a reduced price for a CEL-FI ordered one from the shop.

I am looking forward to catching up with you all at Club Belrose for our March meeting on Tuesday 8th March.

This month we have Kirsten Sommerville talking about the advantages of the second dual member doing driver training.

If anyone would like to suggest other guest speakers please email me.

Thanks,

Brad Paull

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Held on Tuesday 8th February 2022

MEETING OPENED at 7.30pm – Club Belrose, Belrose NSW

CHAIR: Brad Paull, Vice President

SECRETARY / MINUTES: Harold Zev

ATTENDANCE BOOK

- As per attendance register and visitors' names were recorded.

APOLOGIES: Joc Mannes, Doug Stewart, Brian Sommerville and as per register.

VISITORS: Garth and Sandra Strange – Drive a Ford Ranger

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING of 7th December 2021:

MOVED BY: James Bayliss

SECONDED BY: Ricky Morales

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Joc Mannes (absent)

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brad Paull

- March meeting may be held at Battery Business – yet to be confirmed

- Introduced Ian Ferrett, RFI Technologies who gave a presentation on Cel-Fi Mobile coverage.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Harold Zev – as per magazine

TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul Brennan – as per magazine

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Jacky Bayliss

- Handed out badges to new members who were present

EDITOR'S REPORT:

Doug Stewart (absent)





4WD DRIVER TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT

- February and March 2022 Driver training sessions are full.

TRIP CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Katy Cox

- Thanked trip leaders. There are currently 42 trips on the calendar
- Mystery leader trips have been added to the calendar, of which 4 have trip leaders to date
- Requested that members interested in the various Simpson Desert and extended trips to register as soon as possible to allow enough time for organisation and pre trip meetings
- Explained that driving trips only need a registration per vehicle, whereas no driving trips, such as meetings and social events need all individuals to register.

TRIP REPORTS:

- Bob Rankin, Mount Airly day trip*
- Trevor Darling, Killingworth day trip*

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Kathy Sewell

- Been a quiet period.
- Sally Shaw planning a walk from Narrabeen
- A day to Bilpin is planned

WEBMASTER

Brian Sommerville (absent)

- Members are encouraged to check and update their website profiles and upload a photo.

SHOP

Warwick Britton

- Promoted shop gear in particular raincoats and books available

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:

Chris Walker. Funds collected for Club charities

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Club Sat Phone and Defibrillator can be booked by contacting Joc Mannes or Harold Zev

RAFFLE:

Prize 1: Bunnings card won by Toni Harris

Prize 2: RFI antenna (donated by RFI) won by Nino Lamaro

DRIVER OF THE MONTH:

Awarded to John Rinaldo

MEETING CLOSED at 9.00pm

NEXT MEETING - The next meeting to be held Tuesday 8th March 2022 – venue to be advised



TREASURER REPORT

Paul Brennan



How good is TJ's 4B Park? If you haven't been there, it's just up the Putty Rd, so why don't you try it for a weekend?

Financially, the club remains strong and following is an update of our financial position as of the end of last month.

- Cash at bank \$11,529
- Term deposit \$45,000

Last month was a pretty quiet month with just 4 new memberships and some shop sales (great work Warwick). Outgoings were mostly Driver Training costs and some other minor costs.

There are some new products in the shop, so why don't you pop over to the website (also see this months magazine) and pick up some goodies for this crappy weather?

Don't forget to claim your Monster Raffle prize - **Trevor Press**.

We are still holding \$700 in Chainsaw Workshop deposits and the training is planned for this month. The trainer has kindly offered to donate these funds to the club charity.

If there are any queries on the financials, please do not hesitate to contact me at treasurer@awdc.com.au

Stay safe and until next month ...

Paul

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TRIP CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

Katy Cox



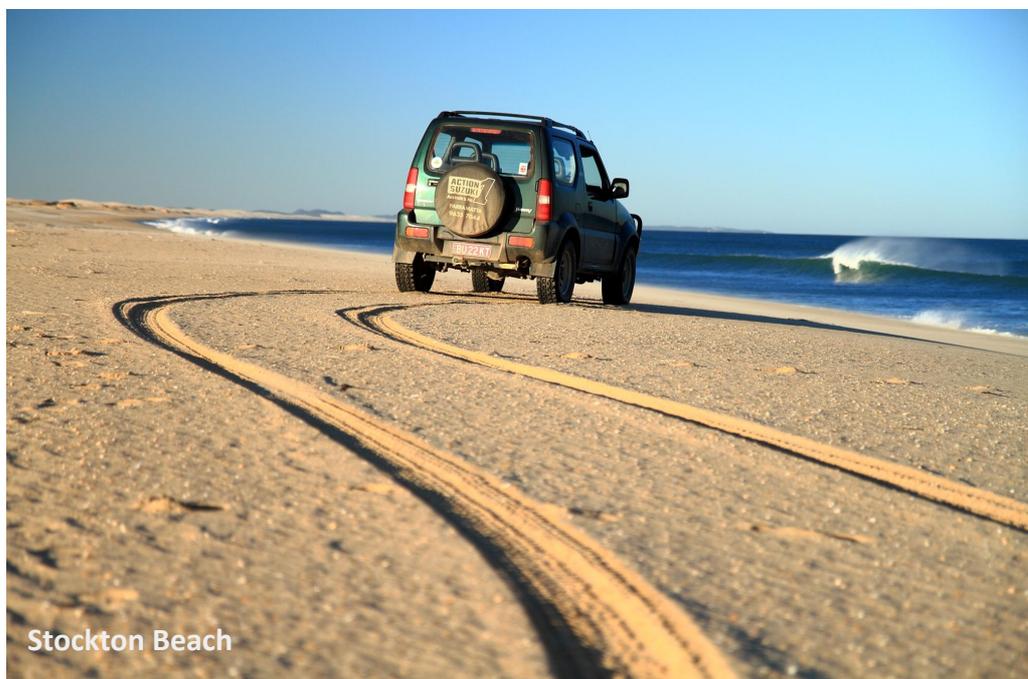
Sadly the current weather situation means a few of our early March trips and activities will need to be postponed. Let's hope it doesn't go on too long!

Don't forget the **Chainsaw Course** on 12 March if you have got your name down for that.

This month's new trips on the calendar include **3 days in Abercrombie** with Doug Stewart and a selection of social excursions; a **Warriewood Coast Walk** with Sally Shaw (which is one of the postponed events so will be rescheduled), a **Barrenjoey Lighthouse Walk and Tour** on 3 April with Sandra Parkin, and the promise of some **Cockatoo Island Tours** from Kathy Sewell.

Di Robinson's **Ladies' Trip** has been moved to 30 April - 1 May. Make sure you come to the March Club meeting to find out from Kirsten Sommerville why it's so important for all the ladies to keep up their driving skills!

Another new item on the board is an EOI for a **2024 Oombulgurri** adventure with Steve and me. We already have a lot of names on the list but there is possibly scope for a few groups to participate, so please put your name down if you are tempted. The first one will be the track opening group, which we have locked in with the Traditional Owners for 14-29 May 2024. Subsequent trips could last either 10 or 15 days (if we get 2 additional groups), depending on interest and capabilities / experience of participants and their vehicles. It's not a trip for the faint-hearted and will cost around \$4000 - \$5000 per vehicle. There are also a lot of vehicle requirements. One point that the TO's have asked us to make very clear is that there is a big difference between someone who has a lot of experience in travelling and someone who has a lot of experience in living remotely from their vehicle for 15 days. If you think the latter describes you and you'd like to find out more, come and talk to us at the next meeting!



Stockton Beach



TRIP CALENDAR

See website for full details of each trip



Click on the name of any trip below to go to our Trip Calendar where you can see further information or register. Register early to get on a trips, but also register on the **wait lists** as people sometimes pull out.

January	February	March
Jan 03 Narrabeen Lake Walk - 3 Jan Jan 11 Club Meeting January..... Cancelled. Jan 15 Behind Ulladulla (re-run)... 15-16 Jan	Feb 05 Sunny Corner with Andrew... 5-6 Feb Feb 08 Club Meeting February Feb 12 Jenolan with Mark... Feb 12-13 Feb 18 TJs 4B Park... 18-20 Feb Feb 19 Driver Training Practical	Mar 02 Warriewood Coast Walk. Mar 05 More Behind Ulladulla. Mar 08 Club Meeting March Mar 12 Chainsaw Workshop. Mar 18 Canberra Beerfest. Mar 19 Abercrombie Grp 1 with Bob. Mar 19 Abercrombie Grp 2 with Andrew Mar 26 Driver Training Practical.
April	May	June
Apr 02 Newnes Harder Lines with Joc. Apr 03 Barrenjoey Lighthouse Walk and Tour. Apr 07 The Man from Snowy River Bush Festival Apr 12 Club Meeting April Apr 15 Vic High Country E to W C/B/X Apr 19 2022 NSW Caravan Camping Supershow Apr 21 The Broken Hill Mundi Mundi Bash Apr 23 Caves to Caves with Penny & Simon. Apr 27 Simpson Desert E to W... 27 Apr - 17 May Apr 29 3 days in Abercrombie. Opens 4 Mar Apr 30 Ladies' Trip... 30 Apr / 1 May.	May 07 Zig Zag B/X with Mark. Opens 26 Mar May 10 Club Meeting May May 15 BBQ / picnic day. May 21 Driver Training Practical. May 21 Capertee / Turon / Sunny Corner Mystery Leader Trip. Opens 26 Mar May 21 Mt Walker B/X with Mark... 21-22 May. Opens 9 Apr	Jun 14 Club Meeting June Jun 18 Zig Zag / Baal Bone Mystery Leader Trip. Opens 23 Apr. Jun 22 Arnhem Land. 22 Jun - 19 Jul Jun 25 Driver Training Practical.
July	August	September
Jul 01 Kakadu Trip... 1 Jul - 19 Aug Jul 09 Abercrombie / Kanangra Walls Mystery Leader Trip... 9-10 Jul... Opens 14 May Jul 12 Club Meeting July Jul 16 Newnes / Lidsdale B Grade with Joc. Opens 4 June	Aug 05 EOI Madigan Line. 5-20 Aug. Aug 09 Club Meeting August Aug 12 EOI Simpson - Hay River... 12-30 Aug. Aug 13 Capertee / Turon / Sunny Corner Mystery Leader Trip... 13-14 Aug... Opens 18 June Aug 27 Driver Training Practical. Aug 27 Simpson / The Gulf / Cape York... 27 Aug - 3 Oct	Sep 02 EOI Simpson - W to E... 2-11 Sept. Sep 03 Sunny and Dark Corners C with Mark. Opens 23 July Sep 09 Sydney 4WD and Adventure Show 2022 Sep 09 Social / Foodie / Re-hydration / 4wd... More info TBA Sep 13 Club Meeting September Sep 24 Bells Line Day Out... More Info TBA
October	November	December
Oct 01 West of Barrington C with Mark... 1-3 Oct... Opens 1 Aug Oct 01 West of Barrington C with James... 1-3 Oct... Opens 1 Aug Oct 01 West of Barrington C Group 3... 1-3 Oct... Opens 1 Aug Oct 11 AGM Club Meeting Oct 15 Newnes Plateau Mystery Leader Trip... 15-16 Oct... Opens 20 Aug Oct 29 Driver Training Practical.	Nov 08 Club Meeting November Nov 12 Abercrombie C with Mark... 12-13 Nov... Opens 1 Oct	Dec 03 Driver Training Practical. Dec 13 Club Meeting December <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> 2024! May 14 EOI Oombulgurri / Carson River Track... 14-28 May 2024...Open now </div>



TRIP GRADINGS

All Wheel Drive Club

As approved by the AWDC
Committee 27th August 2009

Grade A – Extremely Difficult

Suitable for very experienced drivers who want a challenging trip with extreme track conditions. Vehicles must be equipped with suitable modifications such as snorkel, high ground clearance, significant wheel articulation, oversized tyres and at least one diff locker. Both driver and vehicle must be prepared to handle situations that test their ability. Specialised recovery equipment may be required.

Grade B – Moderate to Difficult

Suitable for experienced drivers only. Vehicles to have increased ground clearance and wheel articulation. May involve very steep hills, large washaways, mud, rock steps, deep ruts, soft sand, difficult creek crossings, deep bog holes and deep snow which may involve winching and other specialised recoveries. Both driver and vehicle must have the ability to handle situations.

Grade C – Moderate

Suitable for experienced drivers with unmodified vehicles, may involve soft sand, steep hills, washaways, bog holes, ruts, mud, snow, slippery tracks and deeper creek crossings.

Grade D – Relatively Easy

Suitable for all Club vehicles. May involve sand, mud, forest tracks, moderate hills and shallow creeks.

Grade E – Very Easy / Social

Little or no four wheel driving involved, driving on unsealed roads. Trips usually designed for touring, camping and social events. May involve easy to get to base camp then optional four wheel driving from there.

Grade X – Exploratory

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jacky Bayliss



Hi there,

We currently have **342** members.

I would like to welcome our newest Members **Tim & Yit Benfield** in their **Toyota Prado**, **Nicholas Simmons** in a **80 series Toyota Landcruiser**, **Cally Ross** in a **Nissan Patrol** and **Deanna Stratford** in a **Toyota Prado**

Welcome back to **Bryan Shean** who has rejoined the club and welcome to the following dual members that have been updated **Jen Perrott, May Scior and Claudette Ga**

We have made a change to when we present our 10, 20 and 30 year membership stickers. I would like to say thank you to Eileen Gallery and her late husband Kevin Burrows who were instrumental in paving the way, we will now present these monthly.

Congratulations to the following 10 year members, **Eileen Gallery, Dave & Lisa Knight, Rob & Jenny Cammell and Anthony & Christine Gough.**

Congratulations to **Adrienne Vukovic** on 20 years membership.

I look forward to presenting your badges and stickers at the next meeting. I still have a lot of badges from the last 2 years, please look out for me at the next meeting or let me know via membership@awdc.com.au if you do not have a badge.

See you all at the next meeting.

Jacky

Membership Registrar



Googs Track, SA



DRIVER TRAINER REPORT

Steve Cox



26/27 March

NEXT (SCHEDULED) DRIVER TRAINING WEEKEND

Greetings,

We kicked off our 2022 training calendar in February with a great group of new members. I can see that some of these new members have already got their names down on trips - that's what it's all about! Big thanks to the training team that came along - Dave, Ricky and Brian.

We have another full group heading out at the end of this month (let's hope the rain stops by then) and several names on the May list as well. Our club is certainly growing.

Something we are going to try in March is to host the theory night at Club Belrose. By doing this we can have two groups do the theory at the same time so if someone needs to drop out of the practical weekend we will hopefully have another person that can fill the spot at short notice. It will also give the groups a chance to have a meal and drink together before the theory kicks off, adding a bit more social interaction before we go away for the weekend.

Another thing we have changed is the need for your own UHF radio prior to the weekend away. Unfortunately over the years, the training team has had a few personal radios, that have been lent to new members, get broken or go missing so the By-Laws are being changed to ensure you have your own before you can participate.

Something we get asked about quite regularly is the availability of advanced recovery courses, and winching courses. The committee is looking into the possibility of these in the future and I'll update you once we get some feedback on the legal and insurance side of these kinds of activities.

Till next time,

Steve Cox 0416 769 634

TRAINING BOOKINGS:

Please log onto the website, go to the calendar and book yourself in. There is a minimum of 4 vehicles to run driver training and a maximum of 8. A theory night is held on the Tuesday prior to the weekend at 7.30pm.



WEBMASTER REPORT

Brian Sommerville



Hi All,

Things are a bit quiet on the web front these days. A few minor changes happening in the background to hopefully make life easier for members and committee members. For example you can now see if the club's defibs and sat phones are booked out via the club calendar. Look for the **purple entries** in the calendar. For example look at the [month of June](#). If you need to borrow one, contact Joc (president) via president@awdc.com.au

In past years we have sponsored [Drive4Life](#). It's run by a bunch of keen 4WDers looking for unique ways of raising money for well deserved charities. Well their very popular 4WD events are back on again and the latest is a Vic High Country Trip 3-8th April. More details can be found [here](#). A great way to to this magnificent part of Australia and contribute to a worthy cause at the same time.

Cheers

Brian



Vic High Country trip, 3-8th April '22



SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Kathy Sewell



Hi all,

Our Social Calendar is starting to ramp up for 2022, esp as the COVID rules relax and pax per square metre patronage is no longer a factor.

Three people braved yesterday's weather and joined Sally Shaw on her Turimetta/Warriewood walk. She plans to reschedule for Wednesday 16th March so keep your eye out for comms. Big thanks to Sally for organising these mid week events.

I am trying to get hold of a whale watching boat operator to organise a trip out of Sydney Harbour for the north bound migration (ie. around May) but I haven't heard back from him. I might have to try another operator if I chase again and get no luck. I am also in the process of booking a Cockatoo Island Ghost Tour (and/or one of the day time tours) but just trying to work out how I can book and pay etc. with unconfirmed numbers.

BBQ/Picnic Family Day - Sunday 15th May: Put this date aside to come along for a picnic and catch up with your club mates. Venue to be finalised but probably Davidson Park under Roseville Bridge as that seemed to work well last time. BYO everything: food, chairs, good humor. More info to come out via official comms channel.

This week registrations opened for a Barrenjoey Lighthouse Walk on 3rd April organised by Sandra. Nice time of year for a walk and if our Latino friend La Niña could just rack off, there's beautiful views to enjoy on a nice autumn day. Get in quick to be registered to do the tour, or just go along for the walk, picnic and socialising.

Cheers
Kath



Tubbut Easter Trip 2021. Snapper



FESTIVAL NEWS

Dirt'n'Dust Festival, Julia Creek, 22 to 24 April



Members heading to Queensland might be interested in visiting Julia Creek when this festival is on. They have concerts, a rodeo, turf racing and a charity fun run. Details & tickets at <https://dirtndust.com/>.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

28 Feb 2022



Hi Doug,

In the January magazine there was a Safety Tip in regards to using a RCD with Inverters.

The information I have from Redarc indicates what was published in the magazine could be incorrect and potentially dangerous.

We could now have members using RCD's thinking they are fully protected when potentially they are not, as I had started making enquiries into installing an RCD myself

I checked the other inverter I have of a different brand and found that the earth socked is also NOT connected to the chassis and if Redarc is correct an RCD will not work correctly on that unit as well.

I strongly believe the membership should be made aware of this and advised that if they think an RCD is beneficial that they seek the advice of a qualified auto electrician.

I have attached the Redarc Tech Tip.

<https://www.redarc.com.au/faq-tech-tips/connecting-external-rcd-to-inverter>

Regards

Michael de Zwart

Michael, thanks for letting us know about the Redarc advice that refers to their two double insulated inverter models.

As advised, it is recommended that if a member thinks an RCD is beneficial that they seek the advice of a qualified auto electrician, including whether any particular electrical setup is suitable for your vehicle.

Doug Stewart
(Editor)



350RS2



2000RS2



“The trip can best be summarised as ... truncated, wet, flooded and eventful.”



Dark Sunny Corner

Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 November 2021.

- Mark Kortink (Hilux) Leader & Author;
 - John Hirt (Patrol);
 - Daniel Kerrigan (Colorado);
 - Nick Paine (Ranger);
 - Mark Sieler (Ranger);
 - Liz Wilkinson and Ross Canton (Raptor).
- Photos Mark Kortink.

Saturday:

We left Lithgow at 10am and aired down at the start of Daylight Creek Rd. The first challenge was a deep creek crossing of Daylight Creek followed by a steep muddy climb. Not all cars could overcome the wet clay climb, so we retreated and entered again via Blackbutt Mountain Fire Trail followed by Dark Corner Mountain Trail.

At the Willwa Creek crossing we had to retreat, because even the shallow parts of the creek looked uncrossable. Back along Dark Corner Mountain Trail and onto The Pinnacles Trail stopping for lunch at the lookout over the Portland Colliery stacks.

At this point Ross and Liz decided to leave the trip, they had already spent a week camping in the rain and were over it, and Liz had a sore ankle that turned out later to be broken. They exited via the farm onto Dark Corner Rd.

The rest of us proceeded to the Coolamigal Creek Rd intersection and decided to follow it, even though it is a dead end, because we had time on our hands. About a kilometre along we had the first creek crossing, it was deep and fast, but I decided to dip my nose in – and the water was over the bonnet before I knew it. I reversed out of the creek and we all went back to the intersection and headed along Turon River Rd. We again hit Coolamigal Creek but it was crossable, however the next crossing was the Turon River and it was not.

We then camped at Woolshed Flat Campground. Fortunately, the rain more or less held off and we had a good night around a raging campfire.



Sunday: The weather was a bit better on Sunday. The only problem was my Hilux had a red light that I had seen previously. I knew my alternator was failing, probably because of the “dip” in Coolamigal Creek.

I knew that the Hilux, like most diesel fuel-injected cars, cannot run when the battery drains – and the alternator charges the battery. So, we made a beeline for the nearest “accessible” exit, I don’t think anyone was too flustered about getting home early. The only problem was we would have to cross Willwa Creek again, but at a different crossing to Saturday. If all went well, we reach Portland via Wattlemount Rd.

Fortunately, we got across Willwa Creek, albeit with a bit of a struggle, including having to tow Mark Sieler out because he couldn’t get up the bank. We did make it to Portland and some well-deserved pies. Then on to Lithgow for some well-deserved beers.

From Lithgow we all headed home. I checked my battery every 30 minutes, and although it was slowly draining, I got to my mechanics shop in Mona Vale, there was just enough charge coming out of the alternator to get me home.



Ray and Sandra negotiating the ruts that Mick got stuck in.



Sunny Corner with Andrew

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 February 2022.

- Andrew Beck (Leader) plus Tash & Luke (Green Prado);
- Mick Baker (Ford Ranger);
- Ray & Sandra Entwistle (Magnetic Jeep);
- Malcolm James (White Prado) Author Day 1;
- Frank Pardey & Mandy (White Toyota 80);
- Brad Paull, Deb, Toby (White Landcruiser 200);
- John Rinaldo & Brian (Grey Landcruiser 79);
- David Thom (White Pajero);
- Chris Walker (Red Toyota Hilux) Author Day 2.

Day 1. Saturday 5 February.

Author Malcolm James

Following a mixed ride from Sydney with mainly dry conditions but some heavy showers around the Katoomba area, the team met at the Foodie Heaven known to the initiated as Lithgow Maccas. The hot February Lithgow weather hit us as we left the cars and the temperature reached 10°C ! Luckily the chill factor made it feel cooler.

After a nourishing (?) breakfast the convoy formed up on the Great Western Highway and proceeded to Meadow Flat and turned right onto Sunny Corner Road.

At the Dark Corner Road junction, we turned right and drove up to the intersection with Wattle Creek Forest Road. Here we aired down and set off towards Dark Corner.

After the huge amount of rain that NSW had experienced since Christmas there would have been no surprise to find many of the tracks in very wet and poor condition. It was interesting how many of them proved to be remarkably dry but with evidence of quite severe wash-aways on slopes and some bad patches of mud in ruts on flat or low sections.

What was more evident was that there appeared to have been comparatively little traffic along most of the track with people keeping away due to the wet conditions during the school holidays. The rain and hot, humid weather had proved to be wonderful growing conditions for the brambles and undergrowth, so all vehicles suffered with pinstripping.



Generally, the tracks were a tight fit, so it was advisable to tuck in wing mirrors too.

Our first bit of excitement occurred when Mick Baker decided to get his wheels in some washouts on a descent and got stuck. Some judicious digging under the differential which was beached on some very hard clay allowed him to do some to-ing and fro-ing and with the help of a tow from John Rinaldo he got out easily. Everyone else got through with no misadventure.

All went well with no further incidents until we reached Coolamigal Creek. Just before the creek there was a set of ruts full of liquid mud. Andrew attempted them first and ended up sliding into the ruts as he tried to straddle them. Despite some enthusiastic attempts to get the vehicle out it required a considerable winch effort from two successive trees to get him through the obstacle.



John about to try the first winch effort.



John Rinaldo then attempted the same stretch of track and despite starting on a slightly different line also slid into the ruts and got the same result.

The first attempt to extricate himself with his winch failed so the committee regrouped and worked on Plan B. This time Maxtrax and winch were both considered to be required so this was done.

Two Maxtrax were placed under the back wheels and John went for it. This time he got through even allowing for having to stop and move the winch rope, plus extension, to the second tree.

One minor problem was that it took some effort to find and retrieve the Maxtrax out of the muddy ruts after they had been pushed well down into the water and liquid mud and totally buried.

This left us with a slight problem as the track was now so affected by the first 2 vehicles that it was unlikely that any of the remaining 7 vehicles would get through.

Where the vehicles were parked was a second track at right angles to the one we had intended, which ran parallel to the Coolamigal Creek. A band of intrepid explorers set off on foot to see if it offered a possible way to get round the obstacle and provide a second crossing point of the Creek.

The Good News was that this proved to be the case. The Bad News was that it required two trees to be cut up and removed from across the track plus a fair amount of gardening to make the track wide enough in a few places for a car to pass. The narrow parts were almost exclusively brambles, so this was achieved by use of various sharp implements.

John Rinaldo, luckily, had a chainsaw which allowed the first tree to be cut up but unfortunately at this point the chainsaw had a terminal illness. Or as one technically minded person observed "It's s—t itself!"

Luke, Ray and Mick (atoning for his recent beaching) used an axe to cut the tree and a bunch of guys lifted it out of the way.

This allowed the remaining 7 cars to pass down the alternate route and cross the Creek to re-join Andrew and John.



Everyone then continued along Coolamigal Creek Road with a stop for a late lunch. The stop was "chosen" due to another smallish tree being down across the track and Luke, enthused by his earlier efforts, chopped it while everyone ate. Lunch finished we drove over the tree without bothering to move it! Luke's comments are unrecorded.

Progress continued to the junction with The Battery Trail before the way was blocked by a locked gate – and a pile of timber placed to discourage anyone getting to the gate anyway!

Andrew looked at the options we had available, and it was decided that we should retreat back the way we came with a possible alternate track halfway back to the start point.

Returning along Coolamigal Creek Road Andrew and John turned up what appeared to be a reasonable but apparently little used track. Prudently Andrew stopped the following cars from following him and John and they did a short recce. This showed that this track was also blocked by fallen trees and we returned to continue our way back from whence we came.



An alternate track was taken after returning over the Creek and this led us back to the start point on Dark Corner Road. The decision had been made to go to Steve Dalli's for the night so everyone aired-up and set off.

I left the group at Sunny Corner Road so I will leave it for Chris to write about the Sunday adventures.

Day 2. Sunday 6 February.

Author Chris Walker.

Thanks to Steve Dalli for organising a really nice campsite for the evening. For Day 2 we decided to attempt the Driver Training route in reverse. Leaving the campsite we drove up the steep section past the colliery then had some interesting steep and deep ruts to navigate. We all got up this section with little fuss and reached the top of the ridge which had lovely views in all directions. Several motorbikes and dog walkers passed us.

Then we found ourselves at the bottom of a really steep section which we assessed on foot.

After a lot of head scratching we finally took the left hand line which meant we had to straddle a very large rut. Most cars handled this with no problem, although there were some steep angles to be seen. At the top of the climb there was a nice cross slope over onto firm ground.

We stopped there to fix Frank Pardey's 80 series whose wheel nuts had come loose! Maybe not tightened up properly? Everyone grabbed tools from their cars to assist with fixing the problem. Thus disaster was averted.

We finally reached the top of the hill after another rutted climb.

It seemed that most of the convoy drivers were keen for the trip home. We decided to head back out via a steep descent down to the main road, just as it started to rain heavily. We aired up at the roadside, in the heavy rain, and drove back to Sydney via the "Royal Gardenia & Bilpin Apple Pie Shop" along the Bells Line of Road.

Thanks to Andrew Beck and Brad Paull for a good weekend shared by all.





Jenolan with Mark

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 February 2022.

- Mark Kortink (Grey Hilux) Leader;
 - Nicholas Paine (White Ranger);
 - Graham Collis and Alexandra Matthews (White Landcruiser);
 - David Bentley (Blue Ranger);
 - John Hirt (White Patrol);
 - Mark Sieler (White Ranger) & author;
 - Liz Wilkinson and Ross Canton (Blue Raptor).
- Photos Mark Kortink & David Bentley.

The pre-trip email circulated on the Tuesday prior to the trip reiterated that the intended route was weather dependant however “The weather is looking good at this point”. Key terms here are “at this point”. As we departed on Saturday morning it seemed each kilometre ventured westward was met with a thicker layer of fog and more torrential rain. Upon meeting at the Hampton Pub attendees remarked the conditions were worse than a coastal winter, with the temperature not rising above 10 degrees for the day.

Some suggested we turn back for Lithgow and spend the weekend at the local club however we pushed on, albeit with an abridged trip on account of the weather and resultant slippery clay tracks.

Upon entering Jenolan State Forest, we shortly arrived at our intended first hill ascent to observe a solitary driver stuck midway on the track. The driver in question eventually reversed down the track acknowledging it was unsafe to continue any further due to the slippery rain-induced conditions. We still had a fun day criss-crossing many of the local tracks in and around the forest but steered clear of slippery clay hill ascents. There were plenty of large puddles on the tracks, with some akin to short river crossings. We observed many 4WD convoys in the local area and were surprised at how busy the tracks were, given the weather. We attributed Covid induced lockdowns for the keenness of many drivers to get out regardless of the cold and rain.



Waterfall Track was deemed too dangerous and was omitted from the route. After exploring the area, we agreed to head to camp mid-afternoon. This proved to be a good idea as we observed many other convoys bypassing our campsite scouting for a place to camp themselves. The weather remained overcast and cool, but the rain mostly ceased, allowing us to set up camp and collect firewood without any rain. Following camp set-up the rain became intermittent but on the softer side, allowing us to sit by the campfire, before retiring no later than 10pm. From 10pm onwards the rain was torrential.



Waterfall Track was also deemed unsafe on Day 2, so we took alternative tracks out of Kanangra-Boyd National Park back towards Jenolan State Forest. All of the tracks were unsurprisingly wet and muddy. Several attendees had driven or walked on the ordinarily graded road and easy fire trail section of the Six Foot Track. However on this day it was evident this section had not been graded in quite some time. It was quite possibly a B grade track due to rutting, rain damage and mud. This required a low gear careful descent. We had an early lunch by the Cox's River which was in flood. The trip finished earlier than planned due to the weather and omitted some planned tracks but everyone still had a great time. Thank you to Mark Kortink for your sensible approach to trip leading and all the attendees for a fun albeit cold, wet and muddy weekend.





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TJ's 4B Park

Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 February 2022



- Paul Brennan, Toni & Peanuts (Patrol Y62) Leader and Day 2 author;
- Nino & Beatrice Lamaro (LC 200) Day 1 & 2;
- Chris Donnelly (Ranger Raptor) Day 1 & 2;
- David Kalinin, Gail, Sasha, Xavier, Jasmine & Indie (Patrol Y62) Day 1 author;
- Bob Robinson (Fortuner) Day 1;
- Ray Sykes (FJ Cruiser) Day 1;
- Jo Tysoe (Mitsubishi Challenger) Day 1.

Nino recovers Chris on Day 2

TJ's 4B Park is on private property at Howes Valley about halfway along the Putty Rd, between Windsor and Singleton. A mud map of the camp is below. <https://www.tj4bpark.com.au/>

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TRACK LEVEL COLOUR CODING
Displayed on sign corners
EASY - GREEN
MEDIUM - BLUE
HARD - BLACK

Forrest Loop Track (day 2)

Map not to scale. The use of Motor Vehicles/vessels can be dangerous and may involve injury or death.



Day 1 – Saturday (by David)

Pre-trip check list:

- Check NSW travel restrictions for the last time.
- Confirm trip status. Green Light 😊
- Weather check. Still La Niña ☹️
- Wife. Thumbs up. 3 children. Awesome.
- Pet Friendly. Hello Indie for her first trip.
- Trailer. Mandatory.

And off we went on Friday night to TJ's 4B 4WD Park situated at Howes Valley NSW, with over 1,000 acres of natural bush surroundings. A mixture of rocky mountain terrain, lush untouched bush, green grassed area and one extremely long driveway (aka park access trail). Driving this 4WD access trail, with trailer, at night, into the unknown; marked the start of our adventure. We eventually eased into our secluded campground, known as Nanny's spot, around 10pm to commence camp set up - in the rain. Great memories were made as we pulled together to get the tents erected and kit stored before retiring for the night, with the pitter-patter of rain on canvas amid the chirps, chatter and croaks of nature.

After a quick camp breakfast and making a new friend in Peanuts (the Hungarian Vizsla), it was time to muster and discuss the driving plan for the day.

With so many options to choose from, "Firie's Clearway", "Romeo's Run", "Ant Hill Track" to name a few; a plan quickly took shape and we rolled out through "Nanny's Sidewinder".



Before bursting out across the plains of “Godz Land” towards “Wattle we do” and the dead-end creek loop trail of “Harrison’s Run”.

One of the advantages of staying in the park was the ability to return to basecamp for a bite to eat and a chat before heading out for our afternoon session and taking on “Forrest Loop”. In the end this proved too wily on Day 1 and we were forced to take a detour through the “Beer Gardens” and down towards “The Waterfalls”.



Beware “Drop Bear Mountain” and the allure of phone service – which ultimately proved too great a temptation - as we set off on a search for our next Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter fix.

Success and much happiness for some. (Who knew that Wordle, Worldle, Nerdle and Swardle was a thing?)

But what lovely views from the top; a chance to stretch the legs and sniff each other.

And so ended Day 1 as we returned to camp for food, for fire and for fellowship.



Day 2: Sunday (by Paul)

By Saturday afternoon, we had completed most of the Green/Blue tracks. Without my old Jeep, the Black tracks were beyond the ability of the Patrol. Funny enough, you don't get a sense of the grading until you actually get to the trail sign.

On Sunday morning, four vehicles packed up and departed, leaving just three to head along the "Forrest Loop" track (see red box on the map). However, the map was **not** quite clear, and the first half of the track (probably 5-6 km) involves driving along a running creek. It is about 12-18 inches deep with a sandy bottom, rocky obstacles and fallen trees.

When we exited the creek run, the track headed up into the hills which is pretty straight forward. However, when you come down the other side, there are numerous water diversion berms. Having a long wheelbase Patrol, I had to let gravity do the work – drive up to them with a bit of speed, bottom out, slide forward and tip over the other side.

We made it down to the end of the forest track and came upon the final creek exit – which proved to be a doozy. Plan B which was to go back the way we came, but after a bit of rain, the hill ascent and drainage berms would have been tougher.



The bottom section of the exit was just slush, but as Nino had a winch and was keen, we sent him through first. As expected, he got the front wheels up to the tree on the RHS of the photo below, and got no further. No problems we thought, a half hour of winching and we would all be out – ever the optimists !

We ran the winch out to the far tree (black one in the photo below) and began to winch, only to have Nino roll a tyre off the bead. There is a lot to be said for having all recovery gear handy, regardless of the slope you are on – yep, we had to drop the tailgate and hold the drawers from falling out whilst Nino got his jack, etc. It was nicely packed away under his nicely clean sheets (not for long 😞). The jack handle was even harder to get, but we finally got the tyre changed, found a better winching tree (straight up through the bush) and “happy days” – Nino was safe.

I was next in the Patrol but had the same result. I did have my recovery gear (soft shackle) handy, so I simply hooked up to Nino’s winch and I was out. Chris ended up with the same result.

Our “half hour recovery” was finished two hours later!

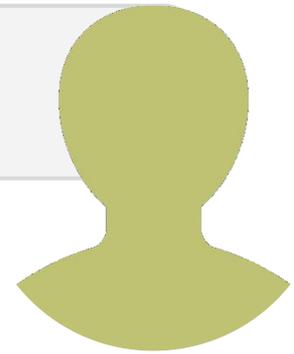
Anyway, many thanks to Nino for recovering us – a good practical lesson in recovery gear and winching.

PS, Tj’s do offer a recovery service for \$100, but where is the fun in that?



MEMBER'S PROFILE

Nino Lamaro



Our club often has prizes for various raffles, competitions and events. There are many winners each year and part of the tradition of our club is that the winners, in return, share a short profile for our magazine.

The winner of the RFI Antenna (donated by RFI) at the February Club Meeting was Nino Lamaro who provided this profile and photographs.

My Current Vehicle	200 series Landcruiser
I have owned it since	2020
We have travelled together	Approx. 15,000 km (12,000 km to Cape York last year)
My current tyres are	Nitto Ridge Grappler, 275/75R18 = 33"
My favourite external modification or accessory is	270 degree awning, long range fuel and water tanks
My favourite internal modification or accessory is	The bed and kitchen setup
What I would change if I could	Add a rear winch
My previously owned vehicles are	Subaru, Rodeo, Colorado, 80 and 100 series Landcruisers
My dream 4WD would be	Landcruiser 300
The club trip I have most enjoyed is	TJ's 4wd park just recently. I needed my winch for the first time ever, driving a long way up a creek bed and exploring tracks
The 4WD trip I'd most like to do in the next year is	Simpson Desert with the club, Tasmania, Victoria High Country





Member's Profile : Nino & Beatrice Lamaro



DRIVER OF THE MONTH

Name: John Rinaldo

Reason: REALLY stuck in the mud



SAFETY CORNER

Descending with control

Recent model 4WD vehicles have a number of “traction controls” that can improve the safety and control of your vehicle. These controls need to be well understood and used appropriately. **Study your vehicle handbook carefully.**

A common aid is **Hill Descent Control** (Toyota : Downhill Assist Control) which automatically and independently applies the brakes to each wheel to the limit of its traction, while keeping to a set downhill speed. Often the speed can be adjusted up or down using the cruise control or similar.

This is more sophisticated than the driver using a footbrake to brake all four wheels, and more controllable than using the engine compression to limit speed.

It is imperative to select the correct gear for a descent and to brake appropriately. For most downhills this is all that is required. However when you need more descent control consider using the HDC.

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FOOD FOR THE TRACK

Campfire Baking



So you have a couple of hours and a campfire, and your friends are hungry? You might be considering a damper, a cake, biscuits, cobbler, roast veggies, roast meat or a casserole - but how are you going to cook it.



Option 1. Traditional cast iron camp oven. There are many brands, some made in Australia. Make sure you get the one with the rim around the lid so that you can shovel lots of coals on top.

The cast iron heats up slowly and retains lots of heat, so will cook evenly. But they may crack if you drop them, so don't. However they are heavy. How heavy? Well the baby one: 1.9 litres weighs 3.7kg, 4.3 litres is 5.5kg, 8.5 litres is 8.9kg and the large 11.4 litres size is 15kg.

Given that we are all worried about GVM these days, can we do better?

Option 2. What about a spun steel camp oven? There are a couple of brands, and at least one of these is made in Australia. These ovens are quicker to heat up, but don't hold as much heat. So you need to be more careful about how many coals you use and where you put them. The lid can also be used a frypan, they won't break if you drop them off your horse and they are lighter. How much lighter? The 9 litre one weighs 3.24kg, the 14 litre is 3.78kg. So just about one third of the weight of cast iron, which is a big saving.



For more information on spun steel versus cast iron read [this article from Mr4x4](#).



A camp oven will need a trivet, which may come with the oven, to raise the baked goods off the hot oven floor. Optionally consider some kind of cake tin, flan tin, or spring form tin to allow you to contain your dough or batter and retrieve it without too much effort. A canvas bag and leather gloves can also be handy, but extra weight! Consider a piece of bent fencing wire for lifting the oven and/or lid as the lightest and cheapest form of this tool. And you don't need to put your oven in a trench, which can disfigure a campsite, just sit it on the coals and shovel more on top.

Check instructions on seasoning/cleaning your oven. Or [read this article](#).

Option 3. Want an even lighter option? Just ignore the camp oven completely and cook your dampers, cakes or biscuits double wrapped in aluminum foil. Either put the package directly on the coals, or sitting on a trivet or grill over the coals. Then put coals above as well. You could experiment with using other lightweight tins or grills to see how they go.

Foil may not work well for roast meat (let me know) but it is just great for veggies!

Don't forget to take your used foil with you, never put it in the fire!



Sharing Great Food Ideas for Travelling

We are keen to publish your favourite food for camping and travelling. You might cook something before you leave, or cook it at camp. You might pre-prepare some items. Maybe some clever tips for making food easier and more nutritious on the road. Send in your ideas to Kirsten Sommerville: kirsten@gpsoz.com.au



HANDY REFERENCES

Domestic Quarantine



These days when we hear the word quarantine we instantly think of Covid-19, but this is not the only quarantine travellers need to know about. Although gone are the days of stopping at the tick gates when travelling into northern NSW and QLD, there are still strict rules for carrying goods in our vehicles as we travel.

Whether it is honey or potatoes at Kangaroo Island, Riverland Fruit Fly Exclusion or taking citrus out of the Central Coast the rules are strict and not just at state borders. See the details:

<https://interstatequarantine.org.au/travellers/interstate-quarantine/>

Of special note for us is that **soil on our vehicles or boots** can spread serious soil pathogens so we need to be careful to wash any soil or mud from our vehicles and boots as we travel from place to place.

Red imported fire ant (*Solenopsis invicta*)

Threat: Red imported fire ants inflict a fiery sting, which may cause an allergic reaction. Invasions can make recreational areas unusable and damage native flora and fauna and pets.

Spread: By the movement of infested materials such as pot plants, soil, mulch and timber.



Red imported fire ant. DAFF QLD (Peter Green)

Grape phylloxera (*Daktulosphaira vitifoliae*)

Threat: The feeding of the phylloxera aphid on grapevine roots causes vines to decline and possibly die. It can also affect market access for the viticulture industry.

Spread: By the movement of grapevine rootlings, equipment and soil from infested areas.



Phylloxera aphids. DEPI Vic

[Download a handy PDF booklet from the Quarantine web site.](#)

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Note: The booklet also contains tables for travel to NSW, NT, SA, TAS, VIC, and WA from other states, with various symbols (checkmarks, crosses, triangles) indicating restrictions.

The booklet show tables for each destinations listing items and restrictions.

Quarantine Domestic

CHECK WHAT YOU'RE CARRYING. PENALTIES APPLY.



HANDY REFERENCES

Domestic Quarantine



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You can see from the map that there are many places in Australia that have various restrictions which may apply to you.

[This clickable and zoomable map](#) is where you enter your journey and the map will display the various zones you may travel through.

Click on each zone for details of any restrictions that apply.

It also shows the location of various quarantine bins which have been the site of many “fruit feasts” by travellers who did not plan ahead. Don’t be one of those.

Also remember to keep your vehicle CLEAN!

A detailed map of the Queensland Fruit Fly Control Zone, showing various colored regions. A white information box is overlaid on the map with the title "Queensland Fruit Fly Control Zone" and the text: "Covers fruit production areas along the Murray River. Do not take fruit or fruiting vegetables (including capsicum, chilli, tomato and eggplant) into this area." Below the map is a dark blue search interface with the text "Discover what produce you can take on your Aussie adventure". It features two input fields labeled "From:" and "To:" with the placeholder text "Enter a location". Below these fields are two buttons: "SEARCH" and "VIEW MAP >".



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ARMA Delegates Meeting Minutes

Date: 16th of February 2022

Chairman declares a quorum present and opens the meeting at: 8:05pm Sydney time

Meeting Chair: Bruce Fenwick

Attendance and Apologies

As per the attendance: Bruce Fenwick, Roger Sheath, Tony Collins, Richard Cooper, Peter Cole, Malcolm Harrison, Ray Mackaway, Shane Rose, Derek Mikolaj, Geoff Couper, Paul Ryan.

Apologies: Miles Brennan, Alan Brown, Nesta Barr, Garry Doyle, Bruce Brinkley, Jeff Trewick.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

20 October 2021

Accepted as tabled

Moved: Geoff Couper

Business Arising: Nil

Seconded: Ray Mackaway

All in favour, Carried

Correspondence

As per the presented statement. Inwards received and outwards endorsed.

Moved: Geoff Couper

Business Arising:

Geoff Couper

Seconded: Tony Collins

All in favour, Carried

Treasurer's Report

As per the report sent to all delegates.

Moved: Peter Cole

Business Arising:

Peter Cole

Seconded: Derek Mikolaj

All in favour, Carried

Insurance Products Portfolio:

Tony Collins

I've been queried several times if COVID is covered in ARMA's insurance policy, answer being is no COVID is not covered.

COVID 19 is classed as a transmissible disease and am not aware via ARMA's insurance broker of any policy insurance in this country that covers anything for transmissible diseases.

There is currently at least one case still ongoing in the High Court in relation to COVID and can't predict the outcome, but at this stage it remains that any issues that arise within clubs, activities related to COVID are not covered by insurance policies.

All I can advise is just follow the government advice in your State or area and document what you've done in relation to that and that will minimize your exposure related to COVID.





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The other point about insurance is during last year, I did raise several times whether our members had any requirements in relation to alternative insurance products for example, coverage for vehicles, campers, caravans, home, and content and so on.

I did get feedback from various people, I have passed that on to our insurance broker in attempt to see what sorts of offers they could come up with.

Subsequent to that the broker did advise that if we could get a sort of firmer indication from our members as to firstly who would consider changing their insurer if we got an appropriate deal through ARMA and whether you're prepared to advise what level of claims you've made in relation to those potential policies in the last few years.

So that was sent out to the clubs, I think it was early October and from that query, I don't believe we've had any responses.

Now the broker has advised that they can offer our members if they inquire policies related to those various products.

However, if we want the best possible competitive pricing on those products, then we really need the feedback from members.

So, the broker can go to the various insurers then negotiate better deal so that request is still out there.

Some question from the floor of Tony from Bruce Fenwick, Peter Cole, Roger Sheath relating to the feedback of the members groups is too broad, that would it be helpful to narrow down to one to two insurance products.

Tony replies that the products were listed specifically to a range of five insurance product.

Peter asked about the 10% discount from Club 4x4 Insurance, Roger Sheath talked about roadside assist.

Tony responds... So, I have looked at that from Club 4x4, and I looked at some of the key offerings they have, including things like a discount for members who in terms of their four-wheel drives, who've completed 4wd training and put that to our broker, but again, until they get some ideas, or at least a rough indication of potential numbers. There's not a lot they can do with it.

The other thing is Club 4x4 have been taken over by someone else recently.

I'm sure our broker can come up with a good deal for us, if we can just give some indication of potential numbers. So, I'm not really ruling our Club 4x4, but I think we can get a bit better in a broader deal if we can only come up with some expression of interest.

From Derek Mikolaj whom makes a few good point - If I can just say one thing there for Tony, I personally look at the insurance, not just at the bottom dollar, but what does it cover? And of course, various insurances cover certain items and leave others off. And then I look at well do I want Item A. I don't want Item B. but I do want item C, I don't want roadside assistance, because I'm with the RAA and they'll cover every vehicle I'm with someone and so forth. So, you know, what should I pay twice for and so on. And I think that it's a huge minefield.





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Bruce Fenwick from the floor; May I ask this, ARMA with what we are, we are a representational body for our members, Is this (and Tony this in your backyard too) Is what we're doing here creating a rod for own back by simply trying to offer more services to our members and in our early days, when we're quite under resourced, is this something that's going to be quite a challenge to get across the line?

From Tony: Let me just answered that initially, there's a couple of things driving me in relation to this, one is ARMA's President asked me up front when I took on the role, is that something we can do? We just want to offer more things, more benefits to our members

But the other thing is, I know that a number of clubs who expressed interest in joining have since joined from around the country asked questions up front, what other insurance products can you offer and my response to them then was, we're looking at a range of products such as home and contents, vehicles and so on, we haven't yet locked anything in, but they have been those sorts of initial expressions of interest. Yet clubs haven't responded to my survey.

The other thing that's key to me is what's the likelihood of insurer paying out in the event of a claim? And I've had plenty of experiences of insurers in various sorts of fields doing their utmost as you'd expect to get out of, to get through the fine print of contracts to get them to pay up.

Now, the benefit of being able to offer the insurance through someone like ARMA is with the backing of ARMA, we are then in a relatively strong negotiating position.

If you're a member, let's say they have vehicle insurance and a claim isn't being met and they think it should be., then we can go to our broker and say, come on, you need to be looking after us first, what can you do with this insurance?! So that to me a quite a strong negotiating position. As opposed to members going out and getting their own private insurance off their own back, they got no real negotiating position, other than walk away and go to another insurer for next time.

Paul Ryan – Microphone not working well, Paul cracking up but what could be deciphered is a question from Paul. “This is what, a management meeting or a delegates meeting? So where are all the delegates?! Maybe some delegates not being at these meeting would not yet be aware? Confirmation to Paul from the Secretary that the EOI email did go out to all delegates, so ARMA has played their part in the EOI.

Malcolm Harrison comments that ARMA adds the numbers from the clubs affiliated and speaks on behalf of the member clubs to the insurers, home in on two main insurance products then anything requested extra such as jet skis is treated as extras, representing, equating to approximately 3000 people across the nation.

Discussion continues how and when to re-send the expression of interest, again.

Shane Rose graces the delegates with is presence 42 minutes into the meeting, Bruce Fenwick welcomes Shane and give Shane a short brief on where the meeting is at.

Paul Ryan said something, but inaudible – IT problems. Paul cracking up again!

Action 1: Revamp of the EOI achieved by Tony Collins requesting feedback by the end of March 2022 and for the Secretary to send out to ALL delegates.





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Action 2: Secretary to send out a summation of our insurance to all clubs that was sent out to a small club in NSW by Tony Collins. Bruce thanks Tony for a sterling job of getting that done in a very timely fashion.

Tony's response... Okay, thank you, please do send it out to all the groups, it didn't say very much but the club requested something in simple terms to outline what the insurance was about.

Ray Mackaway also thanks Tony and asks to have the summation of our insurance single page document sent out to the members of ARMA, for the summation of our insurance document to go out with these minutes. Will be actioned.

Vehicle Standards Portfolio: Miles Brennan

Not in attendance

Geoff Couper contributed that at the next management meeting discussion (Geoff forwards his apology for both meetings in March – will be away) are in process of arranging an introductory meeting with MTA WA, (Graham Cawley that coordinates the 4wd Industries Association in Western Australia via MTA WA). With Bruce Fenwick and Miles Brennan.

It's hoped that further discussion on ARMA's directive of 'time to align' can come out of this first meeting.

More on this topic of time to align – WA Chapter to come in the following months to come.

Volunteer Projects Portfolio: Bruce Brinkley

Nil – not in attendance

Bruce Fenwick contributed that ARMA need to remind members about clean-up Australia Day date.

Action: Secretary to send out to the members a reminder about the date of clean-up Australia and to try and get members involved.

Shane Rose contributed partnering up with suppliers to create and national event, doesn't necessarily need to be a clean-up effort. But needs to be a national event held in each State.

Malcolm suggests we move these discussions to March management meeting.

Land Management Portfolio: Malcolm Harrison

As per land management report

Current open issues in the report as.

- Harvey Dam Day use areas.
- White Hills Road / Preston Beach closure.
- Nanarup Beach.
- South Ballina Beach.
- Richmond River area.
- Northern Tablelands.





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- Garden of Stone Eco Park.

Geoff Couper advised that not much gathers steam during the fire season period, Ground crew all busy in the prevention of fires here in the West.

Wilbinga CP information shelter now up and running where the Wilbinga Shacks Crew had some positive input in what was placed on the signage such as notification of running sand flags, the set recommended speed limit on the beach and the inclusion of the community notice boards.

One of the BEN signs out at Wilbinga has gone, needs replacing.

Association Affiliation Portfolio:

Roger Sheath

I briefly mentioned previously, one of the tests that Peter Cole and I have been working on is trying to understand the structure of how we manage our membership from individuals through to groups through to associates.

One of the topics that we've been discussing is retention of membership, particularly in the individual area, they spend their \$5 and then we lose them.

I could understand why but I was looking at a way in which we can encourage these people to stay with us. I mean, it's \$5 yes, cup of coffee, it shouldn't be a great expense, but we don't communicate with them.

We promised them a newsletter, which they don't get.

We need to engage with these members a lot more than we are.

Maybe there's an opportunity for us to offer some additional benefits.

I think we need to look at that and I know the individual members are small in numbers, but it's spreading the word. We need to get the ARMA logo out and spread the word around and the more it gets out there, the more people are going to ask questions.

With that view in mind, Peter Cole and I propose that we have a discussion group, which I mentioned earlier, where in fact, we could sit down and try and formulate some sort of plan, policy, whatever, to improve this situation.

I mean, there is some great work being achieved in Queensland, and I think we've got some possibilities in NSW and in WA and not limited to only these States, we need to try and spread our wings a little bit and that's just in the 4wd arena,

We now have an associate member with the motorcycle clubs of Queensland, they're with us and they joined last week.

I'm about to send them a letter of welcome but I look at that and sort of say to myself, what do we offer them as they're their own advocacy group, but I feel as though there's benefit in having them play a more active role and I'm hoping that would be the same with NSW.

So, when we engage with these people, we get them at the table so we can formulate some plans and work together, we both have similar interests.





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The freedom of enjoyment of outdoor recreation when motoring on motor bikes or even with towing a caravan or travelling on all kinds of terrain in a 4wd, that is what the objective of the exercise, is to encourage membership.

The initial thought was to keep it restrictive to a few people, so we don't get too overloaded and too many opinions. Report back and have membership topics open, discussion and comment.

Peter Coles Input following on from Roger.

So, the concept that we had in the previous year, we only had 12 individual members.

This year, we've got 39, so they're the figures that you're looking in monetary terms.

It's not a great deal compared to everything else, but in terms of the actual numbers, that's what we're facing with and we're also discovering through this process, we have got a few extra members in this financial year, but almost every one of those individual members is cancelling by the automatic subscription.

We are getting notices of cancellation, but then we would have to chase up and follow up and re recruit and so on.

In terms of those numbers, do we look at what the numbers are? I mean, that's 39, Australia wide!

So, how many per State?!

If you do have an event, how many of those people are we looking to get over and above the members that we have through group membership or affiliated clubs?!

Comment from Bruce Fenwick: Roger, I'm going to give you some thoughts and you've already voiced the answer about 10 minutes ago at the table during the Queensland riders, Queensland motorcycle Council who have joined us and associate member.

Now I don't know how many members they have, I'm going to give you guys a fill in a little later, but the motorcycle Council in New South Wales we had a meeting two weeks ago, they are a peak body who represents 62 clubs with 36,000 riders.

So perhaps, and Shane was one of the early advocates of this, about having the other associations there because we're a Peak Body that represents other Peak Bodies.

So, if you think about that, if we spend the time (as Peter said) to find 100,000 individual members, and then how do we encourage those 100,000 members to stay and re-encourage them and re-engage them or could we find some peak bodies like MCC of New South Wales MCC of Queensland dirt bike riders or WA, firefighters of Northern Territory.

We find members that already have a membership quota and we encourage them to say look join and as Associate member which is what Roger \$25:00 suggests.

So, I think we have that advantage with some of the avenues we've got some of the work that Miles has already achieved.

Some of the work Shane did in the early days on the table.

I think maybe we should re-engage with some of those associations we were talking to before and see if there's some individual membership we can pick up.





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More discussions at the table and agreements with Roger Sheath and Peter Coles Proposal.

To finalise the discussion the Chair requested the following as actions.

Roger, could you get the contact details please? That being the folks in the Queensland motorcycle Council and the relevant members.

Shane, could I ask you in Miles Brennan's absence being as you're on the ground in Queensland, could you assist with that?

Just some relationship building with that association please.

Respective Club / Association Briefs: If Needed

4wd Queensland

Shane Rose gives a spill about the organisation he represents – 4wd QLD.

4wd Qld is running along quite nicely, it's a shame that Tony Collins is not on that committee anymore because I miss his support and candidness around a few points where we would dilly dally around, he just use to say the way it is and I could bounce stuff off from him quite well.

4wd Qld has a CEO, the CEO is really taking the organisation to a new height.

We're having the CEO turn up to meetings with national parks like page two plantation meetings, with all the key stakeholders and counsellors

So, with a CEO, others present at meetings have in their mind, they think 4wd Qld is a big organisation, they're serious about what they're doing.

We've now been able to obtain a large chunk of funding from companies that previously before wouldn't be interested but they told me and the President, with a CEO, they're, what we're doing.

So that's been a massive turnaround for us.

And I think that's where some of these working groups we start some spot fires in areas of concern.

Rally those areas will bring an organisation on as they've been for Queensland's point of view.

We, QLD 4wd are reaching high and kicking goals and we are becoming very self-sufficient just through what we're doing out there in the community.

So, I'm very happy with how we're travelling now.

Bruce Fenwick (Chair) in reply; It is great to see you guys moving from strength to strength. So perhaps sharing some of those stories with the rest of us down here in NSW will help us get our Association's respective bodies up and running.

Bruce Fenwick – Sydney District 4wd Club

So, as you all know Sydney District 4wd Club do a Halloween event each year hosted by the club.

This has been discussed previously, and we would like to know if ARMA could potentially sponsor the club event in a way of a sausage sizzle for dinner for the Saturday night before the kids start trick and treating and fill themselves up with sugar.





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The reason for this is we would like to include every other ARMA affiliated club to join us for the weekend as an event, and we'd put our hosted marquee up.

To get as many clubs as possible in a single event around a charity-based event.

We call this event "Evil Kimmy is Halloween"

Kim is a very evil lady who zip ties us and cable ties us into swags and tents, don't let her loose after a bottle of red wine.

Approx. \$400 fee to buy some sausages and bread rolls to put a marquee up.

Just putting this across to the delegates.

What we're trying to encourage, and Kim spoken to me about this at length two years ago is that what we're trying to encourage is the clubs to start getting together in each state. Queensland already do that because they're in Association members.

In NSW, Sydney District 4wd Club should bring a lot of these other clubs into our events or even our training events, into our routine club events, even into weekend event that we go camping.

Shane Rose offered the \$400.00 to cover the events to help ARMA out.

More casual discussion back and forth about many events delegates have been involved in.

General Business:

All

Discussion on how to further nurture and foster healthy relationship with other peak bodies, clubs, social media group that represent a range of outdoor recreation activities, not limited to only motorised recreation. Such discussions will continue at the management level.

The topic was raised to instil confidence in the delegates that ARMA has solid direction by its 13 management team.

As a result of discussions during General Business, the Wilbinga Shacks Crew come on board as ARMA Associate members then in turn have the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions recognise ARMA as a Peak Body representing the Wilbinga Shacks Crew's adoption project agreement.

ARMA is the best fit for the Wilbinga Shacks Crew and the State 4wd Association is a not a good fit being the Wilbinga Shacks Crew are beach fisherman rather than 4wdriver's.

Track Care WA isn't a good fit either as the Crew have little to no interest in joining Track Care helping on Track Care WA projects.

Track Care are meant to be doing such projects as on the Canning Stock Route or Rangelands, the much larger projects designed for those that have a lot of time on their hands.

Bruce Fenwick (meeting Chair) thanks the delegates for attending and makes comment that there is some good traction happening in 2022 for ARMA and asked if there is anymore input from the floor.





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With no more business the Chair closes the meeting, but casual discussion continues after the meeting prompted by Roger Sheath...

Meeting closed at: 10:05pm Sydney time.

Next delegates meeting: Wednesday the 16 March 2022

Meeting times across the nation.

• Adelaide	7:30pm	ACDT	UCT + 10:30
• Brisbane	7:00pm	AEST	UCT + 10
• Canberra	8:00pm	AEDT	UCT + 11
• Darwin	6:30pm	ACST	UCT + 9:30
• Hobart	8:00pm	AEDT	UCT + 11
• Melbourne	8:00pm	AEDT	UCT + 11
• Perth	5:00pm	AWST	UCT + 8
• Sydney	8:00pm	AEDT	UCT + 11

PS. From the Secretary, the Secretary will not be available for both March meetings, it would be greatly appreciated if a member could fill the role of Secretary for both the Management and the Delegates meetings for March.

Please email secretary@arma.net.au and the Secretary will assist to sort things out for whoever.

Signed:

Meeting Chair: Bruce Fenwick



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Land Management Portfolio Report Delegates Meeting 16th February 2022

Harvey Dam track closures – WA

Not expecting anything to start moving again after Christmas/New Year until Mar/Apr

Nanarup Beach – WA

Not expecting anything to start moving again after Christmas/New Year until Mar/Apr

South Ballina Beach – NSW

Talked to South Ballina Beach Users Group after the recent Local Government elections.

The Group have polled a number of new councillors to gauge their thoughts on access to the beach. There was some positive feedback. They will be sending one of their committee to all the Ballina Shire Council meetings to pursue this issue of re-opening South Ballina Beach.

I mentioned organising a beach cleanup and to see if the Group could engage the support of the new Council. This will be brought up at their monthly meeting and at the Council meetings. I said if there was positive response, I would get in touch with the Crown Lands contact I have for the area and try to get their support they are the ones who have keys to the locked gates

NSW National Parks and Wildlife

Richmond River Area

No further communication since November 2021

Northern Tablelands Area

Ballina 4WD Club had a meeting with the Lead Ranger and his 2IC. We discussed closed tracks and our hope to be able to access them, do some minor track work, clear fallen trees, perform track classifications and prepare a report on the track for their internal use. We also confirmed we were open to any other volunteering suggestions which we run by the committee for support.

NPWS are to discuss internally and hopefully get back to us with some suggestions

Garden of Stone EcoPark

Contact has been made with NSW 4WD Association asking if they have an update since their first positive meeting with NPWS.

They will be updating their members at their next quarterly meeting where NPWS will be in attendance

The Motor Cycle Club of NSW is also working on this 'project' as the plan is to designate motorbike tracks in the Ecopark as well. ARMA will be discussing this with them.

Waroona Shire, WA

Currently, Preston Beach is closed due to beach damage leaving the beach run quite perilous in places. There is a concern that it will remain closed even if and when the beach run becomes safer. In the meantime, our member club Toyota Landcruiser Cruiser Club of WA and Track Care are planning to partner with Waroona Shire to ensure it's reopening

TLCCWA advises of the Preston Beach Outreach - Toyota Land Cruiser Club of WA is partnering with Shire of Waroona, Dpt Biodiversity Conservation Attractions (DBCA) and Track Care on 5th to 7th March to talk with users on the beach to encourage responsible 4WD driving and to hand out brochures, to help keep this great beach location open.

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Wilbinga Shacks Crew and the Wilbinga Conservation Park Access – Annual Clean-up - WA

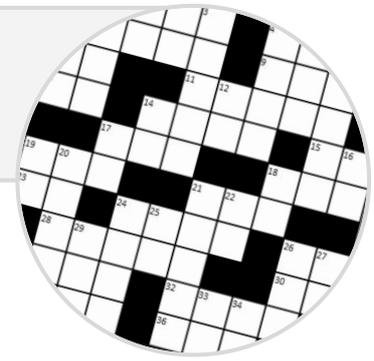
Geoff, anything to report?

Cheers,
Malcolm Harrison
Land Manager - ARMA
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PRESENTING A VERBAL TRIP REPORT



There is a **VERBAL TRIP REPORT** from every trip - presented to a Club meeting soon after each trip. You get a chance to share the great time you had AND the lessons that were learnt! Consider presenting as a way to contribute back to the Club.

- Being selected
 - The Trip Leader will nominate the Verbal Report Presenter at the first briefing session of the trip. This allows them to start recording trip details. If no-one volunteers, then the last member to turn up at the start point may be nominated.
 - If the Trip Leader forgets to nominate someone, don't hesitate to prompt them.
- As you travel
 - Take notes as you go with your phone, tablet or even use a pencil.
 - Pictures make the story! Snap lots of photos along the way ... capture all the delightful and interesting scenes. Try to capture any events, dramas or mishaps as well.
- Make up your slide presentation
 - Ask other members to share their photos with you. Note the photo subjects, locations and name of the photographer.
 - Use pictures rather than words, but not too many. Cull out the poor ones. Crop out irrelevant detail. Your presentation should be timed for about 5 minutes.
 - If you have a movie, then edit the highlights down to 2 or 3 minutes in total.
 - Include trip dates, list all participants including passengers and children. List the vehicles present and show a photo of each vehicle if possible.
 - If you present text information in a slide make sure it is in large print, high contrast and legible from a distance away from the screen.
 - Make up speakers notes to remind you of the points you wish to make on each slide.
 - Save your completed presentation as a Powerpoint File/Show, a PDF, a movie image or a folder of photos onto an empty USB stick. (Check it doesn't have any viruses on it!)
 - Test your presentation, on different device if you can, and be careful about picture orientation and the order that pictures play.
- Presenting
 - Present to a meeting as soon as practicable after returning from the trip, but presentations may not be programmed at every meeting. Contact the Trips Coordinator or the Secretary if you are ready to present.
 - Before the start of the meeting give your USB stick to the Secretary or President who will arrange for it to be plugged into the Club Belrose computer server (in the back room).
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- If you have any questions contact the Secretary.



SUBMITTING A WRITTEN TRIP REPORT



There is a **WRITTEN TRIP REPORT** from every trip – published in this magazine. This gives a permanent record of the trips, for reading now and future reference. Writing a report is an important part of club membership.

- How do you become an author?
 - The author should be nominated by the Trip Leader at the first briefing session of the trip. This allows them to start recording trip details. Often the last member to turn up at the start point is nominated! Prompt the leader if they forget to choose someone at the start.
- What do I do during the trip?
 - As you travel take notes as you go. What roads/tracks did you take. Track or weather conditions. Note any incidents or stories.
 - Pictures make the story! Snap lots of photos along the way ... capture all the delightful and interesting scenes. Try to capture any events or mishaps as well.
- What should be in the report?
 - The report should tell the story of the trip, but also give enough route information to allow a future leader to know where to go and what they will find.
 - Your report could be a diary, a narrative or even a poem. Maybe a photo essay with captions?
 - Include trip dates, participants names, including passengers and list the vehicles present.
 - Ask others to share their photos from the trip. Note photo locations and photographer.
 - Don't worry about format or layout, as that will all be done later.
- How do I submit the report? In two parts.
 - Part 1. Email the words in the email body, a text file or a Word document or anything that we can copy and paste from.
 - Part 2. Email the photos as separate images. Direct from your camera is best to keep the quality high. Due to file size you may only be able to attach 2 or 3 photos to each email. If you wish, you can put a caption against each photo. Please note who the photographer is.
- How do I transfer photos without using email?
 - To share photos without using email, upload them to a cloud service and share a link to the editor. e.g. Google Drive, Google Photos, Microsoft OneDrive, DropBox or similar services.
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IT'S ALL DOWNHILL TO OUR NEXT EVENTS
March Meeting. Tue 8 Mar. 7:30pm@Club Belrose
April Meeting. Tue 12 Apr. 7:30pm@Club Belrose
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