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**Place:** Ermington Community Centre  
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**Date:** Second Friday of each month  
Meeting starts 8pm  
Finishes approx 9.30pm

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## New Members

Roy Meuronen

David Lang

James Simmons

## Welcome Back

Nell & Denis Hoffman

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## Committee Meetings

**Committee Meetings** are held on the Tuesday prior to the general meeting **starting at 7.30pm** at the homes of committee members – all members are welcome to attend. Please contact the President for details of location each month.

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## In an emergency

Club Personnel appointed as first contact in the event of a problem on a trip:

**Troy Strickland** 0409 908 977

**Mark Honor** 0418 406 118

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## Trip Reports

**Trip leaders**, please remember to select someone to write the Trip Report for you. Whether you ask a specific person, ask the group if someone would like to, toss a coin to choose or use the old tradition of last person to the meeting point; that's up to you but please have someone selected, preferably early in the trip so they can take notes if they wish, but definitely by the end of the trip. Also it would be great to encourage any keen photographers on your trip to send their best few photos to the editor, high resolution images work best - it's worth points now!

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## Happy Birthday - April/May

Karen Finlayson  
David Hood  
Jeff Cairns

Heidi Ploeg  
Michael Minny  
Stephanie Finlayson

Michael Hamilton  
Joel Dedman



# President's Report



Wow, how great is it to see our calendar almost bursting at the seams with so many great trips in it - I'm sure there is something there to suit everyone.

It's been nice to be able to get out on a few trips recently. It was great to catch up with Lyn and Harley on the long weekend, they have set themselves up very well at Wallendbeen and Manning Point was such a relaxing weekend away! We have just finished our 9<sup>th</sup> attendance at Relay for Life. Well done to Kevin and Craig for another great effort. Thanks to all those that helped in one way or another, it's certainly a team effort! Many thanks also to Barry Green from "DreamPot" who generously donated a DreamPot for your raffle that weekend.

James & Gill are back from their 'BS Epilogue' trip. Car troubles and weather took its toll but that's part of the 'unknown' on extended trips, still sounds like they had a great time and we can look forward to hearing all about it in the next magazine.

The 'WOW' trip is coming up in the July school holidays and there are still two spots available. I'm still playing with the itinerary but may, just may, include Innamincka in it. I know, I always say I will never go back there, weather is never kind to us but I'm thinking they've had all their rain and it should be looking awesome out there. Stay tuned.

Other things coming up include Sandi and Troy's 'Wine Tasting Weekend', another Driver Awareness day trip is on this Sunday open to all levels of experience and the June long weekend has been covered by Mark & Karolyn heading up north to Kylie's Beach.

It's fabulous to see a few new trip leaders stepping up just like Bernadette did a few weekends ago on her Caves to Caves trip. The October long weekend has two fantastic trips both being run by first time trip leaders, so well done guys. Chris is heading down south for a pretty relaxed beach side camping trip while Ross is heading north to Gloucester Tops Caravan Park to explore the Barringtons.

Other great trips coming up include a second trip out to the Old Cedar Road, Xmas in July at Yerranderie, Camp Oven Cook Off, an afternoon/evening drive to the Kings Tableland and a New & Prospective Members day in October to coincide with interest from the 4WD Show.

Speaking of the show, we are heading out to Eastern Creek again this year to showcase what our great club has to offer. It takes a bit to get the club stand up and running for the show so any help that can be offered in the lead up or over the 3 days is much appreciated. Let's get out there and show off!

Don't forget that the June meeting has been moved up a week to 3 June and will be held at Ten Pin City at Lidcombe. August is of course, the Annual General Meeting and then in September we will be having our first (in a long while) Awards Night/dinner. Get your names down for the bowling and awards nights so lanes and catering can be organised.

There's lots more in the calendar so check it out and get your name down on some fabulous trips.

Just a reminder to members that if you have to pull out of a trip please contact the trips leaders directly either by phone, email or even a text message. Please don't just put it on the thread under the trip on the forum, sometimes these get missed. Same for Trip Leaders, please let attendees know if you are cancelling a trip.

Looking forward to catching up with all our members somewhere out and about.

Cheers

*Julie*

# SUBI CLUB AWARDS

I have started compiling everyone's points tally - running a trip is a great way to get some extra points and there's plenty of room on the calendar:



- 1 point - attending a meeting (make sure you sign in)
- 1 point - giving a trip report at a meeting
- 2 point - leading a day trip
- 3 points - leading a 2-4 day trip
- 4 points - leading an extended trip (5 or more days)
- 1 point - attending a day trip
- 2 points - attending a 2-4 day trip
- 3 points - attending an extended trip (5 or more days)
- 1 point - writing a trip report
- 2 points - if the report gets to the Editor within 2 days of the trip
- 1 point - for sending photos of a trip to Editor
- 2 points - if the photos reach the Editor within 2 days of the trip
- 1 point - for a magazine article

From the 2016 AGM, members will also earn 1 point for taking on a committee position. Holding more than one position does not mean additional points. They will also not receive points for committee reports submitted for the magazine but they will still be entitled to points for any other articles sent to the Editor.

Note: A committee member who runs trips as part of their normal committee position cannot gain a points advantage from performing their normal duties. This applies especially to Driver Awareness and Social Convener, eg. The Driver Awareness Officer who runs a training day will get 1 point only for attending the trip. They do not get an additional point for leading the trip. eg. Social Convener who runs a 'Xmas Party' will get 1 point only for attending - no additional points for leading the trip. However, should either run another trip outside their position, then points for attending and leading will be earned by that person as this trip is not part of their normal activities.



## CLUB CALENDAR

for full details see Future Fun on pages

<b>May</b>	Driver Awareness Lithgow	Hunter Valley Wine Tasting
<b>June</b>	Meeting - Ten Pin Bowling Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser	L/W Kylies Beach Kings Tableland at Sunset
<b>July</b>	Winter Outback Wander	Yerranderie/Christmas in July
<b>August</b>	Annual General Meeting	Camp Oven Cookoff
<b>September</b>	Return to Old Cedar Road	
<b>October</b>	L/W Beachcomber Holiday Park New/Prospective Members Trip Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser	L/W Gloucester Tops Caravan Pk 4WD Adventure Show
<b>November</b>	Watagans Weekend	
<b>December</b>	Club Xmas Party	West Kunderang

**Got an idea for a trip, talk to Mark or Troy.**

# Webmaster's Report



Hi everyone,

There has been a bit more use on the forum this month which is good to see.

We had a request come in this month over the forum that there was no way to remove a vehicle from your My Vehicles area. You could always edit the vehicle but there was no delete. The good news is this feature has now been added so you can delete away.

If anyone has any other improvement that can be made, please let me know. I will do my best to see if it can be incorporated into the site.

Some things that I am working on is a notification email to the trip leader when someone puts a comment in the trip section. Sometimes these get missed. I am also looking into a 'Trips I'm Registered On' section.

Regards

*Troy*

## Footy Tipping

Tipster	Points	Rank	
Nick Capratsis	52	1	Well here we are about half way through the season and some teams are performing in a surprising manner. The mere fact that the Sharks are number 2 is enough to amaze most and the poor old Knights have completely lost the plot and we won't even touch the Eels. Nick is at the top at the moment but a few close on his heels so no resting on his laurels there. Unusual to see a Malone at the bottom of the ladder but there's plenty of time to change that.
Jan Malone	51	2	
Jean Dunstan	51	3	
Sandra Moss	49	4	
Harley Sadler	43	5	
Troy Strickland	42	6	
Amanda Capratsis	40	7	
Julie Rush	40	8	
Pat Malone	37	9	

## *You must be joking...*

An Aussie pirate walks into a bar with a wooden leg, a hook and an eye patch.

The Barman says 'Sheesh - How'd you lose the leg'  
The Pirate says 'Arrrrr - A shark took it off at the knee'  
The Barman says 'Thats no good, what about the hand?'  
The Pirate says 'Arrrrg - Lost it in a bloody bar brawl'  
The Barman says 'Jeez - Well what about the eye then?'  
The Pirate says 'Thats easy a seagull crapped in it'  
The Barman says 'What?!?!'  
The Pirate says 'Arrrrrrr...I'd only had the hook one day...'



Future Fun and the calendar in this edition of Drive Torque are correct at the time of printing. For the latest calendar information, see the club's website: [subaru4wdclub.com](http://subaru4wdclub.com). Members wanting to join a trip should register on the Club's website. Please remember to check with the trip leader a day or so before the trip to allow the trip leader to advise members of any changes or cancellations. Don't forget to advise the trip leader if you need to pull out.

# Social Convener's Report

Hi Everyone

Well, the year is flying along and "winter is coming", so what better way to warm up in June than with a Ten Pin Bowling Night on Friday 3rd June. We are booked in to start our games at 8pm (2 games for \$18) but come a bit earlier and enjoy the \$11 pizzas at Ten Pin City: 92 Parramatta Road, Lidcombe. Don't forget this is replacing the meeting and is a week early as the usual meeting night is the start of a long weekend.



Our Christmas in July is being organised at Yerranderie, check the forum for dates and register for this trip. We have the use of the 'Post Office' so we will be cooking a traditional roast dinner with all the trimmings and finishing off with pudding and custard for dessert. Cost will be advised.

In December the club will be holding the Christmas Party on December 10 and 11. We have not quite decided where we are going but it is guaranteed to be a great weekend of fun and frivolity so, get your name down and mark it in your calendars.

See you out there

*Sandi*

# Public Relations Officer's Report

Not a whole lot to report this time, however there are some things on the horizon and they will be approaching at storm speed soon enough.

The club will be returning to the Sydney 4WD and Adventure Show in October and this has been listed on our website in upcoming trips. We will need enough members on site to cover the three days, setup and pack down. In addition, I am looking for a singular member's vehicle to display on each of the days. So please put your name down and help us show off our club as best we can. I have a seat on the Association organising committee so I will be posting regular updates. The Association is calling for volunteers to work at the show over the three days, only for two hours on each day of your choosing. You will get free entry in return and after your shift, the rest of the day is yours to have a look around. More details on that will be distributed a bit later on.



I have made contact with Penrith Subaru and Subaru Marketing regarding another drive day in November, to be run in conjunction with a club member's weekend away. It may or may not come to fruition, but I will try my best to get it off the ground. The first one was a great success, so why not do it again, if it is possible.

The club public Facebook page view numbers jump every time some club news is posted. Be it some old or current magazines, trip photos and trip news. It is a good way to publicise the club and it creates further interest in what we do. As always, I am happy to receive any ideas from you all in relation to club promotion, so do not be shy in speaking up.

*James*



# Trip Convener's Report

It is very pleasing to see more trips in the calendar. We have about 21 items listed up to the end of the year. These include evening social functions, fundraising, some one day trips with plenty of 2 and 3 day trips together with an extended trip in the July school holidays and a week camping after Christmas. If you are considering a trip there is still plenty of room. Some weekends could also have two trips running considering we have about 80 memberships and the average number on a trip is about 6 or 7 vehicles.



During the last few months we had several members plan and run their first trips. There is always plenty of help from other members so we encourage you to consider talking to us about places you would like to visit with the club.

If you have registered for a trip and then discover you are unable to attend then please try to contact the leader by email or telephone. The forum thread under the particular trip is sometimes helpful for non urgent questions but not the most efficient way to contact the leader. The trip leader details can be found by clicking on the green header under trip details and description.

Show / Hide Trip Leaders for this trip

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Name: Julie Rush Email: [therushes@hotmail.com](mailto:therushes@hotmail.com) Mobile Phone: 0409307381 [View full list](#)

For trips that have a maximum number of vehicles you can still register but the trip leader may not approve the registration until or if a place becomes available. While members are listed alphabetically the leader gets notified by email hence knows the order of registration.

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or ideas regarding you next trip.

Safe travels.....

*Mark*

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# Ian's Shop



Hi everyone

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- . LED torches
- . hand tools
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- . cling wrap and foil

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To see what else I have available please email me at [ianheathcote52@gmail.com](mailto:ianheathcote52@gmail.com). I can advise price, brand names etc and if interested I will then bring them along to our next meeting night. Alternatively you can call me on my mobile 0411 096202.

Look forward to hearing from you.

*Ian Heathcote*

## WHAT'S COMING UP AT THE MEETINGS

**Next Meeting 3 June -please note date change**



**10 Pin City Lidcombe  
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<b>8 July</b>	Meeting - General Meeting
<b>12 August</b>	Meeting - Annual General Meeting
<b>9 September</b>	Awards Night Dinner

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 Wollemi National Park  
 Newnes  
 Colo River  
 Lake Lyell / Rydal  
 Kanangra Walls  
 Wombeyan Caves  
 Joadja  
 Capertee & surrounds  
 Howes Valley  
 Lost City  
 Glow Worm Tunnels

## Weekend Trips

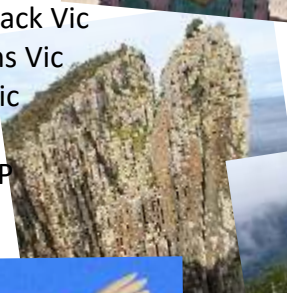
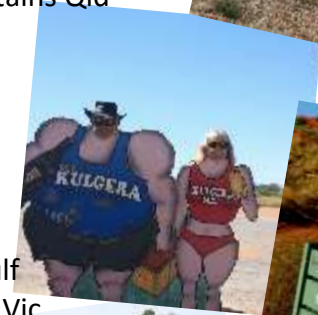
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 Caves to Caves  
 Myall Lakes NP  
 Olinda, Rylstone  
 Glen Davis  
 Turon  
 Sheepskin Hut  
 Dixons Long Point

## Long Weekends

Mudgee  
 Bendethera  
 Shallow Crossing  
 Lake Lyell  
 Barrington Tops  
 Mt Jugungal Slopes  
 Mystery Bay  
 Wadbilliga NP  
 Coopernook State Forest  
 Brindabella Ranges  
 Dingo Tops  
 Gibraltar Range  
 Dubbo  
 Wellington

## Extended Trips

Richmond Ranges  
 Simpson Desert  
 Canning Stock Route  
 Flinders Ranges  
 Victorian Highlands  
 Corner Country  
 Lawn Hill /Gulf  
 Uluru & Surrounds  
 Outback NSW  
 Outback Qld  
 Kangaroo Island  
 Great Central Road  
 Border Ranges NP  
 Bunya Mountains Qld  
 Kimberleys  
 Googs Track  
 Nullabor  
 Fraser Island  
 Eungella Qld  
 Cape York  
 Lawn Hill /Gulf  
 Border Track Vic  
 Grampians Vic  
 Otways Vic  
 Tasmania  
 Mungo NP



# Travel Journals

Why? I take heaps of photos - that's enough? I have no doubt that the majority of us definitely take heaps and heaps of photos on our travels. Photos that evoke memories and relive sceneries and experiences in many years to come. But how did that experience make you feel? How much did it cost? What happens to the ticket? In 10 or 20 years time, travel journals provide a great resource to help with your trip down memory lane or as an insight into holidays "in the past" for future generations.

Journals are not school assignments, there is no right or wrong, there is no minimum or maximum entries required, it is about you & your trip; your feelings, your images, your experiences, your expectations, your reflections. These days journals can also take on the format of a blog, a smash book, scrap book, go pro footage or diary. Pen & paper or tablet or computer. The most important thing is that it is not meant to be tedious or time consuming, it is a compliment to your adventures & travels.

But I don't know where to start? In the boxes below are some prompts for recording your travels. If you choose the pen & paper option as opposed to a tablet, ensure that the book is sturdy, strongly bound & has a hard cover. Lined or unlined is entirely up to the individual. Time to let your creativity flow!

*Jo Quinn*



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**Trip Report** - Troy Strickland

**Helpers:**

**Photos** - Troy Strickland

Brett Hampson  
Brian Flood

A rear view of a silver Subaru Forester parked on a paved driveway. The car's license plate is 'CVH-87H'. A blue plastic lift kit is mounted on the bumper. The background shows a brick house and a wooden fence.

Lift Kit -

What is it and

how do you install it.

After a bit of time you start wondering maybe if I was a bit higher off the ground I wouldn't touch those rocks or the nose or tow bar wouldn't hit in those washouts.

A lift kit can help. They do come in a variety of options depending on the vehicle but the principle is the same. For a 4WD with a separate chassis and body, lift blocks can be fitted in between them to raise up the body work. This can then allow for bigger wheels to be fitted which will increase the clearance under the running gear.



For the Subaru, there is no chassis. The main way a lift kit is done is by inserting the strut tops on top of the struts (shock absorber and spring assembly) at each corner. The kit from 'subieliftoz' also lifts the rear sub-frame so the geometry of the links all still work as they did without the lift and the rear wheel stays centred in the wheel arch. A kit I had on my old Forester did not.

So, how do you go about installing.

- a. Find a lift kit.
- b. Check with your insurance to make sure they will cover you with one and to see if you can include in your policy as a modification.
- c. Buy the kit.
- d. Read installation instructions, check you know what they are talking about, read instructions again, maybe a few more times.
- e. Invite friends (other members) around to share the experience.
  1. Jack up rear of car and put on jack stands, remove wheels. Make sure car is safe to work under. Some break line brackets and ABS lines need to be unhooked so lines do not get stretched.
  2. Loosen the bolts to the sub-frame. There are 2 large bolts and 4 smaller ones each side. Also loosen the top of the struts from inside the rear of the vehicle
  3. Drop one side down enough to fit the spacers in, put the bolts back in, but don't do up and then do the other side.
  4. Undo the rear struts and remove. Put on the strut top spacers.
  5. Refit rear struts.
  6. Tighten all bolts back up to correct torque setting.
  7. Fit the 1 inch spacers to the centre bearing of the tail shaft. We had to remove the heat shield to do this.
  8. Re-secure breaklines and ABS. Put wheels back on and lower rear.
  9. Jack up front. Remove wheels. Undo ABS and the break lines link.
  10. One side at a time, take out strut, add strut top spacer to it.
  11. Re install strut with arrow pointing inwards on the top of the strut.
  12. Do everything back up the way it was, wheels on and lower the car.

Done. Test drive. Have a beer!







A man is floating in a natural pool of water, smiling with his arms outstretched. The pool is surrounded by green moss and rocks. The water is dark and clear. The man is wearing dark shorts. The background shows more of the pool and the surrounding environment.

# THE PHOTOGRAPHY ENTHUSIASTS TRIP TO THE FIGURE EIGHT POOLS

Trip Leaders - Troy & Sandi Strickland

Attendees:

Trip Report - Sandi Strickland

Troy & Sand Strickland - Outback

Phil Thompson - Prado

Photos - Troy Strickland

Phil Thompson

By 2pm we had all met at Stanwell Tops car park for our first scenic shots and drivers meeting. Phil kindly offered to go as Tail-end Charlie and the convoy headed in a northerly direction towards the Royal National Park and the walk down to Burning Palms Beach and the Figure Eight Pools.

As I got out of the car at Garrawarra Farm Car Park I heard a funny noise coming from near the porta-loos and turned to find a poor tourist dry retching after exiting the loo before her walk. She must have done it about 10 times. This kept us laughing for the next 3.7Km and then all that evening whenever we thought of her. We later saw her walking down the track in her platform high heel thongs, struggling just a little!

We started our descent to the beach. We passed some sweaty people coming up the hill and overtook the lady with the high heeled thongs. As we came out of the tree line we were able to see the coastal beaches and had our first glimpse of the surf and the headlands we were headed for.

As we continued down to the beach Troy tripped over some tree roots and just as I was telling Phil

to be careful of the roots, he too funnily enough tripped over the same roots. Coincidentally, they tripped just at a spot when a group of young ladies in bikinis were walking past us. Go figure?!?! Phil actually fell into someone's... pity it was one of the ladies male companions! :)

When we arrived at Burning Palms Beach there were a few small shacks amongst the trees. The 28 beach shacks have a long and interesting history dating back to miners working in Helensburgh in the 1930s. The cabins were built by private citizens using their own initiative, resources and labour. During the Great Depression, families lived there out of desperation, surviving on wild rabbits, fish and home-grown vegetables. At the time, pockets of land were still privately owned in the park. Holiday makers paid two shillings a week (about \$8 today) to erect tents and rough bark huts. Later, they built permanent cabins, usually with a main room and smaller bedroom, hastily constructed with nails and bits of weatherboard and finished off with corrugated iron, planks of driftwood, other jetsam and local stone. Now the leasees are not allowed to build new huts but they are allowed to make repairs to existing huts.



We passed the shacks, walked across the beach just as the SLSC were packing up for the day (it was very strange to arrive and see flags on the beach!) and continued the 1Km to the rock pools. We scrambled over rocks and around rock platforms as it was low tide and arrived at the rock pools to see a lady slip over near the pool and hit her head. Note to readers: the green stuff is VERY SLIPPERY! There were a heap of people there and so, as we waited for a chance to take a pic, Phil got ready for a swim, asked the lady who fell where she was etc... (Yes, she was okay and knew where and who she was) and then he and Troy jumped into the Figure Eight Pool. It was pretty deep and you could almost pin drop in without touching the bottom and the water was crystal clear. Figure Eight Pools is a unique geological spectacle, this coastal rock shelf is dotted with natural rock pools – including a special few in the shape of a near-perfect figure 8.

We stayed for about an hour, had a drink, a bite to eat and got some good shots as you can see here. We then started to head back towards the beach. We were almost back to the beach (1km back) when we came across our dry retching, high heel thong

wearing lady friend! They had taken A LOT longer than us to get there and guess what? She had taken off the thongs!

We continued up the hill (it really was not all that bad... I don't know what you were all worried about), we passed a few people carrying down long pieces of timber to make repairs and arrived back at the cars at around 5:30pm where we said our goodbyes and headed home.

It was a very enjoyable afternoon and we would like to thank Phil for being brave and coming with us! We missed you Angelo and Patrick!

*Sandi*





Some Burning Palms SLSC facts...

- Burning Palms SLSC was formed in 1939 and has continued to patrol the beach every Sunday and Public Holiday from October until April of each year. Saturday Patrols are maintained during December and January.
- Burning Palms is well known for its great surfing beach.
- Burning Palms competes in a range of areas of Surf Lifesaving Competition including beach, craft and water events at Branch, State and National carnivals.
- Burning Palms beach was named that because of people burning the cabbage palms as a beacon.. I think that is what it said on the sign!



# HIGH COUNTRY EASTER



Meeting point on Thursday evening was at Gundagai where we stayed at the Riverside Caravan Park. Beautiful grassy sites located right along the Murrumbidgee River and to top it off we were rewarded with a stunning sunset. Those of us that were set up in time for dinner wandered across the bridge up to the Star Hotel for dinner. Beautiful food & large meals. We retired back to camp and were "lulled" to sleep with the cars crossing over the rickety old bridge across the river. This was compounded with the late arrivals where we were all up at 11pm again to watch as they set up camp. Cath and Tom enjoyed the peace, quiet and serenity in a cabin in a nearby caravan park.



**Trip Leaders - Mark & Karolyn Honor**  
**Trip Report & Photos - Jo Quinn**

**Attendees:**

**Mark & Karolyn - Navara**  
**Brian, Heidi & Izzy - Jeep**  
**Jo & Shahni - Ford Ranger**

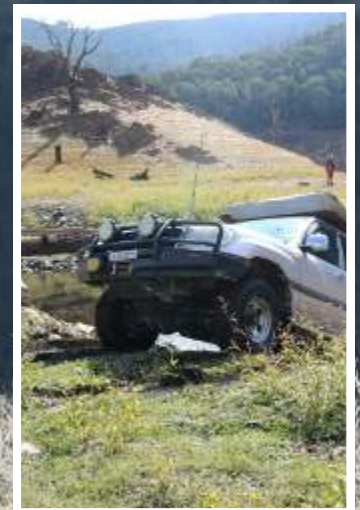
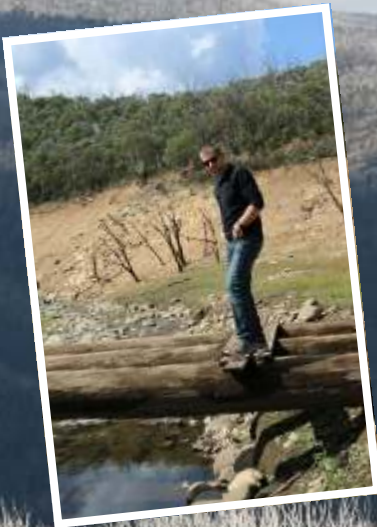
**Kevin - Triton**  
**Troy, Sandi & Kaitlin - Subaru**  
**Kim - Landcruiser**  
**Cath & Tom - Prado**

Good Friday saw us wake up to a drizzle of rain which quickly eased as we hit the tracks. There was a stop at Talbingo Dam for a group shot of people and cars before we took off into Kosciuszko National Park to set up camp at Long Plain Hut. Given that it was the Easter long weekend, we didn't have the place to ourselves but there was ample room for all of us to camp. The views were spectacular and the hut itself was in remarkably good condition. The weather had cleared and we all enjoyed a relaxing lunch with million dollar views whilst the girls explored around the camp.



After lunch we went on a loop drive towards Selwyn snow fields. The place was a bit eerie and extremely quiet with our group being the only ones there. Far from what it is like in its peak season in winter I would suspect. The bare chair lifts, naked trees with ghost fingers and isolated snow makers made for an interesting view.

We stopped at Tumut Dam for some photos before taking a 4WD track down to Tumut Ponds. We wound down the gully on a good dirt track that led to a barely flowing river. The stark, rocky, red cliffs towering above us against a cloudless blue sky were spectacular. We drove through the small creek in low range only to discover it a pointless exercise as just around the bend was the end of the track. We were back at camp around 4-ish for a relaxing evening around the campfire. The wood we purchased wasn't much good but was cut up to perfection by Kaitlin & Shahni after some axe tuition from Mark.





Easter Saturday dawned cool and rather crisp but provided stunning views over the National Park as the sun started to rise through the fog. A very cool and icy pack up as the tents were saturated in dew. We back tracked to Talbingo and stopped at Snowy Hydro Tumut 3 Station.

The massive white pipes climbed up over the hill and disappeared into a cloudless sky. The day had started to warm significantly and turned into the perfect autumn day to be out and about.

Moving on after photos of the vehicles along the dam wall we took a dirt power line track with a stop and short walk to Buddong Falls. The falls tumbled from a significant height between the snowy gums. The track unfortunately ended at a locked gate that saw us back up before stopping at Tumut 2 Power Station for lunch. We drove the narrow winding road of Elliot Way that had varied views & steep drop offs.

A quick fuel stop at Khancoban, a fleeting visit to the Snowy Hydro 1 Visitor Info Centre & it was onto Geehi Campground for the night. The place was packed but we found an open grassy area that had magnificent views of the mountain ranges. The mountains afforded us awesome views come sunset as the rock faces changed into deep hues of reds & browns, somewhat reminiscent of the colours of the Coober Pedy area.



The Easter Bunny arrived this morning delivering eggs to the girls, as well as the adults. The valley of Geehi campground was shrouded in fog this morning as we left and the kangaroos hopping through the mist with fingers of sunlight were a sight to behold. First hut of the day was Keebles, followed by Old Geehi Hut, both surrounded by numerous campers. Major Clews was next on the list followed by Dogman's Hut, both a bit more isolated and less people around. All of the huts are in remarkably good condition.

We then started the long, steep climb up Mt Pinnibar. Very picturesque, the track was in good condition but extremely steep in places. The view from the top was nothing short of spectacular! I was, however, astounded at the amount of vehicles at the top, more than George Street in Sydney on a Saturday night! The view was again specked with the white, ghost like, dead tress adding to the dramatic sense of the scene. Lunch was had at the summit before starting back down again. We stopped at Mt Anderson which was 1650m above sea level and again, offered more awesome views. We drove through the Alpine National Park before setting up camp in a small enclosed but open grassed area near Conley's Hut.

A great camp fire that far exceeded the planned size when the hole was initially dug! Discussion got deep & heated as we discussed the days challenges over a few beverages.





A light cloud cover kept temperatures a bit warmer overnight with very little dew on the tents the following morning. We drove out along Davies High Plain track, the higher we climbed, the foggier it became, however it wasn't as cold as it looked. Davies High Plain Hut was great and was built from old corrugated iron and timber logs. I can only imagine how good it would look covered in snow!

Winding our way back down to Tom Groggin, the track was quite steep in places with some deep washouts. We had lunch and aired up at Tom Groggin before farewelling the Floods Strickland'. The rest of us stopped briefly in Thredbo before setting up camp at Island Bend in Kosciusko National Park. The area was quiet after the Easter rush and we enjoyed fivesies overlooking the Snowy River with our camp nestled among the gum trees. It was very peaceful and a great way to finish the trip before all heading home the next day.

The light drizzle in the morning saw everyone packed up and ready to go early. We drove through thick fog around to Smiggins Hole and Thredbo. The cold sleety rain and thick fog didn't offer us much in terms of views so it was on to Cooma for breakfast before all making our own way home. Thanks Mark and Karolyn for a great weekend!

*Jo*

# PUB WITH NO BEER TRIP

**Trip Leader - Julie Rush**

**Trip Report - Julie, Sam and Scott**

**Photos - Julie Rush  
Sam Ebenezer**

**Attendees:**

**Julie and Michael Rush - Triton  
Jenny and Sam Ebenezer - Suzuki  
Craig Fitzpatrick - Navara  
Scott Ashhurst - Territory**

After forecasts of maybe not so great weather for the Easter break day 1 was looking pretty damn good, plenty of sunshine and warm. We were, of course, running late as usual - a broken down truck on the expressway didn't help matters so the others were all at the Wingham Brush meeting place, a very pretty spot right on the banks of the Manning River, well and truly before we were! Some had taken the time to do the boardwalk through the Brush and said it was very good.

Wasting no more time we headed off on our Easter Long Weekend adventure - today's trek was taking us around the Bulga Plateau - Bulga State Forest and Tapin Tops National Park. Using the trip notes I had we were supposed to 'cross the clunking timber bridge' - well this clunking timber is now concrete and steel!

First stop was Ellenborough Falls . At 200 metres, it is one of the longest single drop waterfalls in the Southern Hemisphere and a pretty spectacular sight to see. There are a few vantage points to see the falls from but for some unknown reason Jenny and I decided that we would make the trek down to the bottom of the falls - all 641 steps down and then back

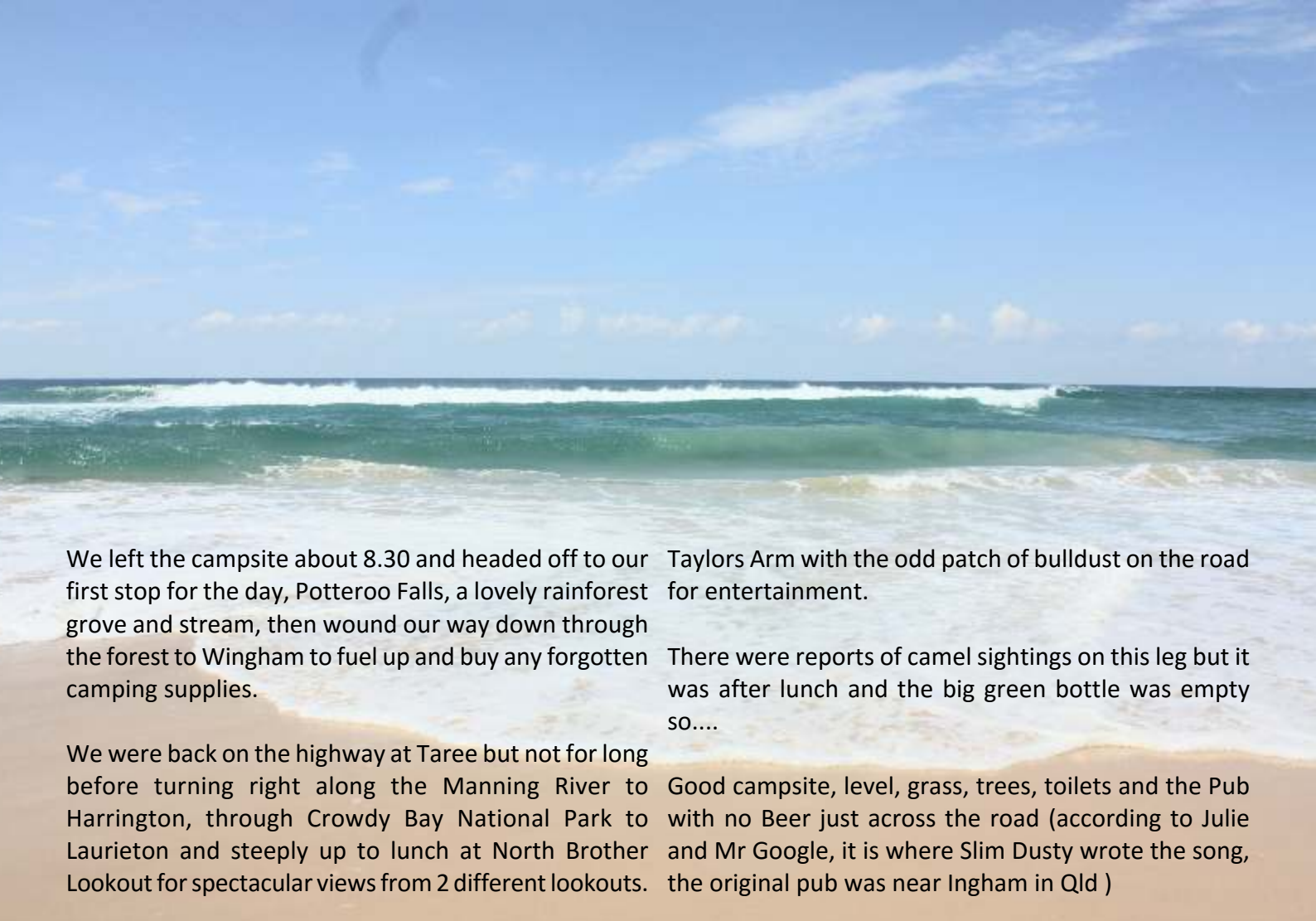
up again. I have to say that while it was a bit of an effort, it was certainly worth it. We didn't, however, scramble down on the rocks at the very base, common sense prevailed on that one.

Heading on through the National Park and into Bulga State Forest we came to the turn off for the Blue Knob Lookout which according to the trip notes had an 'old' fire tower at the top - hmm another thing replaced - we found a very new looking fire tower. At 1014 metres it certainly afforded great 360 degree views from the top, a shame it wasn't a bit clearer weather. Michael was busy sussing this area out as a potential camp spot for the night until a group of about 8 vehicles, (looked like locals) arrived and promptly took it over - oh well another one to keep in mind for next time.

We headed off to Dingo Tops for our camp for the night. I was a bit worried that it might've been busy there but thankfully, while there were a few camped already, we had no problems finding a nice spot all to ourselves for the evening. Tents up and fires on the table set the scene for a relaxing night around the fire.

*Julie*





We left the campsite about 8.30 and headed off to our first stop for the day, Potteroo Falls, a lovely rainforest grove and stream, then wound our way down through the forest to Wingham to fuel up and buy any forgotten camping supplies.

We were back on the highway at Taree but not for long before turning right along the Manning River to Harrington, through Crowdy Bay National Park to Laurieton and steeply up to lunch at North Brother Lookout for spectacular views from 2 different lookouts.

Onwards along the coast past Lake Cathie to Port Macquarie and across the Hastings River on the Settlement Point ferry. Took the more inland route via Maria River Road, very rough surface, it didn't matter what speed you were going, your fillings were in danger of falling out.

This brought us out at the Crescent Head Road, through Kempsey and up into the hinterland via a scenic sealed road, then unsealed which wound up and down to

Taylor's Arm with the odd patch of bulldust on the road for entertainment.

There were reports of camel sightings on this leg but it was after lunch and the big green bottle was empty so....

Good campsite, level, grass, trees, toilets and the Pub with no Beer just across the road (according to Julie and Mr Google, it is where Slim Dusty wrote the song, the original pub was near Ingham in Qld )

Fortunately they do sell beer and very big steaks to Craig's great relief, so an easy and enjoyable dinner.

Saturday night saw the locals party well into the small hours but we weren't too close, so most slept well.

A good day on the road - forest, coastal, a ferry, rough and smooth, great lookout and good campsite with pub next door and no rain (well only a little after dinner and not enough to put the fire out), a great combo!!

*Scott*



We left Taylors Arm bright and early and considering we'd had rain the night before, it was another stunning day. Tonight was to be our last night of camping at Cooperook State Forest. We headed out via Macksville, then sticking to the plan of keeping off the main roads as much as possible we quickly turned off to head down to Crescent Head via a very scenic drive following the Macleay River past Scotts Head, Grassy Head and into Arakoon State Conservation Area and a stop at Trial Bay Gaol at South West Rocks. Julie and Michael were the only ones to go inside the Gaol but said it was very interesting.

We continued our drive down past Hat Head and almost into Crescent Head. We had already decided that we were taking the dirt coast road back to Port Macquarie. Julie had done some research and this track was only about 30km in distance but the second half of the track was supposedly an 'interesting' 4wd only track. True to the research the first 15kms were a reasonably good dirt track and then we turned onto Point Plomer Road. It ended up being a very interesting track, with mud, sand and huge potholes. Craig managed to get himself bogged in some very very soft sand. As he was tail end Julie and Michael waited to see if he could get himself out or get out with some



help from Scott but nothing was working. Just as they were about to turn around and go back to snatch him out another vehicle came from the other direction and said “Nah you stay there, we’re going that way, we’ll get him out.” They had him out in no time and we continued on without any more incidents. This was a first for me driving in these conditions and a great experience.

After a lunch stop by the beach we boarded the Settlement Point car ferry back over to Port Macquarie. We headed down the highway with a quick stop at Kew and then down to Moorland where we turned off to continue on a 70 km bush track towards camp.

First stop was at a beautiful little swimming hole at Watui Falls, a short but steep walk down to it would be so worth it in the summer – it was getting later in the afternoon so a swim didn’t thrill anyone. The fact

that others were saying how cold the water was could also have had something to do with it! Further on we stopped at Flat Rock Lookout. A short walk along a boardwalk led to a magnificent lookout over the valley 500 metres below.

Last stop before camp was Newbys Cave. We turned off to follow a short descent through the forest to park the cars at the start of the Newbys Cave Walking Track. A short walk following the creek led us to some unusual rock overhangs. Very pretty spot and worth a stop.

Back into our cars and it was off to find camp, which was a little more difficult than the trip notes made it seem but we made it and although the camp was busy it was quite large so we able to find ourselves a spot up the back and settle in for fivesies and our final campfire.

*Sam*





Monday saw us head out of camp and out of the forest back onto the highway for the trip back to Sydney. Craig took us through Stockton and the back way into Budgewoi where we bought fish and chips and then headed to Soldiers Beach to eat lunch. It was good to catch up with Tracey Fitzpatrick and Ross Macbeth who couldn't come on the trip but met us at the beach.

Thanks to everyone for coming on the weekend, lovely way to spend a few days.

*Julie*



# CAVES TO CAVES

**Trip Leader - Bernadette Tiller**

**Trip Report - Scott Ashhurst**

**Photos - Janet Cheung  
Roy Meuronen**

**Attendees:**

**Bernadette & Chris Tiller - Subaru XV**

**Mark & Karolyn Honor - Nissan Navara**

**Troy Strickland - Subaru Forester**

**Patrick Carmody & Janet Cheung - Troopy**

**Michael Hamilton - Nissan Navara**

**Scott Ashhurst - Ford Territory**

**Chris Mifsud & Kelly Maxwell - Nissan Navara**

**Richard Stevens - Toyota Landcruiser Prado**

**Angelo Altas - Mitsubishi Triton**

**Visitor:**

**Roy Meuronen - Ford Territory**

We all met at Mt Boyce Lookout near Mt Victoria to get our driving instructions from Bernadette - 10 vehicles, a great variety of makes and models. Everyone was required to pick a card, some were very suspicious of this – was it good or bad!! Karolyn and Mark mentioned that they had organised for the Sunday papers to be delivered, this received a few quizzical looks and not many believed them.

We headed off down Victoria Pass and then left into Coxs River Rd for a quiet, scenic undulating drive through Coxs and Blackheath Valleys, a mixture of sealed and unsealed roads. Turning left at Jenolan Caves Rd, we re-joined the tourist road. There was an attempt made to get Sandi flown into Yerranderie to meet us at the end of the day but things didn't pan out.

What an amazing road down to Jenolan Caves, sealed but steep, narrow, twisting, carved out of the side of the valley wall, a bit tricky getting past oncoming traffic. Driving through the "town", there were a few people about enjoying breakfast or

getting ready for cave tours or just enjoying that 'lost world feel' Jenolan gives you - quite a surreal place really.

We stopped at the carpark past the caves for the obligatory toilet stop, a bit of morning tea and also to air down.

Heading steeply up out of Jenolan on the tight and windy road, the group eventually reached the Boyd Plateau and the land flattened out. Following a good scenic, unsealed road we reached Kanangra Walls. What amazing views from the lookout. Some went for a bit of a walk, some ate brownies. It was also time for the rolling of the dice?? This elected the 'water crossing walkers' and more cards were chosen.

We headed off back down Kanangra Road and on to Morong Fire Trail, a scenic but slightly more challenging alternative to the Kowmung River Fire Trail.



Winding through lovely forest, it was a good trail, some water and some minor creek crossings to Boyd Creek crossing. The water was fairly low yet the creek walker, Janet, still had to do her thing. Tricky climb out so a bit of analysis required but all got through ok with the help of Patrick and a lot of arm waving!

Turning left at Kowmung River Fire Trail, we made the long descent down to the Kowmung River for lunch. Nice spot, plenty of room for cars even when another group arrived behind us.

While we were enjoying lunch, our spies were active and discovered the other group were also heading for Yerranderie, so we nonchalantly departed to ensure we got the best camp spots. There were reports of some members being left behind in our haste but these were not confirmed.

The crossing of the Kowmung was ok, a steep exit then long steep climb to Dingo Dell then another longer steep climb after that.

Nice drive along the heights, past some state forest then sharp left onto Mt Werong Rd and Colong Oberon Stock Route. A group of trail bike riders suddenly appeared from a side trail giving a moment of pause, but they behaved well and all was good.

We continued on to the Mt Werong campsite for a break and a look around. We received our final card to discover who had the best poker hand to win a pick of campsites and bottle of booze!!

On to Yerranderie though undulating, mainly good forest roads although one section about 5-10 kms in length was quite rough.



We arrived at Yerranderie around 4pm, a big free campsite with toilets and trees, mostly sloping but all found decent spots. Once set up, we had a visit from a local goanna checking out various camp sites before moving on, then a bit of a guided tour by Mark through the private town before fivesies, dinner and a clear night around the fire.

Next day, it was a cruisy start as we had gained an hour overnight. After a visit from two planes (unfortunately the Newsagent was closed so no paper), we were away at 9:00 to retrace our route to a side trail, past a friendly domesticated goat, onto a large flat rock outcrop that showed evidence of ancient meteorite strikes and aboriginal sharpening grooves.

We continued back along yesterday's route then left down Range Fire Trail, then left on Lang Road, both lovely scenic drives into Wombeyan Caves for lunch. About half a kilometre before the caves we passed a Triton that had recently come off the track, after checking for occupants we continued on.

Plenty of people around but lots of space for lunch, an ice cream and more brownies. At the end of lunch Troy discovered that the rangers were heading off to recover the ute so we beat a hasty exit to get ahead of the road closure. Headed on towards Mittagong on Wombeyan Caves Rd, steep and windy, scenic, but quite a bit of oncoming traffic, road surface good, we arrived at Wollondilly Lookout for airing up. On inspecting his tyre Chris found he had collected a bit of metal, started to pull it out and was surprised to find the cause was rather big. Connected to compressor, prepared the tyre repair kit and continued to pull out the metal tent peg (see photo). The hole required five plugs to stop the leak enough to retain the air, was good to see how to use those kits we have in our car and never had to use. We said our goodbyes before heading back into Mittagong and home.

Thanks Bernadette for a great trip. Also thanks to Troy and Mark for tail end Charlie duties.

*Scott*



# A DAY ON THE CENTRAL COAST

**Trip Leader - John Hocking**

**Trip Report - Julie Rush**

**Photos - Troy Strickland**

**Attendees:**

**John & Jean Hocking - Patrol**

**Troy & Sandi Strickland - Outback**

**Cath & Tom DeSantis - Prado**

**Julie, Michael & Zoe Rush - Volvo**





The weather gods had been kind to us again and we were thrilled to be heading up the coast on what could only be described as the perfect summer day (don't mind the fact that it's already autumn). The sun was shining and we were heading for 27 glorious degrees. We arrived at John and Jean's 'beach shack' about 11am just as the others were getting ready to head down the beach - great timing on our part!

We took the short drive down to Putty Beach, checked out the camping and put that on the must do list and ventured onto the sand. What a beautiful little beach, calm, not a great deal of seaweed and not crowded. Sunscreen slapped on and into the water it was - a bit chilly to start with but once in, absolutely delightful.

After the swim Troy, Sandi, John & Tom took to the stairs and headed to the boardwalk and a walk along the headland while myself, Cath and Jean wandered over to the rockshelf for a walk.

Richard, Rashida and the girls just played on the sand having a relaxing time.

Back to the cars for the short drive up to the other end of the beach where it was patrolled and there was food! Hamburgers, wraps and some of the best chips we'd had in a long while were the order of the day.

After lunch we drove up to the lookout at Box Head, a dirt track a couple of kms long with some irrigation humps along the way but Zoe and the Volvo made it without an issue.

What a magnificent view - 360 degrees. John took us down to the little known village of Wagstaff which was very pleasant. Coffees and milkshakes were had here and goodbyes said.

Thanks John and Jean for inviting us up to your second home and showing us around a very pretty part of the Central Coast.

*Julie*



### **Camping at Putty Beach - Bouddi National Park**

- . Camping near your vehicle - yes it is bollarded off but not a long walk to any vehicle
- . No campfires unfortunately
- . Flush Toilets
- . Cold Shower
- . Right on the beach
- . Short drive to patrolled beach or walk
- . Cost: \$32 per night (2 people) Additional people \$16 adult \$8 child
- . BBQs on site
- . Picnic tables and shelters
- . Park entry fees not included in cost
- . Not suitable for camper trailers/vans
- . Sites marked and unpowered







**Trip Leader - Harley & Lyn Sadler**

**Trip Report - Mathias King  
Karolyn Honor**

**Photos - Julie Rush**

**Visitors:  
Nell & Denis Hoffman - Patrol**

**Attendees:**

**Mark & Karolyn Honor - Nissan Navara**

**Craig Fitzpatrick - Nissan Navara**

**David & Marilyn Hood - Subaru**

**Cath & Tom DeSantis - Prado**

**Julie, Michael & Zoe Rush - Triton**

**Annmarie Meade, Travis, Elvis and Sam  
- Triton**

**Michael and Jean Dunstan - Challenger**


**Evan King and Jessica Dalkolmo and**

**Mathias - Pajero**

**Robert & Sandra Moss - Dmax**

**Kevin McCormack - Triton**

# MY FIRST CLUB TRIP



Camping is fun, it's just like being at home! The tent we stayed in was just like our house, just more people in it which meant for me, more hands to hold me, more faces to smile up on and more people fussing when I cried.

Mama and dad seemed more relaxed as well so that's always a bonus.

Outside were even more people. Some had tents on wheels and others had some weird looking material ones and there was even one on top of a car. I liked the one we stayed at - it was warm and cozy and felt nearly like home.

At night there was a really funny flickering light outside and I could stare at it while cuddled up in someone's arms, mostly in the arms of my very own Zoe. The light felt

warm and it created its own clouds. Well the grownups just talked and talked all the time while I just sucked on my hands or my dummy, slept or just stared into the light. One night they played a card game (Cards Against Humanity) with very naughty words in it. Mum told me not to listen. I assured her I find their kind of toys boring - black and white cards .... I prefer staring at my colorful toys or my Moon and Cloud lights over my pram. Well I guess grownups are just not into that, they get rather noisy and giggle and laugh over black and white cards.

I got tired very quickly so mum and I would disappear rather early into our camping accommodation. I tricked mum - every time she got me all ready for bed I then decided that I'm awake again and talk and sing for an hour or two!

But let's start from the beginning. We arrived on Friday afternoon, settled in our part of the tent and joined everyone outside. Mama took me for a walk around the property which is so pretty. It has a hole in the ground called a well and there are ruins of the old pub which used to be there. Mama said pubs are places for dads - you can drop them off there with some money and they are well looked after and entertained. Lyn made some really comfy cushions for the pub foundations for us to sit on and I even laid on them.

On Saturday more people came. More cuddles to get, more funny faces to look at. After a lazy morning everyone headed out for some four wheel driving in the National Park. I am still too little to go and also Elvis and Sam, Travis and Annmarie's puppies needed some company so mama and I stayed back. Lyn and my very own Zoe stayed as well. I showed them how cranky I can get and why mama sometimes calls me Cranky Frankie.

Later we learned that Craig stayed as well, he went for a snooze and when he woke up everyone was gone. That happens to me a lot too, I fall asleep on mum's arm and wake up alone in my bed. It's very scary.

When daddy came back he said the track was closed and they went to a place called Stockingbingal and looked at the old town of and also visited an old cemetery.

On Sunday we all went for a drive to Young and my Zoe did not leave me with my boring parents, she went in the car with us and entertained me when I was not sleeping. We went to the Chinese Gardens which were really pretty. While the grownups admired the sculptures and plants I was more fascinated by the sunlight flickering through the trees.

Afterwards we headed to the Fudge Factory where dad and mum bought chocolates and fudge. I can't wait to taste it in mum's milk.

Next stop was the distillery. Everyone enjoyed tasting the different rums, bourbons and whisky. I was secretly hoping for some in my milk ... On the tour of the distillery we learned that the owner is winding the business up as the overheads are too great. It was a big surprise to all that the government takes \$20 per bottle tax and a bottle is only \$26 to buy. I just hope





this won't happen to mama's milk cause I don't think they'll be able to keep feeding me otherwise.

After the distillery we went to Wombat, a quaint little country village. The grownups had lunch there at the pub. It was a big feast - Julie and Mark ordered steak - little did they know it would be the size of their plate. No wonder that no one was really feeling like dinner later!

After the pub we wanted to head off to a winery because the adults had not had enough of the alcohol tasting. My mama made sure that some of them had to wait for theirs a little longer. Shhhhh, don't tell her I'm telling you but she locked the keys on the back seat of the car. Dad got very grumpy as she has a habit of doing that. I was not fussed, I had my Zoe to entertain me. While 4 males and mum worked on the car I had a good old chat to her in the shade but finally they fished the keys out of the car. Thank you Mark, Kevin, Michael and Denis - good job. Also thank you Julie for your moral support, mum needed that.

On the road again we got to the winery when everyone was ready to leave. We headed back to

Harley and Lyn's, dad thought he had found a faster route in the directions to Harden - only 11 minutes instead of 14 - yes, you guessed it, it actually said 11 minutes slower than the route mum said to take.

When we got home my mood started to deteriorate, I had just had enough. It was so much to take in, my whole routine was turned upside down so I showed everyone just how loud I can cry! I did settle in the pram on the way to the local pub. After that we went back to camp for dinner but no one really felt like it.

The next day was Anzac Day and we went to the town's Dawn Service at 8.30 - yes, you heard right, Dawn Service at 8.30am - you just have to love country towns. I entertained myself in the pram and if I pulled a frown Zoe moved my butterfly hanging over me and I was entertained again.

Bella, Lyn and Harley's unofficial dog told me later that grownups acted really funny. They just went all still and quiet and did not even see her even though she was running around to everyone like mad. She got very confused. Bella is a great pet, apparently, she belongs to the guy across the road but she told me she chose Harley and Lyn's house to stay at as



# WHERE IS WALLEND BEEN? ...

## Now we know!

Wallendbeen is a NSW village where the Olympic Way and Burley Griffin Way intersect. Lyn and Harley Sadler are long term members of the club and have been on the road travelling for the last few years. Recently they built a new home in Wallendbeen. It was their plan to run a social club trip and a “house warming” party on the Anzac Day long weekend. The group arrived during Friday and Saturday, with some members having accommodation pre booked inside the new house. There was also plenty of room in the yard, accommodating caravans, camp trailers and tents for the rest of the group.

We (Mark & Karolyn) only arrived Saturday afternoon so we don't have any first hand information about the Friday activities other than hear say. Saturday evening was spent around the fire enjoying good food, good drinks and fantastic hospitality.

On Sunday morning we headed off towards Young, formally known as Lambing Flat to check out some of

the local attractions. On our way travelling through a village called Wombat we found a local resident selling Wombat Eggs. Then on passing Wombat Hotel Harley informed us we would be returning there for lunch, little did we know what was in store for us.

Just south of Young we checked out Chinaman's Dam and the Lambing Flat Chinese Tribute Garden and also learnt that this dam supplied water for the town and a power station, making Young the first town in Australia to install electricity to the streets and homes of the township.

After the dam visit we spent time in Young taste testing at the fudge factory and then with plenty of goodies purchased there it was time to move onto something harder at the Blue Stihl Distillery. Most of the group were really committed in supporting the taste testing. There were plenty of bargains on whiskey, bourbon and rum, 2 bottles for \$50. The plan now was to head back to the Wombat Hotel for lunch

but not before passing a random breath test set up in the middle of town. Most of the group got past while the nice policeman was talking on his phone but when he realised 11 or 12 vehicles were driving past him he ended the call and stopped Kevin and Ann-Marie. There was never any risk of a positive test because we were all responsible drivers during the tasting and Kevin said he had not been drinking.

Several things happened in Wombat as we arrived. Firstly there was a traffic jam as two locals wanted to leave and all of us wanted to park. The second event was the slaughter of about 4 cattle to feed 20 people. The food was great, whether you ordered a Wombat Burger, Fish or a small Steak the servings were very generous and the kitchen did a fantastic job bringing all the meals at the same time. Most people ordered the Wombat Burger made from beef with Julie and Mark still trying to finish a rump that was bigger than a large pizza tray. After retrieving keys locked in a car we made a quick visit to the "Grog Shed".

Back at camp we filled in the time doing nothing much which is sometimes a great thing to do on our trips when getting away from the Sydney and work rat race. At the important time of 5pm few beers and other

drinks were had at the Wallendbeen Hotel. This was a great way to finish a busy day before returning for dinner, a great campfire and good company.

LEST WE FORGET..... Monday morning saw the dawn of ANZAC Day. We were off the Wallendbeen dawn service at the respectable time of 9am. About 200 people from the village and local area remembered those who had served us and made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and way of life. The local school teacher and students did a fantastic job running the service before a morning tea at the community hall, that only the locals in the country can do!

After packing up camp and saying our good-byes we made our way home separately, reflecting on a great weekend and the many meanings ANZAC Day has for this country of ours.

A very BIG thank you to Harley and Lyn for opening their new home to us and organising the weekend.

See you on the track...

*Mark & Karolyn*



# MANNING POINT

Farquhar Park Jetty  
2011

**Trip Leaders - Mark & Karolyn Honor      Attendees:**

**Trip Report - Ann-marie Meade**

**Photos - Julie Rush**

Mark & Karolyn Honor - Navara

Julie & Michael Rush - Triton

Ann-marie Meade - Triton

Jason & Karen Finlayson - Landcruiser

Tom & Cath DeSantis - Prado

Kim Nolan - Landcruiser

Neil Hird - Challenger

John Hocking - Patrol



The plan was to meet at the Big 4 Caravan Park on Friday evening. Everyone made their own way to the destination. My trip was interesting in the dark without my usual co-pilot (Travis) who helped me enter the address into my phone prior to heading off. Anyway I arrived just before 9pm at the Big 4 and phoned Cath, as she had the keys for the late arrivals. Cath was on her way to meet me when she called to say “where are you? ... I can’t find you” Well at that point I checked my phone and had entered (or Travis had) put the wrong address in to my phone. So after a few expletives from myself (and even more when I realised I had to go back another 57km south) I was off again. My detour had me meet up with Mark and Karolyn at the Taree Service Centres which made sure I didn’t take anymore wrong turns. We arrived at about 9.30pm set up camp and had a very well deserved drink after my extra long drive.

On Saturday morning we aired down in preparation for the drive on the beach, that was a short drive from the campsite. When we arrived at the beach Mark took us north to the tip of the inlet, which gave me a day view of where I had been the night before. After a brief stop

there and some excellent photo opportunity we headed south to Farquhar Inlet. Here we spent the day relaxing, having a few drinks and lunch. Julie, Cath and I decided to go for a swim; Kim and Jason soon joined us. Mark and Karolyn went for a paddle in their canoe and dropped a line in to catch a fish. However, even with the fish jumping they didn’t jump on Marks line. Jason had his drone which no doubt captured some amazing footage of our beach driving and spot for the day. Karen, Neil, Tom, Michael and John relaxed at our picnic spot.

At low tide we packed up our chairs and headed back to the inlet where we started to check out options for fivesies. It was a little windy so all chose to venture around the corner to a spot on the river that was a bit more sheltered. We had nibbles and drinks with a few locals (a couple of pelicans) who weren’t interested in our cheese and crackers but more interested in Mark’s bait. We returned to the caravan park for showers before heading out for dinner.

Dinner was at the Bowling Club next door which was quicker to walk to than drive. Mark had arranged for us



It was a great chance to sit back have a few drinks and chat about the days adventure in great company.

Sunday morning was a little wet so we all packed up, aired up and headed to Old Bar for breakfast. We found a café that provided great food however their customer service skills certainly needed work. After breakfast people either headed back home or a short detour to the beach at Old Bar. All in all it was a terrific weekend and a huge big thanks to Mark and Karolyn for an awesome weekend.

*Ann-Marie*



# FUTURE FUN - what's coming up



## 2016 HAWKESBURY RELAY FOR LIFE

Trip Leader - Kevin McCormack

Date - 14-15 May

Grading - Social / Fundraising

This will be our 9th year of participation and for those not familiar with our involvement in the Relay, we usually set up and staff a "camp kitchen" to sell foodstuff to raise funds. I encourage you to join us at Hawkesbury Showground, Racecourse Rd, Clarendon for some fun at this year's event by registering via our team page at: [http://ccau.convio.net/site/TR?team\\_id=43023&pg=team&fr\\_id=3921](http://ccau.convio.net/site/TR?team_id=43023&pg=team&fr_id=3921) (Please also register on the trip at the club website as well). Monetary donations to our team effort are very welcome and can be made via the team page link above.

Contact Kevin at [kevin\\_mccormack@iinet.net.au](mailto:kevin_mccormack@iinet.net.au) or Phone: 0428 408 568

## DRIVER AWARENESS

Trip Leaders - Brian Flood and Brett Atkins

Date - 22 May

Grading - easy/medium/hard

Join the boys in the Lithgow area for a day of driver awareness - keep an eye on the website for more details closer to the date

Contact Brian at [floodb@bigpond.com](mailto:floodb@bigpond.com) Phone: 0425 270 385

Brett at [bea69@bigpond.com](mailto:bea69@bigpond.com) Phone: 0412 208 874



## HUNTER VALLEY WINE TASTING - TRIP FULL

Trip Leader - Sandi & Troy Strickland

Date - 28-29 May

Grading - Social

We will be revisiting some wineries and have a nice camp at Broke on Saturday evening. We will have 2 exclusive wine tastings with cheese platters organised and will fit in a few others, I am sure.

Contact Sandi at [sandis@exemail.com.au](mailto:sandis@exemail.com.au) Phone: 0414 870 168

Troy at [tstrickl@exemail.com.au](mailto:tstrickl@exemail.com.au) Phone: 0409 908 977

## JUNE MEETING - TEN PIN BOWLING - LIDCOMBE

Trip Leader - Sandi Strickland

Date - 3 June

Grading - Social

Come along for a fun night of ten pin bowling. Food/drinks available. Please register on the website so that lanes can be booked.

Contact Sandi at [sandis@exemail.com.au](mailto:sandis@exemail.com.au) Phone: 0414 870 168



# FUTURE FUN - what's coming up



## KYLIES BEACH BASH

Trip Leaders - Mark & Karolyn Honor

Date - 10-13 June

Grading - easy

Beach, fish, camp, coffee - the best of everything. Kyles Beach is a camp ground in the Crowdy Bay NP, 45 mins from Taree. Set up camp and then decide what you wish to do for the weekend. A 4WD trip on the beach or in the forest or a visit to Port Macquarie or Dunbogan Boat Shed for coffee and boat hire. Beach fishing could also be high on the list. Check out NPWS website for fees and other information.

Contact Mark at [mjhonor@gmail.com](mailto:mjhonor@gmail.com) Phone: 0418 406 118

## BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER

Trip Leader - Julie Rush

Date - 18 June

Grading - social

Bunnings on Parramatta Road Lidcombe. Hours from around 7.30am to 4pm. Come all day or come for an hour or two, please register so I can work out a roster rather than have too many people or no one over the course of the day. Monies raised will go towards a small library of books for members to borrow and also to cover the cost of dinner at our September "Awards" Dinner.

Contact Julie at [therushes@hotmail.com](mailto:therushes@hotmail.com) Phone: 0409 307



## KINGS TABLELAND AT SUNSET

Trip Leader - Mark Honor

Date - 25 June

Grading - easy

Get away on Saturday afternoon for a drive to Wentworth Falls. We will visit a few lookouts and picnic grounds on the way to McMahons Lookout where we can have "happy hour" and a BBQ after checking out fantastic views of Lake Burragorang (Warragamba Dam). Finishing with a night drive back to the Highway at Wentworth Falls. This will be a great chance to get away with out the camping gear.

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## WINTER OUTBACK WANDER

Trip Leaders - Julie & Michael Rush

Date - 3-16 July

Grading - Easy/optional medium

Join us as we venture to the outback visiting Mutawintji National Park, Beltana Station at the top of the Flinders Ranges, down to Bartagunyah for a night or two and then over to Peterborough and great bush camping at Willangi Bush Escapes. Throw in a 4wd track or two at the stations and it sounds like a pretty good 2 weeks. There might even be a visit to Innamincka!

Contact Julie at [therushes@hotmail.com](mailto:therushes@hotmail.com) Phone: 0409307381



# FUTURE FUN - what's coming up

## EXPLORE YERRANDERIE/XMAS IN JULY

**Trip Leaders - Mark Honor, Sandi Strickland, Julie Rush**

**Date - 31 July - August Grading - Social**

Travel direct to Yerranderie on Saturday morning before spending some real time exploring this old Silver town during Saturday before a Christmas in July meal at the old Post Office on Saturday night. Accommodation at the Post Office will be available so stay posted for more details and cost. There would be no hurry to leave on Sunday morning so make it a relaxing weekend where camping gear is optional. Good camp sites will also be available for \$14 per adult per night, kids under 11 years are half price.

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## CAMP OVEN COOKOFF

**Trip Leaders - Julie & Michael Rush**

**Date - 20-21 August**

**Grading - Social**

The 4<sup>th</sup> year of our Camp Oven Cookoff - no gas, no electricity just coals from the fire or heatbeads. Previous years have produced Rabbit Stew, Garlic Prawns, Fish & Chips, Upside Pineapple Cake, Sliders and more. What gourmet delights will you cook this year?

**Contact Julie at [therushes@hotmail.com](mailto:therushes@hotmail.com) Phone: 0409307381**

## TRAVEL THE OLD CEDAR ROAD AGAIN

**Trip Leader - Mark Honor**

**Date - 16-18 September Grading - easy**

We will meet up the Great Western Highway on Friday night and then travel towards Yerranderie via Oberon, and Mount Werong, taking about 4 hours. Our destination on Friday night is a private property about 45 minutes beyond Yerranderie. We are fortunate the owners of this property are allowing us access beyond several locked gates. Come prepared to camp although there is a bunkhouse for about 10 people. The property has septic toilets. You must be able to travel with the group on Friday night or meet us in Yerranderie at about 10.00pm if you wish to travel during the day. More details will be sent to those who register.

**Contact Mark at [mjhonor@gmail.com](mailto:mjhonor@gmail.com) Phone: 0418 406 118**



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**The inclusion of photos with trip reports is especially encouraged.**

Information can be sent to the Editor by email to [editor@subaruclub.com.au](mailto:editor@subaruclub.com.au).

# FUTURE FUN - what's coming up

## LONG WEEKEND BEACHCOMBER HOLIDAY PARK - SOUTH COAST

Trip Leader - Chris Mifsud

Date - 30 September to 4 October

Grading - Social

Camping by tent or camper trailer. Sites are unpowered and spacious - 9mtr x 9mtr. Campgrounds have hot showers and toilets. Also has camp kitchen and wood fire pizza oven. Site has water tank for drinking water or bring your own. Great for swimming and fishing but unpatrolled.

Contact Chris at [sportage.cm@gmail.com](mailto:sportage.cm@gmail.com)

Phone: 0413581391



## LONG WEEKEND GLOUCESTER TOPS

Trip Leader - Ross Macbeth

Date - 1 - 4 October

Grading - Social

The cost is \$12 per night and \$5 for kids. Arrive when you like but since there is no bookings it's best to rock up early. Fire wood is available on site, toilets, water and a camp kitchen are on site. The park is set on 1600 hectares and has its own tracks, if we want them. On the Saturday arvo we will explore the Gloucester Tops region and the Sunday we will explore the Barringtons, subject to the reccie. The park is approximately 40kms from Gloucester.

Contact Ross at [rmacbeth@internode.on.net](mailto:rmacbeth@internode.on.net)

Phone: 0459032511

## 4WD ADVENTURE SHOW

Trip Leader - James Wall/Committee

Date - 14-16 October

Grading - Social

The club will be attending the NSW 4WD & Adventure Show 2016 to showcase what a great club we are and the benefits of becoming a member. We need members to help out over the show duration so get your name down to help out on our stand. Information up dates will be posted regularly.

Contact James at [jgwall@tpg.com.au](mailto:jgwall@tpg.com.au)



## NEW/PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS TRIP

Trip Leader - Brian Flood

Date - 29 October

Grading - Easy/Medium

Keep an eye out for more details closer to the date.

Contact Brian at [floodb@bigpond.com](mailto:floodb@bigpond.com)

Phone: 0425270385

# FUTURE FUN - what's coming up



## WATAGANS WEEKEND

Trip Leaders - Julie Rush

Date - 12-13 November

Grading - Social/Easy

More details to come but save this weekend. This trip may involve another Subaru "Drive Day" hence the Saturday BBQ lunch provided for all to enjoy and then a great night around the camp fire. There will be several drives of different levels or just enjoy time at the camp. We will explore a few locations during the trip home on Sunday.

Contact Julie at [therushes@hotmail.com](mailto:therushes@hotmail.com) or Phone 0409307381

## CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Trip Leaders - Sandi Strickland

Date - December

Grading - Social

Save the date for the Club's Annual Christmas Party. Venue and more details to be advised when finalised. Always a fun weekend away with great people.

Contact Sandi at [sandis@exemail.com.au](mailto:sandis@exemail.com.au) Phone: 0414870168



## WEST KUNDERANG

Trip Leaders - Mark & Karolyn Honor

Date - December

Grading - Social

Come and stay at a private camp site on the river.

Set up for the whole week or a few days. Fish, swim, paddle, drive, explore or any thing else you might want to do. More details soon.

Contact Mark at [mjhonor@gmail.com](mailto:mjhonor@gmail.com) Phone: 0418 406 118  
Or Karolyn at [karolyn.honor@gmail.com](mailto:karolyn.honor@gmail.com) Phone: 0459 111 096



## DATES TO START THINKING ABOUT FOR A CLUB TRIP:

**Australlia Day 2017** - Thursday 26 January - day trip or extra long weekend

**Easter 2017** - 14-17 April (is part of first school holidays)

**Anzac Day** - Thursday 25 April - day drip or extra long weekend

**School Holidays 2017** - 8 April to 23 April

1 July to 16 July

23 September to 10 October

last day of Term 4 - 15 December

# MEMBER PROFILE

## LYNDON SKEGGS

**Name** – Lyndon Skeggs

**Children** – 2 grown up kids ... Melanie and Daniel

**Suburb/Area you live** – Woonona.... Northern Suburb of Wollongong

**Occupation** – System Support

**Member since** – I think 2002 or there about...

when I had my first of many Foresters

**Current Vehicle** – Isuzu Mux / MK Triton

**Vehicle Name** – Mad Mux / King Triton

**Tyres** – Bridgestone H/T / Coopers SST

**Modifications** – Mux – CB Dual Battery.... Triton Lots

**Planned Modifications** – On the Mux ...Lots... on the Triton... maybe a winch ... and that should do it



**Past Vehicles** – Lots ..first 4x4 Suzuki LJ50 then a Holden Jackaroo 2.2 Diesel ... lots of Mazda's ... Lots more Subaru's .. mainly Foresters

**Dream Car** – AMG G Wagon

**Favourite Place to Camp** – Still looking... but I do like the Hill End Village camp ground... as you can walk to the pub for dinner, even in winter... Cascades in the Wadbilliga National Park... but really anywhere not crowded

**Favourite Track** – That's too hard... there are lots... one of the more memorable, wouldn't say favourite, was the track out to Lake Torrens. We were the first out there after lots of rain... and it was a real challenge.. the locals were pretty amazed we did it... and more amazed that 2 Foresters did it!

**Dream Destination** – Kimberley's ... and Cape York...and Simpson Desert.... And ... and ... and ....

**Tent/Camper Trailer** – Black Wolf 270 turbo / Bushranger Country Hard floor

**Committee Positions held** - None

**First Club Trip** – Yerranderie

**Best Club Trip** – Lots .. all have their special moments .... But maybe the Ol 55 trip, it was James and my birthday trip...

**Some trips you've been on** – Ol 55, Down the Darling.. Stockton Beach, Yerranderie.. my first trip and memorable because we had a pretty serious recovery to perform...

**Trips you've run** – Co ran the Ol' 55 trip with James Wall

**What the club means to you** – It started off as just somewhere to learn more about Off Road driving...but it has a great group of people who are always willing to help .. and now I have some very dear friends as a result of being a club member.

# A-Z of NSW NATIONAL PARKS

## PARKS WITH 4WD TRACKS / DRIVES



## YENGO NATIONAL PARK

### BLUE GUMS CAMPGROUND

is a tranquil, secluded camping spot. Bring your mountain bike and explore the rugged wilderness. At night, relax under the stars by a warm campfire.

Access to this area of the park is via a locked gate, so bookings are essential. Contact the NPWS Gosford Office on (02) 4320 4203 Monday to Friday, 9am-3pm.

### BIG YANGO LOOP TRAIL

The Big Yango loop trail is a great way to get away from it all and explore this rugged landscape. Whether you're in a 4WD or on a mountain bike, it's an excellent way to experience the remoteness of Yengo for yourself.

Not for the faint-hearted, the 22km trail includes some steep climbs and descents, as well as a few tight switchbacks.

Take in spectacular views of the vast landscape, which extends west over the Yengo and Wollemi wilderness areas, out as far west as Newnes and Rylstone. Watch out for wombats, wallabies and even goannas. And, if visiting in spring, be sure to stop to enjoy the wonderful display of wildflowers.

### HOWES TRAIL

Whether you're keen to hit the road on a 4WD tour or explore nature at its best, scenic Howes trail offers an exhilarating day trip. Part of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, this beautiful car touring route traces the northern reaches of Yengo National Park, near Windsor.

The 30km driving route is also popular with motorbike and mountain bike riders. Howes trail is an easy 2.5 hour drive through open ironbark forests and for those interested in birdwatching. More than 200 species of birds call Yengo home, including raucous glossy black and gang gang cockatoos and the distinct call of the lyrebird.

Be sure to pack a picnic lunch and pull up along the road to enjoy the remote wilderness. If you're lucky, you might catch a glimpse of wombats or wallaroos darting through the bush.



# Trip Gradings

**1 Social/Scenic** Sealed roads and smooth unsealed surfaces or tracks. Suitable for all types of vehicles. No previous 4WD experience necessary. Road tyres are acceptable. Suitable for all camper trailers and small caravans.

**2 Easy** Dirt trails with possible loose surfaces, potholes, corrugations, shallow mud or puddles. Moderate inclines and declines. 4WD may be required. Low range not required. Some previous 4WD experience or completion of a driver awareness course preferred but not essential. Road tyres are acceptable. Suitable for camper trailers.

**3 Medium** Un-maintained trails, moderate to steep terrain, with loose rocky and rutted surfaces. Sand, water crossings or mud may be encountered. Low range may be required with recoveries possible. Previous off-road experience necessary. Completion of driver awareness course expected. A/T tyres preferred. Suitable for high clearance, heavy duty camper trailers with off-road hitches.

**4 Advanced** Un-maintained trails, steep terrain with loose, rocky and rutted surfaces. Sand, water crossings or mud may be encountered. Low range, high clearance and A/T tyres required, with recoveries probable. Previous off-road experience and completion of a driver



awareness course essential. Suitable for purpose built, high clearance, heavy duty camper trailers with brakes and off-road hitches.

**5 Hard** Expect steep terrain, large ruts, rock steps, deep water crossings, and mud for majority of trip. Low-range gearing, high clearance and under body protection required. Completion of club driver awareness course required. Participation at trip leader's discretion. A/T tyres minimum. Rated recovery points front and rear of vehicle essential. A hand or vehicle mounted winch must be available. Expect recoveries and very slow progress. No camper trailers. Due to the inherent danger of this type of trip, children must be closely supervised.

## GRADE 4

Kevin McCormack's Forester on "that" seemingly unconquerable hill in Lidsdale State Forest. As a cut-out ascent with high walls, deep ruts and not much traction there is little to no choice for wheel placement so very few vehicles can climb it with success.

**These gradings are to be used as a guide only and may change due to track and weather conditions.**

### Minimum recovery equipment:

- A snatch strap;
- Two rated D shackles; and
- A UHF radio.

Visitors can arrange with the trip leader to borrow a handheld UHF radio for the day.

(Please replace the batteries).

### All vehicles should be in good mechanical condition and have the following basic equipment:

- Spare wheel,

- Jack;
- Wheel brace
- Basic tools;
- Shovel; and
- First Aid Kit.

These items should be carried on all club trips.

**GRADE 1**  
The New Members trip to the Southern Highlands was a gentle intro into the club.



# Convoy and trip procedures



**1** When roads are rough or dusty, maintain a safe distance from the vehicle ahead.

**2** Maintain position in convoy except in unusual circumstances.

**3** Always wait at intersections to ensure that the vehicle behind you knows which way to go.

**EXCEPTION:** When drivers are known to each other and radio contact has been made, directions may be given over the CB, to allow the convoy to keep moving.

**4** When arriving at a hard section (i.e. creek crossing, steep hill, washout etc.) wait for the vehicle ahead to clear, or to be called through on the CB.

**5** Always stay on the track – Don't stray into the bush!

**6** If you want to leave the convoy, tell the trip leader what you want to do. Don't just wander off!

**7** When using the CB, allow time between transmissions for others to call and keep transmissions short to allow for emergency transmissions.

**8** If there is an emergency call, the trip leader should be the **ONLY** person to reply. If the trip leader is unable to clearly receive the message, a person will be appointed to relay the radio traffic. All other transmissions **MUST** cease until the trip leader advises that the emergency is over.

**EXCEPTION:** Radio silence may be broken for another emergency.



**9** Only people nominated by the trip leader should help others through obstacles (“Too many cooks ...”)

**10** The position of “tail-end Charlie” will be allotted by the trip leader. This person will be required to advise the Trip Leader of various events during the trip, and stay with his/her vehicle and operate the CB should an emergency situation arise.

**11** Take nothing but photos (and video), and leave nothing but foot prints (and tyre tracks).

## STAY IN TOUCH

When on trips our club uses broadcast channel **15 UHF**

The alternate channel is **16 UHF**



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**March 2016**  
**Greater Sydney Region Meeting**  
**Venue: Granville RSL Club Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016**  
**Minutes Taken By : Elias Wehbe**  
**Chair: Stefan Fischer**

Subject	Details	Action
Attendance	Graham Marchant: Neapan 4wd Club Inc Greg Paterson: Trax 4wd Fellowship Laurie Besant: Trax 4wd Fellowship Stefan Fischer: Sydney District 4wd club Dom Fitzgibbon: Triple Diamond 4wd Club Roger Pollett: Sydney District 4wd club Dean Plumridge: Blue Mountains 4wd club Shane McCloymont: Crossed up/Sydney District 4wd club	Andrew Lee: Neapan 4wd Club Inc Mike Smith: Riverlands Nigel Ward: Sydney District 4wd club Elias Wehbe: Macarthur 4wd Club Charlie Grasso: Dust and Dirt Brett Channell : Dust and Dirt Craig Thomas: Triple Diamond 4wd Club
Apologies	Denley Richards Macarthur 4wd Club      Matt Smith: Trax 4wd Club	
Minutes	Previous Minutes – Dan `Moved: Dom Fitzgibbon Seconded: Shane McCloymont	
Executive	Meeting opened by JS 7:40pm <b>Survey</b> - Craig Thomas has asked the Greater Sydney Region to take ownership of preparing a proposal for a full commonwealth survey into the expenditure of the 4wd community and industry. Craig to provide an existing survey for GSR to use as sample. <b>Lands:</b> Shane McCloymont - Sharon Riley having trouble with parks she is trying to organize a time with parks so she can help our members and our members children understand the importance of Aboriginal heritage and learn about the cultural significance of the tracks, trails and campsites. This will hopefully educate our members to be able to respect and protect these areas. State Forest and National Parks communicating well on Facebook all parties are happy	
Track Access	Menai is closed please advise your Clubs. The Glen bookings can now be made via the website	
DTU	Getting closer to signing agreement with Get About	
Technical	Light Bars not to be above bull bar. Above the height of the bonnet is illegal.	
4WD Show	First show meeting was held 14 March 2016 Next meeting will be held 11 April 2016. 4wd show 14-16 October 2016 at Sydney Drag way	
General Business	<b>Big morning Tea Nigel Ward</b> - Sydney District will be holding big Morning tea on the 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2016 to Raise money for Cancer Council <b>Inter club bowling night Elias Wehbe</b> - Macarthur 4wd Club will be hosting an inter club bowling night at Campbelltown bowls 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2016 \$20 per head <b>Track Classification Nigel Ward</b> - Track classification will go ahead in May / June at Abercrombie National Park. Track Classifies required please contact Nigel Ward <a href="mailto:tracks@4wdnow.com">tracks@4wdnow.com</a> . <b>Root Hog Fire trail Roger Pollett</b> - No real changes still waiting on environmental report. Work should commence within a month <b>Location For meeting</b> - Everyone happy with this location will continue to hold meeting at Granville RSL Club.	
Close	Meeting closed 8:42pm Next meeting date: Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 7:30pm	

**Subaru & Recreational 4WD Club Inc**  
**General Meeting Minutes – 11 March 2016**

**Meeting opened:** 8.10pm

**Apologies:** Mark & Karolyn Honor, Joey Wellham, Craig & Tracey Fitzpatrick, Michael & Jean Dunstan, Fiona Hampson

**Minutes from previous meeting:** passed and seconded by Troy & Sandi

**Correspondence:** Aust. Post renewal                      New member cheque from Greg Chapman  
The Bullsheet magazine                      Network News magazine.

**President's report** - At the last committee meeting we discussed the re hiring of the hall for the next 12 months. There were some suggestions of having the meeting at other halls throughout the year to assist some of our members who live in other areas, however it has been decided to leave the booking as it is for the time being and revisit the issue at a later date. Application to Parramatta Council will be returned to them next week. Fundraising activity at Bunnings on 18 June and 22 Oct. The 1<sup>st</sup> fundraiser will be for our Awards night dinner. Suggestion to purchase some books to create a library for the members to assist them with running trips etc – funds from Bunnings BBQ. 2nd fundraiser will be for a Charity (NSW Farmers).

**Vice President** – Not in attendance

**Membership Secretary** – Not in attendance

**Treasurer's report** – Opening Balance \$7650.18                      Closing Balance for Feb. \$8115.84 Accepted by Kevin & Jo.

**Trip Convenors**

*Driver awareness (Bernadette)* – Bernadette listed a report in the magazine and indicated that the week-end trip was very good with some water crossings and sand driving day & night. Some of the new members had a few issues but they were all sorted out by the driver trainers.

*Exploring Chichester – (David)* – 3 vehicles on the trip. Some of the tracks were wet and we needed to turn around at one point (but all good) Lunch at Gresford. Great area to explore and a terrific campsite.

*Windellema Wandering 11(Cath)* – Many thanks to Adrian & Coreena for hosting the week-end at their property at Windellema. Pizzas for dinner Friday night and terrific fire. Saturday went to Stewarts Crossing – swimming/kayaking, a few lazy hours spent on the river. Off to The Loaded Dog at Tarago for a drink, back to property for sunset nibbles and another fire. Adrian & Coreena provided bacon & eggs for breakfast on Sunday. Adrian had some bush basher vehicles for us to drive on the property which the group really enjoyed. Terrific place, we look forward to going again in the future.

**Upcoming trips.**

**Photography Day Sunday 13 March.** Royal NP afternoon start. Walk in is about 1 ½ hrs, hope to get some great shots at dusk.

**Easter High Country 25-28 March – Mark & Karolyn** – trip full

**Barrington Tops – 25–28 March.** Tony (go to website for further information)

**Pub with no beer – 25-28 March.** Julie & Michael. Relaxing trip up the coast near Port Macquarie/Taree.

**Caves to Caves – Bernadette.** 2-3 April. Caves to caves trek through Jenolan Caves/Yerranderie & Wombeyan Caves.

**Day on the Central Coast – John.** 10<sup>th</sup> April. An easy day around Killcare and Box Head, all welcome.

**BBS 2016 Epilogue.** James – 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> May. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary extended trip. Condobolin – Willandra. Plus Trilby Station-Hungerford-Kilcowera Station-Thargomindah-Eulo-Currawinya Nat.Park. Home through Macquarie Marshes – Gilgandra.

**Weekend at Wallendbeen** – Harley & Lyn's home 22–26 April. –Trip full.

**Relay for Life – 14–15 April – Kevin and Craig** –9<sup>th</sup> year, raised \$14000 over that time. Need assistance with food/attendance

**Manning Point – Mark & Karolyn – 29 April – 1 May.** Powered sites will be available.

**Hunter Valley Wine Tasting – Sandi & Troy – 28-29 May.** Wine tasting is full but put name down to join group for camping

**Winter Outback Wander - Julie & Michael – July 3-16.** Visiting Mutawintji NP/Beltana Station/Bartagunyah/ Peterborough.

**Beachcomber Holiday Park South Coast – Chris – 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. – 4<sup>th</sup>Oct.** Beach front sites - Chris's first trip.

**Troy – How to list a trip on our website.** Troy gave a talk on how to list a trip for anyone who has not attempted a trip in the past. It was very helpful and hopefully it will not seem too hard for members who feel that they might like to run a trip. As always the committee will assist anyone who would like to list a trip on the website.

**Brian – Where to go** – Resources – People in the club who have run trips in the past/books/online – lots of info within our club and online. If it is an area that you have been to before and it would be classed as an easy trip it would not be necessary to do a reccie, but it is helpful sometimes as conditions change from month to month depending on the weather. If the trip is a hard trip it would be best to do a reccie of the area prior to running the trip.

**Julie – Extended Trips.** Online research is the best way to go and limit your numbers, as having too many vehicles on an extended trip makes it quite difficult and hard to find camp sites. Don't worry if all doesn't go to plan, things can change on any trip and all turns out OK in the end. Sometimes you see things you have not planned but are great. As Brian indicated there are always members willing to assist with planning etc. A suggestion was to list past trips on website so members can see some of the places we have been and when we last went there.

**Driver Training** – another date will be listed soon for a driver awareness trip.

**Social Convenor** – Sandi – Trivia night for May meeting. June meeting moved to 3 June (because of long weekend) – Ten pin bowling at Lidcombe. Xmas in July – need someone to organise this for me as I will be away.

**Editor:** Magazine ready to be handed out tonight. Due to increased costs we will try to hand out as many as possible at meetings.

**Fundraiser:** Winners - Cath/Patrick/Kelly/David/Brian

**Sergeant @ Arms:** Fines to Brian/Chris/Neil/Bernadette/Jo/Tom

**Meeting closed:** 9.30pm

**Subaru & Recreational 4WD Club Inc**  
**General Meeting Minutes – 8 April 2016**

**Meeting opened:** 8.00pm

**Apologies:** Jean & Michael Dunstan, Heidi Pleog.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** passed by Jo Quinn – seconded by Troy Strickland

**Correspondence:** email from new member Roy from Canberra – no other correspondence.

**President's Report:** Julie welcomed Brian & Kirsten Sommerville from GPS OZ to our meeting.

**Guest Speaker:** Brian gave a presentation to the members on different types of GPS/Sat Phones/ UHF equipment/Hema maps- their uses and some of the costs. He discussed large screen navigator equipment as well as hand held equipment and portable equipment. Brian suggested that whatever equipment you have it would need to be updated regularly. Brian also talked about their time working at Mr Dare (7 weeks) and some of the stories were very interesting.

Some websites that our members could access.

[www.gpsoz.com.au](http://www.gpsoz.com.au)

[sales@gpsoz.com.au](mailto:sales@gpsoz.com.au)

[www.oztopo.com](http://www.oztopo.com)

**Vice President:** nil to report

**Treasurer's report:** Opening balance for April \$8115.84 Closing balance \$7586.14

**Membership Secretary:** 77 members (includes 9 life members)

**Trip Convenors**

*Photography day – Sandi.* Walk in was quite good. The Figure 8 pool in the NP was great for photography. Those who attended enjoyed the day.

*High Country Easter – Kevin.* 7 cars meet at Gundagai then onto Long Plain Hut/Tumut Power Stations/ and Geehi campsite. We then crossed the Murray River then up & up to Mr Pinnibar – great drive. Camped overnight at Buckwong Creek and next day onto Davis High Plains Hut. Some terrific photos and great driving. Then back down and across the Murray again where we said good-bye to 2 of the cars at Tom Groggin, the rest of the group went onto Island Bend campsite (near Perisher in Kosciusko National Park). Great breakfast at Jindabyne we all headed by home on our own. Terrific Easter week-end. Many thanks Mark and Karolyn.

*Pub with No Beer – Craig.* Meet near Taree. Stopped at Blue Nob Look-out-Crowdy Bay-Laurieton-Settlement Point-Crescent Heads-Taylor Arms Hotel – Cooperook State Forest. Lots of dusk – great trip. Parting lunch at Soldiers Beach Hotel. Many thanks Julie & Michael.

*Caves to Caves – Karolyn* (her 1<sup>st</sup> trip report). 10 Vehicles. Meet at Mt Victoria then across the Cox's river and Jenolan Caves. Visited Kandra Falls - Dingo Dell. Camped at Yerranderie where on Sunday morning the papers were to be delivery by plane (friends of Mark & Karolyn) planes arrived no papers. Wombeyan Caves for lunch then off home. Great trip and many thanks to Bernadette as this was her 1<sup>st</sup> as a trip leader. Well done.

**Upcoming Trips –Check website for dates and details.**

Day on the Central Coast – John & Jean Hocking.

PBS 2016 – Epilogue – James Wall (details of website ) will be away 3 weeks.

Manning Point - Mark Honor. Staying at the Big 4 – there will be some beach driving.

Relay for Life – Kevin – donations of food and offers of help will be appreciated.

Lithgow Driver Awareness (all vehicles welcome) zig-zag railway area Blue Mountains.

Wine Tasting – Sandi – Broke in the Hunter Valley. Wine tasting is full but all welcome to come up and camp with us.

Kylies's Beach Bash – Mark Honor.

**Delegates** – Nil to report as Evan has been busy with the new baby.

**PR** – James on the committee for the 4WD Adventure Show at Eastern Creek. Another Drive day with Penrith Subaru is planned for November ( hopefully to be combined with a members week-end trip).

**Information Officer:** Nil to report.

**Editor:** Please have all articles in by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016. Thank You

**Social Convenor:** Bowling night in place of June meeting to be held on 3 June at Lidcombe Bowling. Members need to register for the bowling but you can have a meal there prior to the bowling if you like.

**Fundraising:** Gill will be unavailable for the next 3 months.

**Winners of the Raffle:** Cath/Andrew/Craig/Karolyn.

**Lucky Member Draw:** Paul Willcroft (not at the meeting)

**Sargeant@Arms:** Fines issued to Cath/Mark/Brian/Bernadette/Jenny

**General Business:**

Robert Moss has a roof rack for sale.

Hill End is having a Festival in April if anyone is interested.

The club received a nice card from our youngest new member Mathias (Jessica & Evan)

**Meeting closed:** 9.50pm

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