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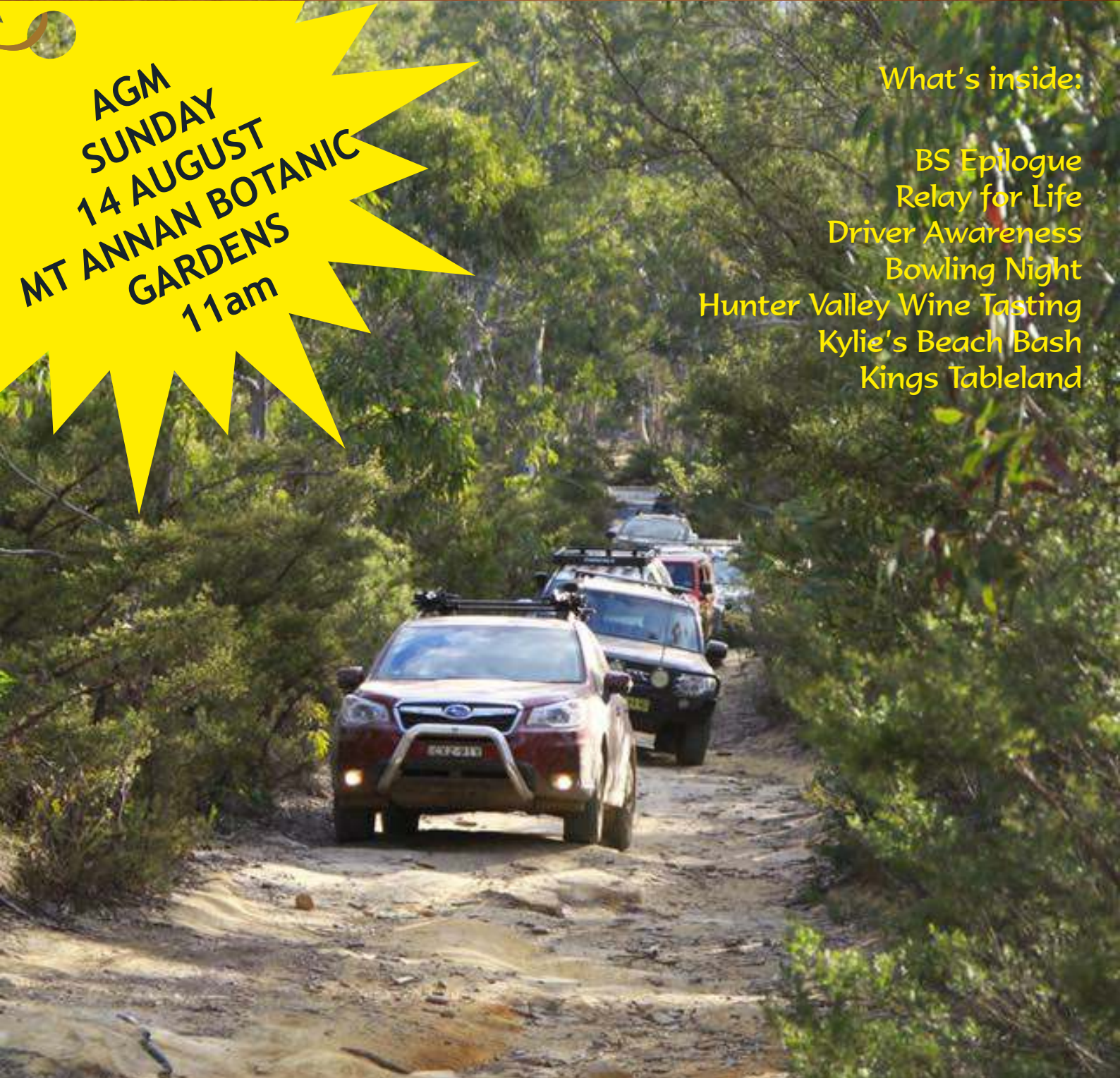


TORQUE

**AGM
SUNDAY
14 AUGUST
MT ANNAN BOTANIC
GARDENS
11am**

What's inside:

- BS Epilogue**
- Relay for Life**
- Driver Awareness**
- Bowling Night**
- Hunter Valley Wine Tasting**
- Kylie's Beach Bash**
- Kings Tableland**



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General Meetings

Place: Ermington Community Centre
10 River Road Ermington

Date: Second Friday of each month
Meeting starts 8pm
Finishes approx 9.30pm

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14-16 October EASTERN CREEK RACEWAY

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.

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

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!

Happy Birthday - June/July

Harley Sadler
Anthony Lauric
Evan King
Bree-ann Atkins
Jan Malone

Pam Wellham
Charlie Capratsis
Paul Sistrom
Gillian Wall

Sarah Wellham
Timmy Minny
Julie Rush
Kim Nolan

Maria Lauric
Sue Freeman
Karen Campbell
Patrick Carmody



President's Report

Hi everyone

After a great two weeks away we are back to reality and feel like we have never been away. The trip was good but really nothing like we planned. It was great to travel with such an easygoing group who were happy to go with the flow, whatever happened. Thanks guys. Any outback travel is at the mercy of the weather and with all the nasty weather that has been around lots of tracks had been open, closed, open, closed so who knew where we would end up. A full report in the next magazine!



Speaking of weather, we ended up having a very successful Bunnings BBQ fundraiser a couple of weeks back. Saturday morning was raining and miserable but things cleared and we ended up having a very pleasant day weather wise. Our sales were excellent with a little bit of help from a Costco evacuation which sent all their staff over to the Bunnings site next door for a sausage sandwich. I have to say we stood up to the onslaught very well and in the end we raised \$962.00 which was an excellent effort. These monies will go towards creating a small reference library for members which will be monitored by Cath for the time being. It will also pay for our Awards Night Dinner and awards. Many thanks to Mark & Karolyn, Troy & Sandi, Cath, Michael & Jean, David Kirkby and Richard Stevens who all helped

out on the day and to my Michael for doing a rush shopping trip for additional supplies during the Costco invasion. Don't forget that we have another BBQ organised for 22 October to raise funds for the farmers. If you couldn't make it to the first one, put the date in your calendar and get your name down now to come and help out for an hour or so, the farmers deserve as much help as they can get.

The AGM is coming up in August and this year we have decided to try something a little different and have a Picnic Day instead at Mt Annan Botanic Gardens. The original plan was to have a camping weekend at Bents Basin with the option of just coming for a picnic day if you didn't want to camp, but due to recent floods the area is closed and they couldn't give us a definite date for re-opening so rather than waste time trying to find another spot the Gardens was decided on. The meeting will still be held on the same weekend as the meeting would've but on the Sunday instead of the Friday evening. The General Meeting will start at 11am followed by the AGM and we should be ready to get into lunch by around 12.30pm with a BBQ provided by the club. We will also be giving members two chances to win the Lucky Member's Draw which is up to \$200-00 - someone could be a little richer by the end of the day!

Position Descriptions for committee positions are on pages 13 and 14. While there are a few expectations of you as a committee member such as attending the majority of committee and general meetings once a month, it is not an onerous task. It's a great way to get to know some of the other members better and give back to your club. If you are interested in any positions or have any questions please give me a call or talk to any of the present committee.

Don't forget the September Meeting is our Awards Dinner at the hall - get your name down for catering purposes and come along for a great night. It's an excellent opportunity for those of you whose partners aren't keen on 4wd driving or camping to come along and meet some of the other members on a social evening.

On page 15 there is a letter from Four Wheel Drive Australia regarding a new Members Reward Program. This has been on the drawing board for quite some time so great to see it finally getting up and running.

There's some great trips coming up so I hope to catch up with you somewhere out and about soon.

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

July	Yerranderie/Christmas in July	
August	Annual General Meeting	Camp Oven Cookoff
September	Gunning Fireworks Festival	Return to Old Cedar Road
October	L/W Beachcomber Holiday Park	L/W Gloucester Tops Caravan Pk
	New/Prospective Members Trip	4WD Adventure Show
	Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser	
November	Watagans Weekend	
December	Club Xmas Party	West Kunderang

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

Webmaster's / Trip Convener's Report



Hi All,

Well there is nothing like a report that is due to the Editor to make you take action and get things done.

A new feature on the website has just been implemented so this covers both my roles. The 'My Trips' section will now show what trips you are registered on that are coming up. This should make it easier for members to see what they have registered for and what is coming up next.

Our calendar is looking quite good but there are still a few weekends free in August, it's not too late to think about running that day trip or weekend away somewhere with a nice warm campfire.

As always take care out there on those icy cold roads and hope all those travelling far and wide have a safe return.

You must be joking...

Troy

A couple of weeks ago I was driving when I saw a flash of a traffic camera. I figured that my picture had been taken for exceeding the limit even though I knew that I was not speeding.

Just to be sure, I went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed.

Now I began to think that this was quite funny, so I drove even slower as I passed the area once more, but the traffic camera again flashed. I tried a fourth and fifth time with the same results and was now laughing as the camera flashed while I rolled past at a snail's pace.

Now two weeks later, I got five fines for driving without a seat belt!!



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. 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.

Footy Tipping

Tipster	Points	Rank
Nick Capratsis		1
Jan Malone		2
Jean Dunstan		3
Sandra Moss		4
Harley Sadler		5
Troy Strickland		6
Amanda Capratsis		7
Julie Rush		8
Pat Malone		9

Well we are starting to get down to the pointy end of the season and the competition is starting to close up. Jean was our winner last year and she is certainly going strong again this year - will she be able to do it again! About half have used their Joker which gives double points that round. Jean still has hers up her sleeve and she is already 5 points clear so she is going to be hard to beat. With only 5 points separating the next 5 tipsters 2nd and 3rd place could be anybody's.

We all know I follow the Sharks and with a 14 week winning streak making it hard for the other teams I have to say I'm a little excited. Could this be our year - they have been known to throw it all away but fingers crossed, they'll continue & maybe, just maybe, finally get a premiership under their belts!

Public Relations Officer's Report

As this is my last report for the year, I thought it might be nice to look back at some achievements and steps forward for the club. We have gained a few new sponsors/advertisers and that has allowed the magazine to be presented as it is, with our Editor doing a great job on every issue. A customer drive day was run in conjunction with Penrith Subaru with the input of Subaru Australia Marketing - this was the very first time it had been done in NSW. We gained some new members from it and it publicised our club. The club has new member's introduction cards available for you to carry and use. Our public Facebook page has had more interest than at any time in the past, according to the FB statistics. The planning for the club stand at the 2016 4WD Adventure show is underway and I hope that it will be a chance for our club to be seen and for us to engage with the public and the other Sydney based clubs who are similar to us. A reminder that we will need enough members on site to cover the three days, setup and pack down. In addition, a singular member's vehicle to display on each of the days is required. So please put your name down on the club's website under future trips, and help us show off our club as best we can. If you have any thoughts on how you would like to see us presented put them forward, they would be welcomed. The 4WD 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.



As I will not be nominating for a committee position next year, I would like to say that being the PR officer this past year has been a rewarding experience. The Drive Day in particular was a personal goal and I am delighted that we, as a club, pulled it off. Please consider nominating for the role, as it is one where you can expose the club to a wider audience and have contact with the broader 4WD community. Besides, it would be nice to see some new faces come forward to accept a position.

See ya on the wallaby.

James

SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC

AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

14 AUGUST

**11.00am General Meeting
followed by AGM**

Mt Annan Botanic Gardens

Free BBQ lunch

**Proxies in writing to be in the possession of the secretary
prior to the start of the meeting - email accepted.**

**Only financial members are able to vote or run
for positions.**



Ian's Shop



Hi everyone

Over time I have bought a selection of items at the best price possible , trying to cater to the interests and needs of 4WD enthusiasts and Club Members.

Just some of the items available include:

- . LED torches
- . hand tools
- . high quality disposable plates and bowls
- . knives and forks
- . cling wrap and foil

plus many other incidentals.

To see what else I have available please email me at 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

August Meeting - Annual General Meeting - 14 August at Mt Annan Botanic Gardens - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND VENUE



9 September AWARDS NIGHT DINNER

Join us for a lighthearted look at what our member's have been up to and where they have been over the last 12 months or so.

Please register online for both events for catering purposes.
Looking forward to seeing you all there.

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**The AGM is on Sunday 14 August at Mt Annan Botanic Gardens.
All committee positions will be declared vacant.
Start thinking how you can become more involved in your Club**

All committee positions require the incumbent to be:

- . **an active and financial member of the club**
- . **able to attend most committee meetings (Tuesday before the 2nd Friday of the month – various locations)**
- . **able to attend most monthly meetings (2nd Friday of the month)**
- . **available to accept phone calls at a reasonable hour at home**
- . **prepared to write bimonthly reports for the magazine**
- . **willingness/ability to monitor website forums / Facebook pages**

Below is a brief outline of what is involved/expected of each position on the committee:

President

- . Chair general meetings and committee meetings
- . Represent the club at official engagements and attend monthly meetings of the Greater Sydney Region Council and quarterly meeting of the NSW & ACT 4WD Association as necessary

Vice President

- . stands in for the President in their absence
- . stands in for and carries out the duties of any committee member in their absence
- . Responsible for insurance information for the club and club members

Secretary

- . Take notes and keep accurate minutes of meetings
- . Collect mail from PO Box at Parramatta
- . Attends to correspondence

Treasurer

- . Banks and manages funds including membership receipts
- . A working knowledge of accounting an advantage in making the books balance
- . Provide committee with monthly balance sheet
- . Provide the club with Annual Financial Statement
- . Provide the Public Officer with information sufficient to enable him or her to complete the Club's annual summary of financial affairs.

Membership Secretary

- . Receive new membership applications and existing member renewals, issue receipts for same
- . Reply to prospective new members
- . Keep membership register up to date
- . Answer email queries
- . Approve access to Facebook and Website in conjunction with Webmaster
- . Manage Club Clothing Shop

Trip Convener/s

- . Co-ordinate club calendar and club trips
- . Encourage and co-ordinate with other members on discovery trips and survey trips
- . Ensure trip leaders have fair knowledge of 4Wdriving so as to assist with instruction of new members in the basics
- . Control club property
- . Approve new trips

Driver Awareness Officer and Assistant

- . Must have a good working knowledge of 4WDriving and recovery techniques

- . Must have good communication skills
- . Should have demonstrated or officially recognised 4WD driving abilities
- . Must be able to organise and conduct instructional days/weekends
- . Scope may include 4WD driving, recovery equipment and techniques, UHF radios, map reading, GPS etc

Public Relations Officer

- . Organise guest speakers and/or activities for some of the monthly meetings
- . Organise and attend 4WD shows deemed suitable by the Public Relations Officer/committee
- . Should be able to come up with new and innovative ideas
- . Work with Editor to secure paid advertising for the Drive Torque magazine
- . Give the club publicity when and where one can

Information Officer

- . Must be prepared to respond to members enquiries
- . Provide written technical reports for magazine

Editor of Drive Torque Magazine

- . Have access to a PC and email to put the magazine together
- . Good spelling is important
- . Update postal slips for magazine
- . Must be prepared to spend some hours solid work for the production of each issue of the magazine
- . Literacy and artistic ability is also an advantage in the production and layout of the magazine
- . Deliver artwork to the printer to publish the magazine
- . Work with Public Relations Officer to secure paid advertising/sponsorship for the magazine

4WD Club Delegates

- . Attend quarterly meeting of Association and monthly meetings of Greater Sydney Region District Council
- . Prepare summary reports for publishing in the Drive Torque magazine

Social Convenor:

- . Must be able to organise periodic social functions eg. Xmas Party and Xmas in July
- . Should be able to come up with new and innovative ideas

Webmaster

- . Design and maintain the clubs web page on the internet
- . A computer, scanner, email and internet access is a must
- . Knowledge of computer graphics and modx an advantage
- . Upload magazine and minutes to the website

The following positions are not required (but are more than welcome) to attend committee meetings:

Fund Raising Officer

- . Must be able to attend most general meetings and organise raffles and prizes etc

Catering Officer

- . Organise supper for general meetings and store/replenish items such as cups, plates, coffee etc

Sergeant of Arms

- . To extract money from members by unreasonable means for the benefit of the club
- . A warped sense of humour is a must

**Please NOTE: Only current financial members are eligible to vote at the AGM in August.
Please remember that membership fees are due 1 July 2016.**



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To: All State 4WD Association club members
From: The President, Four Wheel Drive Australia

Dear members,

Four Wheel Drive Australia is pleased to announce the Member Rewards Program. This program will offer all affiliated club members discounts and exclusive offers at a range of businesses Australia-wide. It is funded by Four Wheel Drive Australia and is being managed by Infinite Rewards, a Melbourne based company that provides similar programs to many member-based clubs, organisations and businesses. Some of these include Collingwood Football Club, Melbourne United Basketball, Melbourne IVF, AIM (state chapters), Parramatta Eels, Diabetes Australia, Dodo and many others.

The benefits of the program will be fully explained at its commencement however the following page will provide some examples of the benefits and offers that are available from organisations such as Woolworths, Coles, Kmart, Target, Hoyts, Village Cinemas, JB HiFi, Supercheap Auto and many others. These include discounted movie tickets and gift cards, discounts on fuel purchases, online purchases and in-store vouchers. Additional businesses of interest to our members will also be added to the program in the future.

In order to enrol in this program we are asking members to supply some basic contact details, including an email address, which will be added to the national council rewards program database.

This data will strictly be used for this program only and not be disclosed to any other organisations.

In order to collect the required details in a simple, secure and timely manner we have created a member details web page at <http://4wda.org.au/rewards/>. (Username **rewards** password **please!** Password must include the exclamation mark.) We are asking all members who are interested in this program to enter their details on this web page as soon as possible. When the program commences, expected to be by July 1st, a welcome letter will be sent to the supplied email address inviting the member to complete their registration into the program.

Members who require further details about this program can simply email the national council web administrator, Damian Stock, at "webadmin@4wda.org.au". Damian will be able to provide further details on the program and can assist with registration.

We are hopeful that this program will be taken up by most members as we believe that it will deliver immediate benefits and, over time, even greater value as the program develops around the specific needs of our members. We would hope that clubs will also promote it as being another great reason for joining an affiliated four wheel drive club.

Thanks in advance for your support of this program, brought to you by Four Wheel Drive Australia.

Regards,

[Brian Hevey](#)

President

Four Wheel Drive Australia

**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INCORPORATED**

NAME

1. The name of the club shall be the Subaru & Recreational 4WD Club Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as the Club. The Club shall be a non-profit making organisation.

OBJECTS

- 2.1 To promote, foster and conduct recreational and social activities principally centred around the use of members' vehicles.
- 2.2 To promote friendship and courtesy on the road and to promote four wheel driving as a responsible activity.
- 2.3 To conduct meetings and encourage members to obtain knowledge enabling them to become better drivers and to maintain their vehicles to a high standard.
- 2.4 To publish a regular newsletter to members and other interested parties.
- 2.5 To organise any other activity deemed by the Committee to be of interest to the Club and its members.

MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership shall be open to any person interested in the objects of the Club.
- 3.2 Application for membership shall be in such form as the Committee shall determine and shall be lodged with the appropriate fee to the Membership Secretary. The Committee has the right to accept or reject an application for membership without giving any reason.
- 3.3 There shall be three types of membership. These shall be:
 - (a) Full Member
 - (b) Associate Member
 - (c) Life Member
- 3.4 Full membership shall apply to an individual, or a family. A family is defined as one or two adults, married or defacto, and their dependents up to the age of 18. Any application outside these guidelines will be decided upon by the committee, in its absolute discretion on a case by case basis. Full membership shall allow voting rights for the individual, or in the case of a family, a maximum of two votes, being one per adult.
- 3.5 Associate Membership shall apply to an individual or a family (as defined in clause 3.4) living more than 200km from Sydney. It shall also cover those persons, organisations or corporations interested in furthering the interests of the club. Application for Associate Membership shall be decided by the committee, in its absolute discretion, on a case by case basis
- 3.6 An associate member has no voting rights.
- 3.7 Life membership shall be awarded to a member or members by nomination from the Committee and majority vote by the members present at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. Such membership shall be awarded for special or meritorious services to the Club. Life membership shall allow the member full membership rights and shall be free from payment of annual fees for the duration of the life membership. Life membership may be revoked by nomination from the Committee and majority vote of members present at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. Upon revoking of life membership the member shall revert to the original membership at the time of being awarded life membership without further payment of annual fees for the current financial year.
- 3.8 A member shall not be eligible for nomination for life membership with less than 10 years continuous membership of the Club.

SUBSCRIPTION

- 4.1 There shall be an annual subscription as determined from time to time by the Committee.
- 4.2 Annual subscriptions shall be payable on membership application and by 1 July each year.
- 4.3 Any membership not renewed by payment of the annual subscription by 31 July shall be removed from the register of members.
- 4.4 There shall be a joining fee payable with the application for membership. This fee shall be as determined by the Committee and can be waived at the discretion of the Committee.

MEMBERSHIP LIABILITIES

- 5.1 The liability of any financial member to contribute towards the payment of debts and liabilities of the Club or to the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Club is limited to the amount owing, if any, of that member's annual subscription.

MEMBERS' CONDUCT

- 6.1 Members shall at all times whilst engaged in Club activities abide by the Club's Constitution, By-laws and rulings.
- 6.2 No member shall act in the Club's name or use the Club's name in any way whatsoever without the Club's full knowledge and the consent of the Committee.
- 6.3 All members whilst identifying themselves with the Club are bound by the Constitution, By-laws and rulings of the Club and should endeavour to act in a manner which is not detrimental to the Club's name whilst so identified.

- 6.4 Members shall at all times respect other users' rights to enjoy bushlands in a responsible way and shall endeavour to leave the environment as they found it. Particular attention shall be paid to driving practices which do not damage flora or leave visible evidence of a vehicle's passage.
- 6.5 If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be contrary to the welfare or interests of the Club, the member may be called upon to explain and justify such conduct. If, after consideration, it is the Committee's opinion that the conduct of such member is as charged, the Committee may caution or expel such member, providing that the decision is by a two-thirds majority of the Committee present. Any such decision shall be conveyed to the member in writing by the Secretary within fourteen days of that decision.

OFFICE BEARERS

- 7.1 The Office Bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the following Annual General Meeting. The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trip Convenor and such others as shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting shall be the Office Bearers.
- 7.2 Any office becoming vacant prior to the Annual General Meeting may be filled by the Committee and the members so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 7.3 The Club may, by ordinary resolution of which special notice has been given, remove any Office Bearer before the expiration of their period of office and may, by ordinary resolution, appoint another member to fill the vacancy.
- 7.4 The Office Bearers shall act in an honorary capacity. The Office Bearers must be financial members of the Club during the whole of their term of office.

MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 The management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee, each of whom must be a financial member of the Club during the whole of their term of office.

COMMITTEE

- 9.1 The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall consist of the Office Bearers and such other members as shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting.
- 9.2 Any position becoming vacant prior to the Annual General Meeting may be filled by the Committee and the members so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 9.3 The Committee shall have the power to make and publish By-laws for the better management and control of the Club, which shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution. All such By-laws will be binding upon the members until repealed by the Committee or set aside by a Special General Meeting of the Club.
- 9.4 The Committee shall have the power to invite any other person to attend Committee meetings to obtain the guidance or advice of that person, provided that such person shall not be entitled to vote at the meeting.
- 9.5 Any Committee member failing to attend three consecutive Committee meetings without an apology or just cause shall be deemed to have resigned from the Committee.
- 9.6 The Club may, by ordinary resolution of which special notice has been given, remove any Committee member, before the expiration of the period of office, and may by ordinary resolution appoint another member to fill the vacancy.

SECRETARY

- 10.1 It is the duty of the Secretary to keep minutes of:
- (a) all appointments of Office Bearers and members of the Committee;
 - (b) the names of members of the Committee present at a Committee meeting or a general meeting; and
 - (c) all proceedings at Committee meetings and general meetings.
- 10.2 The minutes of each meeting will be tabled for approval at the commencement of the following meeting.

TREASURER

- 11.1 It is the duty of the Treasurer to ensure that:
- (a) all money due to the Club is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the Club are made;
 - (b) correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the Club including full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Club; and
 - (c) the Public Officer is provided with information sufficient to enable him or her to complete the Club's annual summary of financial affairs

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- 12.1 The Committee shall maintain a Register of Members specifying the name and address of each person who is a member together with the date on which that person became a member.
- 12.2 The Register of Committee Members shall be open for inspection, free of charge, by any member at any reasonable hour.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 13.1 Committee meetings shall be held when deemed necessary by the majority of the Committee at intervals not exceeding two months.
- 13.2 The President shall act as chairperson, or in the President's absence the Vice President or such other member of the Committee as may be selected by a majority of members present.
- 13.3 Any five members of the Committee present will constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a Committee meeting. No business shall be transacted by the Committee unless a quorum is present. If within half an hour of the time appointed for a meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall be dissolved.
- 13.4 All decisions made shall be decided by a simple majority. Each member of the Committee shall have one vote and in the event of an equality of votes the chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.
- 13.5 If the number of continuing members of the Committee is reduced below five, the continuing members may act to increase the number of Committee members to five or summon a General Meeting of the Club for that purpose.

GENERAL MEETING

- 14.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held no earlier than the first day of July and not later than the last day of August of each year when the Annual Report and Balance Sheet will be presented.
- 14.2 Other Special General Meetings of the Club may be convened at any time by the Secretary upon being requested to do so by the Committee or by the submission in writing of a least five financial members.
- 14.3 There will be a General Meeting of Club members each calendar month. The format and conduct of such meetings shall be at the discretion of the Committee.
- 14.4 Written notification of proposed Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings shall be issued to all financial members not later than twenty-one days prior to such meeting being conducted
- 14.5 A notice of Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall state the time, place and nature of the meeting and business to be conducted. No business other than that of which prior notice has been given shall be conducted at such meetings.
- 14.6 A quorum for the transaction of business at a General Meeting (including an Annual General Meeting and a Special General Meeting) will be the attendance of ten financial members or their proxies. If a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.
- 14.7 The Annual General Meeting shall be conducted on formal lines by the President or, in his/her absence, the Vice President or, in his/her absence, another Committee member elected by the majority decision of those present, acting as chairperson. The business to be conducted shall always include but not be limited to:
 - Confirmation of the minutes of the last preceding Annual General Meeting and of any Special General Meeting held since that meeting;
 - receipt from the Committee of reports on the activities of the Club during the last preceding financial year;
 - election of Office Bearers of the Club and other Committee members; and
 - receipt and consideration of any financial statement or report required to be submitted to members under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (Act)*.
- 14.8 A Special General Meeting shall be conducted on formal lines by the President or, in his/her absence, the Vice President or, in his/her absence, another Committee member elected by the majority decision of those present, acting as chairperson.
- 14.9 A General Meeting, other than an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting, shall be conducted on formal lines by the President or, in his/her absence, the Vice President or, in his/her absence, another Committee member elected by the majority decision of those present, acting as chairperson. The business to be conducted shall always include but not be limited to:
 - the approval and discussion of all minutes kept, as provided hereunder, since the preceding General Meeting;
 - the reading and/or listing of all correspondence received or sent pertaining to the business and objects of the Club;
 - a tabling of all correspondence received but not read out for perusal by interested members at the conclusion of the meeting;
 - a record of the Club's financial status at the time, including any accounts approved for payment by the Committee since the previous financial report;
 - summary reports by the Office Bearers and other Committee members on items affecting the Club; and
 - the opportunity for every financial member, in person or in writing, to raise matters of general business and for discussion and if necessary a vote on such matters.
- 14.10 All decisions at General Meetings shall be decided by simple majority except where otherwise provided in this Constitution. In the event of an equality of votes, the chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.
- 14.11 At Annual, Special or ordinary General Meetings only financial members of the Club shall have the right to vote. Resolutions shall be decided by show of hands unless a poll is requested by the chairperson or at least three members present in person or by proxy.
- 14.12 Any member entitled to vote at a meeting of the Club is entitled to appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf. The instrument appointing a proxy must be in writing, signed by the member, and be lodged with the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting at which the proxy is to vote. A member shall be entitled to instruct the proxy in favour of or against any proposed resolution. Unless otherwise instructed the proxy may vote as seen fit. A member may only hold a maximum of two proxy votes.
- 14.13 The instrument appointing a proxy may be in the following form or in a common or usual form.

I,.....of.....being a member of
hereby appoint.....of
or failing him.....of
as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the (annual or

special, as the case may be) general meeting of the Club, to be held on the.....day of
.....in the year of....., and at any adjournment thereof.

- My proxy is hereby authorised to vote in favour of/against (delete as appropriate) the following resolution/s (insert details).
- To be inserted if desired.

Signed.....

Date.....

FUNDS

- 15.1 The funds of the Club shall be derived from annual subscriptions of members, donations and such other sources as the Committee determines or is decided by a resolution passed by the Club at a general meeting.
- 15.2 The funds of the Club shall be deposited in the name of the Club, and the financial institution account operated upon by any two of the President, Secretary, Treasurer or such other Office Bearers as may be authorised by the Committee. All accounts for payment shall be presented to the Committee for approval.
- 15.3 No more than 20% of the Club's uncommitted funds may be expended or committed for a single purpose or a special project unless approved by resolution at a General Meeting.
- 15.4 The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Club. No money shall be paid to individual members of the Club unless by way of reimbursement for money spent on behalf of the Club for services rendered at the request of the Club, and then only if approved by the Committee.

INDEMNITY

- 16.1 Office Bearers of the Club who by the authority of the Committee accept or incur any pecuniary liability on behalf of the Club shall be held indemnified by the Club against any personal loss in respect of such liability.

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PUBLIC OFFICER

- 18.1 The Committee will appoint a Public Officer as required by the Act.

INSURANCE OFFICER

- 19.1 The club shall effect and maintain insurance as it considers appropriate after consultation and liaison with the Insurance Broker appointed by the ANFWDC and the NSW Insurance Officer appointed by the 4WD NSW & ACT. The Club may also provide such assistance as it considers appropriate to assist members to effect insurance for their vehicle, and handle any issues relating to the public liability, workers compensation insurance, and other insurance made available through the ANFWDC.

BOOKS

- 20.1 The Committee shall provide for the custody and control of all records, books and other documents of the Club, which shall be open to inspection, free of charge, by the members at any reasonable hour.

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

- 21.1 This Constitution may be amended at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose, providing that the amendment is accepted by a majority of seventy-five percent of the members voting at the meeting.

DISSOLUTION

- 22.1 The Club shall be dissolved in the event of membership being less than ten members, or upon the vote to that effect of at least seventy-five percent of the members present and voting at a Special General Meeting convened to consider such question. Upon dissolution, assets and funds on hand may, after payment of all expenses and liabilities, be handed over to such other Club or similar Association having objects as are stated in Clause 2, or such registered charity as may be decided by at least seventy-five percent of members present and voting at the meeting, or if less than five members, a simple majority.

FINANCIAL YEAR

- 23.1 The financial year of the Club shall conclude on the thirtieth day of June each year.

VISITORS

- 24.1 All visitors shall abide by the Constitution, By-laws and rulings of the Club whilst participating in Club activities.
- 24.2 Visitors are most welcome to attend up to two designated Club trips (up to and including "medium" rated trips), allowing them the opportunity to establish whether we are a club they wish to join. Trips with a rating of "hard" or higher, extended trips and driver awareness trips are for members only.

BBS 2016

EPILOGUE

Trip Leaders - James & Gillian Wall

Trip Report - James Wall

Photos - James Wall

Attendees:

James & Gillian Wall - Landcruiser

Jim Rickeard - Pajero

Phil Thompson - Prado



Well this really turned out to be two different trips for the price of one and Backroads, Beer and Bullsh*t 2016 really lived up to its name.

We all met up in Condobolin ready to head out to Willandra National Park the next day, however, after spotting a minor oil leak under the 80 Series that was put on hold. Hmm, a leaking front pinion seal and the Anzac long weekend do not compute. So we stayed in Condo for Anzac Day and a fine time we had too, as any Anzac Day in a country town is very special. We went to the Dawn Service, had breakfast at the RSL, watched the street march plus attended the memorial service later on. I had the leaking seal replaced the next day and now being behind time, missed out on seeing Willandra National Park. Oh well, it will be there next time.

We headed to Nymagee via 100ks of dirt road late in the day and as I was in front acting as road sweeper we dodged kangaroos, emus, goats etc. for the final 30 ks in the dark. We made the Imperial Hotel in time for a good feed and a few ales to wash out the dust. We set up camp at the cricket oval. Not a blade of grass to be seen and were lulled to sleep by the road crews huge generator that went all night. It was trailer mounted so at least they had air con in the dongas. It went off at 5.30am on the dot. It was then on to Cobar via the backroads for coffee and to top up our refreshment supplies, then we headed west. We stopped at Emmdale Roadhouse for lunch, and it was pretty good too, then Wilcannia for fuel before camping the night at Warrawong on The Darling, just out of town. Jeez it's a good place, with the best shower facilities we had seen in many a day. Get out there and check it out.

The next morning we headed up the east side of the Darling towards Tilpa and our destination for a few days, Trilby Station near Louth. A short brew break was taken at the Coach and Horses campground, site of an old pub during the paddleboat days and a few kms up the road we met the shire road crew, complete with grader and water truck. Well, that ole water truck driver was doing a good job spraying the road and fun and games were had as we slipped our

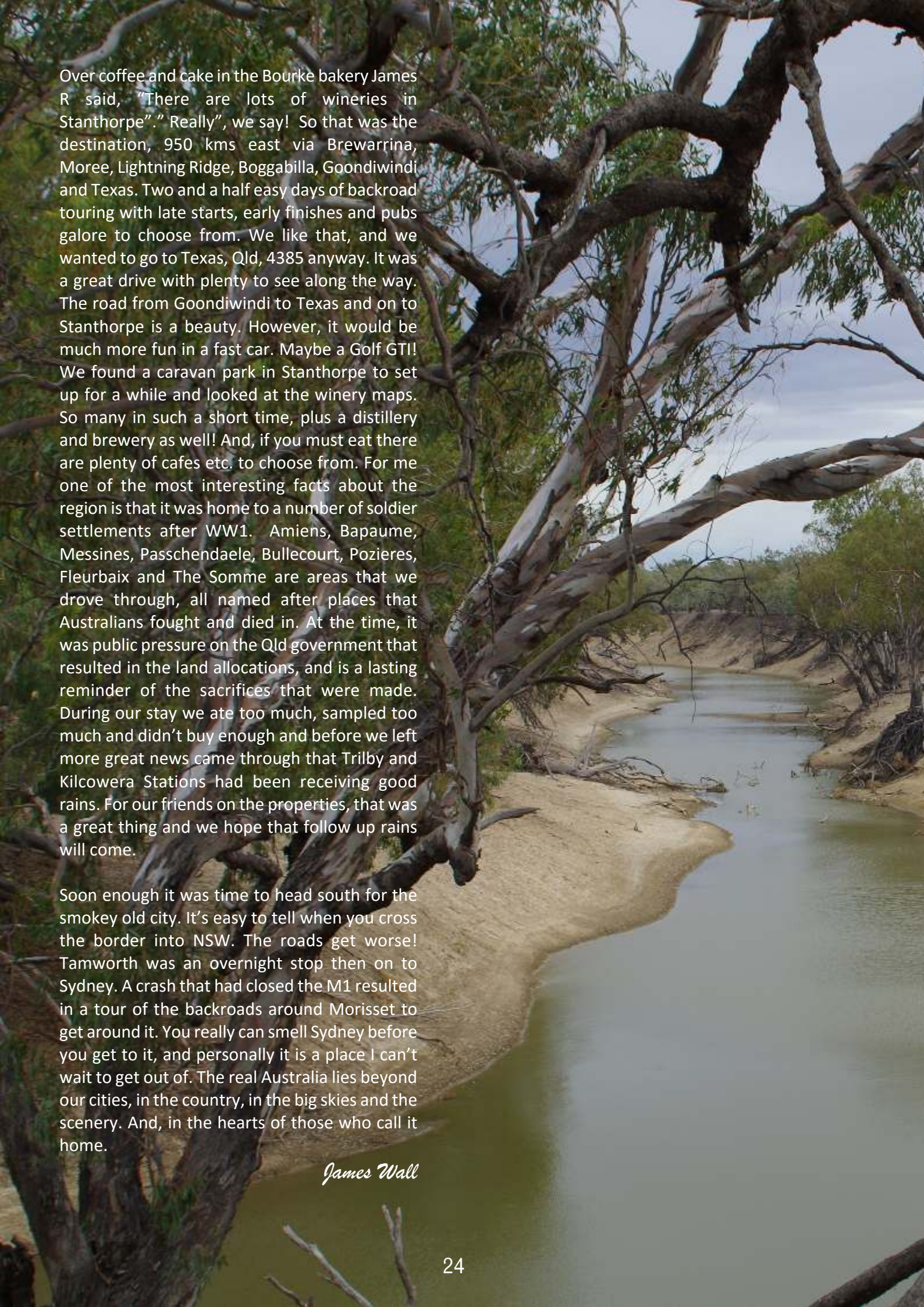


way north. A few beers were needed at Tilpa Pub to calm the nerves and because they were having a “planned power outage” and on generator power, we had lunch at the Tilpa Weir. Below the weir, the river was dry, or just a pool here and there. Pretty crook to see the effects of long term drought on both the country and river. We arrived at Trilby about the middle of the afternoon, logged in and setup camp at Micks, about 3 kms from the house. As much as we like to stay there, right on the riverbank, it proved to be a mistake this time. On the second night, the rain came and James R packed up and headed off to stay in the shearers quarters, as he didn’t have his camper on this trip. Along with Phil, we were stuck for four days before joining him and the other couple camped closer to the house. A total of 36mm of rain over two nights held us captive. It is a good thing we had plenty of food and water aboard and a good supply of grog too. We all just lazed about, read, slept and walked where we could. The new shoots started to come up in just 24 hours and it was just amazing to see a tinge of green over the land. Even the trees looked greener, really! The goats visited too. River flood plain soils are a no go in the wet. However, before the rain we managed to get in a visit to New Chum homestead, which was the old homestead in the 1960’s, about 40ks from Trilby up in the red dirt country and a late afternoon visit to Shindy’s Inn at Louth. The place is looking very fine now days and the owners have done a heap of work to the place since they took over ten years ago. We met them two weeks after their arrival in 2006. Time has flown by.



Back to our escape from the bog though. Just as we were thinking about moving up to the shearers quarters where James was staying, on still wet tracks, I got a radio call from our host saying to get out fast, as another huge storm was approaching. Along with Phil, we literally threw the campers down and started out just as the storm hit, complete with hail. In just a few minutes the road was fast becoming too slippery to even stand on, so with a combined weight of over 4 tonnes each, and all the diff locks in we blasted our way through the ponded water to the airstrip slip road and finally to the relative calm of the homestead. Another fifteen minutes and we would not have made it out. After a few more very relaxing days at Trilby the roads opened, but were still “interesting” to drive on towing the trailers, and we headed off to Bourke to reassess the trip. SW Qld was awash so we stayed for a couple of nights, with Phil electing to go back to Sydney, as he had other commitments that he could not miss. James R, Gill and I headed out to Mount Oxley for a visit, it is a spectacular place to spend a few hours in the afternoon, and on our return, the corrugations had claimed my rear number plate. The local RMS service centre duly took some of my cash and issued me with an ugly set of standard plates. We got a call from the Bourke local police a few days later, with the news that someone had found the lost plate and handed it in. Still, I could not have my personalised plates reissued, as the RMS rules are not designed to help anything except state government revenue, so I have found out a way to beat the system sort of. And, I am not telling how.





Over coffee and cake in the Bourke bakery James R said, "There are lots of wineries in Stanthorpe". Really", we say! So that was the destination, 950 kms east via Brewarrina, Moree, Lightning Ridge, Boggabilla, Goondiwindi and Texas. Two and a half easy days of backroad touring with late starts, early finishes and pubs galore to choose from. We like that, and we wanted to go to Texas, Qld, 4385 anyway. It was a great drive with plenty to see along the way. The road from Goondiwindi to Texas and on to Stanthorpe is a beauty. However, it would be much more fun in a fast car. Maybe a Golf GTI! We found a caravan park in Stanthorpe to set up for a while and looked at the winery maps. So many in such a short time, plus a distillery and brewery as well! And, if you must eat there are plenty of cafes etc. to choose from. For me one of the most interesting facts about the region is that it was home to a number of soldier settlements after WW1. Amiens, Bapaume, Messines, Passchendaele, Bullecourt, Pozieres, Fleurbaix and The Somme are areas that we drove through, all named after places that Australians fought and died in. At the time, it was public pressure on the Qld government that resulted in the land allocations, and is a lasting reminder of the sacrifices that were made. During our stay we ate too much, sampled too much and didn't buy enough and before we left more great news came through that Trilby and Kilcowera Stations had been receiving good rains. For our friends on the properties, that was a great thing and we hope that follow up rains will come.

Soon enough it was time to head south for the smokey old city. It's easy to tell when you cross the border into NSW. The roads get worse! Tamworth was an overnight stop then on to Sydney. A crash that had closed the M1 resulted in a tour of the backroads around Morisset to get around it. You really can smell Sydney before you get to it, and personally it is a place I can't wait to get out of. The real Australia lies beyond our cities, in the country, in the big skies and the scenery. And, in the hearts of those who call it home.

James Wall



RELAY FOR LIFE

Hope

The Sammut Family

Thinking of you
at this difficult
time

xxx



Event Leaders: Kevin McCormack
Craig Fitzpatrick

Trip Report - Craig Fitzpatrick

Set up Friday afternoon:

Craig Fitzpatrick
Kevin McCormack
Cath and Tom De Santis
Scott Ashurst
David Kirkby

Saturday:

Craig Fitzpatrick
Kevin McCormack
Tom & Cath DeSantis
Mark & Karolyn Honor

David Kirkby
Bernadette & Chris Tiller
Ann-marie Meade
Julie & Michael Rush
Robert & Sandra Moss
Brett Hampson
Brian Flood & Heidi Ploeg
Adrian McCormack

Pack up Sunday:

Craig Fitzpatrick
Kevin McCormack
Adrian McCormack
Bernadette and Chris Tiller
Ann-marie Meade
David Kirkby



We arrived Friday afternoon and set up the trailer and tables and other bits and pieces, with our helpers it only took a couple of hours.

After staying in the local area over night I arrived back at the show ground at 6.00 am on Saturday morning and finished setting up the trailer area. The others arrived a bit later and set up the cooking marquees, meat was put on spits and they started to cook.

It was a warm day so Milo and soup sales were down but we had steady sales of our beef rolls and cold drinks. It was lovely to have a visit from Simon and Jess Verity during the day. Crowd numbers seemed to be lower than last year but by mid-afternoon our sales of soup and Milo started to increase and we had almost constant sales from that point till about 10.00pm when things slowed right down. For the first time in 9 years I was in bed by 12.30am!

Well done to Michael who walked 20km around the track and raised funds by getting people to sponsor him for his walk. Karolyn also walked 20+ km and Mark did 15km – no mean ‘feet’ - well done guys!

Sunday morning and I was up at 6.00am again, starting to clean up and get breakfast ready for our members that stayed overnight. We had everything packed up and headed off home at around 10.30 am. I would like to thank all the people that came and helped over the three days and thank you to everyone that donated soups and supplies. Many thanks to Barry Green from The DreamPot Company for donating a dream pot to be raffled at Relay this year. It was great that the winner was one of our club members - congratulations David Kirkby.

Big thanks to Kevin for organizing another great Relay For Life.

This year we took just under \$1,591.15 and banked \$1,009.40 - that's not too bad considering the registrations for the relay were down by 20% and we dropped 14% over the counter and 13% overall on last year's effort but still a great outcome. Again I would like to thank everyone for their help.

Craig Fitzpatrick

DRIVER AWARENESS LITHGOW



Group 1 Attendees

Trip Leader - Brian Flood
Trip Report - Neil Hird
Photos - Troy Strickland

Brian Flood - Jeep
Evan King - Pajero
Neil Hird - Challenger
Grant, Ethan & Jake Lucas - Challenger
Paul & Karen Campbell - Landcruiser
Angelo Altas - Triton
David Horwitz - Pajero

Group 2 Attendees

Trip Leader - Brett Atkins
Photos - Troy Strickland

Troy & Lauren Strickland - Outback
Eddie Bolesta - Jeep
Bernadette & Chris Tiller - Subaru XV
Stephen Mockford - Subaru L Series
James Simmons - Subaru Outback
Stephen Wells - Jeep
Andrew Wise - Pajero
David Lang -
MJ Hamilton - Landrover
Yvonne Terweeme - Subaru Forester



Medium - Hard Group (Group 1)

After the intros were done and tyres aired down Brian led off the group of drivers who wanted to tackle some of the challenging tracks the Lithgow area has to offer.

The group travelled along the Power line track towards Moon Rock with plenty of air under wheels in some of the deeper ruts. The climb up to Moon Rock provided all the drivers with a challenge to improve their skills, confidence and knowledge. A couple of cars also picked up some “character stripes” courtesy of one of the deeper ruts.

The pre-lunch session concluded with a reconnoiter of the Spanish Steps road to see how far the lower clearance vehicles could get.

Our lunch spot was at the top of Sunnyside Ridge, overlooking Wolgan Valley, stunning scenery and huge drops from the cliff top. An informative session about snatch straps and recoveries in general finished off lunch then it was back on the trail.

After lunch it was off to the Spanish Steps. When we arrived we found another 4WD club coming up the

steps, demonstrating generally how not to drive rock ledges.

Brian demonstrated the correct way to drive down and up the steps but as time was running out the decision was made to retrace our tracks and head back to Zig Zag Railway to air up and head home.

What did we learn from today’s Driver Awareness Day?

Not all 4WD clubs are created equal.

Gears work better when correctly selected

Our cars are way more capable than most of the drivers.

By driving intelligently, picking the correct lines and using correct tyre pressures we can get further than we would have ever thought possible.

We’re lucky to have experienced and knowledgeable trainers, Brett and Brian. Thanks for another great driver awareness day guys!

Neil





HUNTER VALLEY WINE TASTING



Oenophile Leaders - Troy & Sandi Strickland

Trip Report - Karolyn Honor

Photos - Julie Rush

Troy Strickland

Other Oenophiles:

Mark & Karolyn - Navara

Brian and Heidi - Jeep

Julie & Michael - Triton

Cath & Tom - Prado

Chris & Kelly - Navara

John - Prado

David & Pam - Subaru (Saturday)

With the weather looking bleak most of us met at Thornleigh McDonalds for a quick breakfast and brief about our trip to Broke. We left there and headed off with our wallets full and cars with spaces hopefully to be filled with our wine purchases ahead.

It was a two hour drive to Broke and along the way our trip leader radioed up drawing our attention to some road kill but she was unsure of the species. Further back in the convoy a few people slowed down for a better look and then advised the trip leader that it was a lounge cushion kangaroo.

Upon passing the Wollombi Hotel there was some consideration given to stopping but it was more urgent to arrive at Broke, set up camp and get to our first wine tasting on time. Once at Broke we set up camp and organised designated drivers and car pooled.

Troy and Sandi are members of First Creek Winery and had booked a complimentary wine tasting with a cheese platter. We spent an enjoyable two hours on the verandah discovering and tasting nearly

twenty different wines. For the First Creek Flagship Reserve Shiraz, Kurt our host, acquired a very large wine glass for Sandi for proper tasting!

Leaving First Creek about 1 pm meant we had 2 hrs to enjoy lunch and arrive at our next private wine tasting. We stopped at Potters Brewery for lunch which turned out to be a very popular lunch spot but notwithstanding the crowds the food was great and arrived in a timely manner. Oh also there were a few good beers consumed.

Without too much time to spare it was off to Ivanhoe Wines for another private wine tasting arranged by Mark and Karolyn. Downstairs in the Member's Room we all felt like Knights of the Round Table. Once again we were treated to great wines,





local cheeses and other produce while learning a lot about their wines and the local industry from our host, Denise.

With wallets empty and cars full from our purchases from both wineries it was time to head back to Broke and light the fire and enjoy fivesies and later a communal dinner.

On Sunday morning we had a leisurely start to the day at about 10 am we headed off towards Cessnock and found Hunter Distillery where we were spoilt with every vodka flavour you can imagine, served in test tubes. After more purchases there we were off again this time for bubbles at Petersons which some indulged in bubbles and others purchased chocolate and drank coffee.

Wondering what to do next, one must eat lunch so a booking was made at Wollombi Pub which was on the way home. We arrived there with the many 100 other people, we found our reserved Rotunda and

ordered our lunches. While waiting for our meals we recapped on our great purchases and our time spent together over the weekend.

Karolyn



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TEN PIN BOWLING

Tenpin City



Trip Leader - Sandi Strickland
Trip Report - Julie Rush

Photos - Julie Rush

Attendees

Sandi, Troy & Kaitlin Strickland
Julie, Michael and Zoe Rush
Jenny and Sam Ebenezer
Bernadette & Chris Tiller
Cath & Tom De Santis
Chris Mifsud and Kelly Maxwell
Evan King & Jessica Dalkolmo
Robert & Sandra Moss
Michael & Jean Dunstan
Tony McManus



A fun night was had by all at the June meeting at 10 Pin City at Lidcombe. A few people went missing in action before the night started due to work commitments and horrible weather but the rest of us enjoyed pizzas before the competition started.



KYLIE'S BEACH BASH



Trip Leader - Mark & Karolyn Honor

Trip Report - Michael Rush

Photos - Karolyn Honor

Attendees:

Sandi, Troy & Kaitlin Strickland - Subaru

Julie & Michael Rush - Triton

Mark & Karolyn Honor - Prado

Nell & Denis Hoffman - Prado

Jeff Cairns - Challenger

A number of intrepid members decided to celebrate dear old Missus Queen's birthday by venturing to Kylie's Beach. I was extremely looking forward to this as Kylie is one of my favourite singers. I was surprised by the number of people who decided to play hookey and arrive on Friday (the Australia work ethic maybe strong – but hey, it's a long(er) weekend right?)

We finally got away mid morning (avoiding the school traffic) and had a pretty good trip north, lunch was at Buledelah with a quick spot of rural property window shopping. We arrived in camp around 2.30 to find that Mark and Karolyn had secured a secluded nook in the camping area, close to showers and toilets. We decided to pitch our camp near to a thoughtfully placed ice supply. Dennis and Nell had arrived around lunchtime and had set up their caravan and were murdering some stubbies.

Mark and Karolyn took off to run some errands, I think they may have managed to sneak a cuppa while they were away. Fire was lit (only need a small one for ambience) and fivesies were devoured. With the main wood supply arranged for a Saturday delivery, we had

a limited amount of wood (only need a small fire right?). A number of people were looking nervously at the wood supply, so a decision was made for Mark and Michael to pop up the road to secure some reserve supplies at a nearby roadside stall. After we returned with a few extra bags, the remaining campers breathed a sigh of relief and proceeded to settle in for the night. Jeffy cruised in around 9.30, and after a quick set up, joined us by the fire. As responsible adults, we hit the sack at a reasonable hour.

The plan for Saturday was there was no plan! Troy and Sandi arrived in the morning with a very impressive indexed wine list (oh and Kaitlyn!) The morning was spent relaxing around camp, paying camp fees and enjoying coffee. Mark had arranged to pick up a half trailer of wood for the weekend and arrived back in camp with a great load in the back of the ute which was unloaded and stacked ready for the next couple of days. The fire was kept ticking over all day which provided a focal point.

Sandi decided to break open a Traminer which was past its best, the supposed "pale straw colour" could





be imagined in place of the actual colour if you squinted a little. The judgement was that it could probably strip varnish and should not be left near a naked flame (especially after being ingested!!). That left the Stricklands with 491 bottles to sample and pass judgement on (hopefully not all on this weekend).

Caveman instincts kicked in after lunch, with the hunter-gatherers deciding to tame the wild and trap dinner. Implements were readied and checked, strategies planned and salivation started at the prospect of a freshly caught dinner!! Ok, in reality we decided to go fishing, but never let the truth etc.... Once we hit the beach and scoped out the gutters and holes, judged the wind, current and tide – it was look out fish!! Some decided to walk along the beach, others found inspiration in reading/culling job applications (no such thing as a free weekend eh Julie?). Mark, Troy and Michael were intent upon getting dinner, but the fish decided not to help us out. Kaitlyn came the closest to catching a fish without even using a rod, Troy's miscast found Kaitlyn discovering the flying pilchard, complete with sinker.

In hindsight, why was Kaitlyn even swimming in the ocean in winter??? Time rolled on, timepieces were checked, and the weary hunters decided that we could only sacrifice so many pilchards in one afternoon. Righto boys, back to the fire it is!!

After warming our feet by the fire (it was actually warmer in the water than out of it), the yardarm was checked, and yep the sun was over it! There was a rumour that the yardarm had been checked by others earlier and the same decision had been made – but what happens on tour stays on tour!! Despite the worthy hunters being disappointed with the catch, it was great to see that some of the female hunters had shown foresight in scavenging and had managed to scrape up the makings of roast dinners!!

After another delicious round of fivesies, dinners were on and we all settled around the fire to enjoy the wood that Mark had procured. It was interesting to see the selection of wines produced (excellent idea 2 weeks after a winery weekend!) White wines, robust reds, but the killer wine was the Blush which Julie shared

with Sandi. The fire god was hungry, so we kept feeding it and kept the fireside conversation going. A little cloud cover kept the temperatures up, and once again **most** of us were responsible and went to bed in a civilised manner.

Sunday dawned a little overcast, but we were going for a drive, so after a hearty breakfast and coffee we set off around 9.30 for a drive through some of the forest trails, heading northwest. We found one road and were surprised to discover that Cujo lived there, he was not a happy puppy and I was sure he was about drag his handler on to the road in pursuit of the cars. The dog was muzzled and harnessed and the owner was pretty peeved that we drove past. In an effort to make amends (after a dead end), we drove back past the dog and now unhappy owner, despite our smiling and waving it was evident that we were not going to be invited in for morning tea.

The tracks were busy with hitchhikers (I was hoping for a Swedish backpacker, but only ended up with a number of Twiggies), one of Troy's pickups left the car moaning and squeaking. A quick stop at Comboyne enabled Troy to try a quick fix and we were back on the road. After following a few local tracks we ended up on the road to Swan's Crossing, so we called in to have a look. Fair bit of clearing on the northern side, but the camp ground was pretty much the same as I remembered, although surprised at the number of people camped there – more than we had seen when we had stayed there a few years ago at Christmas. We stopped for morning tea on the road out of the campground then pressed on towards Wauchope. Lunch suggestions were discussed over the radio and we were in luck because Troy thought there was a pub along the road. Just as well we are in Australia, because there is always a pub along the road. Venue of choice was the Hastings Hotel, and once we worked out how to get in there, the barman apologised to us about the restaurant – lack of staff meant we had to order at the bar! We managed to get over this hurdle. Top meal, excellent service with most orders being served within minutes of each other, most places go to pieces when faced with a group. The lunch break gave Troy an opportunity to fix up the annoying noise in the back (insert "No Comment" here). Next on the list was North Brother lookout in Dooragan National Park, the fairly steep climb is



worth the views from this vantage point. The obligatory group photo was taken, and an assessment made of the incoming wet weather. As always, the trip leader had a plan – coffee in Dunbogan!! Off we went, a pretty good coffee and a chance to feed the fish at the Dunbogan Boatshed, I swear the fish were mocking us!! I glanced at the net in the corner, but the looks from a few others deterred me from seeking revenge on the fish. The rain was looking a little more set in now, so a quick trip back to camp to rekindle the fire was in order.

Back at camp the fire was restoked and the shower got a little heavier. Executive decision was made to move the party to Mark and Karolyn's annex (well they had a gas heater). After a large lunch, dinner was a matter of catch and kill. Eventually the rain eased off and we all made it back to the fire. This gave an opportunity for a few more drinks and "spirited" conversation covering everything from Duff beer, pearl earrings and get my name right (you had to be there – so don't miss any future trips!!). Tonight was a little later in going to bed, but on the whole we were well behaved.

Packup day is never good, so it was a little sad on Monday when it was a little damp. We gave up waiting for things to dry completely. Mark and Karolyn decided to wait out the rain so we joined them for a drive to check on a couple of the other campsites on our way out.

Many thanks to Mark and Karolyn for organising the trip, the wood and the ice. Definitely a camp site that is worthy to revisit. Thanks to all the attendees, your wit, humour and generous outlook is appreciated.

I'm still waiting to spot Kylie there – I should be so lucky...I should be so lucky!! Maybe next time we do the locomotion there!!

Michael

Camping at Kyllies

Kyllies Beach is named for Australian author Kylie Tennant who once lived in Laurieton and whose timber hut 'writer's retreat' is nearby, along Metcalfes walking track. Kyllies Beach campground is set behind the sand dunes and offers car-based campsites as well as caravan and camper trailer camping, so it is a great place for family camping near the beach.

You might find you're sharing the campground with local koalas and yellow-tailed black cockatoos. Picnic tables are located in a grassed area next to the carpark at the 4WD beach access to Diamond Head, between Diamond Head campground and Kylie's Beach campground.

Number of campsites: 70

Camping type: Tent, Camper trailer site, Caravan site, Camping beside my vehicle

Facilities: Carpark, showers, toilets

There are no marked sites at this campground. The campground operates on a first-in, first-served basis and bookings aren't taken

Price: \$11.50 per adult per night.
\$6 per child per night.

Entry fees: Park entry fees apply

No bookings are taken for this campground. Pay and display system applies. Please visit the campground manager's office located at Diamond Head campground and pay before pitching your tent. Contact the parks office only for specific enquiries.

KINGS TABLELAND AT SUNSET

Trip Leader - Mark & Karolyn Honor

Trip Report - Yvonne
James
Michael H

Photos - Julie Rush

Attendees:

Mark & Karolyn Honor (Outback)
Ann-Marie Meade (Triton)
Bernadette & Chris Tiller (XV)
James & Meaghan Simmons (Forester)
John & Jean Hocking (Pajero)
Michael & Julie Rush (Triton)
Michael & Jean Dunstan (Challenger)
Michael Hamilton (Fortuner)
Robert & Sandra Moss (D-Max)
Sandi Strickland (Forester)
Yvonne Terweeme, Jack, Gunde & Trevor
(Prado)
John Young (Forester)
Val & Conner (Outback)



Trip report with a difference.....

Participants were asked to send back a short reply, (one or two lines or even one or two words), to the following four questions.

1. Who was in your car?
2. Did you meet anyone for the first time?
3. What did you see, visit, learn or do for the first time?
4. Was there anything that made you laugh or cry? (maybe something that deserves a fine!)

Our Trip explored Ingar picnic and camp area at the end of Ingar fire trail, Wentworth Falls. We enjoyed a fantastic view of the Jamison Valley from the Kedumba Walls at the end of Hordern Road, Wentworth Falls. Then it was out along Kings Tableland Road to McMahons Lookout for drinks while the sun went down over Lake Burragorang (Warragamba Dam). Upon returning to our cars in the dark we travelled back to the Grandview Hotel at Wentworth Falls for dinner in our own private room with fire. We enjoyed good company, good wine and good food. The only thing left was a safe trip home.

From Yvonne & Crew

Thanks again for a great trip last Saturday...always nice to catch up with the club and see new things. Answers to your questions.

1. Jack, Gunde, Trevor and Yvonne were in the Prado
2. We met quite a few new people for example Julie, Sandra and all those names I forgot straight after we were introduced....sorry. We also caught up with a few others that we already knew such as Meaghan, James Bernadette, Anne Marie, Karolyn and you. Great to see your new visitor (hopefully member) Val and his fire fighter buddy were locals from Wentworth Falls who became our local tour guide.
3. It was our first time on the King's Tableland drive. Trevor and Jack were fascinated with the building structure under the King's Tableland lookout with its door frame, fireplace, bath and wall. Yvonne was quite worried about the tourists taking their photo while sitting on the very delicate looking rock edge over



looking the deep valley below. Gunde was enjoying the whole experience of seeing such a beautiful place which she hadn't seen before.

We made a reservation with the tour guide from the other four wheel drive touring group as they had the perfect dinner table overlooking the swimming hole and waterfall at Ingar.

We were all mesmerised by the beautiful lookout of McMahan's Point while enjoying sunset drinks and nibbles. The walk down and back up through the bush while holding torches was a great way to catch up with new and old friends and share experiences. The drive home on the dirt track at night past the abandoned hospital was eerie. We felt like we were all alone as our headlights only lit up the short distance in front of us, and darkness filled up the empty spaces.....sounds like a good start to a murder mystery. Some memorable moments were when we had to detour around a couple of campers who had quite inconveniently parked in the middle of the 4WD track. The dog eating the bird was also very amusing as the owner watched him devour it nonchalantly.

James needs to pay a fine for wearing his very warm looking, fluoro orange jacket at the dinner table!

Great way to write a report as I wrote more because this came with no pressure!...Thanks for thinking creatively and looking forward to reading it in the next mag.

Hope to catch up soon.

Yvonne

From Michael Hamilton

1. For most of the trip I was in my car by myself, but Chris joined me for a while, as he wanted to check out my new Fortuner. I think he liked it.
2. I met several people for the first time, but due to my ageing brain, I can't remember their names. From what I remember, they were nice people.
3. I hadn't been to that area before, and it was very interesting to see the back reaches of Warragamba

Dam. We are very lucky to be so close to such beautiful country.

4. When Chris was in my car, it was very funny listening to Bernadette on the radio trying to stir him up. We just pretended not to hear her.

Hope this helps, and thanks again for a great day.

Michael

PS - I can still taste the beautiful ice-cream I had for dessert.

From James & Meaghan

Responses below, thanks again for organising the trip, looking forward to the next one.

1. James & Meaghan
2. Yes, everyone except Bernadette, Trevor and Yvonne
3. The beautiful Kings Tableland
4. Mmmmmm not sure, sorry

Cheers,

James



FUTURE FUN - what's coming up



CAMP OVEN COOKOFF

Trip Leaders - Julie & Michael Rush

Date - 20-21 August

Grading - Social

The 4th 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 Phone: 0409307381

GUNNING FIREWORKS FESTIVAL

Trip Leaders - Grant & Alison Lucas

Date - 10-11 September

Grading - Social

Come down and see the Gunning Fireworks Festival, camping on private property about 25 mins from Gunning. Wrap up warm and bring a blanket - September can be cold. Entry to festival: \$10A/\$5C/\$25F - Full details regarding the festival can be seen [here](http://www.gunningfireworksfestival.com.au). Arrive directly at Gunning then travel back to camp after the show. Make it a day trip and head home after the show. Once we are back at camp we can enjoy a few drinks around the fire. Sunday will be a leisurely day, simply enjoying the peaceful country or a variety of activities to do. Any questions please email or call me.

Contact Grant Lucas at gl@galucas.id.au

Phone 0409 715 766



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 Phone: 0418 406 118



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Photographs should be high resolution and include a descriptive caption, if applicable.

The inclusion of photos with trip reports is especially encouraged.

Information can be sent to the Editor by email to 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

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

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



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

Phone: 0425270385

FUTURE FUN - what's coming up



WATAGANS WEEKEND

Trip Leaders - Julie Rush / Mark Honor

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 or Phone 0409307381

Mark at mjhonor@gmail.com Phone: 0418 406 118

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Trip Leader - Sandi Strickland

Date - 10-11 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 Phone: 0414870168



WEST KUNDERANG

Trip Leaders - Mark & Karolyn Honor

Date - 26 December 2016 - 3 January 2017

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 Phone: 0418 406 118

Or Karolyn at karolyn.honor@gmail.com Phone: 0459 111 096

DATES TO START THINKING ABOUT FOR A CLUB TRIP IN 2017:

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

Easter 2017 - 14-17 April (part of 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

A-Z of NSW NATIONAL PARKS

PARKS WITH 4WD TRACKS / DRIVES

BRINDABELLA NATIONAL PARK



For a great long weekend break only 3 ½ hours from Sydney, you can't miss Brindabella National Park, with spectacular views, 4WD trails, walking, and fishing.

With an extensive network of challenging 4WD trails, the park is a playground for 4WD touring and even has some mountain bike riding opportunities. Your journey will take you through unique mountainous terrain covered with red stringybark and scribbly gums, and across ridgelines with scenic views of the entire Brindabella range.

Breathe in the fresh mountain air and take in the spectacular views from many of the trails. On a clear day, you can see Canberra in the distance and across the Australian Alps to the south.

Visit the historic site at McIntyres Hut. Then take a moment to stop at the picturesque Flea Creek campground and picnic area, great for picnicking, fishing and camping.

For more information go to:
www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/visit-a-park/parks/Brindabella-National-Park

CAMPGROUNDS

Coree Campground - Nestled in the tall, open eucalypt forest, Coree campground is a beautifully remote setting. Sit back and enjoy the peacefulness of this serene campsite, with passing wallabies or local brush-tail possums to greet you.

Flea Creek Campground - Whether you're just stopping for the night after a long 4WD adventure, or you've come to spend the weekend, Flea Creek campground will not disappoint. Try your luck fishing in the creek, or in the nearby Goodradigbee River. Whatever you do, relax and enjoy the peaceful surroundings of this beautiful campsite. At night, see if you can spot a threatened powerful owl, with its large yellow eyes and powerful, heavy claws. At night let the sounds of the nearby creek to lull you to sleep.

Lowells Flat Campground - Set in the Goodradigbee valley, surrounded by natural rugged beauty, Lowells Flat campground has something for everybody. There's plenty of room to spread out. Venture off and explore the banks of the Goodradigbee River by foot, or take your 4WD on the nearby trails. Throw your fishing line in the river or just sit back under the shade of the gums and enjoy the afternoon.

All campgrounds are free with no bookings taken so first in best dressed.

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**

Greater Sydney Region Meeting

Venue: Granville RSL Club Wednesday 27th June 2016

Minutes Taken By: Elias Wehbe Chair: Stefan Fischer

Subject	Details
Attendance	Stefan Fisher, Elias Wehbe, Barry Caudle, Matt Smith, Francois LaRue, Dean Plumridge, Andrew Lee, Shane McCloymont, Paul Hopfe, Brain Bird, Roger Pollett and Charlie Carasso
Apologies	Denley Richards Macarthur 4wd Club, Nigel Ward, Craig Thomas, Darren Gilliea
Minutes	Previous Minutes – Darren Moved: Charlie Grasso Seconded: Shane McClymont
Executive	<p>Meeting opened by JS 7:36pm</p> <p>Rewards Cards: Ready to be rolled out in July</p> <p>DTU: Newsflash went out last week in regards to MOU has drop dead date 14th July 2016</p> <p>Constitution Changes: Changes to the constitution To be emailed out before the next quarterly meeting any changes to be made to be discussed and voted on at the AGM</p> <p>Lands: Shane McCloymont Aboriginal awareness weekend at Turon National park Proposed date 10- 11 September to be confirmed. Diggins Camp ground. Advice from association not to attend Facebook group organized events which causes damage to lands. Drop zone Menai and Appin all no go areas heavy monitored by police.</p> <p>Root Hog Fire Trail: Road work around the farmer’s property apparently is nearing completion. It is suggested that people stay off the currently soft track, which is quite steep, over the next few weeks, especially since there has been rain in the area. The farmer has called me directly and advised that cameras have been placed on the crossing to capture images of people using the non-gazetted river crossing, however both Dept. of Primary Industry (Crown Lands) and the Dept. of Fisheries confirm that they have no jurisdiction on policing the crossing of the river. In fact, DPI will be placing signage on the western bank camp area encouraging responsible camping in the near future.</p> <p><u>Bathurst Regional Council:</u> A detailed submission has been made to Bathurst Regional Council in response to their request for community input into their 4-year capital plan. The focus on the response was primarily the remediation of the Bridle Track with a “Bush Highways” economic benefit foundation. A copy of the document has been sent to the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party and in turn been sent to Mr Duncan Gay, Minister of Roads and Maritime Services.</p> <p><u>Bush Highways:</u> No data sheets have been provided to Rob Kelly since the last quarter, this is both disappointing and frustrating for a programme which has significant benefits for the Association and 4wd community. We will pursue data collection for now and will be focusing on gathering data on areas (townships and regions) as the need arises from matters arising from government departments and land owners.</p>

	<p><u>Marrangaroo Toilet:</u> received data from a number of clubs who use the club sent the of support from the association for toilet blocks.</p> <p><u>Track classification:</u> Need to set a date for track classification at Abercrombie. Looking at August.</p>
Track Access	<p><u>The Glen:</u> Tree planting date hoping to do in spring. Has a little bit of funding aside for the toilets looking at duel toilets? Have a 5000 litre tank for the toilet. Will need to help complete the toilet. Booking through the website is working well have send abrion office the email to see the bookings. Picked up the shorter from the glen will get it going and then sell it for money to go into the national parks fund.</p>
Technical	Waiting on info from Craig Thomas
4WD Show	<p>Next meeting 11th July 2016</p> <p>4wd show 14th -16th October 2016 at Sydney Drag way</p>
General Business	<p><u>Stickers:</u> Jeep club require 70 stickers</p> <p>Land closures Mount Airley closed for at least a week if no more run comes down.</p>
	<p>Barrington top closed for winter season.</p> <p>Anna bay access still closed.</p> <p>Newnes No all wheel drives will be allowed in. Any Club will to run an interclub challenge the association will gladly support them.</p> <p>Thank you to all the clubs that supported the Big morning tea and the interclub bowling night.</p> <p>Stefan absent next meeting Elias Wehbe to chair.</p>
Close	<p>Meeting closed 8:35pm</p> <p>Next meeting date: Monday 25th July 2016</p> <p>7:30pm Granville RSL Club</p>

Subaru & Recreational 4WD Club Inc
General Meeting Minutes 13 May 2016

Meeting opened: 8.00pm
Apologies: James & Gill Wall, Kevin McCormack, Craig Fitzpatrick, Paul Sstrom, Steve Wells, Jason & Karen Finlayson, Paul & Karen Campbell.
Minutes of previous meeting: accepted: Tom De Santis seconded: Jo Quinn
Correspondence: tabled and accounts given to treasurer
Visitor: David (drives a Subaru Outback)

President's report:

. Welcome to our visitor and the club members. Lots of events on our calendar which is great, plus some new trip leaders – thank you.
. Moneys from Bunning's BBQ on 18 June will go towards awards dinner and some books for our Library.
. A reminder to all members if you are not going on a trip please let the trip leader know via email or phone as well as notifying them on the website. This also applies to the Trip Leaders if they are cancelling a trip.

Treasurer's Report: Opening balance for April \$7,586.14 Closing balance \$7,693.49

Membership Secretary: 80 members (includes 9 life members) we have 2 new members

Vice President: Nothing to report

Trip Convenors Report:

Well done to Troy Strickland who has just completed a marathon of 22k to-day in the Blackheath area.

- . Central Coast day trip run by John & Jean Hocking – report by Cath. Great day.
- . BBS 2016 Epilogue run by James & Gill - Group has returned but not at the meeting.
- . Anzac Day week-end at Wallendbeen run by Harley & Lyn. Evans report. held at the property of Harley & Lyn. Their home is built on the site of an old pub (very fitting). Highlights of the week-end. Great fire on the old pub site. Drive around the local area. Card game in the evening (very interesting) and the main event the Dawn Service (held at a nice time of 8.30am) – and of course our friend Bella the dog made a great hit, a few wanted to adopt her.
- . Manning Point run by Mark & Karolyn. Members made their own way up at various times on Friday. AnnMarie decided to take a small detour to the other side of the river, but all good when she found the correct caravan park. Added some light humour to the evening. Saturday headed onto the beach and drove south to Farquar Inlet (only accessible when the tide is right). Jason had his drone in the air and took some great shots of the group. Able to do some fishing (no fish)/canoeing/swimming and just lazing around. The weather was kind to us. Sunday morning packed up and headed into Old Bar for a late breakfast. Food good, service not so good. All headed home at their own pace.

Upcoming Trips:

Relay for Life – 14-15 May – Kevin & Craig have it all setup ready for tomorrow.

Driver Awareness – Brian & Brett – Lithgow area.

Wine Tasting – 28-29 April – Sandi & Troy – Broke and the Hunter region.

Bowling night – 3 June Lidcombe. Sandi – in place of our General meeting.

Kylie's Beach – June Long week-end – Mark & Karolyn.

Bunning's Lidcombe Fundraiser-Julie - 18 June.

Kings Tableland – Mark - 25 June Day – Night Trip.

Winter Outback Wander – Julie & Michael – 3-16 July.

Explore Yerranderie– Mark & Julie. 30 – 31 July – Xmas in July.

Webmaster / Public Relations / Social Convenor - not here tonight

Delegates – Getabout are organising the training for interested members. You can have a look at the memorandum of understanding on the association's website – it is quite lengthy. If any members are found in the wrong area on Mt Airlie there are heavy fines.

Check out the association's website for Track classifications/Infinity reward cards.

Editor's Report – Magazine will be out this week-end – digital.

Information Officer: Reminder re. the 4wd Show in October at Eastern Creek.

Trivia night for this meeting - very funny and quite successful especially for the winning team – Tom/Lyndon/David/David) who all received a bottle of wine each.

General Business: Girl guide biscuits for sale. The raffle for the relay for life is a Dreampot.

Lucky Member draw: Kaitlin Ackerman (not in attendance).

Meeting closed: 9.17pm.

Next Meeting: bowling 3 June / next meeting 8 July



Call Niazi or Norrie

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