

DRIVE TORQUE

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- **Belanglo Camp Oven Cook-off**
- **Christmas Party Invite**
- **Illawarra and Surrounds**

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Come and join us

General meetings 8pm on the second Friday of the month at Ermington Community Centre, 10 River Road, Ermington.

Committee meetings are held on the Tuesday night before the general meeting at committee members' homes; meetings start at 7:30pm. All club members are welcome.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Firstly, thank you to the outgoing committee members and a big welcome to the incoming committee. We have quite a few members who have not been on our club committee before and they are keen to start making their roles their own with some new and exciting initiatives; so stay tuned!

The committee has also created a sub-committee to investigate implementing bi-laws to complement our constitution, and I look forward to hearing what they come up with.

Look out for your new permit from the 4wd Association, this needs to be affixed to your car (back window preferred). It will allow you to participate in group activities in State Forests without any payment. The 4wd Association has paid an annual fee on behalf of clubs and their members, so simplifying the process for our members.

AGM - whilst not everyone may be happy with how the AGM was conducted, I believe the correct processes were followed which resulted in the current committee being elected. These individuals are enthusiastic about moving the club forward.

Facebook – The club Facebook group has never been an official **moderated** club forum, it is offered to enhance the club members experience but all official communication, documents, notifications and trip registrations should be made via the club website in the first instance.



Sometimes the discussions can get a bit emotional and heated on Facebook – please be respectful of our members and if you would not say it to their face don't do it online.

Suggestions– any club members with a suggestion or an idea on how to improve our great club should contact our club secretary. This is also the case for any complaints and/or issues. Members can also ask a committee member to list an item in the agenda for the next club meeting. Finally, if you feel the committee is not listening, you can also contact the public officer. Please respect the committee's decisions and provide time for due process for any outcomes.

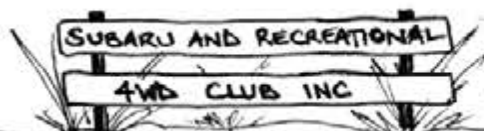
What a great club we have ; we are all about great times, with great people, enjoying the great outdoors.

Over the long weekend we had three separate trips heading out in different directions, so there was sure to be something to please everyone. Heidi, Isabelle and I headed to the Jeep Jamboree. We

will all look forward to hearing all about what went on during all these trips.

There is also a new members trip coming up in October and I look forward to meeting any new and potential members on that trip.

Brian



DRIVER AWARENESS OFFICERS' REPORT

Did you know that your \$80 Club membership includes Driver Awareness training which is aimed to make your 4WDing experience safer and more enjoyable?

Did you know this training also includes tuition for members wishing to become assessed and accredited in "Drive and Recover a 4WD vehicle" (National Accreditation)?

Your club Driver Awareness Officers for 2012/2013 are Brett Atkins & Mark Honor. During the next twelve months we plan to run a variety of Driver Awareness trips that will suit "All makes and All tastes" for our club members.

While we have a number of trips in the planning stage we are happy to take on board any ideas or suggestions for training that club members may have.

To kick things off we have already announced a day trip in the Sand at Stockton Beach and hopefully another trip very soon, close to Sydney.

Stayed tuned to the Club website and Facebook page for upcoming Driver



Awareness trips over the next 12 months.

In the meantime if any club member has any Driver Awareness related questions, we are only too happy to assist and can be contact at 4wdtraining@subaruclub.com.au

Always Remember, The Principle of 4WDing: "If in doubt, Stop get out and have a look" then "Think, Assess and Decide"

Brett & Mark

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With such great trips on offer, we are

2012 has had two extended trips so far (and there two more planned for the end of the year) – now when can I take holidays is the decision for us all to make. There are also some great day and weekend trips in the calendar that are listed below as well as Driver Awareness trips.

This year **July 2012** was very festive with our Christmas in July on 21st & 22nd arranged by Craig Y at Hill End Lodge for the second year running – the hall was filled with members in Rock & Roll fancy dress.

Mark & Karolyn did a trip in **August 2012** on 18th & 19th for a weekend driving in the south west mountains with a bush camp on private property, it was cold enough for snow. On 25th & 26th Michael & Julie led a trip to Belanglo. Everyone got out their camp ovens, spits, hotplates or even just a frying pan for – Master fire cooking, Lots of tasty food was available and no one was hungry.

Get ready for the 4WD Show, now including the Tinnie and Tackle Expo



Spring started in **September 2012** and John H lead a touring day trip to Northern Illawarra on 9th to see the natural & cultural highlights the area has to offer. Joey travelled down to Yalwal on 15th & 16th to camp beside the dam that flooded the original township. This was an easy trip with 4WD options. At the end of the month is the Labour Day Long Weekend and we have three trips. Mark is planning a trip to Mid North Coast and Barrington Tops from 28th to 1st October. This trip is rated medium/hard and no trailers. Julie & Michael are running a trip down south to Mystery Bay with the option of turning 3 days into 5 thanks to school holidays. Due to storms the tracks might still be closed but I am sure that other activities will be planned. James is also running a trip up to Bylong 4WD Park where there are tracks of all standards to test your vehicle and driving skills. WOW a trip North, South and West – just as well there is not one east because you would need a boat.

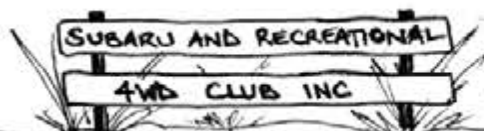
The 4WD and Adventure Show is in **October 2012** on 12th to 14th, it now incorporates Tinnie & Tackle Expo. The show is on at Eastern Creek and the club will have a stand – so come along and support your club. We have a New Members

Day trip on Sunday 28th to the Turon River National Park area, it would be great to have many new members and a lot of longstanding members as well.

Early in **November 2012** on 3rd & 4th David A is running the Darts & Dices 7 – who knows where they will all end up this year. Our Driver Awareness team – Brett A & Mark H – has a day of sand driving at Stockton Beach on 17th. Make sure you book in on this one or another one of these trips, these trips are a must for new members but no matter how many trips you have been on there is always something to learn. These trips include tuition, demonstrations and practice on all types of terrain and cover vehicle awareness and recovery techniques. David W is planning a 4WD & camping weekend trip on 24th & 25th to Chichcester Forest up near Dungog for an interesting drive into the mountains.

Christmas party time is **December 2012**, this year at Flat Rock Reserve which is between Tarana & O'Connell on 8th & 9th. Contact Julie for all the details & make sure you hand over your cash for dinner.

In **December 2012/January 2013** there are three trips. Michael &



truly a club for all makes and all tastes

Julie are going to Poley's Place at Gloucester where you can all Stop & Plop and do as little or as much as you like. There are two extended trips at this time. The first is to Tasmania which Troy & Sandi are leading and it includes an option of a 4 day walk around Cradle Mountain. The second trip is to some great locations in South Australia around the Eyre Peninsula; contact Craig Y for all the details.

For **Easter 2013** Craig F is going back to the sheep station on his trip – where the hell is "Dooroombah". Once you find out where to go & how to get there you can join him for 4 to 6 days in the bush and maybe more Emu eggs for breakfast.

An extended trip is planned in **April 2013** school holidays where we will follow Loz 'Way out West' to a beautiful part of NSW. Lots of great country and attractions to discover on this run over two weeks.

The last weekend in **May 2013** sees us back at the Hawkesbury Relay for Life in the local Showground for the 6th year in a row. This is a 24 hour event which raises funds for The Cancer Council and people attend to remember survivors and loved ones that have passed. We have sold

great food like roast beef rolls, soup and hot Milo at the last 4 events. Our attendance is organised by Kevin and you can come along for a short time or for the whole 2 days.

Already in **June/July**

2013 there is a three week trip on – A trip to the Tip – to Cape York. Jo & Josh are leading this and sorry but such is the appetite from members for extended trips that after just over a week since it was announced it is FULL. The run to the northern tip of Australia starts in Cairns on 2nd July and is due to return to Cairns on 18th. You can join the group for the drive from Sydney on 29th June and/or return to Sydney with them on 21st July or you can take your time up and/or back to/from Cairns. The rest of us will just stay home, envy them and make sure that we get out names down quickly next time.

Also in **September 2013** David A has booked in a trip

to Fraser Island & Landcruiser 4WD Park. There are no trailers and a limit of 8 cars and this tour is now FULL, so there is another trip that I will just have to sit at home while it is on.

If you would like to attend a trip go to the club website and use the Online Booking Form for the trip. You can also email or phone the trip leader for more information or to book on the trip.

We are always looking for new trip leaders and locations to visit. If you would like to run a trip contact the trip conveners to discuss and we will give you every advice possible and might even be able to assist on the trip.

Hope to see you at a club meeting or out on the track sometime soon on one of the great trips.

Adrian & David





Across the Mountains-





rain, sleet or snow

REPORT SUBMITTED BY MARK HONOR



October - November
2012



Bush Camp in the Mountains

18th and 19th August

Trip leaders: Mark and Karolyn Honor
Others: Michael, Andrew, Brenton, Kevin, Kim, Karen, David, Cathy, Neil

This was the situation on the Saturday 18th August as eleven brave souls met at a coffee shop in Blackheath. The mission was to cross the Blue Mountains from North to South, no matter what the weather conditions. Before we could proceed the execution of the mission was discussed over tea, coffee and cake by a roaring fire while the cold, wind, sleet and rain outside had other plans.

When we mustered the courage and with our orders clear, we all hit the Great Western Highway on our way to Jenolan Caves. It was not long before we found the road and landscape covered in this white stuff that Troy and Sandi have been telling us about for weeks. SNOW bloody snow everywhere, it looked fantastic but some of the curves looked a little slippery so much care and

a little skill were employed to reach our first objective of Jenolan Caves. It is worth noting at this point that our token Subaru Forester joined the convey after we found them stopped in the middle of the road checking the back of the car.

A quick look around at Jenolan before returning to our vehicles for a short climb out on the southern side to find even more





snow as we turned left on to Kanangra Walls Road. The gravel road and snow made for a fun drive to the Kowmung Trail which we followed south towards the Kowmung River. It was time to air down in anticipation of slippery and rocky tracks. Some fun was had in the snow with one wife deciding her husband was fair game while on his knees airing down.

The trail to the river was in good condition and before we knew it the beautiful Kowmung River was sitting there in front of us. In years gone by it was a deep fast flowing

crossing with rock steps to climb on the southern bank; but today there is a good rock and gravel causeway with only about 400mm of water and no steps. The Patrol could easily deliver the photographer and then reverse back so we all had a record of crossing.

Continuing on the Kowmung trail to the camp area of Dingo Dell was a pleasant drive with no snow at this altitude. Dingo Dell has some drop toilets and a nice looking creek; when it's not raining it is also a great place for lunch or camp. Today however we decided to push on to

Mount Werong where there is some shelter from the wind and rain. At this point you might be thinking why, why would you go out on a weekend in these conditions? So far we had seen the mountains as many do not and our spirits were high. There was plenty of humour on the airways and all vehicles were behaving themselves, the plan was coming together with plenty of shelter at Mount Werong, located on the old Camden to Oberon Stock Route. Following lunch we were in striking distance of our overnight camp on Jerrong Road and were





'The mission was to cross the matter what



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briefed on the next leg of our mission.

Brenton was a guest of our trip leaders and his family owns the property which was to be our overnight camp. At the last minute Mark and Karolyn were on the radio saying "let us stay off the main track and take this one" After a quick left turn and some mud and water Mark was on the radio again saying, "nothing ventured, nothing gained, at least it is heading in the right direction". Well it did take us to Jerrong Road via Parliament Hill and many slippery slopes and creek crossings. In the dry it would have been a different track but

with the wet we all had great fun and were able to learn more about our vehicle and what it could do safely, good to use a lower gear and stay off the brakes on some of those corners and slopes.

Upon reaching Jerrong Road it was only a short drive to Brenton's property but the shire had been working on the road so it was starting to look and feel like Adventure Way heading into Innamincka after rain. We found our own little spot to camp not too far from the old shack which was used for shelter during some of the heavier rain showers. Mark and Brenton took his chain saw and returned with a ute load of timber for our fire. After some encouragement we





Mount Werong

Blue Mountains from North to South, no the weather conditions'

had a roaring fire to ward off the chill and moisture. There was no 100 year old port but we could all drink to a successful days travel in the mountains.

Sunday morning saw a little more sun shine which was fantastic because we had planned a lazy start to the day. Before departing for Taralga we explored the Abercrombie River where it adjoins the rear of the property; some great pools for swimming and fishing when the temperature is above 6 deg. (there you go we said it was warmer today than yesterday)

On the leg to Taralga we made a few diversions that took us up on to the Range Trail, Lang's Road and then west along

Wombeyan Caves Road to Richlands. Morning tea or early lunch at one of the cafes in Taralga was very enjoyable and we were fortunate extra staff only lived 2 minutes away. From Taralga we travelled east along Bannaby Road for about 19km where Swallow Tail Pass is found on the right. Down a few steep hills on good gravel we arrived at the Tarlo River about 5km upstream from the junction with the Wollondilly River. Before crossing the river some of the group had a play on two hill climbs. Mitsubishi won the challenge with Nissan getting permission for some diff locks. It was good entertainment before crossing the river and continuing east through Big Hill and Brayton

before arriving at Marulan. On the road between the river and Big Hill the X-Trail showed us how driving on gravel is done, always mindful of road conditions and the speed limit. Reaching Marulan at around 2.30pm meant we had plenty of time to make our own way up the Hume and dry out some camping gear. The rain, cold and snow helped make this weekend a great trip. Thank you Brenton for your company, camp and chainsaw. We are all looking forward to the next adventure in this big country of ours.

Mission complete.,





Master Chef

EAT YOUR HEART OUT



WRITTEN BY JULIE RUSH



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TRIP REPORT: BELANGLO MASTER CAMP OVEN COOKING WEEKEND



Michael and Julie relaxing before the cook-off

BELANGLO MASTER CAMP OVEN COOKING WEEKEND

Leader Michael and Julie Rush

Campers

The Pink Team -

Julie & Michael Rush

The Green Team -

Jo & Shahni Quinn

The Silver Team -

Kim Nolan

The Blue Team -

Jenny & Sam Ebenezer

The Purple Team -

David, Tracey & Kaitlyn

Ackerman, Dean

(Tracey's brother) and

Nick & Amanda

Capratsis

The White Team -

Kevin McCormack

The Yellow Team -

Michael Dunstan

The Red Team -

Craig Fitzpatrick & Josh

The Orange Team -

Gabriel & Rosario

Rodriguez

The weekend started with magnificent weather for camping as we all met at Pheasants Nest for the short trip into Belanglo. Now I know it has a nasty history but it really is quite a lovely camping area and we should use it more often! In camp and being set up by about 11am allowed us to bask in the spring sunshine and enjoy the peace and serenity of the area. Being a cooking weekend the serenity was tinged with the sound of axe hitting wood as Craig no shoes got the firepit ready for all the delicious food waiting to be cooked, camp style! A

few went for a drive on the forest tracks for a bit of fun and found a few fallen trees to block their way at times.

Of course, the main aim of the weekend was to show off our cooking prowess by whatever means as long as there was no electricity or batteries involved - only fire.

Some chose the dream pot with fire to start it off, some used the Ozpig, others used frypans and, of course, there was the good old camp oven. Three categories were open to entrants: Fivesies, Main Course and Dessert. The

choice was yours as to what sections you entered, most chose to enter all 3. If you have ever been on a club trip that's had a communal meal I am sure you won't be surprised when you hear that no one went hungry on this weekend and the food was superb!

The entries:

Fivesies: Chilli corn fritters, Cheese & Chive scones, Meatballs and dipping sauce, Cheese & Chive Damper, Mixed skewers with satay sauce,





A bit of wine tasting

Cheese & Red Pepper Damper (winner – orange team)

Mains: Fish & Chips (winner – purple team), Chicken Casserole, Fish parcels with stuffed potatoes, Chicken Tandoori Skewers & Rice, Roast Pork and roast vegetables, Lamb Casserole, Beef Stroganoff, Pork curry

Desserts: Peach Steamed pudding, Choc Chip Damper Upside down pineapple cake (winner yellow team)

A great night was finished off around a roaring fire.

Sunday morning saw us hand out awards for best entries which was an extremely close affair, as well as the overall winners, which went to Gabriel & Rosario for their extra efforts in presentation – the use of local flora was the key!

We left camp and headed into Berrima for morning tea and a look around the shops then off to Joadja Winery for some sampling and lunch – how lovely lunching among the vines.

The afternoon finished off with a very interesting and enjoyable visit to the old mining ghost town of Joadja. Well worth a trip there for a weekend to explore and they even have camping!

All headed home after a very relaxing, enjoyable weekend thinking about what would be on the menu for Camp Cooking Masterchef 2013 – will you be there?



The end result



Orange Team



Red Team



Joadja Winery



TO THE 'GONG AND BEYOND

WRITTEN BY JESSICA DALKOLMO







Waking up with the sun tickling your nose, promising you a beautiful day ahead. Up we got and off we went. But hold on there, something was wrong. We are on our way to a day trip with our 4x4 club and we are low on the ground, diff-locks engaging and this unusual noise from the engine bay. Evan what happened to my Pajero? We left it at home and took Evan's toy out, his Nissan Skyline R32. With its 400 horse power motor, it was still not fast enough to get us on time to the meeting point at the

Southern Gateway Visitor Centre. Thank you Nissan now we have to do the Trip report. John and Jean chose the meeting point and the view over Wollongong was fantastic, shame the Centre was closed down but it did not really matter. After a quick introduction from John everybody introduced themselves. It was a combined club Trip with the Nissan club which was really good. Getting to know a different club and their members was excellent. Thanks guys for tagging along.

We headed off on the Bulli Pass which was a great bit of road to drive down in a sports car at least for Evan but not so much his co pilot. We stopped at Clifton to walk along the Sea Cliff bridge, a remarkable piece of engineering. The walk was wonderful; providing fresh sea air and beautiful views. We discovered something looking like a fin and our imagination started to kick in. We had many theories about this floating object in the water. Later on, with the help of the zoom of Troy's camera we discovered it was a seal.





When we arrived on the other side of the bridge the non walkers were waiting with the cars to get the drivers back to their cars. While waiting for the car shuffle we went down to the rock beach and what a wonderful spot it turned out to be. A very inviting rock pool and great view over the ocean. Once our drivers came to pick us back up we headed for morning tea to Stanwell Park. Another nice spot to kick back and relax and watch the hang gliders in the distance. And also what a good spot to celebrate Joey's Birthday. A fantastic job was done in organizing cakes and making Joey's day extra special. After stuffing ourselves with cake and coffee it was time to keep moving again and we went to see the hang gliders up close and personal on Bald Hill. What

an experience. We could have sat there for hours for all we care and watch them jump of the cliff with their gliders. But there was more on offer and we head of to Kellys Falls. Another wonderful spot hidden away if you do not know about it. Then our tummies started rumbling and it was time to head to our lunch destination, Hindu Sri Venkateswara Temple. John and Jean arranged a very interesting tour in which we learned a lot about the Hindu beliefs and the meaning of their gods. The Indian lunch was just superb, given it was cooked in such a little shed in the rear of the temple. The food was amazing! We love trying new things and it is definatly somewhere we will come back to and try the other dishes on offer. With full tummies we embarked on our next stop

to Helensburgh, a pretty little town. Missing out on the markets it was time to head to our last adventure for the day, Maddens Falls. A little bit of bushwalking to the Falls and we were presented with another piece of art that nature has created. It was a very nice spot to just finish off the day. Thank you John and Jean it was really nice and we really enjoyed ourselves. It was an overall fantastic day.





Subaru and Recreational 4WD Club Inc Calendar

Trip Conveners - Adrian McCormack 0423 303 419 and David Wellham 0419 226 203
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October 2012

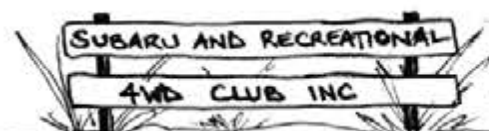
Tuesday	9th	Committee Meeting	Members welcome Contact President for details	
Friday	12th	General Meeting - 8pm	Ermington Community Centre River Rd, Ermington	
Friday	12th	4WD and Adventure Show Eastern Creek	Jo Quinn 0409 771 019 j.quinn@uws.edu.au	
Saturday	13th			
Sunday	14th			
Sunday	28th	New Members Day Trip Turon River NP Rating - Easy	David Wellham 0419 226 203 wellhamcorp@bigpond.com	

November 2012

Saturday	3rd	Dates & Dices 7 Location Unknown until the dart is thrown Rating Easy to Medium	David Ackermann 0433 121 305 dackermann07@gmail.com	
Sunday	4th			
Tuesday	6th	Committee Meeting	Members welcome Contact President for details	
Friday	9th	General Meeting - 8pm	Ermington Community Centre River Rd, Ermington	
Sunday	11th	Magazine submissions due to Editor	editor@subaruclub.com.au	
Saturday	17th	Sand Driving Awareness @ Stockton Rating Easy to Medium	Brett Atkins & Mark Honor 0412 208 874 & 0418 406118 4wdtraining@subaruclub.com.au	
Saturday	24th	Chichester Forest Camping & 4WD Weekend Rating Easy to Medium	David Wellham 0419 226 203 wellhamcorp@bigpond.com	
Sunday	25th			

December 2012

Saturday	8th	Christmas Party Flat Rock Reserve Between Tarana & O'Connell Rating Social	Julie Rush 0409 307 381 therushes@hotmail.com	
Sunday	9th			
Tuesday	11th	Committee Meeting	Members welcome Contact President for details	
Friday	14th	General Meeting - 8pm	Ermington Community Centre River Rd, Ermington	
Wednesday	26th	Stop & Plop Poley's Place Gloucester Rating Social	Julie Rush 0409 307 381 therushes@hotmail.com	1 week trip Ends Wednesday 2nd January



The Calendar is correct at the time of printing, all information regarding the trip and booking on it are available in the Future Fun section of this edition of Drive Torque, at the Club meetings and on the Club website. For the latest calendar information, see the club's website: subaruclub.com.au.

Members wanting to join a trip should contact the trip leader as soon as possible, and also again a day or so before the trip to allow the trip leader to advise members of any changes or cancellations.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Wednesday	26th	Inbred Island or bust (just kidding...Tasmania here we come!) Extended trip Rating - Easy	Troy & Sandi Strickland 0414 870168 sandsi@exemail.com.au	4 week trip Ends Sunday 20th January
Wednesday	26th	South Australia at Christmas & New Year Rating Easy	Craig Young 0408 688 344 craig@impactfs.com.au	3 week trip Ends Sunday 13th January
January 2013				
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Sunday	13th	Magazine submissions due to Editor	editor@subaruclub.com.au	
March 2013				
Thursday	28th	where the hell is "Dooroombah" Rating - Easy	Craig Fitzpatrick 0419 013 301 craigfitzpatrick@bigpond.com	6 day Long Weekend
Friday	29th			
Saturday	30th			
Sunday	31st			
Monday	1st			
Tuesday	2nd			
April 2013				
Saturday	13th	Way out West Extended Trip Rating Medium	Lauren Horwitz 0404 865 025 laurenehorwitz@hotmail.com	2 week trip Ends 28th April
May 2013				
Saturday	25th	Hawkesbury Relay for Life Rating - Social	Kevin McCormack 0428 408 568 levin_mccormack@inet.net.au	
Sunday	26th			
June 2013				
Saturday	29th	Trip to the tip Extended trip Rating - Medium to Hard TRIP FULL	Jo Quinn & Josh Parkinson 0409 771 019 jquinn@uws.edu.au	3 week trip Ends 21st July in Sydney Cairns/Cairns 2 to 18 July
September 2013				
Saturday	21st	Fraser Island Extended Trip Rating - Medium TRIP FULL	David Ackermann 0433 121 305 dackermann07@gmail.com	2 week trip Ends Monday 7 October



In the coming months, we



Cradle Mountain in Tasmania

Darts and Dice 7 November 3-4

Darts and Dices is on again it promises to be a weekend full of the unknown. Need I say anymore.

Throw a dart ,roll the dice, toss a coin who knows what will happen next and where well will go ? Date 3-4 November 2012 Meeting Place Twin Service Stations Pheasants South Bound Time 900am - 930.

Trip leaders David and Tracey Ackermann

Trip grading Easy

Bookings Online

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dackermann07@gmail.com

Sand Driving Awareness @ Stockton November 17

The Driver Awareness Officers Mark Honor & Brett Atkins would like to invite members along to a Driver Awareness/Training Day on the sand at Stockton Beach.

It will be run as a day trip so please be prepared for an early start which

will allow time during the day for a leisurely picnic lunch on the beach.

The days training will include; Vehicle preparation and maintenance, sand driving and recovery techniques and post trip checks & tips.

The trip will be ideal for new members or those who would like to refresh their sand driving skills, it will also suitable for anyone who just enjoys sand driving and hitting the dunes



Stockton Beach

have so much variety

Any further questions please feel free to contact Brett or Mark
4wdtraining@subaruclub.com.au

Trip Grading Easy

rip leaders Brett Atkins and Mark Honor

Bookings Online

0433121305 Email

dackermann07@gmail.com

Club Christmas Party

December 8-9

Flat Rock Reserve between

Tarana & O'Connell only 2 ½

hours from Sydney. Free camping by the river – get your name

down for this annual event. Cost

\$20 per adult \$5 per child (under

10) \$10 per child (10 & over) -

please pay Julie at the meetings.

Trip leaders Julie Rush

Trip grading Social

Bookings Online

Tasmania here we come

December 26 to January

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We will be taking the overnight

ferry over to Tasmania either on

the 26th or 27th and getting the

ferry back to Melbourne on the

19th of January. For information

on fares and accommodation

please see spiritoftasmania.com.au.

Basically if you want to take a

camper trailer and get a nice, cosy

cabin it will cost about \$2,000

return for a family of four.

There are less-expensive options

such as the chairs etc – it's up to

you which you pick, but you will

need to

decide early so that we can

arrange a group booking, which

comes with discounts. For the

most basic of trips you could

probably get it down to \$1,000 to

\$1,200 for a family.

We will be taking in the



The club's tent at last year's Relay for Life (top) and the campsite at Doorroombah.

scenery and travelling around the north coast towards Strahan where we will spend three nights in order to take in the Gordon River and railway tours. We will then work our way around to Hobart via the Great Lakes district, Cradle Mountain etc. From Hobart we will do the famous Salamanca markets and Bruny Island. We will check out Strathgordon because it looks cool on the map and follow the coast northwards back to Devonport. There is a lunatic fringe in our club who want to hike for four to six days in the middle of nowhere. We will offer our farewells then trash their cars until they possibly make it to their destination and rejoin the group. For those mad enough to consider this hike, there are no pubs on the way – so be warned. Please speak to Troy or Sandi (especially if you have a mental health qualification).

From what I can gather, Tasmania will be the type of place where you move a lot. Mainly due to the fact that you don't want to be backtracking too much. I am

intending to stay at caravan parks and camping grounds as a bit of a mixture but I will be select places with at least basic toilet facilities.

Given Tasmania as a whole is remote, vehicles must be in very good condition. You must also play well with others. I expect we will travel 5,000 to 6,000km on the trip in total. I look forward to counting my gear changes.

There will be theme nights and competitions along the way. We will be doing lots of tours and sightseeing.

The trip is limited in the number of vehicles due to the capacity of campgrounds and caravan parks. Happy to receive feedback on what to see and do. It's a bit of a flower-picking expedition but Evan has relatives (surprised?) in them-thar hills and they may provide some info on 4x4 tracks etc. We will also need to make a group decision re departure dates etc. as we can get a group discount. I will do the same with the caravan parks accommodation.

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Trips here, trips there, do

From previous page

Total cost will depend on what you spend at the markets but I am expecting between \$5K and \$8K all inclusive. You will need to let me know if you intend to bring a camper, want powered or unpowered sites.

If you do suffer or may suffer from motion sickness, let me know and I will try to get some Scopolamine patches from NZ. They are sold over the counter there but no longer in Oz. No idea why. They are a transdermal patch applied behind the ear. Designed for astronauts I can vouch for their capability and effect. They are not snake oil!

Trip leaders Troy and Sandi Strickland

Trip grading Easy

Bookings Online

Christmas – New Year Stop & Plop

December 26- January 2

Come join us after all the hectic festivities leading up to Christmas for a relaxed break at Poleys Place on the Barrington River at Gloucester only 3 1/2 hours from Sydney. Do as much or as little as you like. Arrive when it suits and leave when it suits. Costs are roughly \$10 per adult and \$2.50 per child (3-13) and there is a minimum charge for 2 nights. This is a great spot to kick back and relax, let the kids enjoy the river and wind down after a busy year. Take a trip up to Barrington National Park, a day trip to Taree and surrounds or go no further than the shady trees and the river. Suitable for tents, campers and vans. Get your name down now or contact Julie and Michael for more Information.

Trip leaders Julie and Michael Rush



Trip grading Social/ Easy

Bookings Online

Where the Hell is “Doorroombah”

March 28- April 2, 2013

Come join me on the Easter break next year. The trip is at a property called Doorroombah, a working sheep station, just past Tooraweenha where we stayed on the June long weekend. We will be exploring more of the property and the surrounding national park. Doorroombah has been set up for 4x4s, the 4x4 park is called ados4wd.com. It has about 50km of tracks that are rated from easy to hard, there is a fee for using the tracks, \$20 a day (that’s all day and night if you want) and it doesn’t matter if it’s wet or not. We will visit the emu farm again for those who are interested and a trip into the Warrumbungle National Park. There are flush toilets and hot showers and plenty of room to spread out. On Easter Sunday there will be an Easter egg hunt for the kids and maybe a communal dinner that night. There is no limit on cars and it is camper and caravan

friendly. The cost of a camp site will be \$9 a night for adults and kids free. So come along and have fun – we all did last time we were there.

Trip leader Craig Fitzpatrick

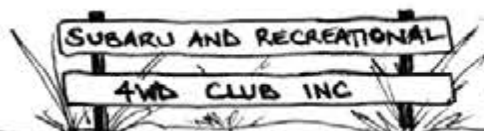
Trip grading Easy

Bookings Online

Hawkesbury Relay for Life 2013

May 25-May 26, 2013

This year’s event was a great success and the Hawkesbury Relay raised \$160K against a target of \$100K. Our club did well too, and bettered our \$2,000 target by raising \$2,500. Well done and a big thank-you to everyone involved. So come again and join the fun as we feed the masses to raise funds to help defeat cancer. (It’s a bit early to detail all the events that will be held but I will keep you up to date and it’s usually a fun packed program.) Our involvement in the Hawkesbury Relay for Life began with the 2008 event and these events have turned out to be a whole lot of fun. Most of us were new to a Cancer Council Relay event and I’m sure I speak for everyone when I say we took a lot away from the experience – fun



one or many, if you dare

events during the day and at night the Hope ceremony for emotive remembrance of those gone before us and before their time, some joy, some tears! There is heaps of room for overnight camping so bring your Winnebago, caravan, trailer, tent – whatever you need to make yourself comfortable. Visitors are welcome to come browse the many stalls. Early bird registration \$15 per person (pay by March 26) After that it is \$20 per person. Includes a Relay shirt.

Trip leader Kevin McCormack

Trip grading Social

Bookings Online

A Trip to The Tip

July 2 to 18, 2013

TRIP FULL

June/July next year we are planning a trip to Cape York. The trip either side of Cairns is very open ended and people can take as much time as they desire travelling either side of

the Cape section. For those who want to do the whole trip from Sydney, the itinerary takes in Carnarvon Gorge and Undara Lava Tubes on the way up and Airlie Beach on the way back. The dates are set around the NSW school holidays and the 1st week of term 3. This is to best cater for those who are schoolteachers or have children at school and to avoid travelling the whole three weeks in school holidays as Qld's are different from ours. The trip up to the Tip includes Weipa, Elliot and Fruit Bat Falls, Seisia, Captain Billys Landing, Chilli Beach, Archer River and Cooktown – to name a few. The planned itinerary at this stage is quiet loose and will be finalised at a planning meeting towards the end of August for those interested.

There will be a limit on the number of vehicles for safety and time frame reasons. We may look at splitting into two groups at Cairns, with one convoy heading up the east side

while the others head up the west side; all of us crossing over at the Tip and then retracing the other group's path back to meet in Cairns – this can be decided at the planning meeting. Due to recent changes by the Qld Government, all campsites in the National Parks on the Cape York Peninsula need to be booked necessitating a level of commitment.

Trip leaders Jo Quinn and Josh Parkinson

Trip grading Medium



New NSW Forestry Stickers

As it turns out NSW Forestry have the right to charge for entry to state forests. For years they have not exercised that right. Times being what they are they are now looking at charging groups for the use of the state forests.

With this in mind the Four Wheel Drive Assoc'n of which our club is a member, have negotiated with Forestry so that all clubs can use the forests. The association has paid Forestry a fee covering all clubs and with this in mind you will receive a sticker for your car with the next magazine. This sticker should be placed on the rear window of your car.

Unfortunately there is more to it than just putting a sticker on your car. Forestry wish to be notified in advance, for groups of 10 cars or more, of the planned use of Forestry tracks and camping activities. To this end trip leaders will need to do this. It is relatively simply as there is an on line form on the association web site on the left hand side of the screen entitled Trip Plan – Forests NSW on the screen below

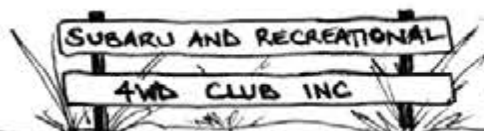
http://4wdnow.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=section&id=8&Itemid=56

though you will need to login to the association's web site

www.4wdnow.com to get to the form.



David H



Hello everyone,

As your new Technical Officer, I will write an article for each issue of the club magazine. The article will be about cars, how they work and what you need to do to keep them on the road so that hopefully you arrive home from club trips by driving your car and not coming on the back of a tow truck or needing to be repaired on the side of the road.

This magazine's article is about servicing operations.

Servicing is a very big part of keeping your car working and not breaking down.

You need to service your car to the manufacturer's recommendations for distance travelled or age – whichever comes first. This is important for cars under warranty for the manufacturer to accept your claim and especially critical as your car ages. In some conditions – very hot weather, dusty conditions, extreme and long distances of off road driving or if your car has travelled over 200 000kms you might need to service your car more often. Another time to do an extra service is before or after a big trip.

Let's start with engines – your engine is the most common part of the car that you service. The oil is replaced as well as the oil filter, make sure that the correct type of oil is used for your car. Engine oil reduces friction, heat and cleans the engine.

Gear oil also needs to be changed, it is in the transmission – manual or automatic – and also in the diffs, and in our case we would have both front and rear diffs. Again this oil reduces friction, heat and cleans. If you do many or long water crossings you should have the transmission & diffs checked afterwards and the oil changed if water is in them. Water can get into these and destroy them, maybe if you are doing this type of driving you need to consider extended breathers.

When the oils are drained ensure that they are checked for any metal, both large and small as this could be the first sign of a problem – cheaper to fix a small problem than when it has grown to a big problem.

Coolant is another item that needs to be replaced as recommended; it reduces heat in the engine. If coolant is not replaced it loses its additives and can rust or corrode the engine and radiator. If the level of coolant reduces due to a leak anywhere in the system, the engine is at risk of blowing a head gasket, potentially a one to two thousand dollar repair cost, or worst still seizing the engine, meaning many thousands or even ten thousand dollars or more to replace a motor.

Brake fluid is very important but often forgotten by drivers and needs to be replaced usually every 2 years. Brake fluid applies the brake pads/linings via hydraulic pressure; over time the fluid absorbs moisture which can lower the boiling point. Brakes get very hot and if the fluid boils and creates air bubbles the brakes might fail. Not able to stop means not able to go.

Remember Confucius say – never go faster than you can stop.

Power steering fluid is in most modern cars and this also needs to be changed. It works by pressure so that it is easier to steer the car.

Spark plugs, if you have a petrol car, are another item that needs replacing at set times, and if you have an old petrol car like my L series they will also have points to replace. These are the parts that deliver the spark into the motor to ignite the fuel. No spark means no go.

Filters are items that clean the fluids in your car or the fuel and air as it enters the engine. Oil filters are replaced when you do the oil change as with gear filters if your car has them. The fuel filter will have a useful lifespan so it needs to be replaced as recommended as well as the air filter, but the air filter might need to be done more often if you drive a lot on dirt roads. An engine needs to breathe clean air just like we do to last.

The acid level in batteries should be checked especially in winter. The acid can leak and if the level drops the battery will not be able to charge properly and therefore the car will not start. No start means no go.

The final item to check is tyres. The pressures should be checked at least

monthly and adjusted as required. They might need to be increased for extra load or reduced for off road and then increased when back on tar. Tyres are the most forgotten and neglected component on cars – but they are the most important for safety, performance and fuel economy. Neglecting tyres can cost a lot of money due to early replacements. No air means no go. During the service the mechanic will also look at and check other parts of the car like brakes, suspension, exhaust etc to see if there are other items that need to be looked at, replaced or repaired.

It would be good to learn the basics of the components of your car. Your mechanic can make mistakes so you should at least do a visual check of your car after a service and ask questions if necessary especially if you think there is a problem that needs to be looked at. If the mechanic does not want to answer your questions, then maybe you should be going somewhere else. The mechanic should also be willing and able to show you the old parts that were replaced during the service or repair.

Another reason to learn the basics is that you can check the oils and fluid levels and do a quick inspection at least monthly, top up fluids if necessary and see any issues when they start. Checks should also be done during long trips. I know many of us just want to drive our cars and not be bothered to check items but finding a problem early and getting it repaired is usually cheaper and always more convenient than breaking down.

I can assist anybody to show them the basic items on their cars to check – a check would only take 5 minutes and could save a lot.

If there are any topics you want me to write about or questions you need answered, please put a post on our club forum or let Michael our secretary know. I will not always know the answer straight away but will research for you and find out.

Cheers.

Joey



Subaru and Recreational 4WD Club Inc.

Annual General Meeting – Friday 10th August 2012

Meeting Opened: 9.35

Meeting Chairperson: Brian Hampson

Meeting Secretary: Michael Rush

Attendance: as per book

Apologies: as per General Meeting minutes

Minutes of previous meeting:

Accepted: Craig

Seconded: Julie

Treasurers Report:

2010 2011 2012

Opening Balance \$7,559.01
\$7447.69 \$8309.33

Outgoing \$8003.83 \$10440.25
14008.41

Incoming \$7892.51 \$11301.89
14166.19

Closing Balance \$7447.69
\$8309.33 8467.11

Club Account \$5867.68
\$6729.33 7774.92

Olinda Hall Account \$1580.01
\$1580 1580.01

Presidents Report:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing committee for their hard work over the past 12 months. Hopefully you have found the experience worthwhile even if a little time consuming.

The club has had some great trips this year with several well attended training weekends, lots of day trips a variety of weekends and a great selection of extended trips! Big thanks to those members that put their hands up to run a trip in the past 12 months. Running trips can be a very rewarding experience and if every member ran one trip a year we would have 120 trips how great would that be! The social calendar was also pret-

ty good this year what a great time we had canyoning in the Blue Mountains and Christmas in July was full of Stars. If you are a trip leader don't be put off with nonattendance or poor numbers the trip may not have suited people at that time and maybe try again on another day.

I won't be at the AGM this year as it conflicts with our two week ski trip but I look forward to hearing about the new committee members and what they can offer the club.

Vice President:

Thanked the outgoing committee members for their service.

Elections:

All positions are declared vacant and these are available to be filled.

Kevin McCormack requested that a poll be used for contested positions. In terms of section 14.9 of the constitution, 3 members are required to support this.

Supported by Kevin McCormack, Adrian McCormack (proxy held by Kevin) and David Welham.

Scrutineers: Julie, David, Karen

Position Nominated

Nominator/Seconder
Response Result
President Brian Flood Jessica Dalkolmo/Craig Fitzpatrick
Accepted Moved by ballot
Craig Young Alex Caddell/Brett Atkins Declined

Kevin McCormack Craig Fitzpatrick/Michael Dunstan
Accepted
Vice President Jo Quinn Kevin McCormack/Michael Dunstan
Accepted Moved by ballot

Craig Young Jessica Dalkolmo/Brett Atkins
Accepted
Treasurer Cath de Santis Michael Rush/ Jo Quinn Declined
Ian Waters Brett Atkins/Craig Declined
Kevin McCormack Corina/Michael Dunstan
Accepted Moved
Secretary Michael Rush Jason Finlayson/Michael Dunstan
Accepted Moved
Membership Karolyn Honor Jason Finlayson/Jo Quinn
Accepted Moved
Trip convenors Adrian McCormack Karen Finlayson/Kevin McCormack
Accepted Moved
David Wellham Cath Di Santis Accepted Moved
Mark Honor Jason Finlayson/Jessica Dalkolmo
Declined
Delegates Vacant
Technical Officer Joey Wellham Kevin McCormack/Michael Dunstan Accepted Moved by ballot
Mark Honor Hayley Hadfield/Jessica Dalkolmo
Declined
Craig Young Brett Atkins/Jessica Dalkolmo
Accepted
Editor Joel Dedman Guy Freeman/Michael Dunstan
Accepted Moved by ballot
Hayley Hadfield Brett Atkins/Alex Caddell Accepted

Assistant Editor Hayley Hadfield Jessica Dalkolmo/Kevin McCormack
Declined
Michael Dunstan Julie Rush/Kevin McCormack
Declined
Hayley Hadfield Mark H/Michael Dunstan Accepted
Moved
Social



Convenor Julie Rush Jo
 Quinn/Cath di Santis Accepted
 Moved on ballot result
 Craig Young Jason F/Brett
 Atkins Accepted
 Publicity Officer Jo Quinn
 Craig/ Jessica Accepted
 Moved
 Fundraising Julie Rush Cath di
 Santis/ Jo Quinn Accepted
 Moved
 Catering Officer Karen Campbell
 Julie Rush/Michael Dunstan
 Accepted Moved
 Julie Rush Craig/Haley
 Declined
 Driver Awareness (2 positions)
 Brett Atkins Craig
 Young/Jessica Dalkolmo
 Accepted Moved by Ballot
 Brian Flood Jessica
 Dalkolmo/Michael Dunstan
 Accepted
 Mark Honor Jo Quinn/Julie
 Rush Accepted Moved by
 ballot
 Webmaster Michael Dunstan
 Jessica Dalkolmo/Julie Rush
 Accepted Moved
 Alex Cadell Hayley
 Hadfield/Mark Honor
 Declined
 Sergeant @arms Robert Moss
 Karen Campbell/Sandra Moss
 Accepted Moved

New committee welcomed and
 Meeting closed at 10.25pm

Subaru & Recreational 4WD Club Inc

General Meeting

Friday 10 August 2012

Meeting Opened: 8.17

Apologies Brian, Heidi, Joel,
 Geoff, Sandi, Troy, Kim, Paul B,
 Adrian McCormack

Attendance: As per attendance
 book

New Members/Visitors:

Various new members/visitors
 introduced themselves

Topic Comments

Previous Minutes

Accepted: Craig F

Seconded : Evan
 Business Arising Nil
 Presidents Report As read
 Correspondence In/Out Telstra
 Invoices, VKS 737, Subaru Club of
 SA, Subaru Club of Qld, Track
 Chat, TLCC. 3 membership
 renewals.
 RFDS off to send a speaker to
 club meeting
 Confirmation from Parramatta
 Council of Hall bookings for
 2012/2013 and Invoice
 Certificate from Relay for Life
 Treasurers report Closing
 balance: Club Account \$7774.92
 and Olinda \$1580.01.
 Trip Convenors-

Past Trips:

Xmas in July
 Munga Thirri

Future Trips:

Blue Mountains camping: 18
 August
 Master Fire Camping Belangalo:
 25 August
 Mid Sep – Yalwal
 Illawarra touring (John Hocking)
 – 9 Sep
 Yalwal – 15 Sep
 North Coast/Barrington Tops –

October long weekend - Mystery
 Bay
 28 October – New members trip
 Fraser Island (David Ackerman)
 Toorawheena
 July 2013: Cape York (Jo Quinn)
Delegates Heidi to provide report
 on last Association meeting
Editor

Thanks for the opportunity to
 serve as Editor. Looking forward
 to handover

Membership Secretary 81

Members

Social Convener/Publicity Officer

4Wd show in October,
 volunteers required.
 Technical Officer
 Driver Awareness

Thanks to all who attended
 the awareness trips
 Webmaster Website needs a
 little work to update
 Fundraising
 Special Projects
 Ian's Table
 Sergeant @ Arms Various
 criminal charges laid and fines
 recorded.
 General Business Off Road racing
 –see Craig F
 Reccie south coast - see David A

Meeting Closed: 9.17pm



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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 last spring was a gentle intro to the club.



Convoy and trip procedures



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

2 Maintain position in convoy except in unusual circumstances.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EXCEPTION: Radio silence may be broken for another emergency.



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

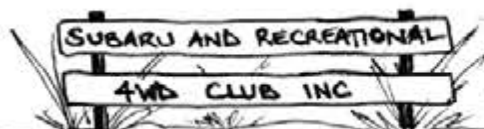
10 The position of “tail-end Charlie” will be allotted by the trip leader. This person will be required to advise the Trip Leader of various events during the trip, and stay with his/her vehicle and operate the CB should an emergency situation arise.

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

STAY IN TOUCH

When on trips our club uses broadcast channel 15 UHF

The alternate channel is 16 UHF



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modification –
which will increase your
engine's tuning capabilities



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