



# SOUTHERN TRAILS

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# President's Post

Jim Anderson

Hi All

I would like to thank the committee members who have put their time and effort into developing the format of this newsletter - it has of course been a work in progress and we are now getting results. Also thanks to those members who provide written and verbal trip reports for inclusion in the newsletter and for presentation at the general meetings. If you have an article that you consider will interest club members please contact Michael Patrick ([publications@st4wdc.com.au](mailto:publications@st4wdc.com.au)) to have it included in the newsletter.

The Public Relations team has developed some exciting new packages for businesses interested in advertising with our club on the website and at the property. A number of local businesses that have supported the club over many years, Monaro Off Road Queanbeyan, Battery World Phillip, and Canberra Toyota, have purchased packages. ARB purchased naming rights to the home paddock gate earlier in the year and other businesses are currently considering the various options. The club appreciates their support and looks forward to continuing this relationship. Details of club member discounts available will be published in the August newsletter.

Work is continuing on the review of the club's governance documents and it is expected to have finalised draft documents available in early August for general members to consider with the aim of voting on the proposed revised constitution and by-laws at the September general meeting. Advice will be provided via e-mail and details posted on the website. It will also be discussed at the August general meeting.

Unfortunately, due to family and work commitments, Graeme Booth has resigned from the position of Publications Coordinator. We wish Graeme and his family all the very best and thank him for his input and contribution while he was on the committee. While we have a workaround to fill the vacancy in the short term, the committee is seeking to fill the role permanently for the remainder of the year (ie until the AGM in early March 2017). If you are

interested in this committee position please contact Michael Patrick (e-mail above) to find out what is involved.

Don't forget that tickets to the club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary function on November 5 are available for purchase from Lynne Donaldson, Membership Secretary, at the general meetings. Get your tickets to celebrate this significant club milestone - details are available in the newsletter.

See you at the next general meeting on 12 July.

Jim



# Editors Feed

Michael Patrick

December 2015 was the last edition of the Southern Trails magazine and we have replaced the magazine with the Southern Trails newsletter. This newsletter has incorporated most of the relevant articles from the magazine but removed a lot of duplication. For 2016 there will be changes to the newsletter as it evolves into maturity.



I wish to apologise to our members who have contributed written trip reports that have not been published, in the next couple of issues this will be rectified. It is very important that you realise that this is your newsletter and your input is critical for the newsletter to be successful. If you have any ideas, comments or input please email them to [publications@st4wdc.com.au](mailto:publications@st4wdc.com.au)



## Lynne's Latest

Even though it was a fairly quiet meeting with current members, we had a very good number of visitors.

7 new members this month – this is fantastic. The feedback from new members is how welcome they feel at a Club Meeting. Well done to all that come and have a chat to our visitors and new members.

If you do not have a round State Association sticker or 2016 date sticker please come and see me at the meeting.

We have had 7 new members join this month:

Michael Duncan	–	Toyota Prado
Humayun & Melanie Qureshi	–	Mitsubishi Pajero
Clay Mifsud	–	Nissan GU Patrol
Daniel Donaldson	–	GQ Patrol
Michael Jackson-Rand	–	Mitsubishi Triton
Matthew Maddigan & Terri Giuretis		
Brady Slaughter	–	VW Amarok

Below are the numbers for Memberships:

Ordinary	–	233
Life	–	9
Associate	–	2
Partners	–	183
Family	–	5
Total memberships	–	432

It will be a busy year with the 40th Anniversary of the Club. If you know of any old members that you are still in touch with, please tell them to email or give me a call so that I can put them on the mailing list to invite.

Tickets will be on sale at \$50.00 each at meetings until November, come and buy a ticket or give me a call to organise a bank transfer if you cannot get to a meeting.

Please put your name up on the website so that we can get an indication of numbers.

We are also after any old photos for the night. Scott Cumming has kindly agreed to organise the slide show for the evening, if you could contact him by phone 0490 000 913 or email [property@st4wdc.com.au](mailto:property@st4wdc.com.au) if you have anything for him – it would be muchly appreciated.



Remember this? The bridge over Duck's Crossing.

# Trips Register

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Leader</b>
16-Jul-16	17-Jul-16	Talooge Park Muster	Muster	Scott Cumming
30-Jul-16	30-Jul-16	Mount Clear in the Snow	Grade 3	Glen Watts
13-Aug-16	14-Aug-16	It could be cold at Bendethera Caves	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
17-Aug-16	17-Aug-16	Basic Training 4WD Vehicle Evaluation	Training	Peter Butterfield
20-Aug-16	21-Aug-16	Talooge Park Muster	Muster	Scott Cumming
27-Aug-16	28-Aug-16	Train the Trainer	Training	Peter Butterfield
27-Aug-16	11-Sep-16	Mungo, Merindee, Murray and more	Grade 2	Alex & Andrea Szabo
8-Sep-16	11-Sep-16	Safe One Basic Driver Training at Talooge Park	Training	Peter Butterfield
17-Sep-16	18-Sep-16	Talooge Park Muster	Muster	Scott Cumming
24-Sep-16	26-Sep-16	Towards Batemans Bay	Grade 2	Alex & Andrea Szabo
24-Sep-16	25-Sep-16	Explore The Tracks of Abercrombie River National Park	Grade 2	Michael Patrick
1-Oct-16	3-Oct-16	Bush Skills Weekend	Event	Michael Patrick
5-Oct-16	5-Oct-16	Basic Training 4WD Vehicle Evaluation	Training	Peter Butterfield
14-Oct-16	16-Oct-16	SES Landsearch Exercise (Talooge Closed)	Trip	Marj Jones
20-Oct-16	23-Oct-16	Safe One Basic Driver Training at Talooge Park	Training	Peter Butterfield
29-Oct-16	30-Oct-16	Talooge Park Muster	Muster	Scott Cumming
5-Nov-16	5-Nov-16	40th Anniversary Celebration	Event	Lynne Donaldson
11-Nov-16	13-Nov-16	Safe One Basic Driver Training at Talooge Park	Training	Peter Butterfield
12-Nov-16	20-Nov-16	Victorian High Country Ramble	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
19-Nov-16	19-Nov-16	Safe One Basic Driver Training Course Follow-up Day	Training	Peter Butterfield
26-Nov-16	27-Nov-16	ST4WDC Christmas Party at Talooge	Event	Rob Donaldson
10-Dec-16	11-Dec-16	Talooge Park Muster	Muster	Scott Cumming
29-Jan-17	29-Jan-17	Backyard Explorer and Blue Waterholes	Grade 2	Alex & Andrea Szabo
11-Mar-17	13-Mar-17	Stockton Beach	Grade 2	Robert Azzito
18-Mar-17	26-Mar-17	Search for the missing huts of the Vic High Country	Grade 3	Michael Patrick

# 4Wheel Drive Spectacular Outdoor Recreation Show

Marj Jones

The Show was not only a success as to the number of people through the gate and the number of exhibitors, but a financial success as well.

## A breakdown of the profits were:

Clubs received	\$17,500	each
SES	\$10,000	

## Charities to which a donation was made:

Angel Care Flight	\$7,500	
Royal Flying Doctor Service (Broken Hill Branch)	\$6,250	
VKS	\$6,250	
Three rural Hospital Auxiliaries	\$5,000	(shared)

The three Auxiliaries, Wellington, Condobolin and Barham were nominated by the United Hospital Auxiliaries of NSW as the ones which would benefit most.

The Show would not have been such a success if it wasn't for all the volunteers who assisted, before, during and after the Show, particularly the members of the Show Committee who put in a massive amount of time.

A Huge thanks to all.



# Club Clothing

## Shirts

Polo (cotton/polyester lightweight) \$38:00

Chamberly (long sleeve) \$45:00

## Tops

Jackets \$95:00

Hoodies \$45:00

Rugby Tops \$50.00

## Headwear

Baseball Caps \$15:00

Bucket Hats \$15:00

Beanies \$20:00

## Badges

Name Badges \$10:00

## **\*\*SPECIAL\*\***

Smaller Sized Polo Shirts - ideal for older children \$20:00

# Grass Files

Victoria Jewett

## Introduction

Talooge Park has a diverse number of grasses from native to highly invasive feral species. A healthy native pasture contains many forbs, small non-woody, broad-leafed plants as well as wild flowers and orchids. Native grasslands provide fodder and habitat for native animals including small critters and insects. A diverse pasture provides protection for all resident species. Following on from my article of last year I thought it would be worth shining a spotlight on heroes and villains in the grass world, how to recognize them and understand their potential for harm or good. The following grass is native to Talooge Park and in need of nurture.

## Kangaroo Grass



*Themeda australis* (aka *Themeda triandra*), commonly known as kangaroo grass, is a densely tufted perennial, summer-growing grass with a very distinctive seed head.

It grows mostly in temperate grassland communities and woodlands. It can

reach up to 1.5 meters in height and half a meter across. While very responsive to summer rain it does not withstand heavy grazing, especially during flowering (December/January). It is tolerant of drought and fire and can be burnt to produce a 'green fire break' around fence lines. It is an



excellent fodder grass especially when young.

A common species on all soil types, kangaroo grass is one of the most widely distributed grasses in Australia, once a dominant tussock over wide areas of grassland and woodland, it now faces competition by introduced grasses.

This grass makes an attractive addition to rockeries and native garden habitat. It can be grown from seed or by division of older clumps.

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# OziExplorer Nav X

Victoria Jewett

## Participants

Adam Bokeyer, Gary Mc Laughlin, Greg Patterson, Victoria Jewett, Bill Dykhoff

## Trainers

Michael Patrick, Chris Nicholls, Alex Szabo.

Wet conditions over the weekend did not hinder training. In fact a warm fire and a stash of rainbow snakes made for ideal tutorial conditions. Meanwhile flooded creeks and dubious driving conditions provided opportunity for a



different training format. We became the first class to navigate a convoluted route around Talooe tracks. Back in time for afternoon tea, our first sortie achieved the desired effect; oops moments. The consequent problem solving made for a valuable de-brief, and better understanding of Ozi Explorer in time for happy hour.

What a powerful program. Thanks to Michael for installing a Club version of

Win CE on my Navigation device, so easy to load way points from my PC or laptop. What I also found helpful was seeing how Chris and Alex use Ozi Explorer to plan and plot trips, once again revealing the program's strength and versatility. A lifetime licence for your platform of choice represents outstanding value at one third the cost of pre-packaged units. Further benefits include

- full participation in club trips
- ability to plot routes for yourself
- greater confidence exploring new tracks

- route sharing - download or share way points and routes with others

On Sunday the plotted route through Tallaganda Forest successfully terminated under a grey sky in Captain's Flat. That night I sat down and plotted a recce into Tallanganda Forest and look forward to knowing exactly where I am on future 4WD trips. It really is worth speaking with Michael, Chris or Alex before making any purchase of a GPS unit.



Chinese 7inch GPS Unit less than \$100.00

# Brindabella Classic

Jeremy Redmond

Tara McLaughlin—Trip leader

Chris Bitmead

Bill Dykhoff

Jeremy Redmond

Michael Patrick



The Brindabella Classic was a chance for a few of us to put our newly learned skills from the recent training course into action. Aply led by Tara, the five cars headed off from Brindabella station up to Mt Coree. The views from the top were as usual spectacular and thankfully it was not too windy.


From Mt Coree it was back down and heading north on Two Sticks road, cut across on Dingi fire trail, all with only a few minor problems making sure we got the right turn. (Tara was firmly blaming Michael's map for the couple of moments of indecision on which way to go!). From the Dingi Fire trail it was onto the Webbs Ridge trail, Folly Fire trail and McIntyres trail down to the hut.

It was only a very brief stop at McIntyres to look at the latest version of the hut before heading back down to Flea creek, or as Michael put it, the "Jewel of the Brindabellas".

From Flea Creek it was back up Gentle Annie trail which Tara's Suzuki decided was not so gentle (but only the once and I am sure it was really just to stop and enjoy the view) before heading back to Brindabella station to air up.

Even though Tara threatened to ensure my new Patrol came away from the trip with the addition of few custom pin stripes (as the Patrol was looking very shiny and new having only been bought between me finishing the training course and the next trip!!) The Patrol came away only covered in a few inches of dust!

Thanks to Tara and Michael for organising and leading us on this fun day out.



**Come along and join us  
for ST4WDC's  
Christmas Party  
at Talooge.**

**When: Sat 26th November - 27th November**

**Time: Festivities start 12pm 26th Nov**

**Where: Talooge**

**This is ST4WDC'S annual big get together to  
celebrate Christmas.**

**Put these details in your calendar and join  
us for a fun filled weekend of games, Santa,  
Pot luck dinner and lucky gate prizes**

# Photography with Doc

Bronwyn Squire

Amy-Rose and I signed up for Doc's photography course, run at Talooe in May. (I had also signed up for the campfire cooking but, as they clashed, I had to decide between the two.) Amy-Rose had just bought an SLR camera, and I had reverted to using my camera on the Auto setting. I had completed an intensive two day course quite a few years ago, but had forgotten most of it. I had also annoyed my family no end when we were in New Zealand, spending hours trying to achieve that 'perfect shot' of a waterfall with a silky smooth cascade. Brendan stopped coming on bush walks because he did not want to hang around waterfalls.

Forever grateful to Doc, our start was slated for 9:30/10 am and I was there at commencement! Doc provided a comprehensive handout and we worked methodically through it, with lots of opportunity to play around with our cameras and to ask questions. The reason things did not stay in my head in my 'professional' photography course was the heavy use of technical terms and responses to questions in even more 'tech speak'. I thought I understood



what we were doing at the time, but because I didn't really understand it, it didn't stick in my brain cells. The other problem

with the 'professional' course was that we did  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a day theory and only picked up our cameras for the last  $\frac{1}{4}$  - so we were not practicing each element as it was taught. Doc was absolutely fabulous in explaining everything in every day, easy to understand, English, and provided relevant and easily relatable analogies to explain concepts (for example different sized 'buckets' to catch the light). I finally REALLY understood what was going on in my camera when I selected a high f-stop or a high ISO. And, low and behold, I



learnt that I was never, ever going to get that silky smooth waterfall without a neutral density filter (which is like 'sunglasses' for your camera).

The day flew by, our notebooks filled up, and we even got to eat some scones cooked by the campfire cooks during the first of our forays out to take photographs. We were given plenty of opportunity to employ our newly acquired or re-acquired knowledge, and to build our skills and confidence in using settings on our cameras other than Auto.

Night fell, and we reassembled at the top of home paddock where my eyes were opened wide (and not just because it was dark (and cold)). Doc held a session on night-time photography where we learnt such new



concepts I was amazed. With only one of us having a remote device, we were all using a 30 second exposure (the longest available without the remote), which is quite a long time in the dark, and the cold, and with only three layers of pants, four layers of thermals/shirts/jumpers, ski jacket and beanie, but NO GLOVES. Doc has a pair of gloves that you can slip off just the fingertips of each finger, wow!, but he wasn't sharing. Anyway, we were all told not to use torches or head torches because it will allow light into people's cameras, and could ruin what they were trying to achieve. Luckily the moon was fairly bright. Meanwhile, I was waiting, waiting, waiting for my 30 seconds to elapse and around the 20 second mark, someone (I won't mention who, Lindsay), turned his head torch on. Grumble, grumble, swear, swear, fume, fume. WELL..... don't you know it, that photo was the best I took ALL weekend. Doc explained that what had happened was "light painting". It was fabulous. We all now had a new thing to play around with.

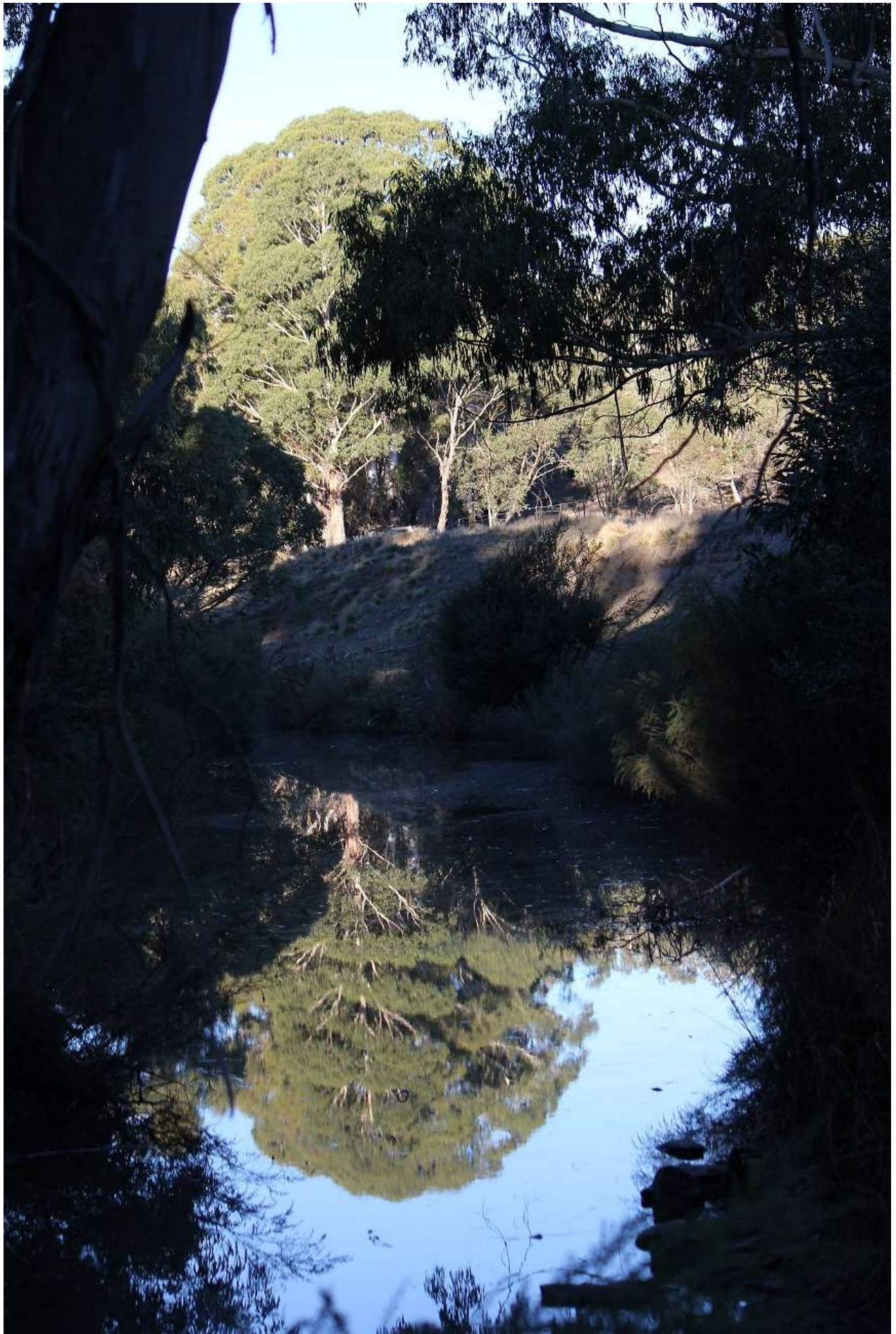
We had light painting, streaking stars, lit foregrounds, lit backgrounds, fire sparks, and the back of Amy-Rose's head (although probably only I had that shot).



I hope I speak on behalf of everyone who attended that day, we learnt so much, in such a way that

we shouldn't forget it, and had solid practice sessions to consolidate our skills. I know that Amy-Rose and I came home and ordered remotes, neutral density filters, and tripods, downloaded Light Room, and have plans for more STUFF. Look out the next waterfall that dares to cross my path!

An enormous thank you to Doc, and his brilliance as a photography teacher. We look forward to the next photography, or Light room, course.



# New Year's Day at Mt Pinnibar

Catherine Panich and Robert Dunlop

Trip Leader: Chris and Julie Nicolls	Nissan Patrol GQ
Christoph Rauch and his mother	Holden Colorado
Glynis Whitfield Suzuki Grand Vitara	
Glynn and Rosemary Shepherd & friend	Mitsubishi Challenger
Jake Vanderstok	Toyota Hilux
Kevin and Barbara Rowe	Nissan Patrol
Peter Fenwick and Catherine Panich	Jeep Grand Cherokee
Robert and Jane Dunlop	Toyota 200 series

Please note this trip report has two versions the first version has been written by Catherine Panich. The second has been written by Rob Dunlop

## Version One

We all arrived at Williamsdale surprisingly bright eyed and bushy tailed for the first day of the year. After New Year greetings and hugs with old friends we travelled straight through to Jindabyne for morning tea by the lake with shared left over Christmas goodies. Robert and Jane were already there, having spent New Year's Eve with other club members at Frying Pan on Lake Eucumbene.

The drive past Thredbo and down the pass to Tom Groggin was uneventful. The mountain tops still look like old men's whiskers which made us think again about the 2003 bushfires. We remembered and shared stories of the work done by club members after the fires. At Tom Groggin we aired down and made use of the toilets, knowing we wouldn't see them again for a few hours. The Murray River crossing was easy, only hub deep, and then it was pretty well straight into low range again as we encountered our first steep incline.

The day was hot, anywhere between 25 and 28 degrees. Who knows which car was telling the truth? There was plenty of dust so everyone drove with windows up and air conditioning on. By the time we reached the top two cars came close to boiling. It's very hard to make yourself turn off the air conditioning and turn the heater to full bore on a hot day with dust billowing in through open windows; better than a cooked engine though.

We enjoyed a late lunch at the top, chatting and gazing out at the incredible 360 degree views. I noticed that the ants climbed frantically over everything and in the middle of a call of nature I looked down at my bare left foot and found it covered with ants and there wasn't a thing I could do about it. Luckily they were exploring, not biting.

Standing under the trig we heard thunder and in the direction of our travel saw a curtain of rain, time to go. A third of the way down the rain caught us with, at first, big 50 cent spots on the dusty windscreen but very soon the windscreen was sparkling clean and the track was slippery, in some places very slippery.

This was our first trip off road in the Jeep and we were still learning its tricks. Peter drove up so of course I drove down. At every steep descent I overrode automatic using the paddles on the steering wheel. The next trick was to make it stay in my selected gear. The car wanted to go downhill like the panther it is but I needed to tame it. Every time it went up a gear I changed it back down and by tapping the brakes a couple of times it learnt that I meant business and stayed in 2nd. Then I hardly had to use the brakes. I had to repeat this performance at each steep descent. The engine braking was awesome and we hadn't even engaged hill descent.

We soon had a carpet of hail underfoot and we actually lost traction for 2 seconds on a left hand curve so I engaged the MUD terrain button. I'm pretty sure this is the curve that caught Robert out 5 minutes later. See his report below. We had brand new muddies at 24 psi but probably should have taken out more air. The vehicles in front of us were mostly down but I sent a prayer to the 3 vehicles behind us. At the turn at the bottom of the mountain we had to wait for 28 minutes for Robert to appear as we were to take over as tail end Charlie. I kept remembering driver trainer's admonitions; "you wait for as long as it takes, it's your fault if the car behind gets lost!!"

We gave up thoughts of a swim in the Murray, just crossed and aired up in light rain near this morning's toilets. Here I saw the nicest scene of domestic harmony I have ever witnessed. As Kevin plugged the compressor into the tyre valve Barb slid a stool under his butt and then sheltered him from the rain with her umbrella. Our domestic harmony was shattered as I abandoned Peter to try to take a photo but I missed it by 30 seconds.

We arrived in Jindabyne too early for dinner so decided to eat in Cooma instead. Glynis had to bid us farewell as she had booked a caravan and Jane and Robert left us at Berridale so we were 12 for dinner. The Alpine Hotel in the middle of town was practically the only thing open and they did a roaring trade. We had a lovely meal with lively conversation.

At Williamsdale Peter and I noticed that it was exactly 12 hours to the minute since we left there in the morning. It had been a wonderful day with all the weathers that you can expect a mountain to throw at you, and of course good, good company. Chris planned the trip in his usual meticulous manner, also checking with authorities for road closures as there had been a fire a few days previously. We did 484k and our average fuel consumption for the day was 10.1L per 100K. Thanks everyone for a great start to 2016.

## Version Two

The track up Mount Pinnibar had recently been bulldozed. The surface was as close to perfect as it could possibly be. Ruts were nowhere to be found and spoon drains were as smooth and well-formed as is possible. The surface did show signs of recent vehicles and due to the relative dry conditions was reasonably dusty, and our drive to the top was uneventful with all eight vehicles successfully reaching the 1772 metre summit. To say that it was busy at the top is somewhat of an understatement as our party of eight joined another eight vehicles.

Lunch was attended to, however it was noticed that rather ominous storm clouds were threatening so it was decided that we should immediately make our way back to Tom Groggin. As we descended the rain and occasional hail became heavier and of course the dust on the track turned to a slippery tyre worked mud. As we were tail end Charlie we had the misfortune to experience the slush created by the other seven vehicles. We received a call from Peter F over the radio that there was a slippery patch ahead. Once we

reached this not only did we find it slippery but exceedingly so. We went into a slide veering to the right of the track finally being stopped after a few metres by the rough grading created by the recent bulldozing on the edge of the road.

Rather than trying to progress I managed to reverse into a position where I felt there was less of a chance of commencing a spontaneous slide. I pointed the front wheels towards the side of the track and found a very large rock which I used to chock the front wheel as well. Of course getting out of the car to do this was always a danger so I insisted Jane manned the driver's seat whilst I dealt with the situation outside.

After some communication with Peter F and Chris N, I let them know that I felt that the best way to cope with the situation was to lower tyre pressures from the current 26 psi to 20 psi. After completing this task, it was now time to negotiate this steep and very slippery section. I had walked it and found that challenging enough; I now had to drive it. I noticed that the central and edge regions of the track remained unaffected by vehicles so this appeared to provide the best possible means of negotiating this most difficult section. I locked the auto transmission in low range first gear. I thought the best approach was to move off very smoothly with absolute minimal braking. Fortunately the engine braking of the 200 Series Toyota in low range first is quite amazing considering you are essentially connected to the wheels by a fluid coupling. We managed to successfully negotiate this treacherous section and although there were the occasional challenging spots the remainder of the journey to Tom Groggin was relatively straightforward.

# Towards Batemans Bay? – well, vaguely

Glynis Whitfield

Saturday 21 November saw a group of intrepid ST4WDCer's gather at Macca's Queanbeyan for the requisite early morning coffee to get us in the mood for a day of driving through forests. We left Queanbeyan heading out through Hoskinstown and aired-down as soon as we hit the dirt on the road to Forbes Creek. At this stage, it was Alex and Andrea in the lead, Glynis, Kevin and Vicki, Gavin and Glen, Peter, and Victoria and Isabelle as Charlie.

We had a leisurely drive through a very picturesque Tallaganda Forest with Vickie acting as official photographer. The first stop was Braidwood, where those coffee lovers had a re-supply of caffeine. Then it was off to Monga NP for the next stage of the driving.

We entered Monga on the usual route with an easy track, however a turn which took us uphill on Middle Saddle Road at the turn off to Cutters Road took us in a direction not originally intended. To rectify this, it was decided to go back downhill on Macquarie Road – with Peter warning that he had previously had to turn back on this road due to a fallen tree. Well, we found the fallen tree and although the off-road motor bikers had previously done a bit of road building to get them up and over, we realised that the Zook would definitely not be able to climb over this one. Good thing that Alex had done the chainsaw training earlier in the year. And now he had a chance to put his skills to work.

On the road again, we headed downhill and back onto Cutters Road, once again headed towards the Penance Grove and then to the Kings Highway. However, it was about another 20 minutes of driving which brought Alex to a



fallen tree – this one much too big for his chainsawing skills. The word went out for everyone to turn around where they were.



It was a little tricky turning around and when we had finally managed it, tail-end Charlie became no. 3 in the convoy, with others in various changed positions. We proceeded along to a log set in a little clearing where Glynis remembered having stopped for lunch on a previous trip when she had to turn around because of a fallen tree across the road.

On the road again after lunch, Alex missed the turn to Cutters Road (because of a fallen log across the track right at the turn) which necessitated a bit of reversing and shuffling. This resulted in tail-end Charlie becoming leader for a bit. Until we met the next fallen tree. This also proved to be impassable. Hmm. Bit of a theme happening here. Obviously fallen trees across the road is a common occurrence in Monga.

It was turnaround time again. So we left the park and came back in onto Reidsdale Road which we followed right through the park to the entrance at the Kings Highway end. By this time it was obvious we weren't going to have enough time to travel down Misty Mountain Road and No Name FT, so we turned around (with another missed turn and re-shuffle of convoy positions) and returned through Monga NP via Old Araluen Road, heading back into Braidwood for another top up of caffeine.

While we didn't exactly tick off the originally intended trip on the day, we certainly covered Monga NP fairly thoroughly. The weather was great and the company just as good.



# **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

1976 - 2016

**Where – Deakin Sports Club ,2 Grose street  
Deakin**

**When – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Come along and celebrate the last 40 years of the Club.

There will be Entertainment, games and fun.

Please put your name down on the website to show your  
interest.

**\$50.00 per head**

**Tickets are on sale at each meeting.**

If you have any queries, please call

Lynne 0418 631 669.

## For Sale

### ARB High Output Compressor



150 psi 75.1 L/min Compressor. Excellent condition.

Aired up approx. 50 times.

ARB quality will give many years of service. New unit would cost \$310.00

Price \$100.00

Contact Victoria Jewett 0412 027 878

### Roof Rack Basket



130x96x13cm approx. Can support 100kg

Just requires 2 cross members which can be purchased from Roof Rack City

Price \$40.00

Contact Michael Patrick 0412 377 941

Email [m-patrick@bigpond.com](mailto:m-patrick@bigpond.com)



## Roof Rack Tray



110x186cm

Designed to go on Rhino roof tracks

Price \$80.00

Contact Michael Patrick 0412 377 941

Email [m-patrick@bigpond.com](mailto:m-patrick@bigpond.com)



## Wanted

**Talooge has a DVD** player but no DVD's, for bored children to watch on a miserable rainy day. If you want to donate suitable DVD's to the club please bring them along to the club meeting and give them to Michael Patrick



**Volunteer's to assist** in helping run the Bush Skills weekend.

We are looking for people who want to demonstrate their skills or assist in organising different activities:

- Bush cooking
- Tyre repairs
- Communications & GPS
- Vehicle recoveries
- Vehicle/Trailers/Tents/Swags
- Anything you can think off

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