



# SOUTHERN TRAILS

April 2018



Exit of the Murray River at  
Tom Groggin March 2018

## ST4WDC

Next Club Meeting

**Tuesday 10th April**

at 7.30pm

*Canberra Deakin Football  
Club*

3 Grose St, Deakin ACT

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## President's Post - Matthew Maddigan

The annual general meeting was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March and the 2018 committee was elected. There has been significant change to the committee, with committee members choosing not to re-nominate, some changing positions and some new faces including myself. The following people were elected to the committee:

President – Matthew Maddigan

Secretary – Rob Davidson

Treasurer – Jim Anderson

Membership Secretary – Demetrio (Dim) Veteri

Events & Trip Coordinator – Michael Patrick

Education Coordinator – Joe Briguglio

Property Coordinator – Peter Reynolds

Public Relations Coordinator – Glen Watts

General Committee Member – Marie McDonald

General Committee Member – Victoria Jewett

General Committee Member – Robert Phillips

The new committee completed their first meeting of 2018 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April and successfully completed the handover from the previous committee. After the AGM, the positions of Vice President, Publications Coordinator, and Information Coordinator remained vacant. Michael (Pelican) Loberger nominated for the position of Vice President and was appointed by the committee. Michael Jackson-Rand was initially elected as a General Member, however nominated to transfer to the Publications Coordinator position and was appointed by the committee also.

As it stands we currently have vacancies for the position of Information Coordinator and one General Member. If you would like to nominate for one of the positions, please contact the secretary Rob Donaldson.

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One of the outstanding tasks from the previous committee was to address concerns about the constitutional requirements for a family member to pay the joining fee of \$230 once they turn 21 if they haven't upgraded before then. This is inconsistent with the process for other family members wishing to transfer to a full membership as they are only required to pay the \$100 yearly membership fee. An updated wording (found below) of the constitution was presented by Dim, which was subsequently agreed to by the committee. The committee also agreed to present this updated wording to the general members at the May meeting for a general membership vote.

Part II - Membership, 2. Categories of Membership, (3) Family Membership from:

- (c) A family member (other than the spouse or partner of the full member) who wishes to become a full member must be under the age of 21 years, must hold a licence to drive in Australia and must own a registered four wheel drive vehicle or have permission to use the family's four wheel drive vehicle.

to:

- c) A family member (other than the spouse or partner of the full member) who wishes to become a full member must be either under the age of 21 years or must have been a family member before turning 21, must hold a driver's license to drive in Australia and must own a registered four wheel drive vehicle or have permission to use the family's four wheel drive vehicle.

and change Part II - Membership, 4. Membership Fees, (5) from:

Family members upgrading their membership, or persons renewing a lapsed membership, are not required to pay the joining fee.

to:

Current or past family members upgrading their membership, or persons renewing a lapsed membership, are not required to pay the joining fee.

To answer the first question asked to new members and quite possibly the most important, I drive a Y62 Nissan Patrol. I look forward to working with the new committee and members this year and continuing the eternal debate of just which 4WD is the best.

Matthew Maddigan

## Trips and Events - Michael Patrick

Start Date	End Date	Activity	Type	Leader
11/Apr/18	13/Apr/18	Mid-Week at McKillops (Snowy River)	Grade 3	Dim Veteri
14/Apr/18	15/Apr/18	Camper Trailer Workshop	Grade 3	Glenn Watts
18/Apr/18	18/Apr/18	Basic Training 4WD Vehicle Evaluation	Training	Peter Butterfield
27/Apr/18	29/Apr/18	Friday Night Dash to Victoria High Country to visit some of the highlights of the VHC close to home	Grade 3	Stuart Watts
28/Apr/18	29/Apr/18	Roast dinner gathering at Talooge	Grade 2	Lynne Donaldson
28/Apr/18	18/May/18	Big Red Bound	Grade 3	Alex & Andrea Szabo
12/May/18	29/May/18	The Red Centre unfinished Business	Grade 3	Lindsay Jones
5/May/18	6/May/18	Talooge Park Muster	Muster	Peter Reynolds
17/May/18	20/May/18	"Safe One" Basic Driver Training at Talooge Park	Training	Joe Briguglio
19/May/18	19/May/18	Chain Saw Awareness Training	Workshop	Neil Ellison
25/May/18	27/May/18	Socialising Too Far South	Grade 3	Andrew Squire
27/May/18	27/May/18	Brindabella Ramble	Grade 3	Winston Bucknall
9/Jun/18	10/Jun/18	Talooge Park Muster	Muster	Peter Reynolds
16/Jun/18	16/Jun/18	Basic Winching and Recovery Course	Training	Joe Briguglio
17/Jun/18	17/Jun/18	Intermediate Winching and Recovery Course	Training	Joe Briguglio
30/Jun/18	30/Jun/18	Will we find snow ?	Grade 3	Lynne Donaldson
2/Jul/18	27/Jul/18	Old Andado Homestead NT	Grade 3	David Sutton
14/Jul/18	14/Jul/18	First Aid Training (Expression of Interest)	Training	Michael Patrick
16/Jun/18	17/Jun/18	Talooge Park Muster	Muster	Peter Reynolds
28/Jul/18	29/Jul/18	Bendethra Caves	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
11/Aug/18	18/Aug/18	Flinders Ranges	Grade 3	Dim Veteri
15/Aug/18	15/Aug/18	Basic Training 4WD Vehicle Evaluation	Training	Peter Butterfield
25/Aug/18	26/Aug/18	Talooge Park Muster	Muster	Peter Reynolds
13/Sep/18	16/Sep/18	"Safe One" Basic Driver Training at Talooge Park	Training	Joe Briguglio
23/Sep/18	23/Sep/18	Brindabella Ramble	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
29/Sep/18	1/Oct/18	Bush Skills Weekend	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
17/Oct/18	17/Oct/18	Basic Training 4WD Vehicle Evaluation	Training	Peter Butterfield
20/Oct/18	21/Oct/18	Explore The Tracks of Abercrombie River National Park	Grade 3	Michael Patrick

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20/Oct/18	21/Oct/18	Talooge Park Muster	Muster	Peter Reynolds
1/Nov/18	4/Nov/18	"Safe One" Basic Driver Training at Talooge Park	Training	Joe Briguglio
11/Nov/18	11/Nov/18	Brindabella Ramble	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
17/Nov/18	23/Nov/18	Victorian High Country Ramble Vers 3	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
18/Nov/18	24/Nov/18	Fraser Island	Grade 3	Scott Grogan
1/Dec/18	2/Dec/08	Talooge Park Muster	Muster	Peter Reynolds
22/Jun/19	23/Jun/19	OziExplorer Nav X	Grade 3	Michael Patrick

### What's New in Trips and Events

#### Basic Winching and Recovery Course

This course is designed to assist in understanding your winch and how to use it. You will get the opportunity to use your winch taking in recovery techniques at the same time in a secure environment

#### Intermediate Winching and Recovery Course

This course is designed to introduce more advanced techniques for recovery in a safe environment for those who have completed their basic driving and basic winching and recovery courses

#### First Aid Training

Unit of competency HLTAID003 - Provide First Aid

## What's New in Trips and Events

### Roast Dinner Gathering at Talooge

Come along and join us for a Roast Chicken dinner night with games. We will be having a roast with all the trimmings and desert. There will be games and fun to be had by all

### Will we find snow ?

Hopefully we can find snow. This trip will be a night drive through the Brindies.

### Fraser Island

Driving Fraser Island

*For more information on these trips go to Events and Trips on the web site*



## Membership Moments – Dim Veteri

Hi Everyone, below is information on current membership and other membership matters. Thanks Dim

### New members:

There have been three new memberships for the month of March.

The new memberships are:

- **Andrew Slater** – Driving a Toyota Prado
- **Peter Czeti & Kim Martin** – Driving a Ford Ranger
- **Robert & Fiona Stevenson** – Driving a Jeep Wrangler

In addition two past members have re-joined the club and I'd like to welcome them back. They are:

- **Erich Tiele** – driving a Toyota Hilux
- **Jerry Nadurak** – driving a Ford Ranger

Please say hello to our new members and visitors if you are at the Club meeting - if you see a new face, make them welcome and say G'day.

**Welcome to the Club all.**



### Membership Numbers:

As at 31 March 2018 we have the following membership:

Ordinary Members– 239

Life Members - 9

Sub-Total - 248

Family Members - 174

Total - 422

Please feel free to contact me regarding any membership matters you may have either by email, phone or grab me at the meeting.

### Membership Renewal

Many thanks to all those members who have already paid their membership fees for 2018.

**We currently have 51 memberships unpaid.** If you are yet to pay your fee for 2018 please remember that for members who joined in 2016 or before the membership renewal fee is \$100 (for an individual or family). For members who joined in 2017 you may be eligible for a pro-rata membership fee for 2018. If you are not sure please email me and I can confirm your fees for 2018.

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**Also please check the Club account details** (see below) and please add your **Name** and the words “**Membership Fees**” as the comment or reference, when doing an electronic payment

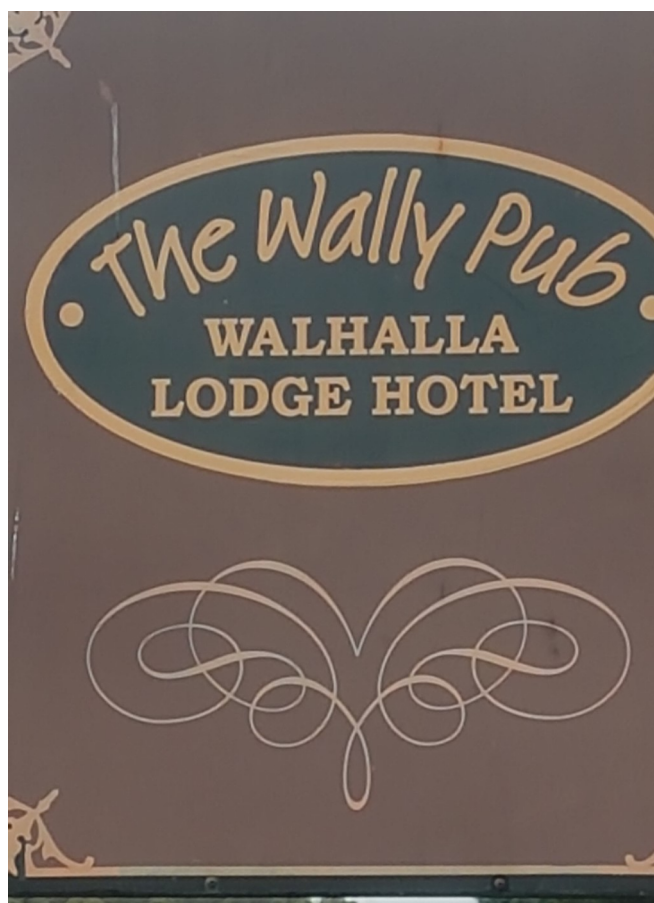
## CLUB BANK DETAILS

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Club has recently changed its Bank provider to “Bank Australia” and has new account details. The new details are:

<b>Bank:</b>	<b>Bank Australia</b>
<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>ST4WDC</b>
<b>BSB Number:</b>	<b>313 140</b>
<b>Account Number:</b>	<b>1213 0617</b>

Members should use these account details in all transactions with the club, including for membership fees and clothing purchases when using direct deposit.

Members who use Internet Banking and Mobile Banking please update your “PAYEE Listing” for ST4WDC with the new details.



**The Wally Burger**



## Trip Report

### Tallaganda National Park / Lowden State Forrest

**Trip Leader:** Garry and Leanne McLaughlin

**Damage Report:** One tyre puncture and one damaged side step (someone forgot to tell Garry that on a grade one/two trip there normally isn't a need for a trip damage report! Although the wife has informed me that there is always seems to be a need for me to report damage after every trip!)

At approximately 9am Garry and Leanne led five other vehicles from the top of Queanbeyan into the Tallaganda National Park with the first planned stop being the Trig Point or transmission station.

The first excitement was some impromptu training on the tracks for one of the new members. After receiving a message from a couple of motorcyclists that they heard what they thought was air coming out of the Jeeps tyre. Garry found a safe spot to pull up and sure enough there was a flat tyre with a metal shaft sticking out. The vehicle was moved to a safe and stable spot and tyre changed. (Thanks to all those that helped me.) It was also decided this would be an appropriate time to air down. From here we moved onto our first planned stop at the Trig Point.

Our second stop was at the Water Wheel at Lowden State Park for morning tea where people did either one or two of the bush walks. After returning nearly everyone found that they had little stowaways! (leaches) These were quickly removed before moving on to our next stop.





After a quick stop to admire some caravans / camping trailers of yesteryear. We went for a drive through Tallaganda out Braidwood side where we found the serenity of the Shoalhaven River for lunch at Bombay Reserve.





The afternoon was spent driving through Tallaganda stopping at a couple of camp ground and at one stage having to do a Michael Patrick.

I would like to thank Garry and Leanne for a very enjoyable day and warm welcome to the club. Thank you.

Robert Stevenson

## First Aid Training



**Check out our new First Aid Training course scheduled for  
Saturday 14th July run by Brindabella First Aid Services  
The cost per member is \$130.00 each but if we get 20 members  
participating the cost will be \$110.00 each**

**If any member is interested in doing this course during the  
week please contact Michael Patrick**

**More details are on the web site under Events and Trips**



~~IT'S NOT  
TOO LATE!~~



The ST4WD Club Committee is still looking for members who would like to form a **Social Events Sub Committee** for 2018. This is an opportunity for you to do something for your club and get to know more of our fellow club members.

Please contact: [president@st4wdc.com.au](mailto:president@st4wdc.com.au)



## March - 2018 Fishing Report

### Watts Happening;

The month has come and gone quickly with work being the main contributor to only getting out three times within the month but heck three is better than none.

The month started with a hike into some new territory on the Murrumbidgee close to home and was more about looking for that new water than actually fishing. Leaving home at 5am and walking 9ks saw me on a great stretch of river I have never seen. Nice bolder pools and the only tracks around except for mine were the local deer. I leisurely cooked up some breakfast before casting a medium size spinner bait, within 10 casts I had banked two nice little goodoo's (Murry Cod) surprisingly both were out of the tail end of the rapids. I couldn't complain a new stretch of water and a couple of fish and back home by 11.00am, I can't wait to get down and do an overnight.

My second outing was during Michael Patrick's Vic High Country trip which landed us in Walhalla for two full days of relaxation. I disappeared for a couple of hours on the first afternoon to walk and wade the Thomson creek. After a couple of kilometers of fishing I came to the conclusion there was no fish even though the river looked awesome clean clear water running over stone and gravel beds. My excuse the river was currently sitting at 22 degrees better for human swimming than trout swimming. Closer to Jamison I spoke with an elderly local who bitterly complained about the current state of the Victorian streams and lack of trout. He put it down to the current drought and minimal stocking from the local government. He did recommend going over to NSW and fishing the Snowies, I let him know pretty quickly tongue in cheek that the fishing was terrible there as well.

Closer to home the trout fishing has been difficult due to the lack of water in some of the rivers, but saying that I know a local that fished the top end of the cotter and ended up with 20 rainbows in one afternoon all around 40cm all caught on nymphs. With the days and nights cooling the first hint of rain will see some of the early spawners heading upstream keep an eye on the weather.

Well the third outing again was not really a planned fishing trip as it was more spending some one on one with my farther on Merimbula Lake. A



great couple of hours were spent drifting around in his tinny catching and releasing under size fish, the lake is well known as a nursery and lived up to its name. I would say the coast over the next two months would be the best time of the year to catch a feed of bread and butter fish. The Whiting are currently spawning in the lakes, the Tailor and Salmon are starting to show in good numbers, Flathead are still present and the big bream will be starting to school up for their annual spawning run. You will also still get Crabs and Prawns due to the month still having an R.

### **Recipe for the Month - South Coast Mussels**

Not always can you get a feed of fish but in nearly every river and lake on the South Coast there are tasty Blue Lip Mussels ready for the picking.

1kg of freshly collected Mussels cleaned and de-beard

1 x can chopped tomatoes

Good swig of white wine

Garlic, Fresh Chili, Spring Onions, Coriander, Pepper, Lime

Gently fry garlic, chili, and half of the onions

Add tomatoes and wine and bring to the simmer

Add mussels, as the mussels open remove and place on a separate dish nothing worse than over cooked mussels

Once all mussels are cooked and removed bring liquid back to the boil and reduce

Once reduced add Mussels back in and add lime juice, and then season with pepper a hand full of coriander, shallots,, and chili over the top to serve.

Serve into bowls and enjoy mopping up the juices with some fresh sour dough.

Yum (one of my favorites around a fire on a cold night)

Until next month tight lines and dusty wheels

Glenn Watts



## Membership Gift Certificates

Southern Tablelands 4WD Club now has available Membership Gift Certificates.



# GIFT CERTIFICATE

*This Certificate entitles:* \_\_\_\_\_

*To:* \_\_\_\_\_

*From:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Southern Tablelands  
4 Wheel Drive Club  
Inc**

*Authorised by:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date:* | \_\_\_\_\_

These certificates are a great way to give the gift of membership to friends and family and are available for both current member's Annual Membership Fee (Cost/Value \$100) or for new members for their Joining fee and Annual Membership Fee (Cost/Value \$330).

If you would like to give a gift of ST4WDC Membership please contact the Membership Secretary at [membership@st4wdc.com.au](mailto:membership@st4wdc.com.au).





Here are examples of the ST4WD Club new polo shirts designs. Please see Debbie at the meeting if you would like to order one.



### Club Clothing – Debbie Davidson



<i>Polo Shirts</i>	\$35.00
<i>Chambery Shirts</i>	\$45.00
<i>Jackets</i>	\$110.00
<i>Hoodies</i>	\$45.00
<i>Rugby Tops</i>	\$50.00
<i>Caps</i>	\$15.00
<i>Bucket Hats</i>	\$15.00
<i>Beanies</i>	\$20.00
<i>Name Badges</i>	\$10.00

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The following positions are still vacant for the 2018 ST4WD club committee:

- ♦ *Information Coordinator*
- ♦ *General Member*

Please consider taking on one of these important roles and make our club even stronger and better over the coming 12 months.



### ARB SOFT CONNECT SHACKLE 14.5T



Introducing the ARB Soft connect shackle to the comprehensive ARB recovery line up. Manufactured using UHMWPE (Ultra High Molecule Weight Polyethylene) high tensile CE certified rope to form the soft shackle. UHMWPE rope is used in many of the synthetic rope applications on winches and purpose-built tow straps. Rated at 14.5T Breaking strength the ARB Soft connect shackle is engineered to float in water, be resistant to short term UV radiation and provide superior strength.

Providing protection to the UHMWPE rope used, the shackle is encased in a Hypalon™ sleeve. Hypalon™ provides excellent abrasion resistance to protect the UHMWPE rope and better protect against cuts and abrasions. It is commonly used by climbers and provides protection to their ropes and straps. It is also used in many other outdoor textile equipment and provides excellent abrasion resistance. Because the sleeve suffers the majority of abrasion in recoveries it can be easily replaced with replacement sleeves available in store in packs of 2.

The soft shackle connection is formed; by passing the large ball end knot through the open loop, the loop tightens around the knot when used and pulls securely against the large formed knot during the recovery. The knot cannot let go and loop tightens securely around the knot forming the connection. The ARB Soft Connect shackle is suitable for Vehicles up to 3.5T GVM.

#### Technical Specifications:

- UHMWPE (ISO 2307) Synthetic rope
- 12mm x 12 Strand Rope
- Consistent 14.5T (142kN) breaking point
- Comprehensive testing in field – Winching, Snatch Blocks & Snatch Strap

**The ARB Soft Shackle is available from ARB Fyshwick for  
\$50 for ST4WDC Members (normally \$55)**



## Our Sponsors



Please email items for the ST4WD Club monthly newsletter to [publications@st4wdc.com.au](mailto:publications@st4wdc.com.au) or hand it to the 2018 Publications person at the monthly meeting.

Cut off for Items for the Newsletter is now the last Friday in each month. Anything received after that date will be placed in the following months newsletter.