



SOUTHERN TRAILS

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President's Post

40th Anniversary

From humble beginnings on 16 November 1976 to presently being the largest 4WD club in the ACT region we certainly have a lot to be proud of. I understand that the ST4WDC was established by some members of the Land Rover Club who considered that that club was departing from its more traditional family-based events and moving to extreme activities.

The Southern Tablelands Four Wheel Drive Club was formed on Tuesday, 16 November 1976 at a meeting held at 129 Newcastle Street, Fyshwick ACT – minutes of the inaugural meeting are in this newsletter. According to the archives, all present were welcomed by the meeting organisers, Dean Benedetti and Roy Worth of the LRC and at that meeting the new club's committee was elected.

President: Roy Worth

Secretary/Treasurer: Dean Benedetti

Editor: Ian Boardman

Trip Coordinator: Peter Phillips

Assistant Trip Coordinator: Peter Nott

Thirty-five membership applications were received for a total of 66 members including partners and spouses. Apparently considerable assistance in establishing the club was given by Alan Dixon and Rod Scott of the Land Rover Club, Rod being the then President and Alan an office bearer in the LRC.

The ST4WDC's first trip was on 28 November 1976 in the Brindabellas. This photo was taken under the power lines between Two Sticks Road and Webb's Ridge.



photo courtesy of Roy Worth

Our club has a proud history and it has certainly come a long way since its establishment in 1976. It's a credit to the founding and subsequent members who have invested so much time and effort into keeping it going and making it the great club that it is today. Currently we have around 445 members including 192 spouses, partners, family, and nine life members.

The club secured a fantastic property and established facilities, including a variety of off-road tracks for members' use and enjoyment, and for the quality training provided by our highly experienced and dedicated driver training team. We also run a variety of trips and conduct various social events and contribute to the community through our involvement in the 4WD Spectacular. There are many benefits for our club's members.

At the time of writing this segment I am looking forward to the 40th anniversary celebration, which will be held on Saturday, 5th November. There will be old and new members attending with various experiences and stories to be shared. Seven former presidents will also be there including the club's first president, Roy Worth.

Congratulations to all on the club's successful past and I'm sure that there will be many more years ahead.

Revision of motion approved at the September General Meeting

When reviewing the approved motion, "any changes to members' entitlements will not be applied retrospectively", it is considered too broad in scope. For example, applying the motion would cause the by-laws to conflict with the constitution regarding age requirements for voting and committee membership etc.

The discussions on this issue at the SGM prior to the general meeting focused on training rights for existing spouses/partners and family members. It was considered that applying the new requirement to allow only full members to have access to basic driver training (which is also a prerequisite for extended driver training courses) to existing memberships would adversely affect current family members' entitlements.

Therefore, at the November general meeting, the following two motions will be put to the general members:

- 1) the motion approved at the September general meeting that "any changes to members' entitlements will not be applied retrospectively" be rescinded; and replaced with
- 2) a new motion that "any changes to members' training entitlements will not be applied retrospectively".

2018 4WD Spectacular Committee

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we need three to four club members to join the 2018 4WD Spectacular Committee. We currently have two volunteers and are looking for two more. If you are interested in being part of the team for the 2018 event, please contact me.

The first meeting of representatives from the three host clubs will be held at the Raiders Club Weston on Wednesday, 9th November to elect the committee Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer and get the ball rolling for the 2018 show.

4WD NSW and ACT Association

Guest Speakers – October Meeting

I would like to thank Craig Thomas (president), Elias Webb (secretary) and Lee Dunstan (southern region) for travelling from the Sydney and Wollongong areas to provide an association overview and update at last month's meeting. Topics covered included insurance, recent MOU's with NPWS and for driver training accreditation.

Annual General Meeting – the association's AGM will be held on the 19th of November and club delegates Marj and Alan Jones will be attending the meeting.

As most members will be aware through the association's e-mails and guest speaker appearance at the last meeting, a special resolution will be put to member clubs of the association to amend its constitution.

Our committee has reviewed the proposed changes and has decided that the club will vote for all changes except for item 3, clause 15 (1), which proposes to increase the current number of four executives to accommodate project demands at the committee's discretion. It is considered that this has the potential to influence decision making and alternatives are available e.g. sub-committees, working groups etc.

Details of the proposed changes to the 4WD NSW and ACT Association's constitution are available through our club's website at:

<http://www.st4wdc.com.au/images/pdfs/Association2016/AssociationConstitutionChangesExplained.pdf>

Guest Speakers November and December

November 8th – Wizard Paint Repairs Fyshwick

December 12th - John Wilson from AKZ Vehicle Engineering.

John will provide an overview of what and why things need to be engineered (or not) e.g. suspension, vehicle interior, lighting and engine performance etc. depending on the state/territory of vehicle registration.

To prepare for the presentation, John has asked if we could send him some questions on notice so that he can provide responses. If you have a particular area or specific modification that you would like addressed (e.g. removing the 3rd row seats in a Prado 150 and replacing them with drawers or adding a plug and play diesel performance chip etc.) please e-mail the details to feedback@st4wdc.com.au by Friday, 11th November.

TALOOGE – Property Coordinator, Scott Cumming is back on deck and managing activities at the property again after six weeks overseas. Scott wasted no time getting back into things with his first muster a little over a week after returning.

Hopefully see you at the November general meeting.

Jim Anderson

Editor's Feed

Happy 40th anniversary, ST4WDC!

If you were at the celebration, please send your photos to the Publications account for inclusion in the December newsletter.

I was excited to finally get out to Talooge for the first time since joining the club. It really is a beautiful place and club members and committees, past and present, have done an amazing job with the facilities and tracks. My partner, Matt, our two German Shepherd Dogs, Anouk and Apache, and I were treated to three close-up encounters with wild animals (fortunately, they weren't feral pigs!). I also had my first four-wheel drive (I haven't done basic training yet) and was grateful not to have broken the truck. But that will be in the December edition.

As Publications Coordinator, I will draw from my experience in publishing and communications to make the newsletter as entertaining, informative and relevant as I can. But to do this, I need members' feedback and input. If you have photographs, suggestions for articles, or ideas to improve the newsletter, please send them to publications@st4wdc.com.au.

Regards,

Terri Giuretis

Lynne's Latest

Thank you to all that came to the 40th Anniversary Celebration. Without you there the night would not have been a success.

Also, a big thank you to everyone that helped with the organisation and set up of the event; we are very lucky within this club to have so many people that give up their time and energy to not only help at an event like the 40th, but on a day to day basis.

The weather is fantastic this time of the year. Rob and I love to get out in the afternoons for a drive in the Brindies and also to pack away the winter blankets and welcome the balmy nights of summer.

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 1 new membership in the Month of October:

Hamish Scott – Toyota Hilux

Below are the numbers for Memberships:

Ordinary – 245

Life – 9

Family– 192

Total memberships – 446

Looking forward to catching up with you either at a meeting or on a trip.

If you have any membership queries at all, please contact me.

Safe travels.

Lynne.

Trips Register

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
4/Dec/16	4/Dec/16	Brindabella Ramble	Grade 3	Gary McLaughlin
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
1/May/17	27/Aug/17	Chain Saw Awareness Training (Expression of Interest)	Training	Michael Patrick
6/May/17	26/Aug/17	First Aid Training (Expression of Interest)	Training	Michael Patrick



Basic Driver Training at Talooge – photo courtesy of Carmel Campbell

Basic Driver Training – October 2016

Photographs courtesy of Carmel Campbell and Les Jones





First Ever Club Minutes



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SOUTHERN TABLELANDS FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

Minutes of meeting held at 129 Newcastle Street, Fyshwick, A.C.T.
on Tuesday, 16th November, 1976 at 8.00 p.m.

All present were welcomed by meeting organisers, DEAN BENEDETTI
and ROY WORTH and then introductions were exchanged.

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM: Rod Scott, Godfrey O'Neill, Neil Donoghoe,
Max Chapman and Peter Mills.

The meeting was then opened by DEAN BENEDETTI who proceeded to
explain to all present the aims and intentions of the Club, along
with its benefits to intending members.

It was also put forward that an Interim Committee be elected at
this stage so that the Club could commence to function and draw up
its constitution and put its proposals into action.

The Secretary of the Landrover Club of the A.C.T., ALLAN DIXON,
was then invited to chair the meeting, whilst nomination for the
Committee positions were received and the subsequent successful
nominees elected to office.

The Club would like to thank ALLAN DIXON for his assistance through-
out the night.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS CALLED FOR WERE AS FOLLOWS:

PRESIDENT:

Nominee: ROY WORTH
Elected: ROY WORTH -

NOMINATED BY
Ian Boardman
Unopposed

SECONDED BY
Geoff Fisher

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Nominee: DEAN BENEDETTI
Elected: DEAN BENEDETTI -

Ian Boardman
Unopposed

Gary Moore

EDITOR:

Nominee: IAN BOARDMAN
Elected: IAN BOARDMAN -

Dudley Nicol
Unopposed

Roy Worth

TRIP CO-ORDINATOR:

Nominees: WARWICK JOHNSON
PETER PHILLIPS

Ian Boardman
Roy Worth

Geoff Fisher
Ian Boardman

Elected: PETER PHILLIPS by vote 22/9.

ASSISTANT TRIP CO-ORDINATOR:

Nominees: WARWICK JOHNSON
PETER NOTT
GEOFF FISHER

NOMINATED BY

Geoff Fisher
Dean Benedetti
Ian Boardman

SECONDED BY

Mick Swain
Roslyn Nott
Peter Phillips

Elected: PETER NOTT by vote 25/6/3

It was agreed that only the above Committee positions be held until the Club substantiates itself.

With the Committee elected, the meeting was officially opened by ROY WORTH and applications for membership forms were passed around to all present; these were subsequently completed and handed in for acceptance to the Club at this meeting.

A total of thirty-five (35) applications were received. They are as follows, in alphabetical order:

BENEDETTI, Dean & Mary
BLANK, Willi & Erika
BOARDMAN, Ian & Mary
BOWMAN, Bill & Robyn
CALVERT, Leslie
CARNALL, Kevin & Karen
CHAPMAN, Max & Elaine
COLEY, Denis & Joan
COLLINS, Barry
DIXON, Allan
DONOGHOE, Neil & Lucy
DUGGAN, Michael & Kay
FLETCHER, Robert
FISHER, Geoff & Barbara
GRECH, Mario
GRANT, Robert
HARRIS, Ian
HENDERSON, Glen & Alison
JOHNSON, Warwick & Bev
KAZ, Peter
LENNOX, Danny & Patricia
LOGAN, Alan & Shirley
LOVE, Terry
LUSIS, George
MOORE, Gary & Kay
MILLER, Robert
NEIL, Iain & CUELL, Diane
NICOL, Dudley & Margaret
NOTT, Peter & Roslyn
PENTELOW, David & Ali
O'NEILL, Godfrey & Kerry
REID, Max
SMITH, Terry & Susanne
PHILLIPS, Peter & Christine
SHEPHERD, Harry & Pam
SLATER, Raymond
SWAIN, Michael & Mary
TIBBLES, Stephen & Debbie
TILLMANS, Wally
WORTH, Roy & Anita

Club Presidents 1976 - 2016

1976 – 1978: Roy Worth
1979: John Kelley
1980: Les Chapman
1981: Roy Worth
1981- 1982: Tony Fleming
1983 – 1985: Peter Greenwood
1986: Chris Nash
1987-1988: David Chaplin
1989 – 1990: Geoff Appleby
1991: Romas Miniotas
1992: Peter Sealy
1992 - 1993: Mark Adamson
1994: Graham McKenzie
1995-2001: Neil Telfer
2002: T. Stuart-Smith
2003-05: Richard Brand
2006-07: Peter Fenwick
2008-10: Rosemary Orr
2011-13: Greg Taylor
2014: David Whight
2015: Alan Jones
2016: Jim Anderson

Acceptance of the applications was moved by D. Benedetti and seconded by Ian Boardman.

NEXT MEETING: This was agreed to be held on Tuesday, 14th December, 1976, and all meetings from there on to be held on the second Tuesday of each month.

MEETING PLACE: This is still indefinite, but all members are to be notified by mail or phone as soon as the location is verified. Notification will also be made by classified advertisement in the Canberra Times under 'Motor Vehicles for Sale' on Saturday, 11th December, 1976.

FIRST ACTIVITY: A suggestion was brought forward by the Committee to hold as our first official event, a picnic-come get to know everyone affair. The event is to consist of approximately two hours moderate four-wheel driving to the arranged place and then a barbeque for several hours and then another moderate drive home. The event will be held as follows:

MEETING PLACE AND TIME: FLETCHER JONES CAR PARK, CIVIC, 9.00 AM, OR EUCUMBENE DRIVE & COTTER ROAD, DUFFY AT 9.15 AM SHARP. TRIP LEADER WILL BE ROY WORTH, TAIL END CHARLIE WILL BE DEAN BENEDETTI. VENUE IS THE JUNCTION OF GOODRADIGBEE RIVER & FLEM CREEK IN THE BRINDABELLAS. BRINDABELLA MAP 1:100,000. PROVISION IS AVAILABLE FOR TWO WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES TO ATTEND THIS TRIP, VISITORS AND FRIENDS WELCOME. BRING NECESSARY BARBEQUE EQUIPMENT, NO EXTRA FUEL REQUIRED.

CLUB'S POSTAL ADDRESS: A suggestion was put forward by Dean Benedetti that the Club use his present Post Office Box address. Acceptance was moved by Dean Benedetti and seconded by Peter Nott and carried.

CLUB FEES: The sum of \$8.50 was suggested as club fees and only a family unit to apply. Acceptance was moved by Roy Worth and seconded by Peter Phillips and carried.

CLUB BANK ACCOUNT: To enable the Club to have application forms etc. printed prior to 16/11/76, the sum of \$218.38 was loaned to the Club by DEAN BENEDETTI and a SOCIETY CHEQUE ACCOUNT opened at the C.B.C. Bank, Fyshwick. Acceptance of loan and bank account was moved by Roslyn Nott and seconded by Barbara Fisher and carried.

REIMBURSEMENT OF LOAN: Re-imbursement of the loan was moved by Ian Boardman and seconded by Barbara Fisher and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Payment of accounts and acceptance of report was moved by Allan Dixon and seconded by Dudley Nicol and carried.

AUTHORITY TO OPERATE ACCOUNT: A motion was put forward that Dean Benedetti and Roy Worth, along with one other member of the Committee be authorised to sign any Club cheques on the basis that two signatures must appear on all cheques. Acceptance of motion was moved by Barbara Fisher and seconded by Gary Moore and carried.

An invitation from the President and the Secretary of the Landrover Club was tendered to all persons present to attend their Club's Slide Night at the Union Building, A.N.U., on Friday, 19th November, 1976. The invitation was to attend as visitors and not as contestants.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 pm after which coffee was served, followed by some short movies.

LATE NOTICE

THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN TABLELANDS FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB WILL BE HELD AT THE SPANISH-AUSTRALIAN CLUB, 5 NARUPAI STREET, NARRABUNDAH (BEHIND HARMONIE GERMAN CLUB, OFF JERRABOMBERRA AVENUE.)

Brogo Wilderness (while we still can)

29 October 2016

Trip Leaders:

Glen & Jane Watts

Participants:

Andy & Bron

Lynne & Rob

Jake

Chris & Sue

Tony

Simon & Renee

Steve & Glennis



After a much-needed coffee kick-start to the day (names withheld ☺) at 9am we headed off from Bredbo towards Cooma. Taking a left on the outskirts of Cooma we meandered along the road, through Numeralla (a gold rush area) until we took a left turn that had us on private property.



There we stopped for morning tea and airing down, ready to cross at the Tuross River Crossing. We hadn't gone very far before we had to grab the chainsaws and move a fallen tree.



As we began to head deeper into the forest along the Kybeyan Fire Trail, it became apparent that Glen's promise of 'incredible mountain views' just might not happen. But we'll wait and see. It didn't matter, because those of us driving were supposed to be concentrating on the road.

Two more trees over the road and we weren't going anywhere – so out come the 'boys toys' again!

But wait let's not cut these ones too much, let's go through the scrub and around them...



After many three-point turn manoeuvres... we were through the tree maze and on our way, again. Thanks, Glen, Rob, Andy and Simon(?) for great 'spotting' to get around the trees.

Yes, there is a car ahead of me, you just can't see it!



Then the fun began – we had a very tight, rocky trail that was to lead us to a spot for lunch. To say my knuckles were white at times and I got very good at holding my breath over the tough spots would be an understatement! But beautiful too!!

Ahhh! lunch time on the Razorback Trail – the temperature had dropped dramatically as we climbed higher. At this point we had climbed to about 1500m above sea level.





Our view at lunch time. At the top of the ridge we got our first glimpse of the countryside around us. Yes, it was incredible!

Lots of climbing and stopping to remove sticks that had lodged themselves under our vehicles.

The Brogo Wilderness area provided us with a variety of amazing landscapes.

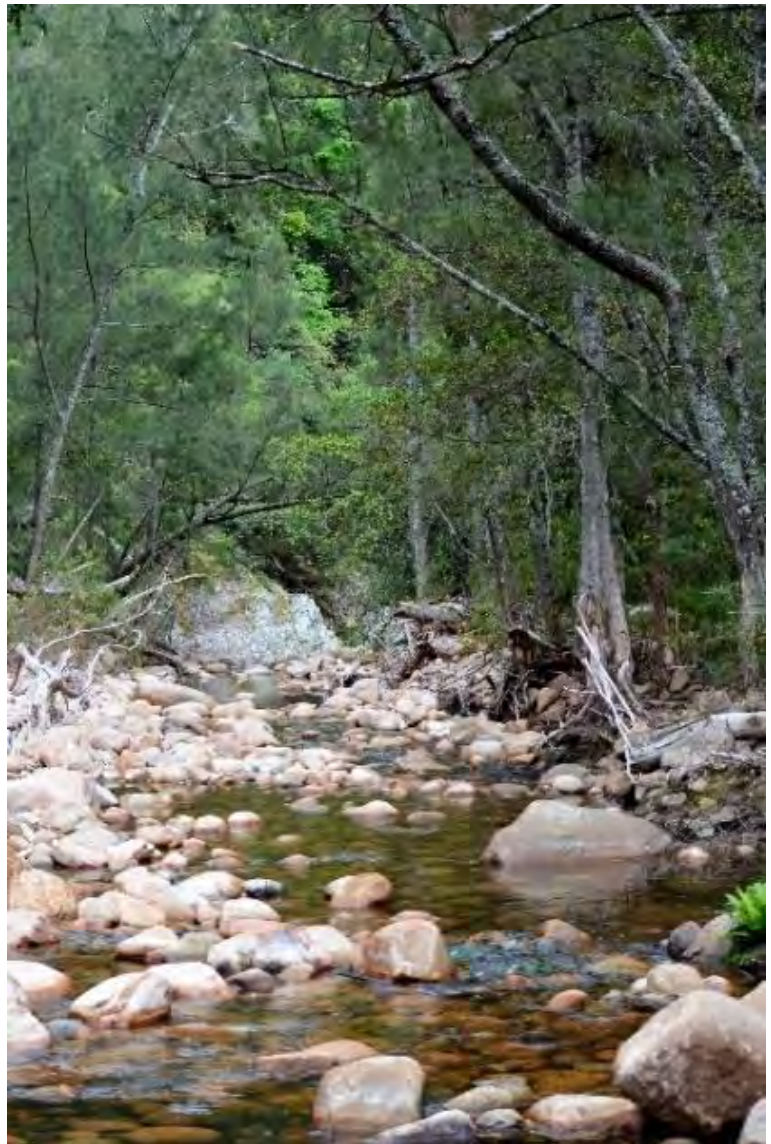


A few river crossings before we meandered through Yowrie area.

We stopped and had afternoon tea at Wadbilliga River

Some of us found our way to the toilet, while others found their inner child and got creative.

Another beautiful creek to cross in the Wadbilliga National Park.





Back into the fog.

Our final water crossing, across the Tuross River 400 meters north of where we started.



The Brogo
Wilderness
explorers...

Front L-R: Steve,
Tony, Sue,
Lynne, Rob,
Bron, Jane, Glen,
Renee and
Simon. Back L-R:
Chris, Jake, and
Andy.

The end of our loop exploring took us back through Wadbilliga and Duea National Parks. We were greeted by a magnificent sunset as we headed for home. Leaving our ST4WD friends to head back to Talooge at the end of a fantastic day.



Club Clothing

Shirts

Polo (cotton/polyester, lightweight)	\$38
Chambery (long-sleeve)	\$45

Outerwear

Jacket	\$95
Hoodie	\$45
Rugby Jumper	\$50

Headwear

Baseball Cap	\$15
Bucket Hat	\$15
Beanie	\$20

Other

Name Badge	\$10
Polo – small size *ideal for older children	\$20



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

When: Sat 26th November - 27th November

Time: Festivities start 11 am 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

- Games
- Lucky gate prizes
- Best table and Christmas hat decorations
- Entertainment
- Santa - bring a present out for your child
- Gift grab - \$15.00 limit
- Kids table activities
- Pot luck dinner
- Dessert's supplied by the club
- Driving events – Spear the spud & Blind fold (starting at 11am)

Please call Rob Donaldson (0407 072 573) if you have any queries, remember to put your name down on the web so that we know for catering and come along and join us.



For Sale

4 Goose necks to suit five stud tyre pattern – \$5.00 each



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