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# Southern Trails

Next Club Meeting

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Deakin Football Club

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# *President's Report*

## *Andy Squire*

After just spending a wonderful 2 weeks in Tasmania with a great bunch of people, I returned home to find an email from Michael asking for my report for the April Newsletter. Never ends!!.

So what to report? I guess I should start by welcoming the new Committee Members elected following the AGM in March. Welcome to Garry McLaughlan, Michael Marsalek, and George Douglas. And welcome back to Matthew Maddigan. After a 'meet and greet' before the first official Committee meeting for the new term, I think we have a good Committee with a diverse range of experience and views which should be beneficial to the club. We still have a couple of positions open; Publications Coordinator and one General Member, so if you are interested please let the Committee know.

In a club our size, there will always be differences of opinion, questions on how the club is being managed, and rumours about who did what and when and how and why. If you think that members are not being kept informed, or feel that the Committee is not making the right decisions, then please contact me - even if your issue is with me.... We will take on board your concerns or suggestions and consider and hopefully address them. Just remember that we are all trying to do our best, and that all members should be respected for their efforts. And don't forget, if you are not happy or think you could do a better job, then there are still 2 positions vacant.

The new website has been delivered for initial testing with some positive results. The new site is looking good with big changes to membership management and the way that trip information and registrations are managed. Testing has commenced on the membership and trips components to check basic functionality and review against requirements. Over the next few weeks more basic testing will be undertaken before more comprehensive testing by a wider range of users begins. If you are willing and able to help with the testing please let Matthew Maddigan know so that planning can commence. Before the website can be released to the general membership we will need to make some minor changes to the Constitution and By-Laws which are currently being reviewed and considered by the Committee before being brought to the general membership for approval.

One of the items discussed at the the last Club meeting was the formation of more working groups and sub-committees to assist the various committee members undertake their roles. While the size of the sub-groups needs to be managed appropriately, participation in these groups will be open to all club members. The Committee will be calling for expressions of interest in the next few weeks from members who can assist.

So, having been away for 2 weeks, and still being in holiday mode, I can't think of anything more to report before the first official Committee meeting is held. Normally the magazine comes out after the Committee meeting and before the General meeting, but this month due to absences and rescheduling of meetings it was all a bit different. Thanks to Michael Patrick for putting the newsletter together in the absence of a Publications Coordinator.

And on that note, I will leave you with this thought..."It takes great skill to stumble on a flat surface"



# Trips and Events – Michael Patrick

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Start Date	End Date	Activity	Type	Leader
13-Apr-19	13-Apr-19	Bushwalk Booroomba Rocks	Social	Andrea Szabo
13-Apr-19	14-Apr-19	Lazy South East Forests	Grade 2	Bronwyn Squire
13-Apr-19	14-Apr-19	Talooge Workingbee	Muster	Peter Reynolds
16-Apr-19	28-Apr-19	From Dawn to Dusk - West to East - Simpson Desert Tour	Grade e	Scott Broadhead
17-Apr-19	17-Apr-19	Basic Training 4WD Vehicle Evaluation	Training	Peter Butterfield
19-Apr-19	22-Apr-19	4WD Club's Jamboree 2019	Event	Matt Maddigan
30-Apr-19	30-Apr-19	Pre Safe One Basic Driver Training Evening	Training	Joe Brigulio
03-May-19	05-May-19	"Safe One" Basic Driver Training at Talooge Park	Training	Peter Butterfield
12-May-19	12-May-19	Brindabella Ramble	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
16-May-19	16-May-19	Trivia Night - Put your thinking cap on !!	Social	Lynne Donaldson
19-May-19	19-May-19	Bushwalk Carillion to Jerrabomberra Wetlands Loop	Social	Andrea Szabo
24-May-19	26-May-19	Intermediate Winching and Recovery Course	Training	Peter Butterfield
25-May-19	26-May-19	Talooge Workingbee	Muster	Peter Reynolds
25-May-19	25-May-19	Basic Winching and Recovery Course	Training	Peter Butterfield
01-Jun-19	31-Aug-19	The Red Centre 2019	Grade 3	Chris Nicholls
02-Jun-19	02-Jun-19	Jellore State Forrest	Grade 3	Andy Wall
22-Jun-19	23-Jun-19	OziExplorer Nav X	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
06-Jul-19	07-Jul-19	Camper Trailer Workshop	Grade 3	Glenn Watts
13-Jul-19	14-Jul-19	Christmas in July	Social	Lynne Donaldson
13-Jul-19	14-Jul-19	Trip Leader Workshop	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
20-Jul-19	21-Jul-19	Overnight At Mt Coree Campground	Grade 3	Matt Maddigan
24-Jul-19	24-Jul-19	Advanced OziExplorer	Training	Michael Patrick
12-Aug-19	23-Aug-19	Canberra to Cairns - the scenic option	Grade 3	????
14-Aug-19	14-Aug-19	Basic Training 4WD Vehicle Evaluation	Training	Peter Butterfield
17-Aug-19	26-Aug-19	Flinders Ranges 2019 - An Introduction	Grade 3	Dim Veteri
22-Aug-19	22-Aug-19	Trivia Night - Put your thinking cap on !!	Social	Lynne Donaldson
28-Aug-19	12-Dec-19	Cape York	Grade 3	Matt Warmington
31-Aug-19	01-Sep-19	Games Night at Talooge	Social	Sue Phillips
07-Sep-19	08-Sep-19	Talooge Workingbee	Muster	Peter Reynolds
07-Sep-19	08-Sep-18	Chain Saw Awareness Training	Workshop	?????
11-Sep-19	11-Sep-19	Pre Safe One Basic Driver Training Evening	Training	Joe Brigulio
13-Sep-19	15-Sep-19	Safe One Basic Driver Training at Talooge Park	Training	Peter Butterfield
22-Sep-19	22-Sep-19	Brindabella Ramble	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
05-Oct-19	07-Oct-19	Wombeyan Caves and Yerranderie Township	Grade 3	Lynne Donaldson
09-Oct-19	09-Oct-19	Basic Training 4WD Vehicle Evaluation	Training	Peter Butterfield
19-Oct-19	20-Oct-19	Talooge Workingbee	Muster	Peter Reynolds
30-Oct-19	30-Oct-19	Pre Safe One Basic Driver Training Evening	Training	Joe Brigulio
01-Nov-19	03-Nov-19	Safe One Basic Driver Training at Talooge Park	Training	Peter Butterfield
09-Nov-19	09-Nov-19	Brindabella Ramble	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
15-Nov-19	17-Nov-19	Student Driver Trainers Validation	Training	Joe Brigulio
21-Nov-19	21-Nov-19	Trivia Night - Put your thinking cap on !!	Social	Lynne Donaldson
23-Nov-19	29-Nov-19	Victorian High Country Ramble Vers 4	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
30-Nov-19	01-Dec-19	Christmas Party	Social	Lynne Donaldson
07-Dec-19	08-Dec-19	Talooge Workingbee	Muster	Peter Reynolds



# Brindabella Ramble

<b>Trip Leaders</b>	Rob Phillips
	Rob Davidson
<b>Participants</b>	Jon Case
	Bryn Evans
	Michael Marsalek
	Senerath Wijeratne
	Juli Poole
	Simon Bailey
	John Sankey
	Luke Guillot
	Hayley Smith
	Francoise Arbaut-Zaalen
	Michael Drew
	Georgina Karo
	Chris Nicholls

It's Sunday 30 February around 9am, and we're assembling at Uriarra Homestead for the Brindabella Ramble. The Ramble is something of a tradition for the club. It's run after a basic training course, and a way for new trainees to consolidate what they've learnt, without that reassuring instructor in the cab. I did my training more than a year ago, and not much 4WDing apart from trips down to Talooge. I am so grateful I can fit onto this Ramble, even though there are 14 others booked in. I'm not the only one. There are a few friendly faces, members, who like me, have not been able to do much driving off the tar.

To fit everyone in the group is divided, with another Rob (Rob 2!) volunteering to take the second group. We will all be doing the same route, but in opposite directions. Group one travel along Brindabella Road to Gentle Annie Road, through Flea Creek, then on to McIntyre's Hut for lunch. Group two does the same trip, but in reverse. The aim is to meet up for lunch. I jump into Group one.

It's dusty, but Rob is ahead of the game and we (should) have all been prepared with full windscreen washer reservoirs. And it is *really* dusty. We spread out, but I can't see and pull back even further. I'm a bit nervous. 'Gentle Annie' is supposed to be steep. The name is ironic and it is steep, but It's fun. I'm enjoying the driving and find I have a smile on my face. I've missed this! Catching up over morning tea under the powerlines, I find I'm not the only one who has rediscovered the fun of driving.





Lunch - the two groups arrive within ten minutes of each other - we are down at Macintyre's Hut. We sit in a friendly circle, and swop stories. The group is sounding confident and plainly enjoying the drive.

Macintyre's track was steep and full of bull dust going in, and has to be traversed to get out. Group two goes up first, and after a suitable pause we start up the track. It's not long before we're stopped. Group one have hit a hole in a patch of bull dust, hidden round a steep right-hand bend, and made worse by some earlier drivers. We hang out on our chosen roll-overs and listen to the sounds of recovery above. I'd love to walk up and see what's going on. I'm getting really nervous now and start checking my recovery gear. The winch control comes out of the back and into the back seat. That's 4WDing sometimes. There's always that tricky two, five or ten metres somewhere on any drive.



That's why you do your training. I'm channeling Tara, my instructor, as I get into the cab. Rob recommends we 'keep left' and asks us to call in when we get past the hazardous bit. I'm still wondering whether I've passed the worst of it when I see the group parked up ahead.

Airing up, there are a lot of smiles. I feel I now know a few more friendly faces. On the last of the dusty track, I see what I think is an unusual piece of wood on the road. Like an illusion, the wood unfolds and flies lazily to a nearby tree branch: it's a big black cockatoo, yellow checks and tail. It's been a brilliant day.



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# River Crossing & Sand Driving

## Course

After a pleasant early morning drive in light rain we arrived at the river and were told to drive along the large sandy beach and get bogged. We duly did as instructed and then used our Maxtrax to recover our vehicles. They worked like magic! We were again instructed to get bogged and to then drop the tire pressure in 5 PSI increments until we were able to drive out. After a lot of stuffing around, I finally got the Prado out with the tires at 12 PSI – a bit lower than I was expecting. The final exercise was recovering our bogged trucks using a snatch strap. The exercise was more interesting for the failures and poor coordination between the drivers than the successful recoveries...we have much room for improvement! We then had 10 minutes of fun driving around the beach to get the feel of driving on sand.

After another drive in the rain and quick lunch at the Araluen pub, we headed to the Deua River for the water crossing component. After fitting our water crossing blinds and snatch straps to our trucks, we headed into the river like a bunch of confused sheep to walk the track.







We then did 3 passes in each direction with the human bollards (AKA instructors) moving into deeper water each pass. The first pass was relatively shallow under the expert supervision of Peter B (the umbrella was a nice touch!)...so far so good!





After 3 passes, we paused to check if any water had found its way into the air filter box. The Prado was good but I was glad I'd followed Joe's advice to plug holes with silicone and check all snorkel/hose connections the previous weekend. I'd discovered the hose inside the fender that connects the snorkel to the air box had come off and air was being sucked in from inside the fender rather than the top of the snorkel.

The next 3 passes were from the other direction and the instructors had moved into deeper water. On the final pass I heard Rod on the radio commanding that I get closer to the instructors so I'd get maximum benefit from the exercise. So I duly aimed the Prado at Pelican and set off. I got a bit closer than I intended but I had a bow wave that the QE2 would be proud of! I then headed towards Rob and the last I saw was Rob standing on his toes to grow 6 inches taller as the bow wave hit him – sorry Rob!



Following a debrief and removing the blind and weed from the truck we headed home. It was great leaning experience and a fun day!

Many thanks to the instructors for giving up their time, and getting wet, to make us better drivers.

Max Cornwall



## **Students Comments**

The day eventuated with rain and mist and as a result a magic dive from Braidwood to the water crossing training area.

Two cars with water ingress into breather boxes meant spectating for the remainder and 1 instructor with water ingress into their waders meant wet pants and some unwarranted attention over lunch de briefs, maybe it was getting too close to a cruiser distributing baked goods out the window! The experience of being made to drop pressures by 5 psi increments in the sand was a real eye opener and the inability to bog some vehicles due to the wet/hard sand a frustration for instructors!

A magic group of people with plenty of comradery, confectionary and even some car swapping, look forward to the next club trip to put these skills to use!

### **Dean Mcpherson**

Our group met at MacDonald's, Queanbeyan and promptly led off by PB at 0730 on the dot. We headed off to do the Sand component of our course. After a short morning tea break we split into our two groups and made our way down to the sandy banks along "not sure the name of the river.

We quickly discovered bigger is not always better as the larger trucks dug themselves into the sand the nimble Jeep happily played in the sand.

A great morning, learning from our experienced trainers and a great group of keen trainers made for a wonderful day.

Big thanks to Joe and PB for such a successful day.

### **Stu**

Fantastic course, very well organised and run by a team of people who really cared about making sure you walked away learning something new.

The water section of the course was a little daunting at first however after checking the cars, getting the recovery gear ready just in case, fitting a car bra and walking the river to pick the line we all entered the water and learnt something. I was especially impressed with the care the trainers took in making sure we felt comfortable and doing what they can to look after our gear.

The sand section of the course was equally insightful. The difference just 5psi can make (especially at lower pressures) can make to your traction was more surprising than I thought. The opportunity to test skills, get bogged deliberately and just try different driving styles and techniques to recover the vehicle in a safe and controlled environment did wonders for the confidence about driving on sand.

Once again thanks to the wonderful trainers who gave up their time to teach us.

### **P Dunlop**

As a 4 wheeler of relative inexperience when it comes to water and sand driving, I found the course most educational. From the rigging of vehicles with blinds and recovery gear, plotting a course through water, maintaining the correct speed, checking for water intake, weed removal and the info conveyed by Joe prior to crossing was most informative.

Equally the sand driving, experiencing the difference between tyre pressure, getting the most out of my maxtrax (and maybe purchasing another pair) and refreshing recovery techniques was all valuable information. Also, the info night prior to course is a must, without it I wouldn't have had my vehicle ready for the outing. A big Thank You to all the crew who gave their time for the day.

**Mark Walters**

I had a great day with the 4WD club on the sand and river crossing trip. The hands on experience is the only way to go. I found both the water crossings and sand driving was informative. I learnt a lot regarding how to get your vehicle out of sand bogs. I would like to thank the instructors for their help and advice. Looking forward to more courses and trips with the 4WD club.

**Garry Firth**

How many hours did I spend under the car looking for holes that needed to be siliconed up? Maybe 1 hour flat on the back and I only found 2 - 1 under the car and the other in the firewall.

Sealing up the air box was definitely worth it. The foam that is put in to seal up the air box had deteriorated to a point that dust was getting in so water would have come rushing in, had I not removed the air box and replaced the foam with a rubber seal and a touch of silicone to make sure of a complete seal.

The experience of it all.

Sand driving has always been a hobby of mine growing up next to Stockton Beach and many days of blasting around on the dunes has taught me the right way and the wrong way of doing things. Tyre pressure is the key and that's what we got taught. Max Traxs are also another great option for assisting with traction when you need a bit more (usually cause of the super soft sand that varies from beach to beach). It's always fun using a snatch strap and making sure that safety is the No.1 priority. What's not always fun is when you get bogged trying to extract a 3 tonne Toyota Landcruiser behemoth and the driver leaves the car in neutral so your doing all the work. ha ha thanks Stu.

Rivers are for swimming in.

Water is so much fun to be around and my car loves it. Well, usually only for a wash to get rid of the dirt. This time she got her undercarriage well and truly rinsed. I know why cars are always girls - cause they love to put on a bra. Lineup the trainers in fluoro vests and see how close you can get to them - was the game we all played - all whilst packing our daks and hoping the water didn't enter into our engines and cockpits. Keep the bow wave in front of the car with the right momentum and all is good. In and out we went, up and down the river, drain the water each time we exited the river - had to wait longer each time as there is a surprising amount of water that a car can hold in its underbelly.

Super big thanks to all the trainers for donating their time and knowledge to all us students. We really appreciated it. Great day out on the tracks and some really nice new camping spots to try out soon.

**Scotty aka Roger**

*Many thanks to "The Bollards" and the driver training team, a great day was had by all.*

*So off to Bungendore we went, a 7.30 start  
And then to Araluen where the rain clouds fell apart.  
We dropped some air and off we went the Deua on our right.  
The more we went the mud got flung till Dry Creek Camp in sight.  
Put car bras on and prepped our feet to walk the river long  
To pick a path for us to drive a democratic song.  
The shallow track was all worked out and the bollards put in place  
Then off we went around in loops three times at steady pace.  
On passes two and three we note the bloody bollards moved  
Much deeper than the wheels we went, don't panic keep it smooth.  
Now snorkel check and air box dry reverse direction please  
For two more passes through the swamp then off for bread and cheese.  
Car bras off and all packed up back along the muddy track  
To Araluen airing up and Braidwood coming back.  
Then off towards old Nerriga, a few K's down we went.  
A left to Stewart's Crossing and the sand bogging event.  
Now Dim and Tara took our group and tried with all their might  
To bog our vehicles in the sand with back wheels out of sight.  
We dropped our air progressively and to our all delight  
At 15 pounds they all popped out without a bloody fight.  
We then lined up Max Trax in hand -- half bogged and at the ready  
Then dig em in beneath the wheel and take off nice and steady.  
From this we went to Snatch-em straps with dampers fore and aft  
And because the trucks weren't really bogged we did it for a laugh.  
Now bribes and corrupt behaviour are encouraged all the way  
So the handing out of sweets and cakes continued through the day.  
But in the end t'was all worthwhile and certificates were the go  
With loud applause and smiles all round from good old uncle Joe.*

**John P.**

The sand & water driving was a great learning experience and I had a lot of fun trying to flood the waders of the very patient trainers. The sand driving was a real eye opener when it came to seeing the difference that dropping tyre pressures achieved on dry sand. Thankyou to the trainers for giving up their Saturday when they could have had a quiet day at home rather than standing around in the drizzling rain.

**Alex Wotzko**



The River crossing and sand driving course was fantastic and I really enjoyed it. The instructors done a brilliant job with organising, providing instruction and making it a great day for everybody. I am very appreciative of the work they put in.

We met at Bungendore and had a chat about our cars before we headed to Araluen and then the Deua river. There was light rain which kept the dust down and made the cars look nice and muddy. We fitted our radiator blinds and then went to the river to plot our course. It was a good idea that we were driving the river lengthways rather than straight across as this gave us an opportunity to practice river crossing on a longer section. We drove the first three crossings and it was getting deep on the last crossing. We stopped to check our cars after the third crossing and my ducks bottom was full of water, luckily this wasn't going into the air filter. I had organised for a snorkel and diff breathers to be fitted to my car in the week before the course, I also sealed the valve on my ducks bottom, but unfortunately didn't seal the hole from the air filter through to the ducks bottom. It was good idea that we did a staged approach to the river crossings and checked the cars after the third crossing.

The sand driving gave us all the chance to get our cars bogged and then try different methods of recovery. It was good to put the Maxtrax to practical use to get cars get out of difficult situations.

### **Peter Zyg**

A fantastic day had by all. Great drive down through the stunning Araluen Valley with Joe pointing out prize bulls and rogue helicopters. Arrived at the Deua River and straight into it. The preferred line was agreed and the human bollards did an exceptional job, gradually drawing us ever deeper and allowing the change in drag to register on the increasingly confident drivers. A couple of runs through and I learned the lesson of checking the air box religiously...no ingress but a slightly damp filter prompted the decision to play another day. Oh, and the suicide doors on an FJ Cruiser do not seal well, but I again praised the utility of the rubber floor matting over carpet! We then headed off for some fun in the sand at Stewart's Crossing. I was pleased to get bogged deep enough to require a pressure drop to 12 psi to drive out - the strength of the sidewalls on these LT tyres never fails to impress. Some more fun snatching and practising recovery techniques and the day was over before we knew it. Another well organised club event; the knowledge of the instructors is always impressive and the tips to always improve technique are very much appreciated.

### **Colin & Karen McLachlan**

Well with any good course it started with a meeting so our instructors could let us all know what we were in for. ( Oh and some horror stories from Joe to let people know the worst that could happen.)

Next came preparation.

( Diff. breather extensions and a snorkel for the Wrangler which went on two weeks before the course.)

### **Sand Driving**

There had been rain before we got there so the sand was a little wet but we decided to have a try anyway. All vehicles got stuck in the sand except the Wrangler despite still driving on full tyre pressures.

After the clutch cooled down, airing down on the sand which is a valuable lesson, we had a max track demonstration and the decision was made that we would have to “dig the Jeep in” after doing this the question was asked who would like to have the once of opportunity to recover a Wrangler from the sand. During the recovery the vehicle in front started to dig down into the sand but as there was enough tension on the snatch strap the Wrangler “popped” out of its holes in slow motion giving a very good example of exactly how it should work.



## Water Crossings

Once getting to our water crossing destination we let our vehicles cool down whilst fitting their blinds. (I must admit a Wrangler fitted with it's water bra is amongst the funniest things I've ever seen, but if that is what it takes to keep it safe during a deeper crossing who cares.)

We walked the crossing and picked our path placing a number of fluorescent human bollards along the way.

We did three crossings in one direction getting deeper each time and then three crossings in the other direction.

On the way out you would think the learning would have finished but no, one more lesson on clearing a track of larger obstacles.

Thanks to all the instructors for the time they put in and knowledge they departed on this day.

**Rob and Fiona Stevenson**

My group started off the course with a fresh morning meet up at Mick Sherd Oval in Bungendore at 7:30am. After a debrief on what was going to happen during the day we lined up in our convoy behind Joe and headed off towards Braidwood and Araluen. Once we passed through Araluen we aired down and headed towards Dry Creek. After arriving everyone was given a short amount of time where they were able to have a bite to eat and prepare their cars with the necessary equipment to do the water crossings. We then scouted the water for the best lines before we did three passes through the creek gradually getting deeper each pass. Before doing the final passes through the creek students were asked to stop and check their air boxes to insure there was no water egress into the airbox. Two vehicles were stopped from participating after water was found in their airbox. After a debrief once the final passes had been completed the group got back into convoy procedure and head back towards Braidwood to do the sand component at Stuarts crossing.

Once students arrived at Stuarts crossing we split into two groups and were asked to drive onto the sand with road pressures in our tyres. All cars got bogged deep which is where we would then learn 4 different ways to get them out. We learnt how much simply lowering tire pressure can help even by a couple of psi, how to properly use Maxtrax's, a tow/ snatch recovery in sand and reversing out can be the better option. Students then got 15mins of free time to drive on the sand and practice what they had just learnt. After a final debrief and a big thankyou from the students to the trainers for putting on such an amazing course we all aired up and hit the bitumen back to Canberra. I would highly recommend the course to any public or club member that may be interested. It changes the way you think and drive in scenarios creating a safer outcome and trip for yourself and others you may be travelling with. Big thankyou to Joe and his amazing team of driver trainers!

**Mitch Cassimatis**









# Camp Cooking Recipes

## best-ever chocolate

### Ultimate chocolate brownie

Makes 16 pieces

200g good-quality dark chocolate, chopped  
200g butter, chopped  
1/3 cup cocoa powder  
1 1/2 cups caster sugar  
3 eggs  
1/2 cup plain flour, sifted  
1/4 cup self-raising flour, sifted  
180g good-quality white chocolate, chopped

~~1 cup walnuts, chopped~~  
double cream, to serve

1 Preheat oven to 180°C. Grease and line a 3cm-deep, 16.5cm x 26cm (base) slab pan with baking paper, allowing a 2cm overhang at both long ends.

2 Combine dark chocolate and butter in a heatproof, microwave-safe bowl. Microwave, uncovered, on HIGH (100%) for 1 to 2 minutes, stirring every minute with

a metal spoon until almost melted. Stir until smooth.

3 Add cocoa and sugar to warm chocolate mixture. Stir until cocoa dissolves. Add eggs, 1 at a time, mixing well after each addition.

4 Add flours. Stir until just combined. Fold in white chocolate and walnuts. Spread mixture into prepared pan. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre has moist crumbs clinging. Cool completely in pan. Serve with cream.

Ultimate chocolate brownie





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# MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS (CONT.)

## INFORMATION ON CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### Membership report – April 2019

#### Membership figures as at 31 March 2019

Membership Type	Number	Comments
Ordinary	234	Reduced by 8, test memberships
Life	10	
Subtotal	244	
Family	163	
Total	407	
Members not renewed	68	

#### Final figures Year Ending 31 December 2018

Membership Type	Number	Comments
Ordinary	292	
Life	10	
Subtotal	302	
Family	207	
Total	509	
Members not renewed	46	

#### Current membership compared to same time last year (March 2018)

At 31 March 2018 we had 239 full members, 9 Life members and 174 family members for a total of 422 individual members compared to 407 this year

At the same time last year, we had 30 new full members for the year compared to 11 this year. There were 51 members who had not renewed by the end of March 2019 Compared with 68 to the end of March this year

#### New members March 2019

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Welcome all

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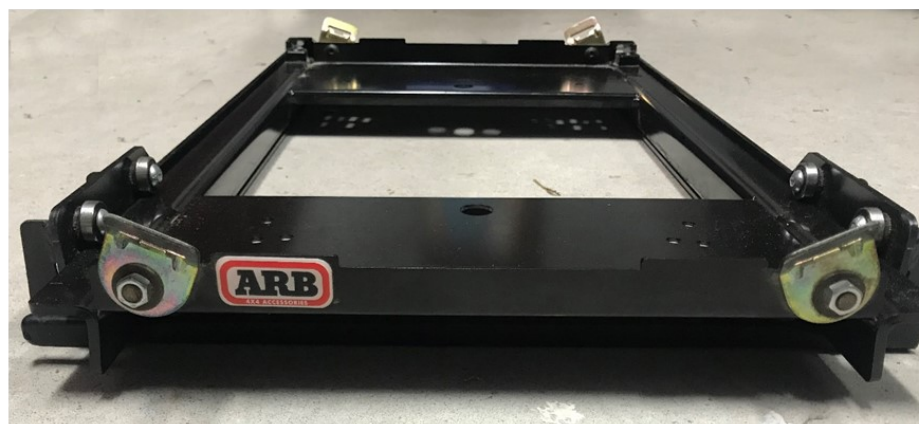
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# For Sale

## Hannibal Jumbo Roof Top Tent

This is the 1.4m wide model. It has an annex and a new vinyl cover. There is also a canvas draft barrier, for around and under the vehicle. (Made for Toyota Prado). It's made with heavy-duty canvas so sleeping-in is a possibility when camping!

The roof top tent is 9 years old but only used occasionally, and stored in a carport.

See <https://www.hannibalsafari.com.au/product/hannibal-jumbo-canvas-tent/> for more information on this model.

Price \$1500.

Contact Ian on 0448 132 060 or e-mail [immcnaught@bigpond.com](mailto:immcnaught@bigpond.com)



# For Sale

## Cavalier Camper trailer 2003 off road 7x4

Water tank with electric pump– 80 litres

Electric brakes

12 volt battery plus Anderson plug for car charging

Large pull out kitchen/ pantry

2 burner gas cooker

Double foam mattress

Off road tyres

Treg hitch

9 kilo gas bottle

2 x 20 litre Jerry Can carriers

New canvas soft top cover

Draw bar tool box

Stone guard

Currently Registered till 2/8/2019

**Price \$2500.00**

This is a great 1<sup>st</sup> camper, we have recently upgraded to a new camper.

If you are interested, please call Rob on 0407 072 573





# For Sale

## Four Highway Terrain Tyres

Four (4) Bridgestone Dueler H/T 265/65R17 for sale.

Would be ideal for a work ute or around town vehicle (these tyres not suitable for 4WDing)

Tyres are off a Hilux (but would fit any vehicle with this size tyre - eg Prado) and have only done around 2000 km.

**Price \$120 for all 4 (or \$30 each)**

Contact Dim 0401 990 855

E-mail [dimmail89@gmail.com](mailto:dimmail89@gmail.com)





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### MONARO OFFROAD CENTRE

25 Stevens Road, Queanbeyan.  
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The folks at Monaro Offroad Centre have been long-time supporters of our club, and look after the vehicles of many of our members. Michael and Rod can look after you with all vehicle servicing, repairs, pre-purchase inspections, trip preparation, new car warranty servicing, and a free courtesy car on request. They can supply and fit accessories from all the well-known brands from leading manufacturers. [www.monaroffroad.com.au](http://www.monaroffroad.com.au)



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### CANBERRA CARAVAN & 4WD CENTRE

39 Kembla Street, Fyshwick, ACT, 2609,  
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Canberra Caravan & 4x4 Centre (formally Pride Caravans) has renovated the store & changed their name to widen their already diverse range of products to include Ironman 4x4 range. Their large range of caravan accessories includes towbars, weight

CANBERRA TOYOTA



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Watts Communications is a family owned & operated business established in Canberra for over 25 years. They are your one stop shop for all of your two-way radio, UHF CB radio, GPS navigation & GPS vehicle tracking needs. They have an extensive showroom and a fully equipped workshop to undertake installations into all types of



## Bronze Sponsor

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**Members should note that many of our fantastic sponsors offer Club members a discount on goods purchased from them. Please ask at time of purchase and have your membership card handy.**



## Social Committee News

What a successful 2018 - 1st year of the social Committee was. We had various social activities up on the calendar which were well supported. We would like to thank everyone that came along to the events and had fun. These events are relaxed and gives us a chance to get to know each other better and perhaps make new friendships.

We look forward to 2019 and a busy fun year ahead, the following activities will be put up on the calendar.

1. Bush walks
2. 2. Trivia nights
3. 3. Picnics
4. 4. Ten pin Bowling
5. 5. Christmas in July
6. 6. Day drives
7. 7. Christmas party

A special thanks to ARB Fyshwick for supporting us throughout the year and for donating raffle prizes for the Christmas Party.

If you have any ideas we would love to hear from you.

Looking forward to seeing you all on a trip or a social occasion.

Social committee

## Club Clothing



<i>Polo Shirts</i>	\$38.00
<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