



August 2020

Southern Trails

Next Meeting:

The August Club Meeting is cancelled as part the Club's response to COVID-19.



Rebirth...

(Victorian High Country)



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General Meetings are held at the
Canberra Deakin Sports Club, Grose St, Deakin
at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

General meetings are where Club members and visitors can meet and get information on past and future Club activities in an informal atmosphere. Meetings regularly feature talks from experts on topics of interest, and reports on past trips. Visitors can introduce themselves, there is a raffle with generous prizes and a coffee break for catching up with other members.

Ideas for guest speakers are welcome, please don't hesitate to contact the Committee if you know of someone who could make an interesting and topical presentation.

Many members gather before the meeting to enjoy a meal or a drink at the club.

Publications

Website: Information regarding the Club, our activities, sponsors, and membership is available on our website at www.st4wdc.com.au.

Facebook: the ST4WDC page includes posts regarding Club activities and sponsors and can be found at www.facebook.com/st4wdc/.

Southern Trails: is the ST4WDC monthly newsletter. Trip reports, member profiles, relevant articles, and classified advertisements are welcome, as are photographs and illustrations. Closing date for contributions is the first Tuesday of the month. Send contributions to publications@st4wdc.com.au.

Talooge Park

Talooge is the Club's 700ha bush block in rugged country east of Bredbo. It is used for training and other Club activities. Several areas are set aside for basic bush camping, these have firewood and there are flushing toilets and a (bring your own) shower cubicle available. A covered barbeque area is also available but there is no water or electricity and mobile phone coverage is very limited. Pets and the discharge of firearms are not permitted on the property. Visitors should assume they are wholly responsible for their own wellbeing and conscious of the risks of fire, snakebite, etc. Further details are on the Club's website.

Club Bank Account

Membership fees are paid through the Club's website. For other financial transactions, the Club's bank account details are:

Bank:	Bank Australia
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Code of Ethics



Four Wheel Drive Australia Code Of Ethics

ST4WDC is affiliated with Four Wheel Drive Australia and we promote responsible four wheel driving. We should all observe and support this Code of Ethics. Remember, image is difficult to change.

- Obey the laws and regulations for Recreational Vehicles that apply to public lands.
- Respect the cultural, heritage and environmental values of public/private land, by obeying restrictions that may apply.
- Respect our flora and fauna. Stop and look, but never disturb.
- Keep to formed vehicle tracks.
- Keep the environment clean. Carry your own, and any other, rubbish out.
- Keep your vehicle mechanically sound and clean to reduce the environmental impact.
- Adopt minimal impact camping and driving practices.
- Seek permission before driving on private land. Do not disturb livestock or watering points, leave gates as found.
- Take adequate water, food, fuel, basic spares and a first aid kit on trips. In remote areas travel with another vehicle and have Royal Flying Doctor Service, or equivalent emergency contact by radio or satellite.
- Plan ahead and lodge trip details with a responsible person.
- Enjoy your recreation and respect the rights of others.
- Support four-wheel drive touring as a legitimate family activity.
- Consider joining an affiliated four-wheel drive Club.

This Code supports the National Recreational Four Wheel Drive Vehicle Policy.

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President's Report

Andy Squire

Despite President Trump's assurances that 'one day this will all go away, it will just disappear' it is still with us and continues to get worse in Victoria and NSW. And unfortunately this impacts us being in the middle.... Dammit!

So, as a result of current COVID-19 restrictions, the Committee has again decided to cancel the General meeting (scheduled for August). Realising that restrictions are a long-term proposition, and that quite a number of our members enjoyed the meeting (not sure why anyone would want to listen to me jibber on for an hour – come to think of it, are you even reading this?) we are investigating options. First will be a call to the Deakin Club to see how we can manage numbers and the meeting while working within the rules. Second will be whether a Zoom/Teams meeting is feasible and how it can be set up and managed, and where it would be hosted from – last thing anyone would want would be my ugly mug doing a Max Headroom impersonation for an hour (remember him? coming to you from 20 minutes into the future?). Hopefully we will be able to hold our September meeting, but this will be subject to changes to any existing Government restrictions and confidence in our ability to manage the safety of our members – obviously we will keep you informed.

In the last newsletter and a recent general member's email we advised about a 'Meet and Greet' day being held in October and asking for volunteers. After monitoring the COVID-19 situation and much gnashing of teeth, scratching of heads and general falling about with no obvious solution on how we can safely manage the event, we have come to the conclusion that we can't. The view is that restricting to the 100 limit and 1.5m separation will be difficult. We would hate to spread the virus, put any attendees in a position of risk, or receive a fine for breaching the rules. For the time being the public aspect of the event is postponed until restrictions ease or we can work up a better plan for the event, but the Club camping part is still going ahead – if you put your name down to volunteer and were planning to stay the night, you still can.

Hopefully you all received the email about the 4WD Spectacular and the LRC decision to withdraw from the MOU. If not (or even if you did and you want to read it again) it is published again later in the newsletter. The Spectacular has been a large part of the Club's calendar for a long time and it would be disappointing to see it end, but we really need to consider whether our members want to be involved in the future in more ways than just as an attendee – it takes quite a bit of effort to organise and we don't want to commit if the will is just not there. Please, if you haven't already, have a look at the information and go to the link to express your opinion (you will need to be a current member to complete the survey, but it will only take 2 minutes... really, promise....)

President's Report

Andy Squire

On the positive side, we have been able to run a number of trips over the last few weeks and from that point of view things are returning to normal (unfortunately any interstate trips are a no-go). A few of us were able to head off for a week with the intention of doing the northern end of the Darling River run (being fully self-contained and avoiding locals as much as possible) but the rain had other ideas. Still, we had a good break and managed to just hide in the bush and chill (at night, very chill).

So, once again, after filling you with inspiration after those stirring words....I got nothin'.... Because of the restrictions and the lack of events, there is not a lot for me to report. But for some reason the Committee seems to be as busy as ever, and things still need managing and doing. Oh yeah.... just remembered. In 2019 we received a grant of \$5,000 to spend on items relating to volunteering. I am pleased to inform you that we managed to spend it all on a range of items that will benefit our members and support the Club during volunteer activities. Thanks to those who put the grant together, and those who helped to select the most appropriate items to buy.

And my final thought? Car sickness is the feeling you get when the monthly payment is due.

Andy..



Letter from the Editor

Hi everyone,

It's good to see the Club gradually coming back to life again after easing of restrictions on outdoor activities in the ACT notwithstanding increased restrictions in our neighbour states. There's a plethora of trips and events on the website that have either happened or are due to happen before the end of the year and on into '21. Its great to see everyone reconnecting and getting excited about going off on a trip, even if it's only overnight.

I recently went on a weekend expedition to a farm just south of Bredbo with the camper trailer and I can tell you I'm seriously considering an electric blanket or something similar to keep the bed warm when Anne is unable to come along!! One of the people on the trip had a roof top tent with a diesel heater feeding into it which is pure decadence in my humble opinion - might have to look into that myself :o). Concerns over carbon monoxide build up were mitigated with an alarm permanently fitted, and a remote control negated the need for wiring. I love seeing what other people have done with their trucks.

Unfortunately there's no Campfire Kitchen section this month because, well, I haven't received any recipes! If you have a tasty recipe you'd like to share, please do.

There's a new section featured in this edition called *Show off your Rig* where members can do just that. I've kicked things off with a rundown on Johnny, our 4.2 Patrol. Please let me know if you'd like your Rig featured in next month's newsletter.

We have three reports in this edition from trips to Araluen, Brindies and Kowen Forest that occurred over the past month which is great to see. The Mt Clear Track Clearing, and the Chainsaw Training Course had to be rescheduled due to weather.

If you have any editions of Southern Trails between 1977 and 2015, please take a look at the list of magazines missing from our Club set on page 16 and let me know if you are able to donate any missing copies back to the Club to help complete the set.

Training is back on with "Safe One" in September and October; Basic Winching in September; and a Sand and Water course in October. The Driver Training Unit has been working hard to bring in sensible COVID-19 safety measures to protect the health and wellbeing of students and trainers; these should be implemented in the upcoming courses.

Happy Trails, Matt Warmington publications@st4wdc.com.au

Meet the Committee

Lynne and Rob Donaldson



I joined ST4WDC in January 2008 with my Husband Rob, children Dan (8) and Gemma (5).

My love of the Club stems from making good friends and participating on great trips.

The Club offers support and a pool of knowledge our Members have and share, which is awesome.

Over the years I have been very active with the Club - organising Social events, Trip Leading, 40th Anniversary celebrations, Spectacular tent, joining the driver training team, various positions on the committee starting with General member, Membership secretary and my current role now as Vice President.

When we joined the Club we had a Nissan Navara then upgraded to a 100 Series Toyota Land Cruiser.

The 100 series has served us well and will continue to do so, we have definitely put the old girl through her paces over the years tackling some very challenging tracks.

Also a few months back we celebrated having our new 79 Series Land Cruiser (The Phantom) for a year.

We have not had much of a chance to get out and really try him out, so we are looking forward to hitting the tracks and see what this beast can do.

I have a couple of favourite Club trips which are a trip to the Flinders Ranges (Trip Leader Dim Veteri) and Fraser Island (Trip Leaders Scott and Mary-Anne Grogan); both these trips were so well organised and had a great bunch of people to enjoy these experiences with.

My motto is " the more you put in the more you get out" - **Lynne**.



Trip Report

Friday in the Brindies



Participants:

Bron and Andy; Michael P; Trish and Shakey; Lynne and Rob; Alain; Chris and Julie; Glynis; Siva; Angela.

Thanks for organizing a fantastic trip Bron & Andy. I thought I had been on most of the tracks in the Brindabella's but I was wrong. Went through puddles that looked like broken glass due to the layer of ice. Trish drove well through the slippery mud on the powerline

trail. She was relieved that we didn't have to drive back up that way. We almost had Michael Patrick doing a trip report for once. But then somehow the conversation had been changed to his love affair with "Barbra" the toy sheep. So here we are again having to do a paragraph on Velcro gloves whoops sorry about the trip.

Thanks sHaKeY

Could not of asked for a better way to spend our RDO (rostered day off). The sun was shining, birds were singing (so was Lynne in the car) and the sound of the mighty V8 going up those hills made for a fantastic day. It was a pleasure to sit by the river and with the great group of Members at McIntyre's hut for an hour or so enjoying lunch and a few laughs. Looking forward to the next Club trip we go on.

Rob and Lynne

On a beautiful sunny morning somewhat frosty, I arrived at the Uriarra home state to join the convoy. It was nice to catch up with fellow members, and to meet some new ones. We drove to McIntyre's hut, starting from blue range road, two sticks track, followed by the powerline trail, and many more. Thanks to our trip leader we



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stopped on time for morning tea @ 1045 on the dot, (as after 11am it would have been a brunch), and there we were spoiled by a magnificent view.

The going was not too challenging, except one downhill section which was quite slippery with deep ruts. Here my car had a mind of its own as I tried to control the sliding down - not too sure I enjoyed that bit.

Lunch was lovely, set up in a warm and sunny spot surrounded by the wonderful environment. After a while we sadly had to be on the move again. The trip did finish mid-afternoon. Many thanks to Bronwyn for organising and leading the trip.

Cheers, Alain

What a great day for a drive in the Brindies. Meeting up at the homestead and seeing everybody nearly on time with Bron and Andy as our trip leaders. We had quite an assortment of solid steeds to ride on with Ange in her little Pony. It was a bit obvious that we were all a bit rusty on driving and convoy procedures especially from upfront where left and right was a bit confusing. No names no court marshals. The drive was excellent, and the Powerline track was a bit squishy but fun. Ange and her little pony enjoyed the squishy bits by the sounds coming over the radio. Lunch at McIntyre's was very pleasant with sun shining and no wind. The drive out of McIntyre's was quite gentle and Baldy Range had a couple of ruts. Well done to Bron and Andy for a well organised trip. Looking forward to getting back out into the bush

Michael

It was a great opportunity for me to rediscover our Brindabella's since my return from travelling Australia. I so love the trees and the vistas in the mountains.

Weather was fantastic and as always, the company was too. I always enjoy my getaways with ST4WDC and recommend them to everyone. Thanks, Bron and Andy for leading us



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around the mountains on tracks I haven't taken before. Hilux was happy and so was I.

Glynis

Many thanks to Bron and her co-driver for running the Friday day trip to the Brindies. The weather was absolutely perfect and reminded us all how brilliant a day out in mid-winter can be. The tracks all gave us pleasant driving with no real challenges barring a short slippery patch on the Powerlines track (thanks

Angela for the entertainment!). The highlight was the opportunity to spend a little time in the bush with good friends, something that has been all too rare over the last several months. Thanks everyone for your company for the day.

Cheers! Chris

The day trip out at the Brindabella's was fabulous. Beautiful blue skies, good bunch of individuals and some sloppy and slogged out tracks. Thanks for organising a great day out Bron. I am eagerly waiting for the next one.

Siva

Thanks to everyone for coming on the trip. We couldn't have asked for more beautiful weather. Tracks were relatively dryish, despite the rain earlier in the week, and the trip ran perfectly with fantastic participants. Friday appears to be a good day to get out of work and back on the tracks.

Until next time, cheers

Bron and Andy





4WD Spectacular

The 4WD Spectacular Committee has now held its 'Washup Meeting' to review the 2020 show. As you are probably aware, this year's show was not as successful as previous years, primarily due to the weather and the fires that were occurring at that time which had a significant impact on both exhibitors and attendees. Despite the conditions, the show was still a success and each of the clubs received approximately \$8,500 revenue from the event.

The Spectacular has been run under a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) by three clubs (the Land Rover Club of the ACT (LRC ACT) the ACT 4WD Club, and the Southern Tablelands) for a number of events; however, due to changing circumstances, the LRC has formally advised that they have withdrawn from the MOU and will not be participating in future events. The ACT 4WD Club has yet to make a final decision, but indications are that they are willing to continue.

The Spectacular has always been a great opportunity to showcase our Club and responsible 4 wheel driving, recruit new members, generate some revenue for the Club, and donate to various charities. However, with the absence of the LRC additional onus will be placed on the remaining clubs to provide members for the Organising Committee, and fill volunteer places for the actual running of the show. There is approximately \$18,000 in retained revenue for the Spectacular after paying the Land Rover Club their share of retained earnings, so the requirement for additional seed money is not expected at this stage. If we do not proceed with the spectacular we would receive half of these retained earnings, but obviously lose any future revenue from the show should it proceed.

It is possible that some of the activities currently performed by Club volunteers such as parking, ticketing, cleaning etc could be 'contracted out' to other organisations such as the Lions Club, SES, Rotary, Scouts etc if necessary, which would hopefully offset the increased workload on the remaining clubs and should not adversely impact any revenue; for example, outsourcing parking would result in saving around 60 volunteer slots per day. We would also like to see the focus of the show revert to its original intent, being a 4 Wheel Drive Spectacular rather than the current exhibitor shopping event.

Prior to entering into discussions with the ACT 4 Wheel Drive Club, negotiating a new agreement, or considering options for revamping, managing and staffing the show, we are trying to gauge the level of interest from our membership in the show and its future. If you could please take the time to follow the below link and indicate whether you believe that the ST4WDC should be involved in the organisation, management and running of the show, and whether you may be willing to continue to support the show by volunteering during the event, it will assist the Committee to make an informed decision on whether to proceed with negotiations with the ACT 4WD Club and planning for the next event (and how this may be managed and run), or cease participation in operation of the Spectacular.

The survey can be accessed via the following link, and will require logging on to the website. The survey will be open until **Monday 17 August**. Please, take the time to indicate your views and provide feedback.

<https://st4wdc.com.au/2022-4wd-spectacular-poll/>

Thanks, ST4WDC Committee.

Trip Report Araluen



The trip to Araluen was a great opportunity for friends separated due to COVID-19 to catch up and to build new friendships.

Rob, Sue, Deb, Rob, Michael, Luke, Janet and Glynis met at Araluen Campground for what was supposed to be a relaxing weekend sitting around the camp fire telling stories and catching up. The weekend started off well with a beautiful starry night on Friday and drinks around the campfire.

Saturday dawned with blue skies. Following a hearty breakfast of bacon, egg and pancakes we chatted to other campers from a touring motorcycle club and compared camping styles. They definitely know how to pack light.

To support the local community, we headed to Araluen Valley Hotel for lunch and learnt a bit of the history of the area. Did you know that there were 28 pubs in Araluen and 5 police stations during the gold rush? Araluen was also a popular hangout for Ben Hall and the Clarke brothers.



We returned to the camp site and spent a pleasant afternoon around the fire sharing cooking tips and preparing camp ovens for the evening feast. Glynis shared some highlights from her 'lap around Australia'. Luke and Michael headed into the pub for a bit of tucker and some beverages. Deb kept a close eye on the BOM website as we knew there was rain coming and it arrived just as the last camp oven came off the fire. Good timing.

And boy did it rain!!!! Poor Glynis's tent flooded so Janet kindly made room for Glynis in her camper. It rained all night but

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everyone stayed dry and the temperature was warm.

Packing up on Sunday in the rain wasn't much fun but we all pitched in to help each other.

We decided to abandon the drive home through Margarlowe and Wog Wog and headed straight up the highway to Canberra. We will do the planned drive another day.

Thanks to everyone for coming on this trip and bringing your sense of humour, community and patience. Despite the rain we had fun.

Sue Philips

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Show off your Rig

Owner: Matt Warmington

Base Vehicle: 2005 Nissan Patrol GU TD42i Wagon

I bought Johnny (Diesel) from McGrath Nissan in Phillip in 2015 to replace my 4.5 Petrol Patrol Wagon (Kenny) who had a drinking problem. Most of the gear I transferred over from Kenny to Johnny including the winch (since upgraded to a Runva 11XP), cargo barrier, drawers, second battery, wheels and tyres.

Since then Johnny's had a suspension lift and a few engine mods including a 3" exhaust and Cross Country intercooler upgrade. Berrima Diesel overhauled the fuel system and increased the boost. I fitted the sliders and brush bars, and the bar for a bit better protection in the bush. The tradie rack on the roof was added with a light bar and a Foxwing 270 degree awning.

To improve traction I added a front ARB locker. Why front, you might ask?



Show off your Rig



Patrols have a pretty effective Limited Slip Diff in the rear so I retain drive when traction is reduced. This combined with the front locker has worked out well for me in many situations.

In the rear I have an ARB 471 fridge on a platinum drop slide, and have recently built a kitchen cube which holds all the cooking gear, eating irons, and some dry food.

There's a fold down table inside the rear door with a light, and a second table tucked up high on a bracket. Anne and I have managed up to 7 days off grid with this setup.

Many other customisations have been done to Johnny, too many to list here.

What would I change? - I'd like to improve the fuel economy, probably take it back to Berrima Diesel for a service and maybe try to improve the power a little. Also probably swap the Foxwing awning for a Supa Peg or Darche 270° one.

What would be my next mod? - I was thinking of reduction gears but I'm not convinced that the cost / benefit would be worth it. Perhaps a GVM upgrade to 3600kg.

What works really well? - Pretty much everything, though it's a bit of a challenge for my 89 year old Mother in Law to get in and out of :o)

If you'd like to *Show off your Rig* or chat about anything you've seen in this article, get in touch.

Cheers, Matt
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Trips and Events

Michael Patrick

Note that COVID-19 and other circumstances may affect this list. Please check www.st4wdc.com.au and consult with the Trip Leader to confirm details before attending.

Start Date	End Date	Activity	Type	Leader
01-Aug-20	01-Aug-20	Kowen forest day trip	Grade 3	Darren Miller
15-Aug-20	15-Aug-20	Picnic by the Creek – Wee Jasper	Grade 2	Lynne Donaldson
19-Aug-20	19-Aug-20	Basic Training 4WD Vehicle Evaluation	Training	Peter Butterfield
05-Sep-20	06-Sep-20	Kowen Forest Campout	Grade 3	Ellen McGuinness
09-Sep-20	13-Sep-20	Consolidated “Safe One” Basic Driver Training At Talooge Park	Training	Bronwyn Squire
11-Sep-20	13-Sep-20	Basic Winching and Recovery Course	Grade 3	Bronwyn Squire
11-Sep-20	11-Sep-20	Basic Winching and Recovery Course	Grade 3	Bronwyn Squire
18-Sep-20	20-Sep-20	Accredited Chainsaw Training	Grade 2	Glenn Watts
18-Sep-20	20-Sep-20	Gillard's Beach Campground unwind	Grade 2	Darren Miller
20-Sep-20	20-Sep-20	Brindabella Ramble	Grade 3	Rob Stevenson
30-Sep-20	30-Sep-20	Basic Training 4WD Vehicle Evaluation	Training	Peter Butterfield
10-Oct-20	11-Oct-20	Explore The Tracks of Abercrombie River National Park	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
14-Oct-20	14-Oct-20	Information Night River Crossing & Sand Driving Course	Training	Bronwyn Squire
16-Oct-20	18-Oct-20	Lets explore the tracks at Central West 4wd Park	Grade 4	Lynne Donaldson
30-Oct-20	01-Nov-20	SNOWvember thermal pool and caves version 2	Grade 3	Darren Miller
07-Nov-20	07-Nov-20	River Crossing and Sand Driving Course	Grade 3	Bronwyn Squire
08-Nov-20	08-Nov-20	Brindabella Ramble	Grade 3	Mark Wakelam
14-Nov-20	20-Nov-20	Vic High Ramble V5	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
23-Jan-21	25-Jan-21	Australia Day Long Weekend Victoria High Country	Grade 4	Lynne Donaldson
20-Mar-21	26-Mar-21	Vic High Country	Grade 4	Michael Patrick
20-Mar-21	26-Mar-21	Vic High Country in Reverse	Grade 4	Matt Warmington
05-Jun-21	06-Jun-21	Trip Leader Workshop	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
21-Aug-21	22-Aug-21	OziExplorer, Hema Explorer Navigational Workshop	Grade 3	Michael Patrick

Southern Trails Back Copies

In January when the fires looked like they might hit Talooge some of the 'combustible treasures' were brought back into Canberra for safekeeping. Among them were editions of the Club Magazine, 'The Southern Trails' (before we changed to the electronic newsletter).

Thanks to Bron and Lynne for collating / sorting them, and Bron for doing an audit, we now have a full list of those editions we actually hold, and those that are missing. While we should be able to get copies from the National Library, if any members have copies of the missing editions and would be willing to donate them back to the Club to help us complete our set it would be much appreciated.

Some months ago we were donated bound editions from several years by one of our members and these have been stored in the Clubhouse at Talooge. It would be nice if we could complete the set and have a fully bound archive of the magazine - some make interesting reading and are of historical interest to the Club.

Missing Editions (Needed)	
1-Jun	Nov '76 – May '77
9	Aug '77
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Trip Report

Kowen Forest



Kowen Forest Trip – 1 August 2020

A cold, foggy Saturday morning awaited us as we aired down just outside the Kowen Forest gates off the Sutton Road. Locked to the public, around 10 cars, led by Shakey, were granted access by dint of being the ST4WDC. We literally had the place to ourselves.

It was a great day, with some more challenging short ascents and descents in places in the morning. Trees were down in places, which meant chainsaws and winches were broken out to clear the tracks from time to time.

With lots of intersections through the forest, we all had to practise good convoy protocols to stay together. At one point, we had to back-track to join back up when the convoy became separated, but the protocol allowed this to happen with the minimum of fuss.

The day finished with a couple of crossings of the Molonglo, the second one being quite deep – certainly for me, and one or two others I spoke to it was the deepest we'd done, so was a great experience and great fun.

An excellent day with a great group of people – thanks Shakey and to everyone else on the trip.



Roland

What a great day driving through Kowen Forest on Saturday.

This is such a great place and so close to Canberra. This trip enabled us to use many of the skills the Club has taught us: deep river crossing, creek crossing, track clearing (we stopped to clear



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about 10 trees that had fallen on the track), picking the best line, driving on a slippery track with deep ruts, and what to do when someone doesn't follow convoy procedure. We even found a body in the forest! Not a real one but one that we think had been left by the SES as a training exercise. The day was interesting, action packed and fun and we only had one turn around.

Thanks Shakey, Pelican and Matty (photographer) for a great day.



Kind regards, **Sue Phillips**

Thanks so much for an adventurous trip on Saturday. Lots of challenging terrain for me to gain more experience in my 4WD and my highlight was going through the river crossing. It was my Mum's first trip and she also had a good day.



Thanks, **Luke**

A foggy start to the day but based on the previous days was looking forward to the sun breaking through for a clear sunny winter's day. This proved to be the case but took a bit longer than normal to come through. Having driven past the Kowen Forest every morning on the way to work since moving to Wamboin five years ago this was a trip I was looking forward to making.



COVID ready, signed, and details taken, the gate was unlocked in the mist and we headed off. The tracks looked like they had not been driven on for a while and there were times when the chainsaw was put into action. Overall some good inclines which were fun. A pretty tame affair all round but great to be out and

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about with other Club members and seeing a bit of the local area that I had always been keen to see. Thanks to Shakey for organising a successful COVID compliant trip.

Regards, **Glen Heward**



We started the day-trip off in good quality fog and straightaway into the nice tight tracks that undulated ups and downs. Low-gears were permanently engaged and it was keeping my wits and making sure right gears were engaged and wheel placement was important. Like I told Shakey, the night before the trip I looked up Kowen forest on Google maps as everything looked flat. The tracks that we went on were just fabulous and I'm ready to go back there. So Shakey - when's the next trip back to Kowen? and thanks for organising such a wonderful trip.

Cheers **Siva**.



We had an amazing day out at Kowen forest. Beautiful scenery, I honestly was surprised how good this area is. Thanks to the Club for organising access and enabling this experience. A lot of fun on a sunny day with great people and some challenging tracks for the Prado.

Cheers, **Matthias**



Easy P - Volunteering



Belconnen
Community
Service

Volunteer driving to assist learner drivers to get their P's



Following changes to the rules for ACT learner drivers, BCS Youth Engagement will be assisting participants in the BCS Road Ready course to achieve their logbook hours through the pilot 'Easy P' program.

With assistance from the ACT Road Safety Fund, 'Easy P' will link learner drivers with up to 10 hours per week of driving mentoring with BCS volunteer drivers.

BCS is looking for volunteer drivers to help learner drivers achieve their logbook hours. Volunteers will need to have a clean driving record, and be willing to acquire a Working With Vulnerable People card. A vehicle will be provided, with all on-costs covered.

Easy P

- Recruiting for volunteer drivers
- Must have clean driving record, licence-holder for 10 years minimum
- Must have or be willing to acquire a Working With Vulnerable People card
- Support, induction and driver / learner matching provided by BCS
- Vehicle and costs covered by BCS
- Supported by ACT Road Safety Fund
- Evaluation by University of Canberra

To connect with BCS Youth Services, visit the **Belconnen Youth Centre** on the corner of Chandler St Swanson Court, phone 6264 0200, email bcs@bcsact.com.au, or like us at [www.facebook.com/ Belconnen Youth Centre](http://www.facebook.com/BelconnenYouthCentre)



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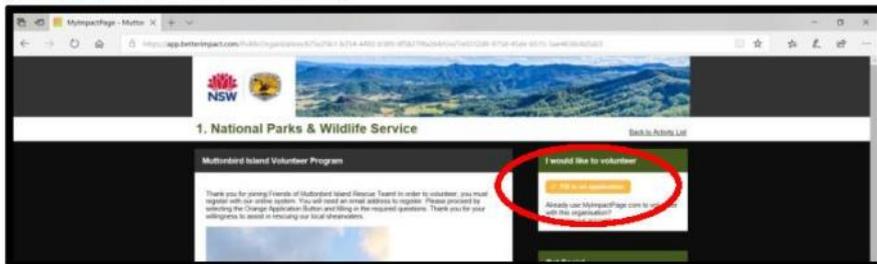
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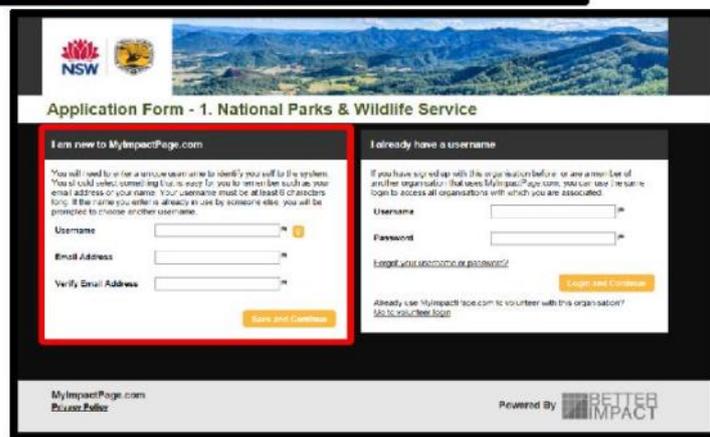
Volunteer Registration

NPWS has a new online volunteer management system called VIP. Please follow the instruction below to register in the system. The process should take 5-10 minutes.

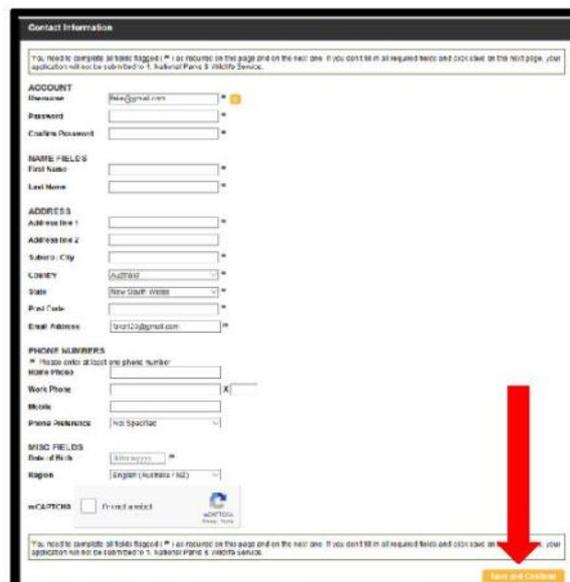
1. Go to this link: <https://4wdnow.com/pages/volunteer-sign-up-with-national-parks>
2. Hit the YELLOW "FILL IN APPLICATION" Button on the right of the screen. (red circle in screen shot below)



3. Create an account by filling in the form "I am new to MyImpactPage.com" (See this area in red rectangle to right). Use your **EMAIL** as your username. Click yellow **SAVE AND CONTINUE** button when you are finished.



4. Fill in the **CONTACT INFORMATION** form to the best of your abilities. The fields with **FLAGS** are required. Then Press the yellow **SAVE AND CONTINUE** button at the bottom of the page (red arrow in photo to right - you might need to scroll down to see it).



5. Another screen will pop up with multiple questions. Fill in the questions. Ones with **FLAGS** are required. Put N/A if it is required but you have no answer. Scroll down and continue to answer questions. After you have filled in the questions to the best of your ability, you will find the "SUBMIT APPLICATION" yellow button at the bottom of the page. Press this button and an **APPLICATION COMPLETE** confirmation screen will appear.

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2015 MK4 Tvan Murrarji in excellent condition - would suit new buyer. The Tvan is fitted with the military grade MC2 suspension, off-road electric brakes, and DO35 fully articulated off-road coupling, making this a truly go anywhere off road camper.

Some of the many included options are:

- Premium Kitchen with drawers, sink, cooktop and large workspace
- Sliding Glass Windows
- Queen size mattress
- 60w solar Panel
- Projecta 15A 7 stage Battery Charger
- Battery Management display
- 105Ah Fullriver Deep Cycle Battery
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- Front Boot Compartment with Fridge Slide on LHS
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Included in the price is a 47L ARB Fridge Freezer and Fully Fitted storage cover.

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Suitable for:

- Patrol GU II-V;
- Landcruiser 10/100/105 series

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Pair of after market side steps for GU Patrol.

More robust than standard, but not by any means sliders or jacking points.

Good condition.

\$50.00



Pair of steel rims and BFG tyres - LT265/70R16

One with 80% tread, one with 20%.

Six stud pattern suits GU Patrol and probably GQ and some Cruisers.

Nissan standard rims, offset unknown.

80% \$40.00; 20% \$20; or both \$50

Contact: Matt Warmington • 0407 562 656 • mattwarmo@gmail.com

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2008 TOYOTA LANDCRUISER CAB CHASSIS (DLS 05Y) & TRAYON CAMPER



Extras on vehicle include:

Bull bar, winch and side rails.
 Weather shields left & right.
 ARB compressor in toolbox.
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 Full width tyre box, 2 tyres & tools.
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5 Mag Rim Highway tyres (continental)
6 Steel Rim 4WD Cooper Discovery ST

Bespoke steel tray, rubber tray mat.
 Air conditioning & dual battery system.
 Full length shelf under tray & ladder rack.
 CODAN H F Radio mounted behind seat.
 4 toolboxes under the tray.
 Air bag assist suspension.
 Tow bar 50 mm SQ, lock, pin and bolt.
 Switched LED reverse / work light.

Trayon extras:

Extra power points & 12-volt outlets.
 Corner bolsters & 2 ARB LED lights.
 Canvas skirt, fly & awning (not in picture).

High density foam double mattress.
 Extra new house batteries.
 TRAYON Number 541.

Contact: David Campbell • 0431 574 303 • dcam77@netspeed.com.au

One owner since new. Cost over \$125,000 to assemble. Low Km (under 122,000Km). NSW rego to 12/4/20.

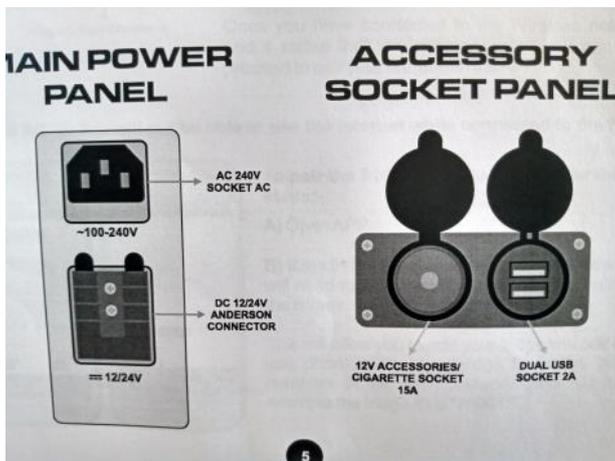
Price Reduced!! - complete: \$72,000 ONO (will consider selling the TRAYON separately)

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Kick-Ass 45 Litre Portable car fridge

For camper trailer or car.

Hardly used and works well. We used it for 3 week trip to Fraser Island and we had no issues. Kept food at 4 degrees on successive 30 + degree days.



Features:

- wi-fi tech to remotely control and monitor temperature.
- heavy duty protective fridge cover
- 240V AC power cable
- 12 Volt DC Anderson plug.
- Accessory socket panel with dual USB socket 2A and 12V cigarette socket 15

The reason for selling is that we want to upgrade to a fridge freezer combination.

Asking price is \$550.00



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70L Evakool Icebox.

In excellent condition, undamaged. Some scuffs. Keeps ice for 6 days even in hot summers.



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LS2 V8 - Nissan Patrol 1998 WAGON

Nissan Patrol GU 1998 with a Fully Engineered in ACT previously in NSW. Comes with Engineering Report. ACT Rego 6 months. Was initially a TB45 now converted to a L76 with a 4 Speed Auto. Car has ~450,000 kms with Engine ~175,000 kms

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- ◆ Overhead Console with Uniden UH9080
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