



November 2020

Southern Trails

Next Meeting:

The November Club Meeting will be held at the Canberra Deakin Football Club at 7:30pm on Tuesday 10th November.

(Please see the Club Meetings COVID-19 Safety Plan on pg. 5)

Mesmerizing..

(Gillard's Beach)



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General Meetings are held at the
Canberra Deakin Football 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 688 ha 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
Account Name:	ST4WDC
BSB Number:	313 140
Account Number:	1213 0617

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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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For advice and assistance in meeting the requirements of this Code of Conduct contact the [Secretary](#)

President's Report

Andy Squire

September, October, November..... What's next? Christmas?!? Despite all the trials of the year it seems to be rolling by with ever increasing pace. Maybe we just want to get through this one and move on to the next. Or maybe that's just me.

There has been a bit of a shuffle on the Committee over the last couple of months with the resignation of Michael Marsalek (Public Relations) and Peter Reynolds (Property Coordinator), both for personal reasons. Garry McLaughlin has agreed to take on the role of Public Relations, and Rob Donaldson the role of Property Coordinator. Michael (Pelican) Loberger has also joined the Committee as a General Member. Thanks to Michael and Peter for their efforts over the term of the Committee, and Pete for his efforts over the last 40+ years.

After seeking feedback from the membership which gave strong support for continuation of the 4 Wheel Drive Spectacular, a new Memorandum of Understanding with the ACT 4 Wheel Drive Club for organising and running the next 2 events has been signed. Under the MOU each club is to provide 4 members for the Organising Committee (more if there are members willing to assist). So far we have received nominations from Jim Anderson and Brad Wells who have both been on the Organising Committee before, and a nomination from Matt Warmington. Thanks to these people, without them we cannot keep our end of the agreement. But we still need one more volunteer. The task is not too onerous so **please give this serious consideration**, have a chat to Jim or Brad about what it entails, and **volunteer. It is only through the effort of our members that the club runs and the Spectacular gets organised.**

James from Two Thumbs Wildlife Sanctuary gave a talk at the last club meeting. It was very interesting and most members who were there were impressed by the efforts of the sanctuary, and moved by the tragedy of the January fires. There is a club trip proposed for the week of 14 – 22 November to help with some of the rebuilding tasks, so if you can get out for a few days, have a look on the website and put your name down.

The NSW ACT Association is holding its AGM on 21 November and we will have representatives going, either to the meeting or via Zoom. More to come. Their latest newsletter is available on the Association website, and it looks like they are continuing to make headway with NPWS and NSW Government to promote 4Wheel Driving as a responsible and legitimate activity, and get government engagement with the various clubs.

Better Homes and Gardens has a segment on the Wagga 4WD Club in their 20th November show. Might be worth a look and will help to show 4Wheel Driving in a positive light, and the benefits of joining a club.

President's Report

Andy Squire

The Club Christmas party has been scheduled for Saturday 5th December at Weston Park. Unfortunately, due to COVID there won't be the normal catering, but it will still be a good opportunity to get together to celebrate and to gripe about what a dumpster of a year this has been (depending on your mood at the time). Put the date in your calendar and keep an eye on the website for when the party is listed.

Due to the increased number of companies, organisations, maintenance crews and general public using Channel 14 the Club's official (default) CB Channel has been moved to 28. Individual Trip Leaders can still pick their own channel, but as a default, the club will now be using 28.

Hopefully you all received the email about the member raffle/lucky draw: All full members who are current financial members as of 5pm on 5 February 2020 will automatically go into the draw to win one of a number of pretty cool prizes. The raffle will be drawn at the club general meeting on 9 February 2021. If you are one of the many members still on the December renewal cycle, don't forget to renew your membership.

Ok, so I copied those last 3 paragraphs from the email I sent out last week. Bit lazy, but worthwhile mentioning again. And I had to have something to fill the report this month. And I have a bunch of things I need to get done today and Matt is hassling me for my piece.... Done. Hopefully the rain holds off for the weekend and we all get the chance to get out and about. See you at the next meeting. In the meantime, perhaps you can help me out. If there are no stupid questions, then what kind of questions do stupid people ask? Do they get smart just in time to ask questions?

Andy



Letter from the Editor



Hi everyone,

October was another great month with trips to Kowen Forest and one to Central West 4WD Park both of which had great attendance and reviews.

The Driver Training Unit also managed to run another Safe One basic driver training course at Talooge, though to be accurate this was postponed to the first weekend in November due to the rain.

Talooge is looking really green at the moment and all the

creeks are up. The Safe One course had to be run from the Offset Mounds and Nursery Slopes campgrounds because ARB crossing was just a bit too deep to use. Classroom sessions used the shelter at the Offset Mounds. This is the first time the DTU has done this and it worked out really well. Congratulations to the DTU who made it possible by being agile and adapting to the circumstances.

There are few trips in the calendar for November including the Club Christmas Party. Take a look on the website and put your name down if any take your fancy.

In this months edition we have reports from the Kowen Forest and Central West 4WD Park trips.

Unfortunately the Campfire Kitchen and Show off your Rig section is not featured due to a lack of content and time for me to get out and bail someone up.

I hope you all had a great month and managed to get out and about and breath some fresh air.

Happy trails..

Matt





COVID-19 Update

To support the gradual and careful reintroduction of normal activities whilst maintaining a safe environment for members and complying with the relative restrictions in each state, the Club has prepared COVID Safety Plans for the Driver Training Unit, Talooge, Meetings, and Trips.

The requirements are based on the following four elements:

- Wellbeing of Members and Visitors
- Physical Distancing
- Hygiene and Cleaning
- Record Keeping

Wellbeing provisions include our Self Assessments, avoiding hotspots, and excluding people who have been unwell or are at higher risk. We may also carry out temperature checking at meeting places before trips where there is a higher risk.

Physical distancing provisions include 1.5m separation between people who do not live together, and limiting numbers on trips and indoors. This includes travelling in vehicles with people you don't live with. Signs have been erected at Talooge to assist and advise.

Hygiene and cleaning provisions include advice on hand cleaning and sanitisation including when and how, covering coughs and sneezes, and regular cleaning and disinfection of commonly touched surfaces such as the toilets, door handles, seat backs and hand rests, etc. We have installed handwash and sanitiser dispensers at Talooge, closed the clubhouse kitchen at Talooge, and won't be serving coffee or tea at meetings for this reason.

Record keeping of attendance enables cooperation with Health authorities if in the unlikely event a member or visitor came down with the virus after attending one of our activities.

A briefing on the safety plan requirements will be provided at the commencement of each activity, whether it be a meeting, trip, or training course.

Your cooperation with these COVID Safety Plan requirements will enable us to continue to reintroduce and run activities safely.

A copy of the Club Meetings COVID-19 Safety Plan is shown on the next page..





Club Meetings COVID-19 Safety Plan

Overview

This plan has been prepared in cooperation with the Canberra Deakin Football Club to communicate the approach to COVID-19 safety and minimise the risk of members and guests contracting COVID-19 whilst participating in Club Meetings.

This plan applies to all ST4WDC members and guests, and only to Meetings at Canberra Deakin Football Club. Separate plans have been developed for Trips, Talooge, and Training.

The plan has been prepared to comply with our interpretation of ACT restrictions at the date of the plan. The plan will be updated as the situation changes and in accordance with ACT and NSW restrictions.

Pre-Meeting

- Please ensure that you sign in at the front desk when you arrive at Canberra Deakin Football Club. This is necessary for contact tracing purposes.
- Use the hand sanitisers/sprays which will be available at locations around the club.
- Head straight to the main meeting room and take a seat. If you are ordering drinks, please return to the main room once you have ordered. Please do not congregate in the bar area.
- If you are not ordering drinks, please head straight to the main meeting room after signing in.
- You must always be seated in the main room, please do not congregate.
- Please ensure you follow the social distancing requirements of 1.5m

Dinner Arrangements

- If you would like to eat dinner before the meeting, you can order as usual in the bistro, however you will need to eat your meal in the main meeting room due to restricted space in the Bistro.
- Ten tables, each seating 8 will be available in the main room and each table will have a table number.
- Make sure you note your table number before heading to the bistro to order.
- Your food order will be brought into you in the main meeting room
- Staff will remove your plates and clean the tables once you have eaten.

During the Meeting

- The meeting cannot go ahead unless everyone is seated, max 8 persons per table. You must always be seated whilst in the club unless you are using the rest rooms or ordering drinks/food.
- There will be two microphones and hand wipes available for use.
- Unfortunately, coffee and tea will not be available and there will be no raffle.
- The meeting will be running straight through without a break and is expected to last about an hour.

After the Meeting

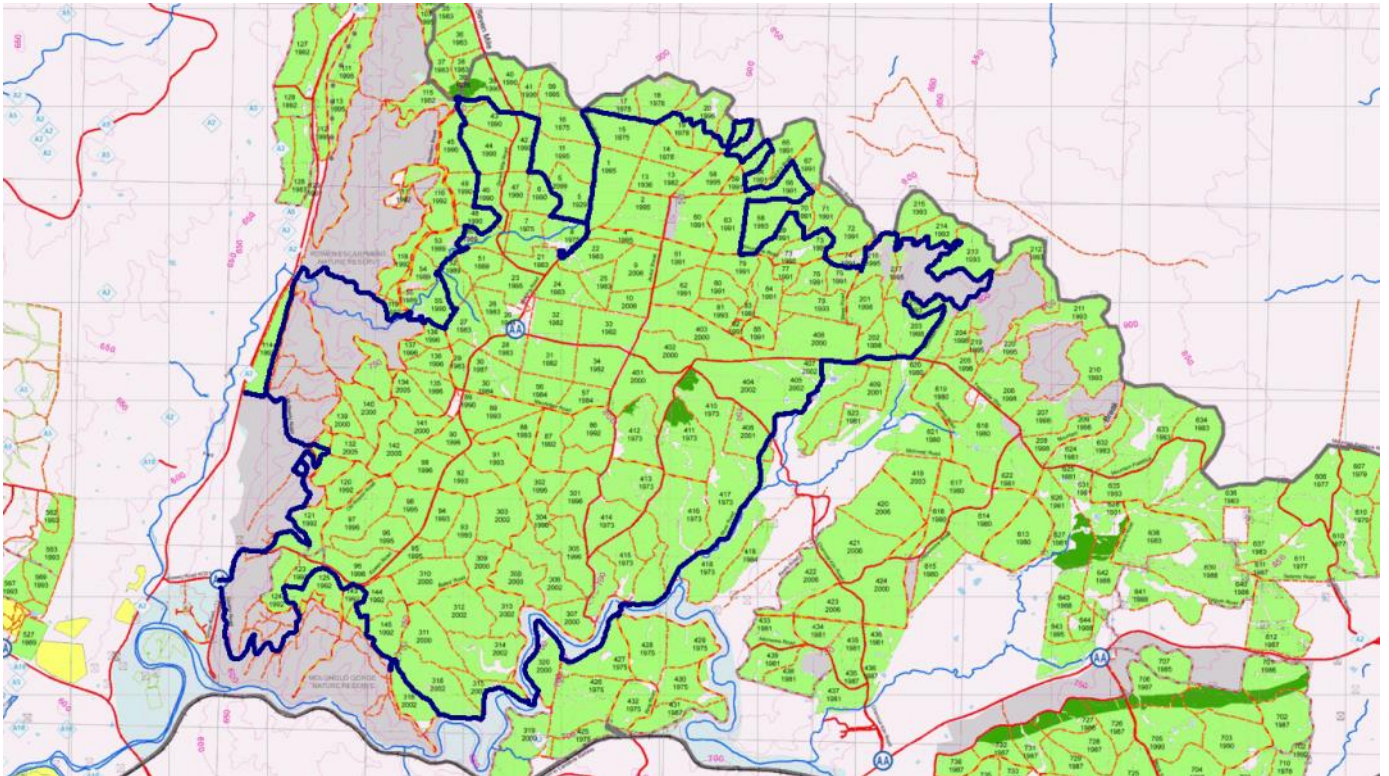
- If members wish to have a drink in the bar after the meeting, you will always be expected to be seated except when ordering drinks and follow social distancing restrictions.

Please note, Canberra Deakin Football Club Staff will be monitoring the bar and bistro areas, ST4WDC Committee members will be monitoring the main meeting room. This is to ensure everyone is complying with the COVID-19 restrictions. It is your responsibility to ensure you comply with the restrictions. The September meeting (and future meetings) could be cancelled if members do not comply.

The main meeting room is allowed a maximum of 100 people. We will therefore be monitoring the number of attendees to ensure we do not exceed this number.

Trip Report

Kowen Forest 2



What a glorious day to be out 4wding.

Rob and I have never been to Kowen forest before and it was great to finally be able to have a look around.

Daz had a well organised route and Kowen is a real rabbit warren but the group had the best convoy procedures and no one got lost.

There was a little of everything on this trip - fire trails, rutted sections, rock steps, creek crossings, side slopes, steep climbs plus a pesky root ball (it's amazing how far the 79 can climb these - Sorry Daz and Tom for nearly giving you guys a heart attack) and pretty scenery throughout the forest.

Luckily Daz had his chainsaw and his offsider Jim made quick work to clear a few trees that had fallen across the tracks.

The spot we stopped for lunch had great facilities and was lovely and green with plenty of shade - definitely a nice spot to camp.

Thank you Daz for organising this trip, we had a fantastic day and would highly recommend Members put their name down for the next one that gets put up.

Lynne and Rob

Trip Report Kowen Forest 2



Hi Shakey,

It was a good day out on Saturday exploring the Kowen Forest, some great tracks to climb and of course you saved the best for last with an awesome river crossing.

Thanks Luke



Trip Report Kowen Forest 2



Kowen Forest is an ideal location to find tracks from easy to low range and where picking your lines is needed, up and down steep slopes. The river crossings proved popular and fun for the kids that travelled with us, as well as putting those snorkels to use. But with little use of recent times, the bushes were thick in places and added a new pin stripe look on all vehicles. Definitely a place for those just out of training, or those looking for a day trip to engage low range, close to home.

Richard Arranz

A perfect spring day. Good company. A complex route planned and well executed by Darren. A range of 4WD tracks, some requiring a little thought. And all of this within visual distance of Canberra! A great day out with the chance to get the 4WD



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Kowen Forest 2

dirty again. Thanks Shakey for making all this happen.

Tony

Who Knew?

We were excited about tagging along on the Kowen Forest 2 club trip as Jim used to run one years' ago, but we never got to go. The day was a glorious spring day and the drive from our house to the meeting spot, right outside the gate into Kowen, was only 30 minutes. There is a mix of native bushland and pine plantation, with some very tight tracks, rocky climbs, creek crossings, rock steps and gentle meanders beside streams. There are ruins of old homesteads, one at the lunch spot (which is also the camping spot – can't wait to get out again and camp there) which consist of room markings in rock, chimneys, and



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Kowen Forest 2



remnants of orchards. The drive itself required careful convoy procedures with over 70 turns through the rabbit warren of tracks, and the beauty of running Charlie meant we didn't have to clear the tracks by hand or chainsaw, enabling us to lie our seats back and snooze! A good day was had and thanks to Shakey for a great trip.

Bron and Andy



The weather gods were extra kind for our Kowen drive. 9am...18 degrees ambient and 18 psi in the donuts so we headed through the forest gates. A short drive on the gravel before the first challenge of the day. A mildly steep, but rocky little climb to engage the brain as well as the transfer case. An even steeper descent on the other side saw the chainsaw out for some track clearing. Around the bottom of the trail, through the very tight scrub (might have benefited some more from that chainsaw). That was the start of the day that just got better as we wound our way through the often tight tracks of the forest, a few more chainsaw moments, relaxing stop for lunch before exploring the back tracks of the



Trip Report Kowen Forest 2



forest. A fitting end to the day as we crossed the river a couple of times to wash the trucks down a little. Thanks so much to Shakey for organising and leading the way for the day...and for the company of all on the drive. Looking forward to the next one.

Brett Smith

Hi Darren, It was another well organised day out at Kowen. The river crossings were the highlight for me, especially the first crossing, we certainly over-analysed the crossing.



The second crossing was deep, rocky and a tad concerning. Overall, a really good trip and hats off to you for organising two good day-trips at Kowen. When's the next one? Sign me up.

Regards, Siva.

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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.

Club UHF Channel

Members please note that the Clubs UHF channel has been changed from channel 14 to Channel 28 to address increasing problems with congestion on channel 14.

Start	End	Activity	Type	Leader
13-Nov-20	22-Nov-20	Two Thumbs Helping Hand	Grade 2	Andy Squire
14-Nov-20	15-Nov-20	Bredbo Christmas Barn and Bredbo Hotel	Grade 2	Sue Phillips
15-Nov-20	15-Nov-20	Brindabella Ramble	Grade 3	Mark Wakelam
05-Dec-20	05-Dec-20	Club Christmas Party	Event	Sue Phillips
12-Dec-20	12-Dec-20	Night Drive in the Brindies	Grade 4	Lynne Donaldson
23-Jan-21	25-Jan-21	Australia Day Long Weekend Victoria High Country	Grade 4	Lynne Donaldson
21-Feb-21	21-Feb-21	Ladies afternoon - Bubbles and Brushes	Event	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 Warrington
30-Apr-21	02-May-21	Weekend Getaway	Grade 1	Debbie Davidson
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

Trip Report

Central West 4WD Park Mudgee

Trip Leaders

Rob and Lynne Donaldson – 79 Series Landcruiser

Participants

Daz, Trish and Jack Miller – Pajero

Lisa and Mark – 105 Landcruiser

Andy Wall – Mitsubishi Challenger

Michael and Emma – Patrol

Andy and Bron – 79 Series Landcruiser

Michael – Ford Ranger

Luke and Mike – Patrol

Sue and Rob Phillips – Nissan Navara

Tony and Scott – Isuzu D-Max



Thanks to all the Members that made the long trek out to Mudgee to participate in the weekend. Fantastic group of people to hang out with.

Great spot by the river to camp and a few of the Members indulged in a dip in the river.



A massive thanks to **Daz** for taking the reigns on Map reading and working out which tracks to go on. Unless you know the park it was really difficult to get your head around which tracks lead where and that you may be on an easy track which then leads to difficult.

Jaime has a couple of old mines on his property and he took the group through to show them, the mine was one

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Central West 4WD Park Mudgee



of the best we have been in and was a highlight of the property.

We had a terrific drive on Saturday morning with Daz's navigation skills and Michael and Emma in the lead sussing out tracks and helping people with lines on some difficult sections. Saturday afternoon didn't quite go to plan with the tracks as there was a recovery and the day was getting late.

Thanks to Rob and Sue for keeping the home fires burning whilst we were out driving on Saturday Arvo, it was nice to come back and relax.

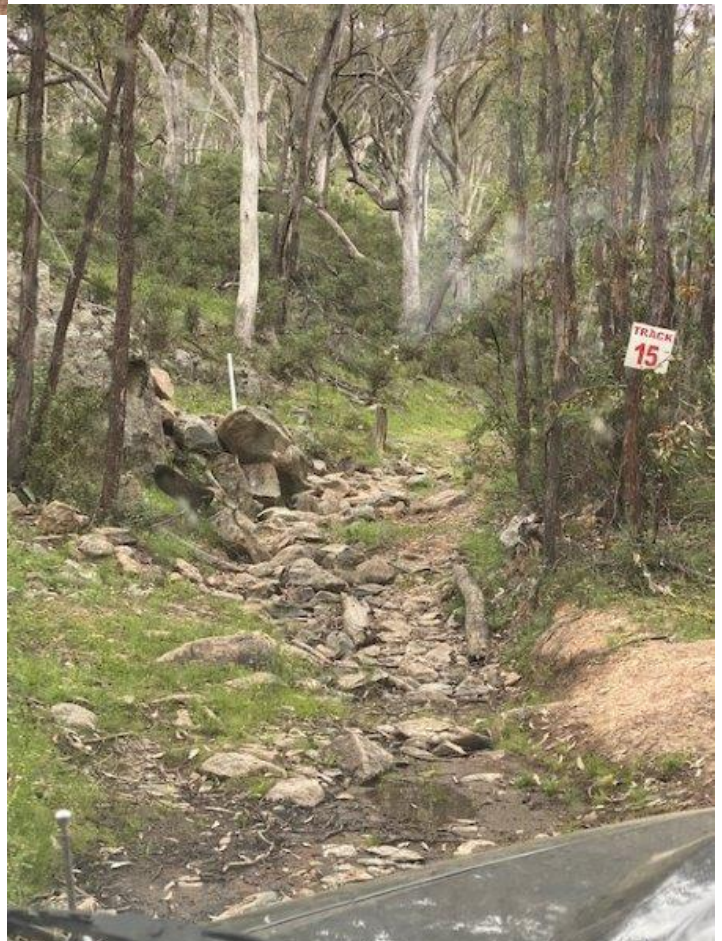
Michael and Emma were celebrating their birthdays on either side of the weekend and in good old fashioned ST4WDC cheer we helped celebrate with them in song.

A few of us had the time on Sunday morning and were lead around the tracks by Jamie – this was another highlight as he knows the tracks like the back of his hand.

We were well and truly pushed to our limits in the 79 with the side slopes that we encountered – definitely a different experience to our 100 series.

Big thanks to everyone that came along and for the support and friendship that comes with being involved in a 4wd club. Not all trips run smoothly and there are hiccups along the way but the positive attitude and camaraderie make leading a trip worthwhile.

Rob and Lynne



Trip Report

Central West 4WD Park Mudgee



Well thanks Lynne and Rob.
What a great trip even with its highs and lows, it was a pity we did not start with the Sunday tour from Jamie on the Friday because the map that was supplied was doing everyone's head in and that's just the Fri arvo drive.
That is without my eyes on, I had to write track No's on my arm to help find them.
Thanks to Oziexplorer I now

have my own mapping of what we have done for the next trip.

The infamous track ten saw the relocation of a set roof racks as well as a recovery.

The camp ground was great by the river and it has some stories to tell as well but I'll leave that for camp fire humour on our next trip.

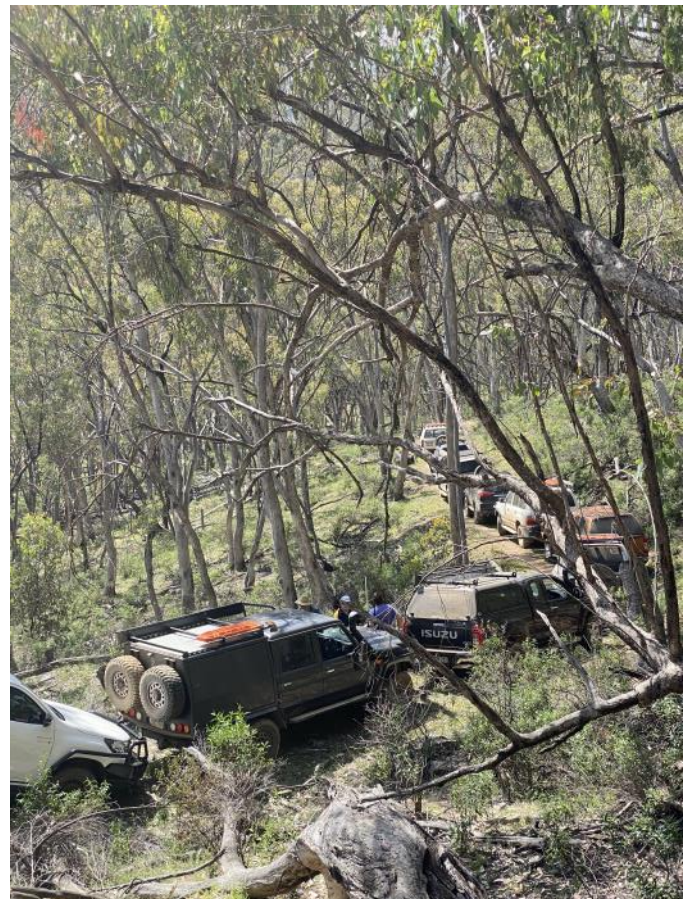
Here's some positive feedback, Kings' mini helicopter can also be a submarine and still works.

Once I got my head around the map there was some decent tracks to find and we will definitely be going back again.

Trish and Jack had done me proud, they both had fully packed up the cub whilst I was co-pilot on the tracks on Sunday morning before we left.

When we got home there was a huge pool of water on the canvas which soaked through to the mattress by the time, I re-opened it when we got home.

Thanks, Shakey, Trish and Jack



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Central West 4WD Park Mudgee

I very much enjoyed my weekend at Central West 4wd Park. First of all the camping spot on the creek was really great. Very picturesque.

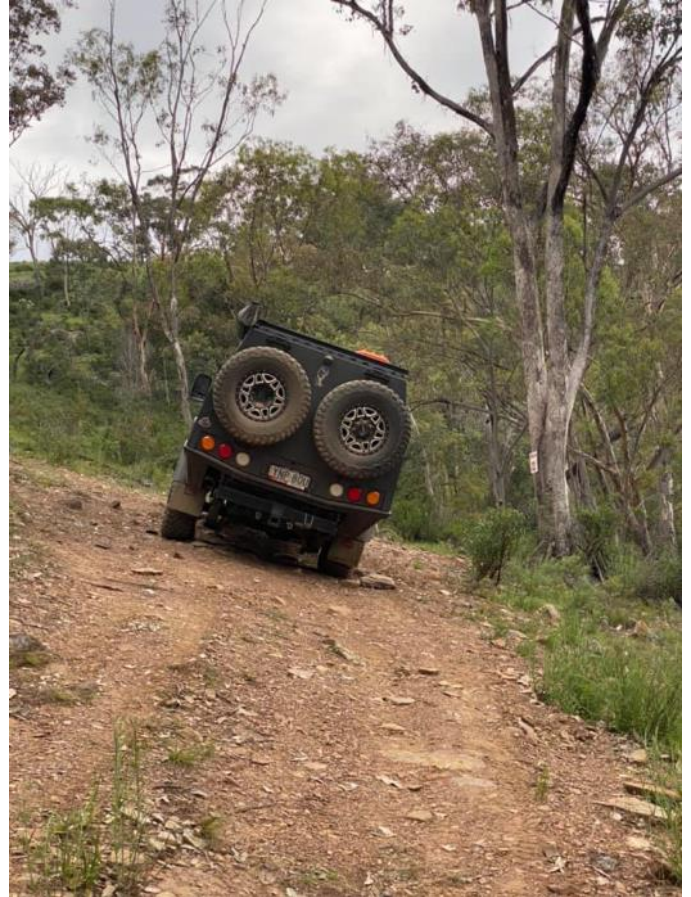
Jamie was an excellent host and guide. Checking out the mines and learning something about the history was an eyeopener. Also having Jamie show us around the property on tracks that he knew would suit us was most helpful.

The company was great. A fun bunch. A great weekend!

Andy Wall

4wd Park at Mudgee, another fantastic trip away 4wding camping, fire, laughs and great friends to be with, looking forward to the next adventure with the club,

Cheers Scott



What a fabulous weekend catching up with old friends and meeting new friends at the Central West 4WD Club.

We left early Friday morning and travelled through Yass, Borrowa, Cowra, Blaney, Bathurst, Hill End and eventually arrived in Avisford just south of Mudgee around lunchtime.

We set up camp at a beautiful spot on the banks of the

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Central West 4WD Park Mudgee



Meroo River and admired the stone walls which were built in the late 1800's by Chinese gold miners. The walls were built as water races and follow the river for miles. Some folks went for a drive while others stayed around the camp fire solving the problems of the world.

Saturday started with a leisurely breakfast and a tour of the gold mine and a drive along the tracks. Thank goodness we had Shakeys excellent map interpretation skills as the map was very confusing. Saturday afternoon we stayed at camp to make sure the fire was safe while everyone went for another drive.

Sunday we chose to leave early before the heavens opened and travelled home via Mudgee, Lithgow, Oberon, Taralga and Goulburn. It took seven hours but was worth

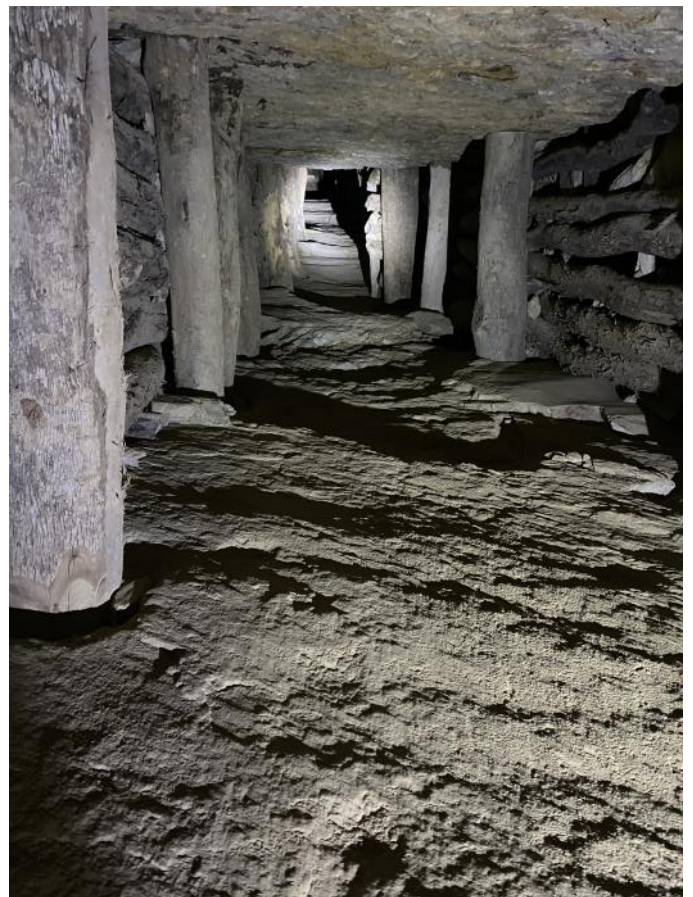
it as we travelled the back roads and saw some great sights including a herd of camels and several buffalo along Diamond Swamp Road.

Thanks Lynne and Rob for a great weekend.

Cheers, Sue and Rob

Well a few days out from this trip, I had put brand new mud tyres on my new (to me) ute, bought extra camping gear, and upgraded a few things. Wednesday before the trip old Johnny Bravo, my 99 Mazda Bravo, was getting a little hot under the collar even after a new thermostat, water pump, head and other bits.

But Fantastic Dad to the rescue, threw me the



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keys to the Y62 Patrol and trusted me to take it off-road for the 2nd time in 18 months. Oh boy! hard to say no to a 5.6L v8 with 400Hp, leather, lockers, and supreme comfort and style. And the birthday present?.. take the camper too! Strewth, I was cheering (at first).

After a couple hours behind the wheel with my lovely girlfriend, Emma, providing DJ duties and entertainment, we pulled into the park with trepidation. An unproved new car build and unfamiliar terrain. My heart was pumping in my fingertips.

The park owner took us down to the camp in the corner of the hillside on the river. Picturesque - I do need to start bringing a lawnmower to these trips with me. Long grass was everywhere so snakes were on the forefront of the mind.

After setting up camp we had a look at a map which made less sense than a farmer's mud map like you hear about.

But with tyres down, and 4 low selected, we made waves for the tracks. A turnaround tour was had, and then back to camp.

Saturday we awoke with a slow start, heading back across, but this time, Shakey had spent a couple of hours dissecting the lines and

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numbers and assembled a route for us to follow. The group consensus was to send Pelican and Emma first as we were the youngest and fittest, and so, could run and assess the tracks ahead and then radio the group through or direct a turnaround. This meant lots of walking, which I'm told is like using the clutch but with both feet. Oh well, I could use the exercise and always have energy to burn so off we went. Then it began to sink in, near brand new car that is not mine, one I've never driven off-road, and 400 raging ponies under the hood. Oh boy, let the games begin.

I can't remember the tracks we did, but boy did we have fun, except track 55. I spotted the sign off in the distance and went for a look. Some foot patrol, and deemed it doable even with some serious rock crawling over boulders the size of Suzuki's

Boy was I in for some serious wheeling the next 300m! Sweating the entire time about what kind of idiot risks a \$100k+ vehicle he doesn't own. Before I even climbed the first boulder, Emma looked at me and with a wink said "You got this babe" So that's it, gauntlet thrown down.

I can't describe the concentration, to pick one line and get it right. But I made it through the boulder field, without a crunch a bang or a walloping. I made the call, due to the time taken and given it was 5:30pm, to dub it the 5 o'clock track and head back to camp.

Cake and drinks round the fire to celebrate my birthday and Emma's belated birthday for Wednesday prior and an early night to bed.

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Favourite part of the day was sitting round a fire in a camp chair with a drink, after a swim in the river to wash off the day's grime.

The Y62's biggest letdown is its size, but a small price to pay in the grand scheme of things. Piloting a block of flats through new scrub gave me a bead of sweat or two at times, but I am proud to report not a scratch, not a ding, a blemish or a mark was administered.

I have to say I've experienced a lot of makes and models on and off road, and piloted my fair share on and off road. Being in the auto industry compounds that experience. But taking my father's retirement plan off road before he ever got to was an honour and a privilege.

I will end with this reference #ThanksDad

Thanks to Rob and Lynne for organising a great trip away.

Michael and Emma

Easy P - Volunteering



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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.

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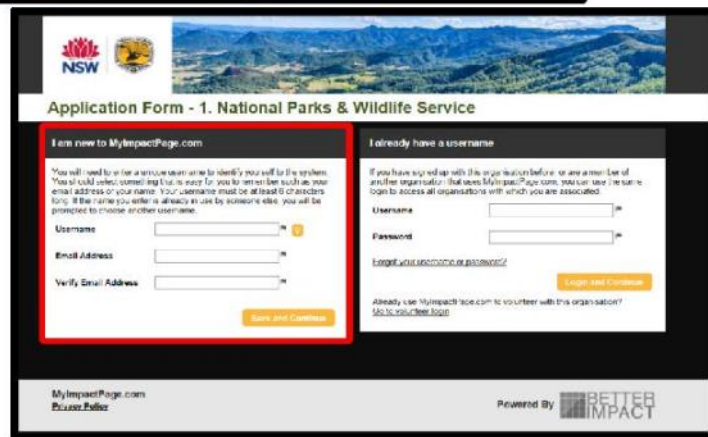
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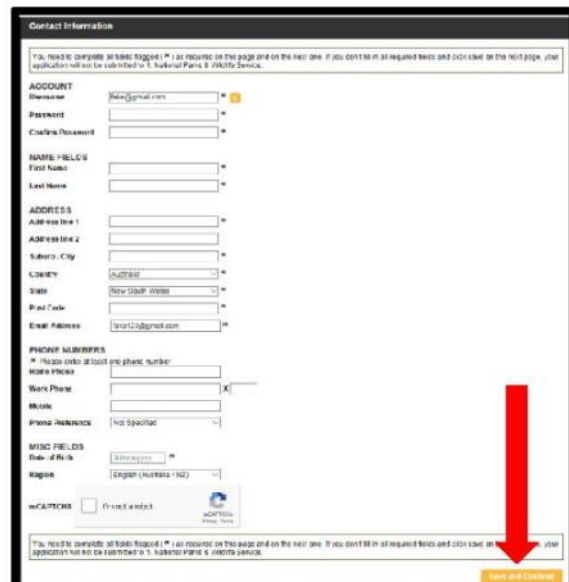
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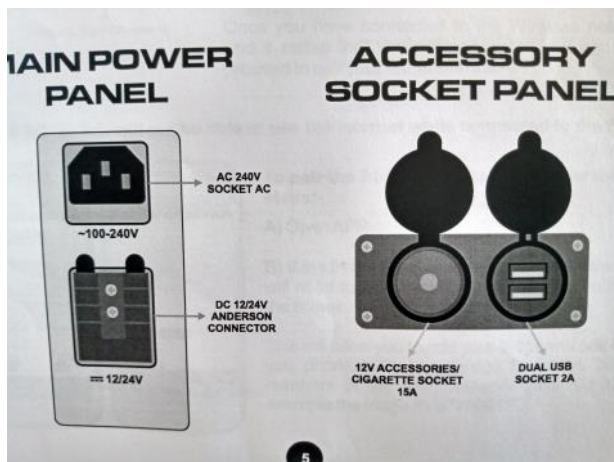
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