



# SOUTHERN TRAILS

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General meetings are *usually* held at the Canberra Deakin Football Club, Grose St, Deakin at 7.30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

### PLEASE NOTE

**The December meeting (only) will be held on the  
FIRST Tuesday of the month, not the second.  
7th December, NOT the 14th.**

**Guest Speaker— Peter Fenwick, President 4WD NSW & ACT**  
Peter will talk about the Association and plans for the future  
as well as the national insurance scheme for 4WD club members.

**There will be no Southern Trails published in January, but the January  
meeting will be held as usual on the second Tuesday of the month,  
ie January 11th, 11/1/11. Material for inclusion in the February issue of  
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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 a focal point of the Club where members can meet and get information about past and future Club activities. Meetings are structured with a minimum of formality. Meetings regularly feature talks from experts on topics of interest ranging from vehicle mechanics to bush lore. Reports on past trips are presented and new trips are announced. Visitors introduce themselves, there is a raffle with generous prizes and a coffee break for catching up with other members. Don't forget to wear your name badge.

Ideas for guest speakers are welcome. Contact Mary Biddle if you know of someone who could make an interesting and topical presentation.

Many members gather before and after the meeting to enjoy a meal or drink at the Canberra Deakin Sports Club.

### **Publications**

**Southern Trails** is the ST4WD Club monthly magazine.

Trip reports, and articles that are relevant to Club members are welcome, as are photographs and illustrations.

Closing date for all material is the Friday following the monthly meeting. Send contributions to [publications@st4wdc.org](mailto:publications@st4wdc.org)

**Website** [www.st4wdc.org](http://www.st4wdc.org). The site is used to provide timely information regarding Club activities and variations from previously announced plans.

### **Talooge Park**

Talooge is the Club's 600+ ha bush block in rugged country east of Bredbo. It is used for training and other club activities, and members are welcome there for private camping, recreation and the simple pleasure of enjoying the bush. Several areas have been set aside for basic bush camping. Some have firewood, but no other services – no water, no electricity, no phone, very limited mobile phone coverage. Pets and the discharging of firearms are not permitted on the property. Visitors should assume that they are solely responsible for their own wellbeing and be conscious of the risks of fire, snakebite, etc. Mobile phone coverage is poor. In an emergency, neighbours Mr Richie Southwell and his sons, can usually be contacted using UHF channel 18.

Intending visitors should check with the Property Coordinator or a committee member regarding access procedures and the combination locks securing the gates.

## Code of Ethics

These are the rules of conduct that we should all observe when using our vehicles in the bush. We should all take them to heart. Image is a difficult thing to change!!

1. Obey the laws and regulations for Recreational Vehicles that apply to public lands.
2. Respect the cultural, heritage and environmental values of public/private land, by obeying restrictions that may apply.
3. Respect our flora and fauna. Stop and look, but never disturb.
4. Keep to formed vehicle tracks.
5. Keep the environment clean. Carry your own, and any other, rubbish out.
6. Keep your vehicle mechanically sound and clean to reduce the environmental impact.
7. Adopt minimal impact camping and driving practices.
8. Seek permission before driving on private land. Do not disturb livestock or watering points, leave gates as found.
9. 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, in radio contact.
10. Enjoy your recreation and respect the rights of others.
11. Plan ahead and lodge trip details with a responsible person.
12. Support four wheel driving as a responsible and legitimate family recreational activity.

## Training

The Southern Tablelands Four Wheel Drive Club is devoted to providing the best driver training possible. The Driver Training Team provides a range of courses throughout the year. Students are assigned an instructor over the period of the course. The 1:1 instructor/student ratio ensures maximum transfer of skills and experience.

The current courses are:

### Main Courses

Basic Driver Training,  
Very Difficult Terrain, and  
Advanced Recovery (for Grade 4 and 5)

### Supplementary Courses

Water Crossing,  
Sand Driving,  
Practical Map Reading,  
Navigation,  
Route Planning,  
GPS, and  
Other specific training relating to Club activities such as camper trailers etc may also be introduced..

### Training for Driver Training Instructors

Trainee Instructor,  
Assistant Instructor,  
Instructor, and  
Chief Instructor

Visit the ST4WDC web page for full details which are expanded on in detail in the Driver Training Policy document located under the Training menu tab.

**Partners** are encouraged to undertake the Basic Driver Education course, and any of the other courses offered from time to time. Unfortunately couples cannot undertake the course at the same time as only one driver per vehicle can be instructed during a training course. Training of a member's child is subject to approval by Club management and only when spare places are available. Couples may attend the Navigation, Map Reading & GPS courses.

### A special offer to travelers - Sewing Machine - medium/heavy duty - available for short term loan.

I have custody of a medium duty Singer sewing machine that is ideal for all those small canvas repair jobs or to create new tent peg bags, tool rolls, billy can bags, camp oven bags, etc. How far does your creative imagination go? The machine will handle up to three layers of medium weight canvas and uses very strong upholstery weight nylon thread that is great for reasonably heavy jobs.

Don 02 6161 1880 or 0408 649 732

# Rosemary's Ramblings



This will be my last ramblings for the year 2010 – what a thought. It does not seem possible that 10 years have passed since the year 2000 and the possibility of untold mayhem!! I truly hope the pessimists keep getting it wrong.

You could say bugger the rain which has caused us to postpone some events, but it has been wonderful to see the countryside turning green and staying that way for longer than a week. It will take much more of this wonderful rain to replace the subsoil moisture which we lost during the drought years. I am sure we will get some warm weather soon and we can get out into a rejuvenated bush. We have a couple of day trips running into the Brindabella's before Christmas – so make sure you book on them and enjoy the wonderful scenery in our backyard. Talking about trips, I would like to remind trip leaders to make sure they ask one of their participants to do a written trip report. Our magazine is a wonderful tool for keeping our members informed and members do like reading about the adventures of others. So, if you are asked and accept the job of producing a written trip report – PLEASE – don't forget. It would be great to see lots of reports in our Magazine and also on our Website. Please believe me I know how hard it is to write (I have to do it every month), but it is much easier when you have something specific to write about, that is – a great trip. So hit those keys and then hit the send button to the publications team and the web master. Don't forget your photos.

Throughout this year your committee has been working hard in relation to the issue of access to Talooge. This is not an easy task and if anyone knows anything about old land titles, crown roads and the procrastination of local councils – then you will know how difficult the task is. However, we will keep working on this issue so that we can have an access to our property which is ours to use when we want.

A successful working bee was held at Talooge 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November and a lot of maintenance work was done. John Kjar and his team did a wonderful job as always. Thanks to all of those members who gave up their time and helped.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Neville Simpson for his wonderful contribution to the club. Neville has after many years elected not to renew his membership of the club. For all of

those members who have been on Neville's trips I know that they will be sad to see him leave the club. Neville's trips to the high country are legend. I would like to wish Neville and his wife Betty all the very best in the years to come. You will be missed.

Important things to remember:

1. Our December meeting is one week early and will be held on 7 December 2010. Same time same location;
2. There is no magazine for January;
3. There is a general meeting the second Tuesday of January which will be 11 January 2011.

With the year winding down towards Christmas I would like to take this opportunity of wishing our committee and our members all the very best for the Christmas season and the New Year. I hope that you all have an opportunity to share a happy and joyous time with your family and friends.

Drive safely, and enjoy the bush.

Rosemary

A black and white advertisement for Battery World. At the top, the logo features a stylized sun and the text 'Battery World' in a bold, sans-serif font, with the tagline 'Power for anything... anytime!' underneath. Below this, the text 'Need a Battery for your...' is followed by a row of icons representing various vehicles: a car, a boat, a lawnmower, a motorcycle, a truck, and a tractor. The main offer is 'FREE in-store auto Battery Testing and Sales at:'. Below this, the address 'CANBERRA 95 Grenville Court Phillip (Behind Discount Tyres)' is listed. The bottom of the ad features the text '24hr Roadside Service' and the large phone number '13 17 60', with the website 'www.batteryworld.com.au' at the very bottom. The background of the ad shows several car batteries of different sizes.

# *Christmas at Talooge* *4 and 5 December 2010*

Come and join our Christmas Celebration at Talooge.  
Here's what's happening:

**For the kids:** Santa, sack races, egg and spoon races, film night.  
**For adults:** Gift grab, egg throwing, tug of war, treasure hunt  
Don't want to do anything - that's OK, just relax, chat, read a book....



**Happy Hour - Bring something to share with everyone.**  
**POT LUCK DINNER.** Cook something in your camp oven - or prepare something before hand - put it all together for everyone to share and you have a pot-luck dinner.  
Your club will provide "Yummy pudding!!!"



**BEST DECORATED TABLE AND THEME OUTFIT. Do it and win a prize!!**

**What to bring:** Wrapped labelled gift for each child in your vehicle. One inventive anonymous wrapped gift (under \$15) per adult in your vehicle. Table decorations, theme evening wear, food and drink for the weekend.  
This is just the beginning - more details and things to do in the next magazine.

**Put the dates in your diary and don't miss out on the party of the year.**

# Membership Matters

Jim Raleigh



With the addition of some new Members for 2011 we have finally reached 250 Members, comprising 3 Life Members, 231 Owner Members, 4 Associate Members and 12 Competition Members. With the inclusion of 198 Partners and 8 Family Members the grand total of our club 'community' is 456. Although we had 31 Members fall by the wayside from 2009, the addition of 36 new members more than made up for their loss and we look forward to even more gains in 2011.

This month we welcome 4 new memberships as our first for 2011:

Roger Booth, Bredbo, Nissan  
DX Tray Back  
Boris Djurkovic, Ngunnawal,  
Jeep Wrangler  
Michael & Virginia Eimer,  
Wanniassa, Suzuki Vitara, along with son Stephen  
Steve King, Fraser, Toyota 4  
Runner (Competition Member)

Please make these new members welcome.

## Membership Renewal

**The ST4WDC Membership year runs from 1 Jan to 31 Dec. Renewals are Due by 31 Dec 2010** for all except Life Members and those (very few) who have already paid in advance.

As occurred last year, all those (including Life Members and those already renewed) for whom we have an Email address will receive an electronic copy of a prefilled Membership Renewal Form containing most of the data held in the Membership Database in respect of your membership. Those without an email address will receive a letter. These emails and letters will have been issued by the time you are reading this so if you did not receive one, please advise the Membership Secretary.

**PLEASE** check what the Form contains and let me know of errors and omissions by return Email marking changes in a different colour.

The simplest way to complete your renewal is to make the appropriate payment by Bank Transfer (BSB and Account details are on the form). However when making Bank Transfers, **PLEASE** include a reference that permits the Membership Secretary to identify who you are – references such as '2011 Renewal' do not help and it takes some time to identify who has actually made such payments. The best reference to use is the surname and initials of the first person mentioned on the

Southern Trails address label. It is of considerable assistance to the Membership Secretary if you also send an Email to advise that you have made the payment.

**Early renewals will be greatly appreciated due to the change of Membership Secretary from 1 January** (See below)

## Training Records

As explained in Membership Matters last Month, this renewal period is being used to endeavour to correct many errors and anomalies in our training records

To this end, details of training records currently held will be included on your pre-filled Membership Renewal form (see above). While reading what appears on your form, please note the following:

The intention is that the date recorded in the database is the date on which a particular course was completed. If you did not 'complete' a course (e.g. you did the Basic Driver Training Course but did not participate in the mandatory follow-up day), there will be no record.

Dates of 1 Jan indicate qualifications which were drawn from old membership records which recorded only the year during which the qualification was held. In many cases, I have found that it was actually obtained in an earlier year but not recorded. If you can more closely identify the actual date, please let me know.

Similar courses have been known by different names. 'Advanced Recovery' and 'Very Difficult Terrain' courses are all recorded as 'Advanced Driver Training'. Courses identified as 'Water Crossing' and 'Sand Driving' are artefacts from the days when separate courses were conducted, or reflect those few occasions where a Member has completed only one day of the current 2 day combined 'River Crossing and Sand Driving' course.

Please be careful of the training skills recorded on the new Web Site as although these were drawn from the Membership Database in the first instance, they usually do not reflect a considerable number of changes which have been made since. Updating of the Web Site will ultimately follow the updating of the 'Official

Record' in the Membership Database. In the meantime, if you are concerned about the accuracy of what is on the web site, first check with the Membership Secretary to clarify what the official record contains.

In your feedback:

If you are unsure of the actual date on which your course completed, let me know the month, or even just the year, as I am probably able to identify course dates from Trip Calendars in old copies of Southern Trails.

If you happen to have a Certificate, let me have the date recorded on it.

If you can remember the names of other members who were on the same course, this can have 2 benefits – it may help me to pinpoint your date from existing records, or it may assist in identifying when another member completed a course that remains unrecorded.

As with any change made to your membership data, after an update has occurred, a confirming email will be sent to you to ensure that we got it right. These same emails also serve to inform the Webmaster of changes.

### **Membership Secretary**

Unfortunately this will be my last Membership Matters as I am unable to continue as Membership Secretary after 1 January. I am pleased to advise however that Greg Taylor has kindly volunteered to take on the role. This change should be seamless to members as emails to [Membership@ST4WDC.Org](mailto:Membership@ST4WDC.Org) will always go to the correct person.

From my perspective I have enjoyed my time as Membership Secretary, in particular the opportunity to further refine and develop the Membership Database, but also the opportunity to undertake research through archived copies of Southern Trails all the way back to the creation of the club. These magazines proved to be a treasure trove of information and served us well in allowing us to record much of the club's history in the Membership Database.

Thank you everyone for giving me so much support and so making an enjoyable position even easier.

Jane and I will certainly be continuing as club members and we look forward to staying in touch on trips and at monthly meetings.

Jim Raleigh

# **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**Your Membership Renewal is due by 31 Dec 2010**

**When returning the pre-filled renewal form by email, please assist by correcting any errors using a different colour.**

## **Club Clothing**

**The Club clothing or a name badge can be ordered from Kathy Solomos at the monthly Meetings.  
Payment for any item is expected when ordering.**

<b>Jackets:</b>	<b>\$75:00</b>
<b>Shirts:</b>	<b>\$37:50</b>
<b>Vests:</b>	<b>\$47:50</b>
<b>Caps:</b>	<b>\$15:00</b>
<b>Hats:</b>	<b>\$15:00</b>
<b>Beanies:</b>	<b>\$15:00</b>
<b>Name Badges:</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>Rugby Tops:</b>	<b>\$48:00</b>

**Kathy Solomos 0402 051 623**



# Talooge Topics

John Kjar



## Calendar of events at Talooge

From	To	Activity	Contact	
4 Dec	5 Dec	ST4WDC Christmas Party	Marj Jones	6284 3456
19 Feb	20 Feb	Remote First Aid	Jo Delaney	0423 223 045
26 Feb	27 Feb	Bush Skills weekend	Rosemary Orr	0414 568 358
11 Mar	13 Mar(tbc)	Safe One Driver Training	Peter Reynolds	0428 623 458

Please advise of any additions or corrections by e-mail to [property@st4wdc.org](mailto:property@st4wdc.org)

You may ask why I have not been reporting on Talooge for the past few months. Well, I hope to make up for it in this issue – extolling the beauty of Talooge, reporting on a recent working bee and a cull of goats, warning about snakes and camping, advising on additional contact details for Steve Collins (for access along Strike-a-Light fire trail), exhorting you to participate in the Xmas Party at Talooge and providing a note on access arrangements for Talooge and planning for new toilets and showers.

Talooge is presently looking exceptional. The rain really has made a difference and there is ample evidence we are making a positive impact in areas we had not seen previously. For example, we are now seeing purple wildflowers in many areas including near the DTU sheds, the lawns are green and free of the black verbascum stalks, the water is flowing down Strike-a-Light Creek and there are considerable areas of dead clumps of the dreaded serrated tussock. Trees are sprouting leaves and looking healthy. Talooge should be in perfect condition for the Christmas party on 4-5 December (you are coming aren't you – you will enjoy it) and for just camping/relaxing over the summer and autumn.

### Working bee

Tasks completed by a dedicated band of 17 individuals over the weekend of 6-7 November will enhance your enjoyment of your stay at Talooge. We have extended the camping areas near Strike-a-Light River adjacent to Horse Paddock (a much preferable alternative to camping under the tall gum trees near the shelter). The Offset Mounds now have their own firepit and water supply for hand washing after visiting the toilets, and hopefully will soon have a shelter to view the fun of

drivers navigating the mounds or to escape the stress of stall-outs on the adjacent nursery slopes. The DTU area has received a make-over with a major cleanup, expanded garden areas and new paving. And the equipment shed now has some shelves to store our tents and tarpaulins etc. A very big thankyou to participants including Mar Jones, Bev Blakston, Sue and Joe Briguglio, Anne and Dan O'Hara, Janet Neale and Doug Brown, Greg Taylor, Michael Patrick, Rob Donaldson, Graeme and Leon Kruse, Richard Brand, Mike Rodd and Adrian Gallman. Members may be interested Bev was participating on her last club trip – a working bee no less - and did a great job –she is selling her truck and buying a town car – we will miss you Bev, good luck.

### Goat cull

A cull of goats was conducted at Talooge on 9 and 10 October. Three members of SSAA Hunting and Conservation Branch participated and were accompanied by Graeme Kruse. Graeme reported that

"I have nothing but praise for the three hunters from H&C. They were very easy to get on with and were very professional in their approach to the cull. All animals were dispatched quickly and humanely (9 goats - 6 were harvested and all carcass remains plus the 3 that were not suitable for harvesting were disposed of appropriately) .

At all times safety (that of ourselves and others) was of paramount priority; signs were placed on the southern and northern gates on Rayners FT - contact details, via UHF 14, was included on the sign and monitored continuously, at all times while on a hunt we all wore a piece of high visibility 'blaze orange' clothing,

there was no splitting up of a team,  
there was no shooting across tracks,  
no shooting in the direction of buildings (ours or neighbors),  
no shooting where there was a chance of a ricochet,  
the rifle's magazine and bolt were only inserted when a goat was spotted on a hunt ,  
rifles were cross checked when entering the camping area to ensure that magazine and bolt had been removed, and,  
while in the camping area the rifle, its bolt, its empty magazine and all ammunition were stored separately to each other."

SSAAH&C also provided us an extract of their report to their Committee. I can forward it to anyone interested. I think the reports reflect favourably on the approach we have adopted to have a professional, independent body (SSAAH&C) carry out the operation. Our approach is likely to have the best chance of encouraging adjacent landowners to join with us, as well as to maximise the cull and do it humanely.

No further culls have been scheduled but we expect more will be planned either in 2010 or 2011. It is intended we give members as much notice as possible of the proposed times for future culling operations. Some inconvenience to members is inevitable - hopefully with adequate notice this can be minimised. It would also be appreciated if members can call me if they plan to visit Talooge.

#### Warning

Remember, do not camp under or near trees that may drop branches on you/your tent or truck. Some large branches have fallen (some green, some dead) near the shelter area. There is plenty of areas that are safe. And as summer is nearly upon us remember it is also snake season.

#### Strike-a-Light fire trail access

You would be aware I have encouraged members to use Strike-a-Light fire trail where possible, which will reduce the traffic going past Richie Southwell's front door. One constraint has been the ability to contact Steve Collins, the landowner through which the fire trail passes and request him to open the gate at Cherry Tree Creek. Well, now you can contact Steve any-time during the day (or at least his recorded message service) by phoning the Bredbo Pizza Shop on 6454-4040 as well as phoning his home number (between 8am and 9am) on 6454 3063.

#### Talooge access and future planning for showers and toilets

These matters are my highest priority for Talooge. It has taken a long time to make progress unfortunately and their resolution will require considerable time, financial, physical and brain-power resources, as well as lots of goodwill. Anyone interested in participating in this important task is most welcome.



# Editor's Rant

John Wiseman



There's that story of four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was a job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up with Everybody blaming Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

I see a worrying trend developing in the Club. It became very evident earlier this year when the new committee was elected. Well, elected is probably the wrong word – there weren't enough nominations for positions to be contested. In fact there weren't enough nominations to fill the positions. There were no nominations at all for a number of key positions, positions without which the Club really couldn't function fully. Vice President, Secretary, Publicity Officer. No-one had put their hand up. One of the General nominees agreed to accept the Vice Presidency, which sort of worked because it left the right number of General nominations. Assurances given to the Publications nominee were not forthcoming and he (and his spouse, a General member) resigned from the committee within a couple of days. So, within a week of the "election" we had an "elected unopposed" partial committee, with vacancies in the Secretary, Publications, Public Relations and General member positions. Everybody expected that Somebody would keep the Club running, but in fact Nobody came forward to do what Anybody could have done.

Some time later a new Club member was co-opted to the Secretary position.

Nobody has been very busy. With the year now largely gone, Nobody is still responsible for the Publicity Officer position, vital in maintaining and enhancing our public image and attracting membership and sponsorship.

Nobody also looks after Publications. Publications has responsibility for both Southern Trails and the website, a good concept, but far too big a job for one person to handle. The old website had virtually died due to lack of maintenance and ownership. (Nobody was looking after it!) Thanks to a great deal of work by Richard Brand and others that website has now been replaced by one offering improved flexibility and functionality (and importantly, one that works)! Hopefully it will not go the

way of its predecessor. One of my worries with the website is that it can appear so powerful that it doesn't need input, even from Anybody, so Everybody will assume that Somebody will do it and it will finish up being not done by Nobody.

As for Southern Trails, it was pretty obvious that Nobody couldn't handle it, so three of us (Michael Patrick, Peter Henderson and I) have stepped in to assist Nobody. We've all published Southern Trails previously, so we undertook to see that it was published until Nobody could be replaced with a competent full time owner. Proposals have been aired to rely less on Southern Trails, more on the website; perhaps discontinue Southern Trails, or only publish it alternate months. While the website has its place, it's role is different from that of Southern Trails and I'd be very disappointed to see Southern Trails abandoned in this fashion. I see Southern Trails as a very important part of what holds the Club together.

I am also concerned that interfacing with the website is taking the place of interfacing with fellow members – one can, for example, now book onto a trip with a few keystrokes without talking to the trip leader. No way would I lead any trip without talking to those who wish to participate and having the opportunity to assess their compatibility with the group, their level of experience and the ability of themselves and their vehicle to meet the challenges likely to be met. We've travelled extensively in remote areas and know just how vitally important it is ensure that vehicles are suitable and that companions are compatible and competent. (On one (non-Club) expedition into the Simpson Desert we experienced a situation where one of the drivers had a potentially serious mishap in a big manual 4WD. It then came to light that he had never driven a manual shift vehicle, let alone a serious 4WD. Much better to talk to participants and identify such surprises before going into a remote area!)

I note that in his column this month, Richard explains how some trips MUST be booked via the website, while training MUST NOT be booked there. He also notes that about 100 people are now registered to use the website; that's only 40% of our members. Maybe I just like things the way they were, but I have little patience with those who expect me to rearrange my life to fit their websites and spreadsheets and databases! (I've done the training, been on serious Club trips and travelled extensively. I'm not listed as having done Basic Training though – so I guess the website would knock me back if I tried to book onto a trip anyway!)

Last month, for the first time in my experience, there were no trip reports in Southern Trails though there had been trips. We can't fill the committee. Important functions like Publicity, which projects our image in the wider world and informs and encourages potential members and sponsors are being neglected. Publications, which helps to tie the Club together, is being neglected. I see trips being proposed without a trip leader. I see important matters such as health and safety obligations not being adequately addressed.

The Club seems to be losing its momentum. It is losing, no, has lost, some of the warmth and companionship that attracted people in the past. I hear of long standing and active members deciding not to renew their membership. Indeed we've given serious consideration to this ourselves.

Reminds me of another of those trite little sayings.

There are those who make things happen.  
There are those who watch them happen.  
And there are those who wonder what happened.

Seems to me that there's a general shift from making things happen to watching them happen. It's a small step from there to simply wondering what happened. Hopefully there aren't any in that last category, .....yet!

There's a new committee to be elected early next year. Let's see some new faces, fresh ideas, a complete committee that covers all the bases and can take us out of the doldrums. Or am I just dreaming....?

I'd especially like to talk to anyone who'd like to take up Southern Trails. It is thoroughly worthwhile, a pleasant creative activity and deserves coherent ownership. The present editors would be pleased to assist you in coming up to speed.

John



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# Richard's Input



This article is mainly about using the website for trip bookings. Now that well over 100 members have requested logon details, we are getting a good feel for what is working well, and where you, in general, are having difficulties.

## Quick trips

Last month Greg Taylor decided to postpone his South Coast Forests trip because of a bad weather forecast. However the itch to get outdoor overcame him shortly afterwards, and on the Tuesday he decided to do a recce the following Sunday. He thought some club members might like to tag along, so after talking about it for a few seconds, we decided to make it into a club trip. Believe it or not, he got seven vehicles, and the sun shone on them from Cooma onward. Did you find out about this short-notice trip?

## Event Subscription

35 or so folk have registered to receive automatic notifications of new trips as emails sent by the website. This means we can put on very short notice trips where appropriate, but if you have not subscribed to notifications you probably won't find out until it is too late!

My congratulations to the following who have subscribed: Aggie Zubowicz, Alan Fraser, Anne O'Hara, Bill Crispin, Charlie Montesin, Chris Harris, Christo Filmalter, Dan O'Hara, Darryl Alexander, David Evans-Smith, David Hay, David Holbeck, Di Archer, Don Wiltshire, Frank Wolf, Graham Kitchener, Greg Taylor, Ian Delaney, Jim Anderson, Jim Raleigh, Jo Delaney, Lindsay Jones, Malcolm Parker, Mark Hornby, Mark Pritchard, Mark Young, Michael Patrick, Phil Henderson, Phil Rayner, Richard Brand, Rob Dobson, Rob Donaldson, Simon Moyle and Warren Shardlow. Subscribing is not hard – once you have logged on to [www.st4wdc.org](http://www.st4wdc.org) it takes just two mouse clicks, the first to display the Trip Calendar from the Trips menu, and the second to select “Notify me”. Of course you must have a valid email address on the website for this to work!

If you are not on this list (generated on the 3 November) please consider the benefits of subscribing.

## Training notifications

We are not using the website to fully manage training events, but you can still subscribe to be emailed about new training events. It is not obvious, but a separate sub-calendar is used for training, with separate subscriptions.

So far only the following have subscribed: Darryl Alexander, Greg Taylor, Richard Brand and Robert Moore. Once again two clicks will get you there – you display the Training Calendar from the Training menu and click “Notify me”. If you want to get a jump on other members when exciting new training events like Winching are added to the training calendar, you now know what to do.

## Person limit versus vehicle limit

Why are some events vehicle-limited while others are person-limited and others have no limit at all?

The simple answer is because that is what we need to effectively run the events program. Most trips are vehicle limited to ensure convoys are of manageable length, and maybe to ensure there is enough space for everybody to camp.

Some events are limited by available seating, like pre-booked restaurants, river tours and some commercial training courses.

Other events are free-for-all affairs, like general meetings and the Christmas party.

## How does this affect you

If you want to make a booking request for a vehicle-limited event, either partner can make the request. The vehicle and partner details are pulled from the Membership List – the ‘unofficial’ one on the website which you can all see, as opposed to the ‘official’ one you can't see. By default, the member and partner, the first vehicle and any trailer are added to the Participants List. If this does not reflect who or what is going, email the trip leader or me and we can change the Participants List entry.

On the other hand, for a person-limited event, the logged-on user makes a personal booking request. If a partner also wants to attend, they should log on in their own right and make another booking request. After logging on, this should only take four mouse clicks. The first is on the menu item “TRIPS > Forthcoming Trips”, the second selects the event, the third is on “Event Details” and the fourth is on “Make a booking request for this event?”

## Why doesn't the Booking request option always appear?

You can probably guess why – either bookings are not required, or the event is fully booked! For most trip leaders, “fully” means the trip is well and truly over-subscribed and there is a healthy reserve list. To achieve this effect the limit might be set to say 12 when in reality only 8 will be Placed with 4 Reserves.

### **Why are some emails near instantaneous and others delayed?**

Again you can guess why. The quick ones are automatically generated, and the slow ones require somebody to do something before they are sent.

An example of a slow email is when you request a logon password. This is because I want to keep track of who has asked, and check out some details (especially email addresses) before generating the password automatically.

For non-club members, website registration is fully automatic but an amazing number do not follow the instructions on first and last names so I might have to make this moderated (more emails to me!)

Requesting a booking is slow, but this is because of the way the standard DotNetNuke works for limited events. When a request for a new trip or book-

ing is made, the system emails the coordinator (me), who approves the booking request using the website when he can get a round tuit. This generates an email to the trip leader, who then accepts or rejects the booking request.

Conversely, if the event is unlimited, you are accepted straightaway.

### **My Bookings**

In a rather obscure spot on the front page of the website is a link to "My Bookings". With a single click you can see your event bookings. For this reason we prefer most events to have bookings enabled, whether or not they are limited. This is the only place you can unbook yourself, too, apart from contacting the trip leader.

I hope this encourages you to participate in more club events, whether as a follower or a leader!

**As usual, Southern Trails will NOT be published in January, but the usual monthly meeting will be held at the usual place on the usual 2nd Tuesday of the month (11/1/11) at the usual 7.30pm. The deadline for material for the February Southern Trails will, as usual, be the Friday after the meeting, ie 14th January.**

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## ABOUT TRIPS

### TRIP GRADING

For trips in the club's calendar a grading system of levels 1 to 5 is used to assist members in deciding which trips they would most enjoy and which grade suits the driver's level of skill and experience. This system of grading is a guide only. The grade assigned to a trip may change due to weather conditions, and the trip leader should be consulted in such circumstances. The trip leader has the right to deny a request from a driver who is considered not to have the necessary level of skill in 4Wdriving, or whose vehicle is deemed inadequate.

- \***GRADE 1:** very easy with little, if any 4wdriving involved; will usually consist of a scenic tour or a trip to camp. No 4WD skills are needed.
- \***GRADE 2:** a relatively moderate 4WD trip with winching and/or towing unlikely. Moderate level of 4WD skills needed, as well as completion of Basic Driver Education Course.
- \***GRADE 3:** a medium 4WD trip which requires cautious driving; winching should not be required. Good level of 4WD skills needed, as well as completion of Basic Driver Education Course.
- \***GRADE 4:** a moderately difficult 4WD trip with some winching and/or towing almost a certainty. High level of 4WD skills needed, as well as completion of both the Basic and Advanced Driver Education Courses.
- \***GRADE 5:** an extremely difficult 4WD trip. Participants must be experienced at traveling over difficult terrain. Winching and/or towing will definitely be required and participants must have all their own recovery equipment. Skill levels the same as Grade 4.

### DRIVER EXPERIENCE

Conditions on some trips at Grade 3 and above may prove too difficult for inexperienced drivers. Please advise the trip leader of the level of skill, and vehicle equipment when signing up for such a trip. Members must have attended the 'Safe-One' Basic Vehicle Operation Course before driving on a Club trip above the Grade 1 level, unless they have satisfied the Club's Education Coordinator that they have the necessary experience.

### TRIP PLANNING

If you are planning a Trip or Social Event for the Club contact the Club Trips Co-ordinator, preferably at least two months in advance of your chosen dates. This will allow time to give your event a 'good plug' in the Southern Trails, and it helps to avoid clashes with other people's plans. However, if a good event opportunity comes up at short notice our rules are sufficiently flexible to enable a quick approval. Club policy requires that a Club event shall be publicised in the Club magazine, or at a General Meeting of the Club, or on the Club's website in order for it to be considered a formal Club event and so be covered for the purposes of insurance, subsidies and so forth.

For a trip using tracks that are not public roads it is Club policy to confirm with the appropriate authorities that access is permitted on the chosen dates. This includes National Parks, State Forests as well as private property.

### CB RADIOS

The Club strongly recommends that a UHF radio be carried to facilitate convoy procedures. UHF channel 14 is used as the standard channel for trips.

### FIREARMS & PETS

Firearms are not permitted on club trips. Pets are not allowed in National Parks, otherwise refer to Trip leader.

# TRIPS AND EVENTS



**27 Nov**

## **Kowen Forest**

2010-073

Trip Leader: Warren Shardlow  
Email: wshardlow@spin.net.au  
Phone: 0409 321 213 (m)  
Limit: 12 vehicles  
Grade: 3  
Start: 9:00 AM  
Meeting Place: Kowen Forest gate  
Fuel: Full tank  
Requirements: Basic driver training, recovery equipment, radiator blind, UHF radio, good tyres, well maintained vehicle. If you decide to do the slightly harder tracks, advanced driver training required, good off road tyres, winch (hand or electric), extra recovery gear, willingness to be challenged.  
Description: Spend a day driving through a labyrinth of tracks of varying grades through the Kowen Forest. Some may be a bit more challenging. Thus, if you don't want to do them, there are always a less challenging alternatives. Perhaps you could take photos / videos of those who are game.  
Time permitting there will be a geocaching exercise (treasure hunt using GPS) for those who want to play with their gadgets. Lunch will be at the old homestead site.  
Comments: The odd track may be a grade 4, but there are grade 1-2 alternatives for every section. There is a cost of \$10 per vehicle. Don't be late - the gate is locked at 9:30am

**28 Nov**

## **New Members Picnic - Wee Jasper**

2010-070

Trip Leader: Rick Holland  
Email: rholland@actewagl.net.au  
Phone: 02 6292 6537 (h); 02 6268 4588 (w); 0412 335 962 (m)  
Limit: 10 vehicles  
Grade: 1  
Start: 8:30 AM  
Meeting Place: Uriarra Homestead  
Fuel: full tank  
Maps: 8627 Brindabella 1:100,000  
Requirements: UHF radio, well maintained vehicle, recovery gear if you have it. Plus table and chairs, morning and afternoon tea and salads for lunch  
Description: A great day for new and old members alike. We are planning an easy trip out through Picadilly Circus to Micalong Swamp for morning tea. Then down Nottingham Road to Micalong Creek and on to Billy Grace Reserve for a sausage sizzle lunch. Return via Doctor's Flat Road with superb sightseeing at Pig Hill before heading home via Uriarra Crossing

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## 4 - 5 Dec **Christmas Party at Talooge**

2010-072

Trip Leader: Marj Jones  
Email: marjorie.jones@det.nsw.edu.au  
Phone: 0427 284 236 (m)  
Limit: unlimited  
Grade: 1  
Start: 8:30 AM  
Meeting Place: Williamsdale  
Requirements: Bring an innovative, preferably funny, wrapped present valued under \$15 for the Gift Grab. Bring a secret wrapped present for each child in your party. Bring your own catering including happy hour supplies and a pot luck main dish for sharing.  
Description: Two packed days of fun for children and adults alike. Kids games will be followed by games for kids-at-heart. Santa will visit, there will be the Gift Grab, kid's movies then the communal dinner following happy hour. Best table decoration, club-provided desserts and camp-fire camaraderie take us through to the "Morning-after Funkana". Bigger and better than ever, this will test your driving skills, patience, trust and communication abilities as never before. Not to be missed.  
Comments: Please register to help with catering numbers

## 12 Dec **Brindabella Classic**

2010-069

Trip Leader: Christoph Rauch  
Email: sirossie@me.com  
Phone: 02 6247 4308 (h); 0402 747 039 (m)  
Limit: 12 vehicles  
Grade: 2  
Start: 8:30 AM  
Meeting Place: Uriarra Homestead  
Fuel: Full tank  
Maps: ACT Region (1/100 000) and 1/25 000 maps of Bobbys Plains, Couragago, Umburra and Cotter Dam  
Requirements: Basic driver training, basic recovery gear, UHF radio, good tyres, well maintained and reliable vehicle, morning tea and lunch. Camera and binoculars are also a good idea  
Description: This day trip is a great way for new members to explore Canberra's back yard or for more experienced members to also enjoy a day in the Brindabella mountains. We meet at Uriarra Homestead and then head to Picadilly Circus following Brindabella/Tumut Road. Take Gentle Annie fire trail to Flea Creek on the Goodradigbee River for morning tea. We will climb up Webbs Ridge to approximately 1200 metres and then on passed the power lines to Waterfall fire trail. Dropping to the river again lunch will be at Lowells Flat or McIntryres Hut. Backtrack to Waterfall fire trail then Foley FT and Doctors Flat Rd and an afternoon stop at Pig Hill summit and finally air up and head for home

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## **12 Dec      Winching and Recovery Exercise**

2010-079

Trip Leader: Peter Reynolds  
Email: richard.brand@webone.com.au  
Phone: 0418 568 358 (m)  
Limit: 12 people  
Start: 8:30 AM  
Meeting Place: Casuarina Sands  
Requirements: Basic driver training, vehicle with electric winch or hand winch, full recovery kit  
Description: Winches are great if they are working and you know how to use them. This training day will help on both counts.  
Comments: You must phone Peter to book this event

## **18 Jan      Social Evening with a Western Australian Theme**

2011-009

Trip Leader: Rick and Wendy Holland, Rob and Kerry Lejsek  
Email: lejsek@grapevine.com.au  
Phone: 02 6161 7597 (h); 02 6271 1967 (w); 0402 094 612 (m)  
Limit: 16 people  
Start: 7:00 PM  
Maps: Navman or Tom Tom to get to Rick and Wendy's place  
Requirements: \$10 as a contribution to a BBQ Dinner, BYO Beverages and Camping Chair  
Description: This is the second in a series of Social Events aimed at getting together and catching up and talking about 4WD destinations. The theme for this evening will be Western Australia with Rick and Wendy giving a presentation of their trip along the Canning Stock Route and their travels in the South West. Rob will also give a short slide show of camping on Dirk Hartog Island.  
  
This evening will be hosted at Rick and Wendy's home in Macarthur and will include a BBQ dinner with salads, breadrolls and desert.  
Comments: As space is limited to 16 people (including trip leaders) please book via the website. The address will be circulated to all participants via email.

## **22 - 24 Jan      Victorian Mountain Magic**

2011-001

Trip Leader: Greg and Vickie Taylor  
Email: vickie.taylor@bigpond.com  
Phone: 02 6241 3547 (h); 02 6216 5302 (w); 0411 281 087 (m)  
Limit: 16 vehicles  
Grade: 3  
Start: 8:30 PM  
Meeting Place: Williamsdale  
Fuel: Full tank – top up at Jindabyne (for alpine mix diesel)  
Maps: Hema 1/200,000 High Country Victoria, Hema 1/385,000 South East NSW, 1/25,000 maps of Thredbo, Suggan Buggan, Vic 1/25,000 Mt Cobberas, Tom Groggin and Biggara.

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**Requirements:** Basic driver training, basic recovery gear, UHF radio, good tyres, well maintained and reliable vehicle which should have good ground clearance, camping gear including gas stove for cooking, food and water, happy hour and pot luck supplies. Bow saw/axe for track clearing, and a blind/tarp for water crossing. Tyre chains for steep mountain fire trails.

**Description:** Travel to Jindabyne and top up fuel. Head down Barry Way for morning tea at Wallace Craigie lookout and magnificent views of the Snowy River, Willis and then turn up the Ingeegoodbee FT to McFarlane Flat and the Cobberas, Playgrounds and our first night camp at Limestone Creek or Native Dog Flat. Limestone Rd/trail to the Poplars (McCarthy's), Buckwong Hut and on to Mt Hope, Mt Anderson, Mt Gibbo with second camp at Wheelers Creek Hut. Mt Pinnibar via Mt Anderson, Tom Groggin for a dip (water crossing) in the Murray River and head for Canberra via Thredbo and Jindabyne.

This is the plan but we may deviate to camp at other locations depending on our progress each day. Many of the areas we are visiting have toilet facilities – but remember your shovel, toilet paper and good humour. Happy hour on Saturday and Pot Luck dinner on Sunday night.

## 13 Feb **New Members Picnic**

2011-004

**Trip Leader:** Ian Goodacre and Rosemary Orr  
**Email:** newtricks@bigpond.com.au  
**Phone:** 02 6291 0455 (h); 0403 304 505 (m)  
**Limit:** 10 vehicles  
**Grade:** 1  
**Start:** 8:30 AM  
**Meeting Place:** Uriarra Homestead  
**Fuel:** Full tank  
**Maps:** tba  
**Requirements:** UHF radio  
**Description:** A great day for new members, and of course older members. Put the date in your diary - more details later

## 19 - 20 Feb **Remote First Aid Course**

2011-005

**Trip Leader:** Jo Delaney  
**Email:** joanne.booth@eds.com  
**Phone:** 0423 223 045 (m)  
**Limit:** unlimited  
**Grade:** 1  
**Start:** 8:00 AM  
**Meeting Place:** Talooge Park  
**Description:** This is a 2 day training course to achieve the Remote First Aid Certificate, which includes the Applied First Aid Certificate.  
  
The course is tailored specifically for the club and will cater for any questions and experience that participants have.  
  
The cost is \$195 per person for the 2 day course (fee to be paid prior to the start of the course)

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## 19 - 20 Feb      Explore The Tracks of Abercrombie River National Park

2011-007

Trip Leader: Michael Patrick  
Email: michael.patrick2@bigpond.com  
Phone: 0412 377 941 (m)  
Limit: 10 vehicles  
Grade: 2  
Start: 8:30 AM  
Meeting Place: Federal Highway, Eagle Hawk car park  
Fuel: Full Tank  
Maps: Taralga, Fullerton, Zone55 MGA OZF  
Requirements: UHF Radio, Good Tyres, Vehicle in good condition  
Description: Abercrombie River National Park is located 60km North of Goulburn. The park preserves the largest remaining intact patch of low open forest in the south-west central tablelands area. Casuarinas stand beside deep waterholes on the park's three main waterways. We will transit to the park via Goulburn/Abercrombie road and enter the park via Felled Timber road and Brass walls fire trail.  
Once inside the park we will travel the various tracks Saturday afternoon and either camp at Silent Creek or at Bummaroo Ford. On Sunday we will re-drive the tracks and lunch at one of the river sites. After lunch we will have a leisurely drive back to Canberra.  
Comments: This is a easy trip with only a couple of sections that will require definitive picking of the line. This is an excellent bedding in for new members. Camper trailers are welcome. Bring food, water and happy hour supplies.

## 26 - 27 Feb      Bush Skills Weekend at Talooge

2010-062

Trip Leader: Rosemary Orr  
Email: ROrr@moray.com.au  
Phone: 0414 568 358 (m)  
Limit: unlimited  
Grade: 1  
Start: 8:30 AM  
Meeting Place: Williamsdale  
Fuel: Full tank  
Description: Our Club members have an amazing range of skills they can impart! These range from bush welding using car batteries, through preserving food for long trips, damper cooking using camp ovens, to extracting survival water from vegetation, plus fixing tyres and navigating with and without GPS and lots more. We need attendees and especially contributors.  
Comments: Help wanted!

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**12 - 20 Mar**

## **Canberra Festival Balloon Spectacular**

2011-008

Trip Leader: Catherine Panich  
Email: [capan@home.com.au](mailto:capan@home.com.au)  
Phone: 0412 866 375 (m)  
Limit: unlimited  
Grade: 1  
Start: 6:00 AM  
Meeting Place: Old Parliament House  
Description: The Club has been asked to provide crew support for the Canberra Festival Balloon Spectacular. Crewing for part or the entire event means early starts, about 6am; meeting on the lawns of Old Parliament House to assist pilots in crowd control, setting up and inflating their balloons. Then comes the chase and retrieval of your balloon. There is always a complimentary hearty breakfast and socializing after a successful balloon chase. You may still make it to work after breakfast but if you do be prepared to be a little weary. Take this opportunity to meet pilots from overseas and around Australia and maybe even get a free balloon ride. If you wish to take part contact Catherine  
Comments: You will need to indicate which days you are available and if you have a vehicle and or trailer. Training is usually on the job with plenty of help from others and directions from your friendly pilot

**12 - 19 Mar**

## **Vic High Deep South**

2011-003

Trip Leader: Michael Patrick  
Email: [michael.patrick2@bigpond.com](mailto:michael.patrick2@bigpond.com)  
Phone: 0412 377 941 (m)  
Limit: 14 vehicles  
Grade: 3  
Start: 8:30 AM  
Meeting Place: Barton Highway Dinosaur Museum car park  
Fuel: Full tank at start  
Maps: NSW South, Hema Victoria East Gippsland, Hema High Country Victoria West  
Requirements: Basic recovery kit. UHF radio. Well maintained vehicle with good tyres. Sorry, no soft-roaders or camping trailers. Standard camping gear, food supplies and water to last a minimum of four days. Extra supplies available at Dargo and Omeo  
Description: Travel via Hume Highway to Benalla then to Mansfield, first night camp will be at Sawmill Settlement. For the next six days we will travel Cambatong Spur, Buckland, Tomahawk gap, Pineapple flat, Cobblers, Bindaree, Up Billy Goat, Crooked river, Wonnangatta station, Dogs grave and may more areas  
Comments: This is a fairly flexible trip as no strict itinerary will be followed, just the general route as planned. Camping is available at numerous sites. Fuel can be obtained at Dargo and Omeo. The final leg which is day eight Saturday 19 March will be a dash up the Hume highway to home

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## 14 - 15 May Remote First Aid Course

2011-006

Trip Leader: Jo Delaney

Email: joanne.booth@eds.com

Phone: 0423 223 045 (m)

Limit: unlimited

Grade: 1

Start: 8:00 AM

Meeting Place: Talooge Park

Description: This is a 2 day training course to achieve the Remote First Aid Certificate, which includes the Applied First Aid Certificate.

The course is tailored specifically for the club and will cater for any questions and experience that participants have. The cost is \$195 per person for the 2 day course (fee to be paid prior to the start of the course)

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# Sand and Water Course

Hey, all I did was ask for an Autograph!

Doc Baldwyn



Well here's the thing, I had no intention of doing a trip report, but by some dodge of the past or freak of nature I am.

Actually it may have been, that at the outset of our two day course, in front of the "A Team", I asked Peter Reynolds for an autograph on my personal copy of last month's *Southern Trails* magazine, with his smiling face, an OAM and the Governor General right there on the front !

You may know more than one person with an OAM, I only know one - Peter !

In any case here goes –

Weather prediction - rain and storms !  
No worries there, it's a Sand and Water course, what's the problem if we add a little mud in here and there ?

The "A Team" met at Bungendore, 8 am start, where a few if not all enjoyed the morning wakeup call of the Pie shop and a coffee ! The "B Team" was meeting in Queanbeyan, 9am start. A quick rundown on the day's proceedings was given by Peter and the request for a signed autographed copy of *Southern Trails* was rejected.

The group then saddled up to head on to Braidwood for the first leg of our day's adventures.  
Braidwood – A quick stop here for a toilet break and for some a fuel top up – this could be argued either way, but in any case the stop was made and the group was ready for the drive ahead !  
(At this point I was now attempting to keep out of sight - so as not to attract attention and thus have to

do the trip report, it worked well huh ? )

We were now headed toward Araluen. Now if you haven't been this way lately, it's worth the trip, recent rains have really set the countryside apart, it's so green it reminded me of a trip to Scotland.

Our destination was down past Araluen Lower through the Junction, past Pigeon Gully, along the Araluen Road over Henry's Creek and just South of Jimmy's Hill to a nice little camping ground, where we had some morning tea. Confused yet ? We weren't, as the Hema 5 kept a great track record and we can follow that track again anytime. At this point we received some interesting stories of the Crocodiles of the NT and how interesting water crossings can be ! If you want in on these stories, you will have to do the course and get in on the low down.

Just a little down the road from Jimmy's Hill is a Ford, not the car mind you, a river crossing, sorry, THE River Crossing, that we all had to get through. Well not exactly "Get Through", rather experience.

Now I say that because, the whole idea of these courses is to "Experience" in a safe and controlled way a little of what we might see on our own exploits during our 4x4 life and adventures, with instructors that have already been there and done that and are happy to impart the knowledge gained over time and many trips.

So after the stories of the great NT crossings and some others we had to "Bra Up" and set tyre pressures etc ...



Yep, get out whatever it was we were using to keep the H2O out of our engine bays and fans. Some had tarps and home built jobs, others pulled out store bought Bras, the MSA one seemed to be the popular choice. From what I saw though, all of them proved to do the job.

The “Duck” led the way over the crossing, to become the “Exit Point” and the instructors ... well they instructed ... they instructed us to get out the tent poles or whatever we were using to mark out a route down, across and out of the river.

Some instructors were amused to see us marking the shallow course and commented on how we couldn't establish a “Bow Wave” there. So it was determined that after the first pass along this shallow route, the instructors would themselves become the moving route markers. The route did indeed get deeper and deeper, until a satisfactory “Bow Wave” was obtained.

All the vehicles passed along this route in both directions without incident and the drivers were happy, except maybe Jim and his Rodeo, or rather, his Indoor Mobile Swimming Pool.

This was parked on an incline for lunch, to drain, as we weren't sure on the legalities of removing local river water for Jims new venture into Indoor Mobile Pools !

The car itself was undamaged and continued with the weekend.

B Team arrived and the A Team went up to the campsite for lunch.

After lunch we all hitched up and set off back out to Braidwood, those needing “supplies” picked them up and some had ice cream. At this point I

got to play “Charlie” in the convoy for the first time and we set off for our overnight camp near Oallen on the Shoalhaven River.

Firewood was obtained and a campsite setup – with the B Team getting in a little late due to a “Navigational Error”. I'm not dobbing anyone in.

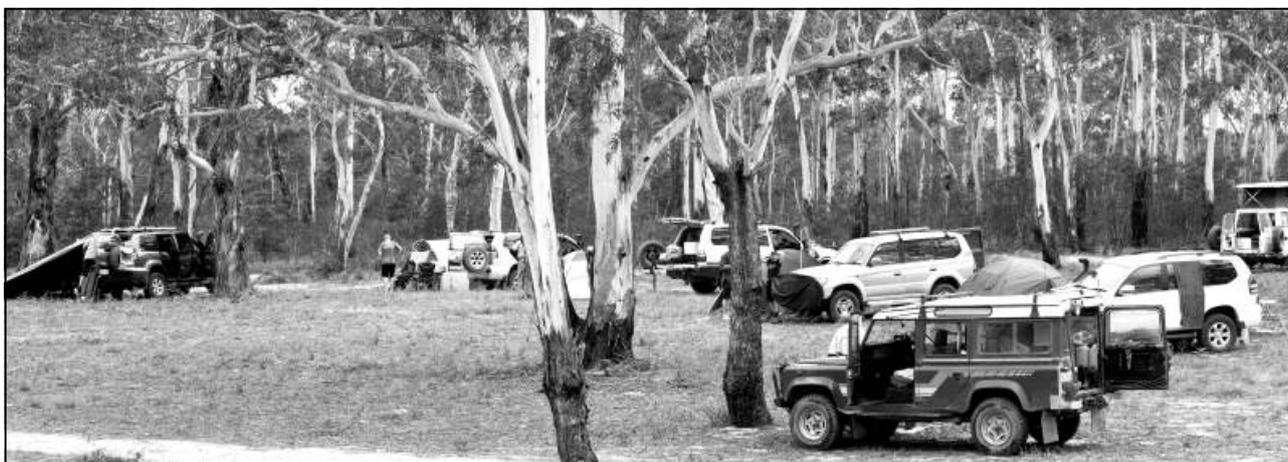
Peter and crew set up the main “Camp Fire” under the threat of impending rain, whilst others were setting up their own campsites etc.

Night was upon us and food could be smelt all over the site. The fire side drew one and all in, various supplies were consumed and we talked about the day and had a general chat about all things social. (After all that's what we are really all about eh ?) The kids got to roast some marshmallow's, after all at any other time, putting a stick in the fire could be considered a “no no” and playing with fire, so they were pretty happy to set those marshmallow's aflame.

The threatened “Rain and Storms” finally hit and down came the rain and the thunder ! BEDTIME ! Next morning we all awoke to some light rain and a decision to get into the Sand part of the Sand and Water Course.

All the vehicles were lined up down near the crossing and two or three were chosen to get “Bogged” so that we could experience, first hand, the principles of, “How to get out of trouble in sand with the least amount of work.” I must say seeing my Patrol up to the axles in sand for the first time was .... FUN !

Peter asked for it to be bogged and so it was, He then went on to explain and show everyone the different paths we could take to extricate ourselves from this sort of predicament.





Lesson one – Bog the Vehicle, no worries there.  
Lesson two – Tyre Pressure is KING ! If you did not believe before, that tyre pressure, or the lack of it, could get you out of this sort of trouble, you did afterwards.

Rocking the vehicle backward / forward, then easing forwards without spinning the tyres was next and closely followed by the use of Max Tracks, a handy device for those in need of a firm surface to drive on when bogged in sand. All agreed it was far better to adjust tyre pressure first.

Soon after these demonstration's one of our instructors decided to give yours truly an additional side course on winching techniques, by sinking his 4x4 up to its axles in the silt bottom of a knee deep section of the Shoalhaven River.

With some onlookers and a "Few" memorabilia photos taken, the "River Shark" was out and it was onto the sand course "A Team Vs B Team" competition.

At this point I would have to say a Patrol does not really have the turning circle of a Prado, a Rodeo, or for that matter a Kia ! Yeah a Kia, I know, who would have thought it.

I was told, reliably, that a Prado driver would almost always win this competition ... but the day belonged to the Kia and he almost did it backwards as well !!!

What was the competition you say ?

Do the course have some fun, relax and enjoy our great outdoors with a great bunch of people and find out, see if you have what it takes to beat a Kia !

After this some drove over the crossing and back to "Wash" their cars whilst others had lunch and packed up ready to head home.

It has been said, but again, a huge thanks to all those who donated their time and effort into making the 2010 Sand and Water Course a great success, from all the "Students" for want of a better word, it was well worth it and thanks again..





# NSW & ACT 4WD Association



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Apart from one other club, Southern Tablelands is the biggest club in the Association, and our Peter Fenwick is currently its President. Peter will speak at the December meeting where he will discuss the role and activities of the Association.

Members of affiliated clubs are encouraged to visit the Association's website at [www.4wdnow.com](http://www.4wdnow.com). For full access to the forum and other areas it is necessary to register, a simple process, though one which does take a while as your membership must be confirmed by our Club.



Some of the survivors of the Sand and Water course.

Note that our Education Officer is firmly under a woman's thumb! Not that he appears to mind!

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Julie Buttriss



## Trip Record 15/5/2010 – 25/6/2010

via Nyngan, Mutawintji National Park, White Cliffs, Eulo, Windorah, Winton, Mt Isa, Adeles Grove, Karumba, Miilla Miilla, Musgrave Station, Weipa, Elliot Falls, Punsand Bay, Chili Beach, Atherton, Charters Towers, Emerald, Chinchilla, Ballina, Corrindi Beach

### Part 1—Canberra to Adele's Grove

#### Leaders

Julie and Thommo Buttriss (Diesel with Kimberley)

#### Participants

Mary Biddle & Thea (Guzzler with Tent)

Dave Buckley (Dypso with Johnnos Trailer)

Jeanette and Ian Flanagan (Icymus with Kimberley)

Jayne and Mick Hines (Yak with Camprite)

Jill and Peter Jolly (Tardis with Kimberley)

and as soon as they could see we were all up, they went back to bed. Typical. The Cobar bakery did a good trade for morning tea (as did many others over the following 6 weeks). Someone with idle time had set fire to the disabled toilet facilities and they were pretty well destroyed. Opposite the park was a magnificent old Moreton Bay Fig tree. Well worth a photo opportunity.

#### Saturday 15/5

Five vehicles and four camper trailers met at Hall for an 8am departure. Dave's family Bec, Josh and Carol followed to this point in the town car, just to be sure Dave left. Just a short drive to Yass to meet up with Ian and Jeanette coming in from Mittagong.

Fuel consumption was a hot topic today and many other days due to the towing of the campers.

On to Nyngan for our first overnight stop. An uneventful day but exciting just to be back on the road. Charlie even spotted emus today – don't expect that from here on in. Cotton droppings on the roadside, and huge bales of cotton waiting to be transported. The Riverside Van Park by the river on the Cobar road, was a top spot, with fish jumping, a campfire and stars. Totally recommend. Jayne, Mary, Jeanette and David sourced the timber from the other end of the park but let it be known they were not doing it every night.

Nyngan – Day 1 and already we've found a great new spot – a pity we weren't staying longer.

#### Sunday 16/5

Heaps of Kookaburras provided the wake-up call

At the lunchtime roadside stop Mary did her best to chat a fellow up wanting him to sell his Kimberley Karavan. He still had a bit of travelling to do and wouldn't be in it. That didn't put her off. She never missed an opportunity for the remaining 6 weeks each time she saw a suitable camper.

Fuel starts to get pricy at Wilcannia (Shell) \$1.69. We **should** have gone to BP. Obligatory stop for firewood collection this afternoon before heading in to Mutawintji National Park. All the Kimberley Kampers were used to load it on top. Enough for 2 days. Mmmm. In fact that was also a common sight in the weeks to come. Kimberley Kampers with wood on top. Some of this wood ended up seeing quite a bit of the country. Waste not want not, and each morning we were moving on, what wood was not used was reloaded and resecured, and removed again before being able to set up camp. Good exercise if nothing else.

The first of the windscreen damage occurred today with most vehicles copping damage.

Talk about the GPS leading you astray. Ozi can get you into a bit of strife too with roads being rerouted and not matching the map. We knew exactly where we were, just had to follow the fence till we found the road again. It was a good adventure. Our first night of bush camping and we only just managed to set up before dark. Plenty of

goats, emus, a dingo, noisy birds wanting to pick the right spot to roost for the night (a bit like humans picking their camping spot, only noisier). Moths, on steroids, you wouldn't believe how big they were. Bush camping with hot solar showers and good flushing toilets, electric BBQ or a camp fire for \$5 - what more could a person want.

### Monday 17/5

Light rain overnight – not enough to be a nuisance and Corellas provided the early morning alarm.



A leisurely breakfast of bacon and eggs, then most set off to do the Mutawintji Gorge walk. Those who persisted to the end of the Gorge were rewarded with beautiful scenery. The amount of water and force of water that moves in that Gorge was evidenced by the lean of the trees and the skeletal remains of goats and kangaroos.

Some rearranging of where things are packed in the campers has started. Where do **you** keep this in **your** Kamper? And that's when it started. Mary's fridge is not doing well and looks like the battery feeding it needs replacing.

We repaired windscreens. A road train had showered us with rocks whilst still on the tar between Nyngan and Cobar. Thanks to Mick for the windscreen repair kit. Every vehicle should have one!!!

Peter made excellent bread for dessert tonight and for many more evenings to come. We learned tonight that Jayne was a Whyalla girl. Perhaps that explains her ability to stoke the fire to blast furnace temperatures, not content until all the metal surrounds are glowing red!

### Tuesday 18/5

Corella alarm, off to the showers, breakfast

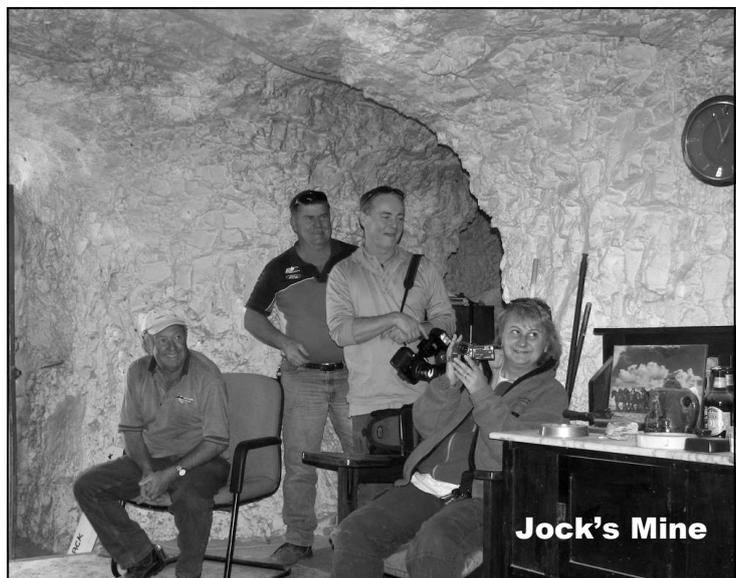
and pack up camp, including repacking some of the unburnt wood back on the Kimberleys. Jayne was concerned that we were leaving some behind.

The "Virgin" Kimberley Kampers, Jill and Peter, were assisted with tips from those with more practise and those with a bit of practice got more ideas. How many more ideas could we have had if it was a Kimberley trip?

On the road to White Cliffs, even at the back of the convoy there was plenty of bird and animal life to be seen. This is only early days – it won't continue. The road was good, in places there were bypasses where there had obviously been very wet patches from the recent flooding. There were numerous DIP signs however the criteria for the placement of such signs is somewhat of a mystery as there was no consistency with the level of condition or care negotiating them.

There were shopping bags piled up in the rails of cattle grids. Julie had suggested we stop to collect them and dispose of properly but after doing so, discovered the bags were tied to the grids. It was surmised that they were probably a further deterrent to the cattle if they were tempted to cross the grid and perhaps we should leave them there. A good camper that girl, leaving no rubbish – but not this time.

It was **White Cliffs** for lunch and a couple of local tours in the afternoon. All very different. Starting with Jock's mine, an eccentric white cliffs character to say the least. Mad Jock very happily revealed that he and his wife (whom we didn't meet) met in a lunatic asylum and it just goes on.



And that's the truth he would say. Antiques and heirlooms from days (years) gone by. A bit like that house you wouldn't want to live next door to.

PJ's Bed and Breakfast and mine. What a contrast, neat exterior, pleasant garden including a couple of boab trees. Toby took us around a tastefully decorated clean dwelling and then through a door in one of the bedrooms to a working opal mine. He had interesting snippets of history, including the fact that the school children used to walk home from school in summer via the mines because it gets so hot.

Returning to camp where we met up with Bill and Jenny who were to take us on our third and final tour of the day. Some of us piled into the Troopy whilst the rest settled for a clean soft sedan. There's a lot of history here and well worth a guided tour.

The school currently has only 6 children. A mining claim out on the reserve is 50 X 50 metres - the cost is \$60 for the first year and \$90 for every year thereafter. A lesson in using the divining rods was really amazing and worth a laugh to onlookers.

White Cliffs - \$5 a night for a hot shower, flushing toilet and a great little spot. Could stay here longer too, but perhaps not in the summer.

### Wednesday 19/5

The first flat tyre of the trip was bestowed to Icy-mus. The tyre had to be taken off the car but was repaired with a plug and replaced before leaving. White Cliffs to Wanaaring - The scenery was fantastic - an endless flat panorama. Can't say the same for the road. The recent floods had played havoc and there were endless water pools that stretched far and wide.

It was Wanaaring for lunch on the banks of the Paroo River. Once again the ef-

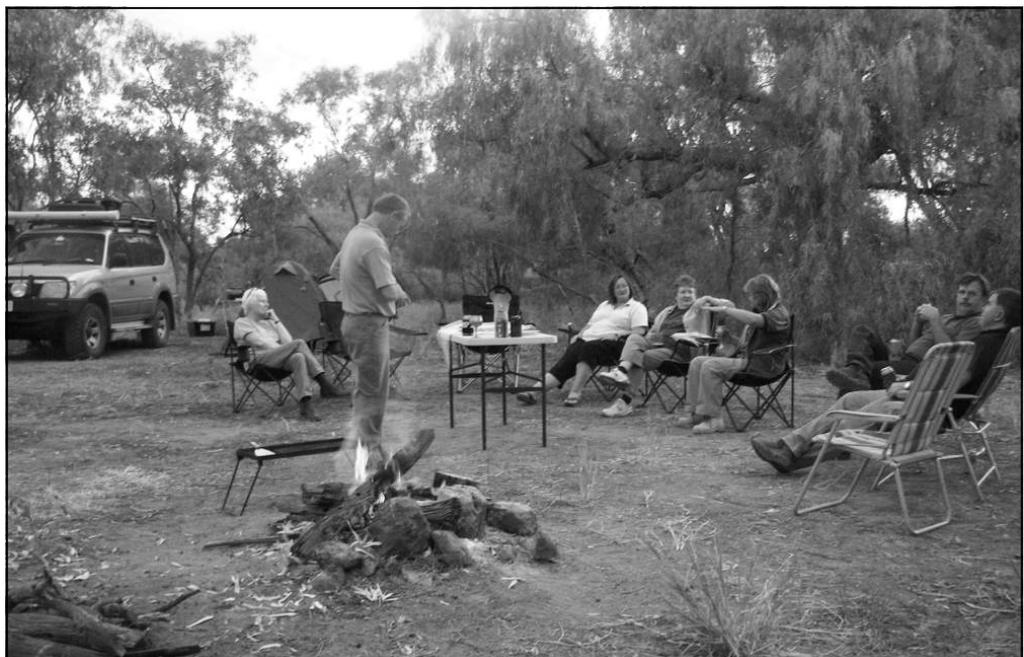
fects of the floods were evident. The General Store owner had run out of most supplies and was very low on fuel as trucks had not been able to get through. The road had only been open a couple of days. Fuel was being brought in by Jerry cans on the back of a Landcruiser. Those needing it decided to refuel at Hungerford.

Into Queensland now and the roads were noticeably better maintained, although flood damaged. We bush camped by the River just outside Eulo. It had been a long day and on opening the campers most were affected in some way by the fine red dust that we'd been eating that day.

### Thursday 20/5

Got into Eulo early - about 7.30 to get fuel but found the shop not yet open and deliveries were sitting waiting at the door. The owner turned up, we refuelled and aired up ready to drive on black top. Found a corrugated iron air raid shelter beside the shop, a relic of WW11. And grass, green grass! A pretty little town with some history to boot and worth more time than we could stay. Getting into boulder opal country, too.

Tonight we camped a bit out of Windorah by the Coopers Creek. There were lovely sandy areas down near the creek and a rock barrage was home to lots of birds including night herons. However the forecast was for rain so we found a large flat area to the right of the bridge to set up camp.



### Friday 21/5

Despite everyone waking a little early this morning it took a little longer to pack up the rest of the infrastructure. Wood we have been carting since before Wilcannia to be loaded, the toilet house and the toilet to be packed away.

We went the few kms into Windorah this morning to top up with fuel. An interesting little town with quaint shacks and very clean streets. There were more people staying in the Caravan Park than the town's entire permanent population. Probably just as well we camped out. The town runs on Solar energy sourced from a solar plant at the eastern entrance to the town consisting of 5 concave mirror disks angled to make best use of the sun. We did wonder how often the bird poo needed to be cleaned off and just how they did it. Tardis was the recipient of a stone in the windscreen on the way into town, now everyone has stone chips or cracks.

The information centre advised all roads were open so off we headed on the Jundah Rd and turned off at Braidwood about 100km from town onto the Winton road. When we got to the turn it was a bit disconcerting the road closed signs were still displayed however confirmation on Channel 4 advised the road was open. 350 km of dirt. Yes!!!

The scenery was so diverse today and not another vehicle was encountered on this leg until we got to Lark Quarry. Wedge tail eagles were in abundance

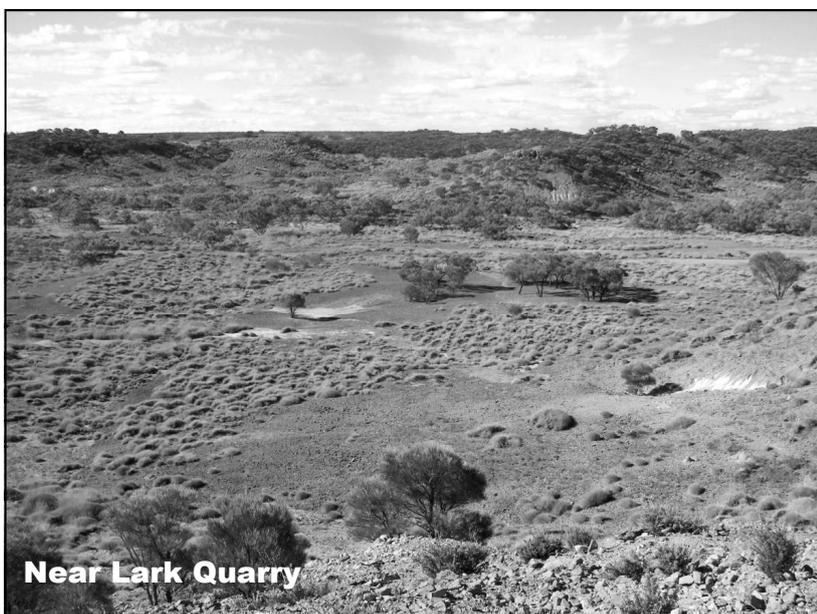
and there was a huge amount of birdlife. We arrived at Lark Quarry to see the dinosaur footprints at 2.30pm however the last tour of the day was at 2pm. What a shame but for next trip we now know to book and that you can only see them on a guided tour.

Very warm today, Thommo broke out the shorts!!

Beaut bush camp at Long Waterhole, huge area, very clean, no facilities, beaut waterhole and fish jumping. Great sunset, about 4kms south of Winton. One of the locals said we were real lucky to be here that night as the previous night there were about 40 caravans camped here.



All week we've seen evidence of flood but so far had not worried us. Kingfisher camp called late yesterday to advise that they don't expect to have roads open for another 3 weeks yet, so revised plans are made for the next few days.



### Saturday 22/5

There was a heavy dew overnight so the campers and tents were quite wet. Jeanette and Julie went for an early morning walk and came back quite a few inches taller with the mud they had picked up on their shoes.

Got into Winton around 9am and Peter's GPS gave us a short tour of Winton until we found the Caravan Park. A sightseeing day, with R&R. No suitable batteries available for Mary. Roast Dinner and entertainment by Bush Poets at the Caravan Park. Melanie Hall and

Susie Carcary were terrific and had us in fits of laughter and some tears were shed as well for the "English Rose". Water smells and tastes of sulphur here. Lucky we had plenty of our own.

### **Sunday 23/5**

All black top today finishing up at Mt Isa. The first part of it seemingly rougher than the best of yesterday's dirt. Stop offs at the Blue Heeler pub Kynuna and Walkabout Creek the Hotel where some of the filming for Crocodile Dundee was done. In fact it is up for sale now for about \$1.5m if you're interested. On to Mary Kathleen Park, Cloncurry for lunch and arrived at Mt Isa Sunset Tourist Park where we had a small camping area pretty much to ourselves. Dave lost a filling from a tooth today. Hopefully that's not going to cause trouble.

### **Monday 24/5**

A busy day in town. Tardis had its windscreen replaced. Dave was fortunate enough to find a dentist who could attend to his filling. You wouldn't find a same day appointment in the city. Mary was finally successful in her quest for a battery. Groceries and liquids all restocked and vehicles refuelled. All in all Mt Isa's economy benefited well from our visit.

And what of the tourist attractions? They were also on our agenda with visits being made to the underground hospital, a mine, the Mt Isa Outback Centre, and the fossil centre.

Weather is getting a lot warmer now and very humid and sometimes not so conducive to sleep.

### **Tuesday 25/5**

Mt Isa to Adele's Grove

Another great day a good mix of transit and sight-seeing. It turned into an early start with a few drops of rain around 5-ish, then the heavens let loose just before 6. It P S S D down (rained very

heavily) torrential rain, for about fifteen minutes. Certain members of our group were spotted stark bollocky naked putting things under cover (no names).

Very important for Kampers to travel with many different tap connections for refilling water tanks. Taps don't always have the connections you need. We topped up with the **BEST** water, and were on our way. Some campers are happy to help and some aren't.

First stop was Moondarra Lake the water supply for Mt Isa. It's also a recreation area for the locals. What a beautiful spot, pity there's no camping there.

On the road, a mix of tar and dirt, a lot of it constrained by water from above, then the dust started. We stopped at Riversleigh Station to check out the fossils "in the wild". It was good to have visited Dr John in Mt Isa. We had turned into budding palaeontologists.

Wildlife highlights included brolgas and a large wedge tail eagle.

Diesel scored a flat tyre which was sorted with a trusty plug. Tardis scored a flat within 100 metres of the campsite at Adeles Grove. This one was a bit harder to deal with but eventually found the leak and sat the tyre back on its bead. TOMORROW we get to play with the now totally trashed tyre. WE ARE DETERMINED TO PERFECT THE "EXPLOSIVE" SUTTON METHOD TO BLOW UP A BEAD, and perhaps the tyre and maybe also Adeles Grove. Stay tuned ...

Next time - Part 2 - Adele's Gorove to the Tip of the Cape



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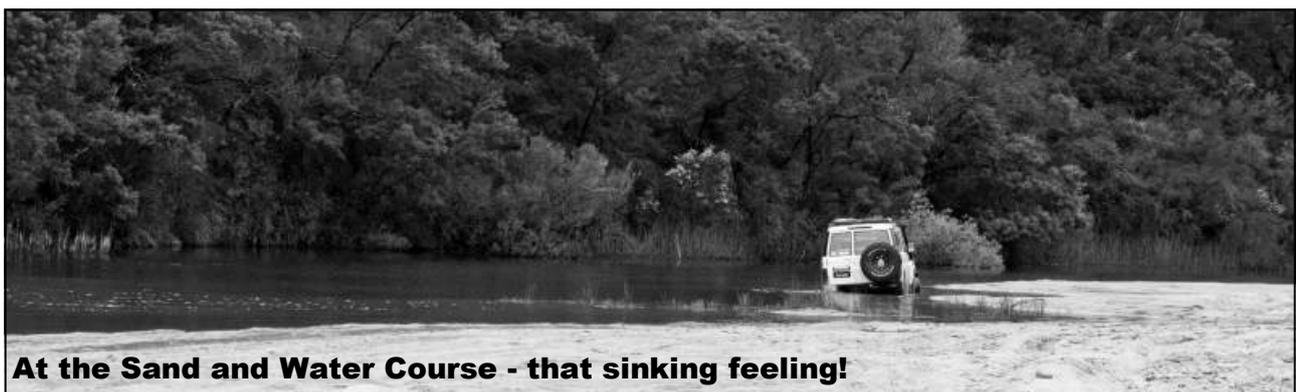
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# SOUTHERN TABLELANDS FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB Inc

GPO Box 2122, Canberra ACT 2601

## MEMBERSHIP

### Categories of Membership

Full details of the categories of Membership of the Southern Tablelands Four Wheel Drive Club Inc. (ST4WDC) can be found in the Constitution of the club. The following is a summary of the key differences:

#### 'Owner Member'

Owner membership of the Club may be open to any person interested in the furtherance of the objects of the Club, who is an owner or part owner (at least 10%) of a four wheel drive vehicle registered in Australia. The partner of an owner-member has all the privileges of an owner-member.

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Any person interested in the furtherance of the objects of the Club may be eligible for associate membership and entitled to vote at any general meeting but shall not be entitled to a vote at the annual general meeting or at any special general meeting. An associate member is not able to be a committee member of the club.

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Life membership of the Club may be extended to any owner member who has been a member of the Club continuously for at least 10 years and has in the opinion of the Club Committee, contributed significantly to the endeavours of the club. Life members pay no annual membership fee.

### Approval of Membership

Applications for membership of the ST4WDC are subject to approval by the club committee. The Club reserves the right to refuse a person membership. Reasons may be given at a meeting of the committee and the applicant.

### Membership Entitlements

Membership of the ST4WDC entitles Owner Members (including Partners), and licensed Registered Family of Owner Members to attend the Club's training courses and to make use of the Clubs 700ha property Talooge Park. Participation as a driver on other than Grade 1 trips requires successful completion of the Basic Driver Training course, or recognised equivalent prior learning / qualification approved by the Club's Education Coordinator. Grades 4 and 5 trips also require advanced training. Details of Trip Grading can be found in **Southern Trails**, the Club magazine issued monthly (except January) to all Owner Members, Associate Members and Life Members.

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An initial joining fee and an annual membership fee are payable as follows:

Membership Category	Joining Fee	Annual Membership
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### To Join the ST4WDC

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Essential entries	Member 1	Member 2 (Partner)	
Preferred first name, last name:			
Address:			
City/Suburb:		State:	Postcode:
Home Phone:			
Mobile Phones:			
Home Email:			
Work Phones:			
Work Email:			
<p><i>As a means of rapidly disseminating priority information, the Club occasionally makes use of Email to all members who have provided an Email address (which is hidden from other recipients), or SMS to all those who have provided a Mobile Phone number. You will receive these automatically unless you indicate otherwise. <b>Default</b> is shown in <b>Bold Print</b>.</i></p>			
Accept Club SMS:			
Send Club Email to:	<b>Both</b> Home Work Neither	<b>Both</b> Home Work Neither	
	of the Email Addresses provided above.		
Employer:			
Occupation:			
Vehicle (Make & Model):			
Reg'n   State   Colour:			
Camper Trailer (if applicable)			
Registration No   State:			
Please register these 'Family' Members: Must be under 21 years, reside with Principal Member or Partner, and be Licensed or Learning to Drive. Please provide both <b>Names</b> and <b>Dates of Birth</b> .	Name(s):		DOB:
Are you a returning Member?	If <b>Yes</b> ', what was your last Membership Year?		
<b>How did you find out about the ST4WDC?</b>			
Payment of fees \$.....made by (Please indicate):    Bank Transfer    Cheque (enclosed)    Money Order (enclosed)    Cash			
<b>Signature(s):</b> Upon acceptance of this application, then for the duration of my Membership, I agree to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Southern Tablelands Four Wheel Drive Club Inc, as they apply from time to time.			
Signed:			Date:

Completed Form and payment should be submitted to the Membership Secretary at a monthly meeting, mailed to the above address, or scanned and Emailed to [Membership@ST4WDC.Org](mailto:Membership@ST4WDC.Org).