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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 Greg Taylor 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

Website www.st4wdc.org. The site is used to provide timely information regarding Club activities and variations from previously announced plans. Especially, check for any last minute variations to trips you are undertaking.

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

Talooge Park

Talooge is the Club's 700+ ha bush block in rugged country east of Bredbo. It is used for club activities and members are welcome there for camping and enjoying the bush. Areas are 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 well-being and be conscious of the risks of fire, snakebite, etc. In an emergency, neighbours Mr Richie Southwell and his sons, can usually be contacted using UHF ch 18.

Members are urged to inform the Property Coordinator or President of their plans to visit Talooge as from time to time the club allows use by other organisations. Your visit may also coincide with maintenance activities that may pose health hazards (for example, aerial weed spraying). You can then be informed if there are any issues to be aware or confirm combinations for locks to the property including our clubhouse.

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,
Winching
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

Taylor Torque

Greg Taylor



Welcome to our new members:

Glen Loberger

(Julie and Michael were in last month, your turn Glen)

Abhi and Tania Chatterjee

Anil and Chandra Dyall

Eric and Kim Adams

November is here and it is time to think about summer trips and our Christmas party. The wetter conditions over winter have brought a lot of new undergrowth which in turn will likely make it a bad fire season. Hopefully not but keep this in mind when planning or undertaking trips over the hotter months.

This time of year is also renewal time for memberships. With the rule changes passed by the membership at the October meeting you need to pay your \$100 by 1 January. The preferred method for payment is bank transfer to the club account: BSB 112-908 Account 040 037 027 and please include your name as reference so that we can clearly identify your payment. Alternatively, you can pay by cheque or cash at our club meetings or post (not cash please) to ST4WDC, GPO Box 2122, Canberra 2601.

New club car stickers are being printed and will be included with your receipt when paying your 2013 membership.

Over the last few months I have been asked whether posting photos, trip reports and video clips of club trips on the internet is allowed by the club. These have been interesting questions for the committee.

Firstly, as mentioned in a previous article (Lights, Camera, Action: ST, March 2012) you should seek people's agreement when videoing or taking photos generally. At least make the activity obvious so that anyone that chooses not to be included can move away. Not so easy when you are shooting someone's driving or vehicle.

Trip reports of club activities are really something that members have traditionally shared with each other through meetings and Southern Trails. But, we are not a secret club by any means as our activities are normally held in public!

So, where posting photos, videos or reporting trips on the internet are concerned I think you need be careful not to bring the club into disrepute or act in a manner detrimental to the interests of the club. Any complaints to the committee or issues arising will need to be considered by the committee and you may well be asked to explain your actions. So please don't place the club in a bad light or negatively impact our membership through your use of these media.

I have said in response to these questions that I feel most of the imagery of 4wd driving fairly harmless but then there is the truly bizarre or offensive material that can go viral. Additionally, many of the private clips I have seen on the internet usually feature something going terribly wrong. Examples include the many videos of drivers attempting to cross fast flowing rivers of unknown depth. Surprising, many seem to make the other side albeit with a vehicle full of water. If you cannot safely walk across the river crossing why would you try and drive it? Most of these are good training videos for what not to do!

I remind you of our Code of Ethics (page 3) - does your material tick all of the boxes? If it doesn't, then perhaps you should think about the reasons why and whether you should be posting it in a public place.

I sent an email bulletin (14 October) notifying that Peter Fenwick has been elected President of the Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council (4WD Australia). Peter is a Life Member of ST4WDC, a past President of our club, President of NSW and ACT 4WD Association and will step up to this new role on 18 November.

Peter has worked very hard to keep the NSW and ACT 4WD Association going following the very low point in 2010 after the first Sydney show. Our state association is now financially strong and well run in 2012 due largely to his contributions. Congratulations Peter from us all in ST4WDC.

I am hoping that Peter will find the time to give our membership regular updates of what is happening through Southern Trails.

Taylor Torque

Greg Taylor



Did you receive this email bulletin? If not, perhaps the email address we have is outdated. You can check your information by logging onto the club website (www.st4wdc.org) and visiting your profile (click on your name once logged in). There you can also set privacy options for your personal information.

What was the last track you drove that was a wow moment? You know the one - you really had to pick your line and you were worried about getting stuck.

How long ago did you say...? Maybe time to lead a trip back there then or to some other great 4wdrive tracks perhaps. Think about it – hate to waste that great truck in the driveway. Other members would be happy to go with you so you don't get lonely (or stay stuck perhaps).

Greg.



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Trips and Events



9 - 11 Nov

"Safe One" Basic Driver Training at Talooge Park

2012-018

Trip Leader: Peter Reynolds
Phone: 02 6251 1258 (h); 0428 623 458 (m)
Limit: 20 people
Start: 7:00 PM
Meeting Place: Bredbo Service Station
Description: This is the Club's official and accredited basic driver education course.
Comments: You must phone Peter to book this event

16 - 18 Nov

Newnes and Lithgow Explorer

2012-093

Trip Leader: Ian Goodacre
Email: newtricks@bigpond.com.au
Phone: 02 6291 0455 (h); 0457 168 402 (m)
Limit: 10 vehicles
Grade: 1
Start: 2:00 PM
Meeting Place: Federal Highway, Eagle Hawk car park
Fuel: Full tank at start.
Maps: None essential, but always a pleasure
Requirements: UHF radio and well-maintained vehicle and the usual food, water and Happy Hour provisions.
Description: This is designed as a light touring event with flexible start/finish times and is well suited to all Club members, particularly new members who have not yet done their Basic Training. There will be no low-range or 4wd content. The intent is to sample some of the many attractions in the Lithgow area. These include:

Wolgan Valley and Newnes Historic Site
The Glow Worm Tunnel (bring gum boots and torch)
The Lithgow Small Arms Factory
Eskbank House Museum
The State Mine Heritage Park
Hartley Valley and Hartley Historic Site
Blackfellows Hand Art Site
Hassans Walls Lookout
Blast Furnace Park

The intention is to get a flying start by leaving Canberra early on Friday afternoon and camp en route, somewhere near Oberon, so those who cannot get away early but still wish to participate can catch up with the the lead group at camp on Friday night. Saturday night's camp will be at Newnes in the Wolgan Valley. Camping is free at both sites.

We will view attractions 2-5 on Saturday before heading for camp at Newnes. The historic shale mine ruins can be explored on Saturday afternoon or on Sunday morning. We will view the remainder of the attractions as time allows on Sunday morning prior to departure.

Comments: The pub at Newnes is closed and there are no provisions available, except ice creams and accommodation in cabins.

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 4W driving, or whose vehicle is deemed inadequate.

- *GRADE 1:** very easy with little, if any 4w driving 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.

UHF 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



18 Nov

“Safe One” Basic Driver Training Course Follow-up Day

2012-019

Trip Leader: Peter Reynolds
Phone: 02 6251 1258 (h); 0428 623 458 (m)
Limit: 20 people
Start: 8:00 AM
Description: This is day three of the basic driver education course and **MUST** be attended before participating on any Club trips where the proposed route is expected to be at Grade 2 or above

24 - 25 Nov

Christmas Party at Talooge Park

2012-050

Trip Leader: The Committee
Email: atps1996@bigpond.com
Phone: 0418 631 669 (m)
Limit: unlimited
Start: 8:30 AM
Meeting Place: Williamsdale
Description: This is our club's 2012 Christmas party at our property Talooge Park. Put it in your calendar now!
There will be lots of activities and fun for kids and the bigger kids too. A monster raffle is being organised to be drawn at the party as well as the riotous Adult gift giving / stealing game - the Gift Grab. We are planning a return of the famous Funkhana on Sunday to test driving skills, patience, trust and communication.
Further details coming soon - but get it in or on your calendar!

25 Nov

Funkana

2012-077

Trip Leader: Lynne Donaldson
Email: atps1996@bigpond.com
Phone: 0418 631 669 (m)
Limit: 50 people
Grade: 1
Start: 10:00 AM
Meeting Place: Talooge Park
Description: Join in and test your skills in an array of driving challenges at Talooge Park. There will be lots of fun to be had by all. Please put your name down – this will not go ahead unless we have plenty of participants

Trips and Events



8 - 9 Dec

Scenic Weekend to Eden

2012-097

- Trip Leader: Alex and Andrea Szabo
Email: alexszabo@grapevine.com.au
Phone: 0434 411 457 (m)
Limit: 10 vehicles
Grade: 1
Start: 8:30 AM
Meeting Place: Williamsdale
Fuel: Full at start. Trip distance is over 700km, so a refuel in Eden is probably the best option.
Maps: Rooftop's Merimbula-Bermagui and Mallacoota-Merimbula Adventure Maps or 8724 Bombala NSW Topo 1:100,000 and 8824 National Topo Series Bega 1:100,000
Requirements: UHF radio and well-maintained vehicle and the usual food, water and Happy Hour provisions.
Description: This trip is intended as a scenic, social and relaxing weekend drive with an overnight at an Eden caravan park (to be decided - fee involved). Your choice of accommodation - once you have booked on the event, please let us know your intentions. We will aim to book a group area for car-based camping, but if you would like a van or cabin, you may need to book that yourselves. We will also try to secure some discount. Stand by for updates.

On Saturday, we'll head off the black top at Nimmitabel, by the disused Goulburn-Bombala railway line, and then travel through South East Forrest National Park, checking out Nunnock Camping Area and Nunnock Swamp, Alexander's Hut, lovely Candelo and on through Wolumla to Wolumla Peak (excellent 360 degree views including to the sea), arriving at Eden in time for Happy Hour and a Pot Luck dinner.

On Sunday, we'll head down to Ben Boyd National Park (\$7 day use fee) and check out Boyd's Tower and Green Cape Lighthouse (the end points for the Light-to-Light Walk) plus Disaster Bay. Then from Kiah, we'll take The Snake Track through wonderfully picturesque scenery along the Towamba River, through Towamba, Burragate, and Rocky Hall to Cathcart and then farming paddocks with lots of stock to Bibbenluka and the leisurely drive back home.

Off-road sections are Grade 1 and therefore suitable for members who have not yet completed the Basic course. Even so, some of the roads will be rough, narrow, winding and dusty enough that you wouldn't take the family sedan!
- Comments: If all trip participants have completed the Basic course, there are some interesting Grade 2 add-ons we could do.

9 Dec

Winching and Recovery Exercise

2012-021

- Trip Leader: Peter Reynolds
Phone: 02 6251 1258 (h); 0428 623 458 (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

Trips and Events



16 Dec

Clyde Mountain Reccy - Part 2

2012-098

Trip Leader: Warren Shardlow
Email: wshardlow@spin.net.au
Phone: 0409 321 213 (m)
Limit: 10 vehicles
Grade: 3
Start: 9:00 AM
Meeting Place: McDonalds Car Park Queanbeyan
Fuel: Full tank
Maps: Currowan 8926-4N, Brooman 8927-3-S, Corang 8927-3-N (1:25,000)
Requirements: Minimum of basic training, well prepared vehicle with good tyres and recovery gear
Description: We have unfinished business in this area!!! If you are interested in looking for something new and some challenging 4WD tracks, then this is what I will be looking for. We will also be looking for campsites, look-outs and just anything to make a trip interesting.
Comments: It will probably be a long day. So come well prepared. Departure will be at 9:00am sharp. This means get to the golden arches earlier if you want to have a cuppa and brecky. There is a vehicle limit of 10

9 - 16 Mar

Vic High Mountain Country

2013-013

Trip Leader: Michael Patrick
Email: michael.patrick2@bigpond.com
Phone: 0412 377 941 (m)
Limit: unlimited
Grade: 3
Start: 8:00 AM
Meeting Place: Uriarra Homestead
Fuel: Full tank at start
Maps: NSW South, Hema Victoria East Gippsland, Hema High Country Victoria West
Requirements: Basic driver training, basic recovery gear, UHF radio, good tyres, well maintained and reliable vehicle which should have good ground clearance (vehicles that have standard suspension will require approval by the trip leader), camping gear including gas stove for cooking (possible fire restriction could be enforce), food and water to last 4 days. Bow saw/axe for track clearing, and a blind/tarp for water crossing. If you have tyre chains bring them along. Fuel to cover 400kms in low range. No camper trailers

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Trips and Events



Description: Day 1 travel via Tumut to Glen Dart old town and camp. Day 2 proceed to Bentley Plain hut and then on to Ensay and camp. Day 3 travel the Haunted Stream and numerous tracks to Italian Flat camp area. Day 4 proceed to Licola via Dargo, Billy Goat, Pinnacles and numerous tracks. Day 5 proceed to Gardeners Hut (Howqua area) via McAllister River track and assorted tracks. Day 6 proceed to Cobblers Hut via Mount Beauty covering Razorback hut, Howqua Gap hut, Stirling hut, Craig's hut & King River hut. Day 7 proceed to Mansfield via Wild Horse gap, Pineapple flats, Refugee hut, Bluff Spur track and Mount Buller road. Day 8 head home to Canberra via highway. Due to the nature of the Victorian High trip scheduling could change.

Comments: This trip will encounter steep mountain trails and long deep descents into valleys. There will be quite a few water crossings at varying depths (blinds may be required). The mountain environment can change at any time so be prepared for hot and possibly cold extreme conditions. Camping will be at different sites. Long drops are available at all camp sites but not showers. Hot showers will be available at Ensay, Licola and Mansfield. There is a possibility that some vehicle recoveries may be required

12 - 14 Apr 4WD Muster

2013-014

Email: webmaster@st4wdc.org

Phone: 0418 568 358 (m)

Limit: unlimited

Start: 12:00 AM

Description: The 4WD Muster is a family-friendly event for the broad 4WD community. The primary objective is raising funds for Variety, the children's charity, and creating a World Record parade of 4WD Vehicles.

The event is fully endorsed by Variety and will be held at Lardner Park in Warragul Victoria, which is ideally located about an hour's drive from Melbourne. Participants will have the option of camping on site over the weekend or attending as a day visitor. Food, entertainment, exhibits and lots more will be provided.

Comments: Follow the website link for unfolding details



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It was a chilly and breezy Saturday morning as our group met at the car park at Eaglehawk. After a quick chat jumped into the warmth of our vehicles and headed off to Goulburn. Lots of chatter on the UHF's helped the trip go quite quickly and before we knew it we'd arrived at the Big Merino. While some people took the opportunity to grab a late breakfast, a few others opted to top up their fuel tanks. Unfortunately, a shortage of diesel at the servo meant that a couple of vehicles were only able to receive 7 or 8 litres of fuel.

Departing Goulburn, we headed north on the Taralga Road and after brief stop for morning tea, we reached the turnoff into the Abercrombie River National Park. As well as the Abercrombie River, the Retreat River also winds its way through the park, providing some great scenery and numerous waterholes, perfect for a swim when the weather is warmer.

Once inside the park, we aired down our tyres and it was at this point that Damien told us about a video he'd seen on Youtube of a driving track called Bald Hill. Although no-one had heard of it, we decided to keep an eye out and sure enough, not long afterward we came across a turnoff to the Little Bald Hill Track. This had a couple of challenging sections, including one particularly steep and rutted decent that required low speed and good wheel placement. We later found out that this section was the one in the Youtube video, except those people had been going up the hill, not down. That would certainly be interesting in the dry and not something you'd want to tackle in the wet!

The Little Bald Hill Track looped around to meet up with the main track again and we continued on for another half hour or so before deciding to stop for lunch. It had clouded over and most of us were hoping that we could avoid rain, at least until we had set up camp.

Setting off after lunch, Michael informed us that for those people who wanted to get their trucks dirty, there was a decent-sized mudhole coming up. Not long after we came across the mudhole, which was about 30 feet long and seemed to be relatively shallow. Both Michael and myself made it through without any problems and I then decided to get out to take some pictures of the following vehicles making their way through. Brendan was the next to come and he made an impressive, messy entrance to the mudhole; unfortunately, his Patrol got caught on its belly and wasn't going anywhere. Due to the depth of the water, Brendan couldn't open his door, so it was obvious that someone else was going to have to wade in and attach a snatch strap.

That "someone else" turned out to be our intrepid trip leader Michael, and after stripping off (a sight that will remain with many of us for a long time...) he waded into the mud and attached the strap. I attached the other end to my tow hitch and after a couple of attempts we managed to get Brendan out. It was at this point that someone pointed out that Brendan's front number plate had disappeared, though oddly enough there were no volunteers to wade in and search for it! A few more vehicles got through without incident, with the rest electing to skirt safely around the hazard.

By this time it was early afternoon and a couple of drivers had to leave us as they had commitments the next day back at home. The rest of us were nearing a camp site known as Silent Reach, which was to have been where we would stop for the night. However, there was already another group of people there so we pushed on a little further to a spot known as The Beach. This name is quite apt, with the camp area consisting of a stretch of sand beside a slow-flowing river, all in the shadow of a large rock wall.

After setting up camp we got a fire going and sat around enjoying some happy hour snacks and drinks before dinner. Most of us knocked up some quick and easy meals and there were a few envious people when Brendan revealed the lamb roast that he cooked in the camp oven. Following dinner we sat chatting around the fire a bit longer before calling it a night.

Abercrombie Rivers National Park

Richard Stevenson



The next morning dawned clear and warm and after breakfast we packed up were on the road just before 9.00am. We explored a few more tracks before coming across a most surprising sight. From under the canopy of gum trees we entered a small cleared area containing a property surrounded by lush lawns and vegetable patches. The owner came out for a chat and informed us that her and her husband had been living there for 30 years and loved the lifestyle. They seemed quite self-sufficient with plenty of solar panels, and they even had a water wheel that they could lower into the river to generate electricity when needed. After taking a few pictures and enjoying the solitude we drove another few hundred metres to a camp site called The Sink. The reason behind this name became apparent as we spied a bathroom basin set into the ground – not sure what the story behind it is but it certainly raised a few eyebrows!

From here it was a relatively short trip to the western park entrance and after airing up we followed the highway clockwise around the park before heading south back to Goulburn again. A couple of people were running quite low on fuel at this point and with nothing open in the small towns on the way, were very relieved to make it back to Goulburn without incident. From here it was an easy trip back to Canberra and we were home by mid-afternoon.

A big thanks to Michael for leading a really fun and interesting trip; if you're after a 4WD location that has some great scenery along with some challenging tracks, Abercrombie River NP certainly delivers and is well worth a look. Oh, and there's a finder's fee for whoever locates Brendan's number plate!

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If you can't afford a doctor, go to an airport - you'll get a free x-ray and a breast exam, and; if you mention Al Qaeda, you'll get a free colonoscopy.

1. HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

(written by kids)

-You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.

-- Alan, age 10

-No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

-- Kristen, age 10

2. WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

-Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.

-- Camille, age 10

3. HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

-You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

-- Derrick, age 8

4. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MUM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

-Both don't want any more kids.

-- Lori, age 8

5. WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

-Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.

-- Lynnette, age 8

(isn't she a treasure)

-On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.

-- Martin, age 10

6. WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

-When they're rich.

-- Pam, age 7

-The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that.

-- Curt, age 7

-The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do.

-- Howard, age 8

7. IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

-It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.

-- Anita, age 9 (bless you child)

8. HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

-There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?

-- Kelvin, age 8

And the #1 Favorite is.....

9. HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

-Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck.

-- Ricky, age 10

Work at Talooge

11 – 13 April 2012

DonW



Greg Taylor
Alan Jones
Dan O'Hara
Graeme Kruse
Don Wiltshire
Ian and Jeanette Flannagan
Phil Price
Plod and Doreen McEnroe
Chris Nicholls
Bob Allen
Richard Brand

With the days becoming warmer, spring has (almost) reached the block. There is a slight greening to the grasses as they struggle through the frosty brown left by winter. The roll up of volunteers was great and the weather was kind to us. Although three days of showery weather were predicted all we saw were a few light falls that couldn't even lay the dust.

The recording of maintenance activity and changes at the block is something we knew was important but were usually too busy to do anything about. As well as helping with the manual labour Chris Nicholls became the official photographer for the trip. It felt like you couldn't pick up a shovel, rake up a leaf or spray a weed without Chris recording the action. All the photos will be added to the archive of images kept by the club.

The great rollup of volunteers enabled a lot of "housekeeping" to be done in and around the club house and fire pit area. All the leaf litter and dropped twigs around the fire pit area were raked up and burnt. The gutters of the two small sheds were cleaned. The inside of the club house received a good clean out. Lots of things that had been sitting around gathering dust for months or years were thrown out and the whole place given a through clean. It doesn't seem like much when I write it down but there were about four people working on this for two days.

Grass Mowing

As yet there is no growth in the grass and weeds that requires the mower. The first cut will probably be sometime in November. Graeme took the opportunity to give the tractor a major service in preparation for the season ahead. Over the winter period the block has been visited by some (lots?) of our local wild pig population.

They have torn up many areas where we normally mow the grass. It looks like someone has gone over the site with a plough. The chopped up surface will present problems for the mower as well as becoming a target for invasion by weeds.

Firewood

Supplying firewood to the various fireplaces is not a job we usually take on. We rely on the user/burner of the wood to replenish what they use ready for the next person. But Ian has a new chainsaw and like all new toys it received a hammering over the three days. He and Plod made a major effort to clean up all the dead timber lying around the home paddock. A few new limbs had fallen over winter and there was a lot of old timber that had been lying around the paddock for some time. Several trailer loads were gathered, cut and distributed. The result is a cleaner environment and most of the fireplaces now have supplies of wood. Ian is very pleased with his new saw.

Weed spraying

The Cooma Council Weeds Officer paid us a visit. His aim was to see if the aerial spraying for serrated tussock that was completed earlier this year was taking effect. Happily the first signs of impact are already visible. We also had a discussion about our weed management approach for the block. He was very impressed with our records of past spray activity and the amount of technical information held on pesticides and target weed species.

Over the three days we delivered approximately 300 litres of spray. Spot spraying of serrated tussock in the home paddock was fairly easy because the tussock plants stood out clearly above the short grass. It will be a different picture in a month or so when the grasses respond to warmer weather and begin to hide the smaller tussocks. Graeme also got his three nozzle spray bar going. This unit can cover four times as much area as a single spray backpack and is ideal for treating dense patches of weed. The downside is that it also runs out of pesticide three times as fast and needs to be filled far more often. The unit will get a workout over the coming summer as we identify patches of serrated tussock missed by the aerial spraying.

Tree Protection

The past two growing seasons seem to have given our usual predators, ie. goats and deer, an incentive to eat elsewhere.

Work at Talooge

11 – 13 April 2012

DonW



Compared to previous years they have caused very little damage to the trees over this past winter. During the years of the drought our home paddock appeared to be the best place to get a feed and everything we planted copped a real flogging. The tree guard team had a successful time. Several existing tree guards were removed and rebuilt to make them more mower friendly and a number of other trees were given protection. Phil took it upon himself to clean up the large plant enclosures in the camp ground. He weeded and chipped around every plant and created a well around each one so they can be watered during summer. A few of the plants have really taken off and needed to be pruned to ensure they grow into a suitable shape. He also planted three new Casuarina seedlings that were supplied by Jeanette.

Miscellaneous jobs

Greg and Alan actually got out of their vehicle and walked!! They were looking at the feasibility of putting a track through club land that surrounds the Elliot property. Members currently have to travel through the Elliot block to reach the Talooge gate on Rayners firetrail. If a track could be created around Elliot's, it would mean members could have unrestricted access to our block.

Unfortunately there is a very steep gully up behind Elliotts block that would have to be crossed. The terrain is such that heavy equipment would be required to create a permanent track. Anybody got a spare D9?

There are a number of small fireplaces scattered around the camping area. These were designed as cooking fires for one or two campers and do not lend themselves to being used as communal fire pits when there are a number of people in residence. A site has now been selected for a medium sized fire pit within the camping area. It will provide a central place for evening gatherings and, hopefully, should be in place in a month or two.

We also intend to remove the fencing on the western side of the camping area and adjust the gate to maintain secure access to the home paddock. This change will make room for additional camping sites.

Next Visit

More spraying of weeds

Put up more tree guards

Start building the new fire pit

Remove the fencing and relocate the gate

Anything else that come up.



Kowen Forest Recce

5 August 2012

Jamie Ericson



Warren Shardlow Trip Leader

David O'Connor	Toyota Prado
Dave Foulds	Jeep Wrangler
David Read	Nissan Patrol
Jim Anderson	Holden Rodeo
Graeme Booth	Jeep Wrangler
Steve Smith	Mitsubishi Pajero
Jamie Ericson	Mitsubishi Pajero
Dennis Hartley	Toyota Prado
Damien Magee	Toyota 80 Series
Richard Stevenson	Mitsubishi Challenger
Peter Ogilvie	Toyota 60 Series
Brad Wells	Mitsubishi Triton
Steve Richards	Nissan Patrol
Michael Darman	Toyota Hilux
Glynn Shepherd	Mitsubishi Challenger

This trip was a great opportunity to use Kowen Forest outside of Queanbeyan, a great local facility that is not often open for access. Kowen has a good mix of tracks from Grade 1 to Grade 3 along with well maintained picnic areas; and all just a few kilometers from the city centre!

The participants assembled at the Kowen Forest main gate at 10 am on a warm and sunny morning. Everyone arrived on time and the group aired down and moved off as scheduled.

The plan was to meander through the myriad of interconnecting tracks and explore the area; we found plenty of interesting tracks of varying difficulty. It was quite an experience to follow tight winding tracks bordered by dense bushland only to occasionally emerge to the vista of Queanbeyan just a few kilometers away.

After winding through a variety of tracks the convoy stopped at a disused fire tower, some members climbed the tower and took in the amazing views while other members took the opportunity for morning tea.

We followed a tight track as it wound up the side of a steep hill, the track had a series of tight switchbacks with small rocky steps.

These tight turns over high-grip rocky terrain place the driveline of any 4WD with a locked centre differential under a great deal of strain.

As we followed Warren up the track his front differential complained noisily and with a loud bang the sun gear escaped the confines of the differential by punching a hole in the casing! Luckily he was able to change into 2WD and unlock the front hubs to avoid further damage and made his way out to the main road.

In the meantime, the rest of the convoy made their way to the lunchtime picnic spot. This great spot is equipped with toilets and covered BBQs, it is a bit of a shame that it isn't available for use more often. While the adults had lunch the kids threw rocks in the dam and used charcoal from old campfires to draw pictures on logs, their clothes and each other!

After lunch the convoy worked their way towards an area of Kowen Forest where a number of difficult tracks converge. The group slowly worked through a series of loops over complex Grade 3 climbs and descents. Some of these stretches looked quite challenging at first but with a cautious approach and careful wheel placement all vehicles made it through (although some needed a couple of attempts). This was a great facility because the converged tracks afforded alternative routes for any member of the convoy who wasn't comfortable with the level of difficulty.

A few members undertook a final, complex descent; this required very careful wheel placement, a little bravery and a degree of indifference to mechanical damage. From here the convoy made their way to the main gate and aired up.

Kowen Forest Recce was a great event that took advantage of this fantastic facility that is on our doorstep. It provides a great range of tracks with easy drive-arounds for the more challenging sections. Kowen is closed for the next few months but keep an eye out for the next Kowen event, it has something for everyone.



Christmas Raffle

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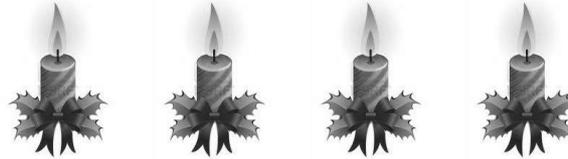
Tickets cost \$2.00 each and will be available at the club meetings

The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Party at Talooge.

Date 24th November 2012

There will be lucky door prizes to those that attend the Christmas Party.

Bring along your money to the Monthly meeting and buy some tickets to be in for a chance to win some cash.



Wanted

High quality Photos of Club Trips

The editor created a picture library of club trips. Can any club member please burn their high quality photos onto disk and either mail them to the club PO box or drop them off at the club meeting.

Happy to supply the disks

This is not just for the past but any club trips in future

Michael Patrick Editor

Mystery Bay Tuross R & Wadbilliga

6—8 October 2012

Rosina Mansson



Anne and Dan O'Hara Trip Leader

Ros and Jim Hanigan
Christine Fulton and Glen Torr
Janet and Lindsay Jones
Pauline and Garry Lymbery
Christine and Matt Gaul and two children
Carol and Rob Moore
Sue and Pat Farrelly
Natalie and Dave Archbold and three children
Rosina and Daniel Mansson

The trip to Mystery Bay begun upon ominous circumstances. As the rain fell during the week, a number of vehicles reconsidered but 10 hopeful vehicles met in Williamsdale despite the downpours predicted for Saturday. Thanks to the foresight of our fearless leader, Dan O'Hara, we had a plan B for the first day. Originally we had intended to travel to Mystery Bay via Numeralla through Wadbilliga and Yowrie Roads to Cobargo and then travel to the Primitive Camping Ground at Mystery Bay. The rangers advised us that the weather was not suitable to go this way. Thus we drove through the highway to avoid damaging roads. Along the way we stopped for a cup of hot coffee and a pie in Numeralla.

Having braved the first day of constant rain that made socialising and setting up camp challenging, Sunday turned out to be a beautiful day. We all were able to enjoy the day at our leisure. Some of us walked on the beach and some went to explore the antique shops and offerings of the nearby towns including Narooma. It was at Happy Hour that we all got together and managed to exchange stories and get to know each other.

They say that when you are in polite company, you should never discuss religion or politics. Those rules went out the window once we were all comfortably nestled around the fire. Whilst some of us cooked dinner, others had a hard earned drink and the rest enjoyed a stary night, our conversation got very interesting. We discussed everything from how to integrate religions and cultures into our modern society, the cultural problems with climbing Uluru and we even theorised about what actually happened to Azaria Chamberlain.

If you have never been camping there, I highly recommend it when you need to recharge your batteries.

The sounds of the ocean, the calls of the birds and the smell of eucalyptus around you lets you unwind and gives you a hint as to why Australians living by the coast always seem so relaxed. It is a wonderful place to go kayaking and boating and if beach fishing is more your scene, you may have a salmon or a blackfish to throw on the grill at night. Between September and November humpbacks, fin whales and blue whales amongst others can be seen passing by on their migratory journey, however despite my many hours by the cliff, none came by to see g'day. The rivers of the area are in near-pristine condition in terms of animal and plant life and they beauty will be forever protected under State law.

On Monday we woke to a beautiful day and after packing up we headed for a day of driving on our way home. We travelled through Bodalla and along the Tuross River back to Numeralla. On the way we passed a number of beautiful farms full of new-born calves and lambs. Many of the calfs had not being taught by their mothers to "moove" out of the way for 4WD's so at times we had to wait for them to jump out of the road. We were also to spot a large goanna climbing up a tree.

This was our first weekend trip with the club as we only joined in April and if they are all as fun-willed, well organised and as full of friendly people, I can foresee we will have a long and prosperous relationship with the club.

Rosina and Daniel Mansson



Carrying Water

Rob Dobson



Carrying water in a jerry can is often a pain; you have to lift the jerry can out of your vehicle, and then try to pour it out into a kettle or something other container, resulting in a lot being spilt and wasted. If you have a tap on the jerry can, it often spins around or leaks or comes completely out and floods the vehicle. (I have seen all of these happen.) Then when packing up you have to move things around to make space and then to lift the jerry can back into the vehicle; all in all this is a painful way to carry water. On an extended trip in 2006, I had had enough after about a week of doing this and was always the last to pack up.



To make life easier I took the filler cap off one of the jerry cans and with a hole-saw cut a hole that would allow me to fit a 12mm bulkhead feedthrough adaptor for 'John Guest' push on fittings. John Guest make a range of drinking water hoses and push-on fittings that seal with an 'O' ring. Be careful that you buy the correct size hoses and fittings as they sell both metric (12mm) and imperial dimensioned components (1/2 inch or 12.5mm). These are available from Water Plus [Unit 8/64 Wollongong Street Fyshwick] or Aqua Safe [8/ 56 Wollongong St, Fyshwick ACT 2609, Australia]. There may also be other providers in different locations.) (Aqua Safe quoted \$9.60 for Bulkhead Feedthrough, \$15-16 for a tap, \$1.75/M for hose.)



The bottom hose is cut so that it reaches to the bottom of the jerry can diagonally opposite the cap so that the jerry can may be used standing up or on its edge with the filler cap uppermost in both cases. The top hose can be made as long as desired and can be fitted with a tap (John Guest) or else fitted to a water pump and or both. This now means that the jerry cans can stay where they are in the vehicle, even on the roof rack, and the water extracted as needed either by syphon effect or else with a pump.



The filler cap and hose can be swapped over to other jerry cans as needed and the jerry cans can be used standing up or laying on its edge with the filler caps upper most.

I found this to be a very useful modification to make which saved me a lot of frustration and wasted time. It may cost you up to \$40 but it is well worth it.

Are Your Door Locks Actually Locking?

Rob Dobson



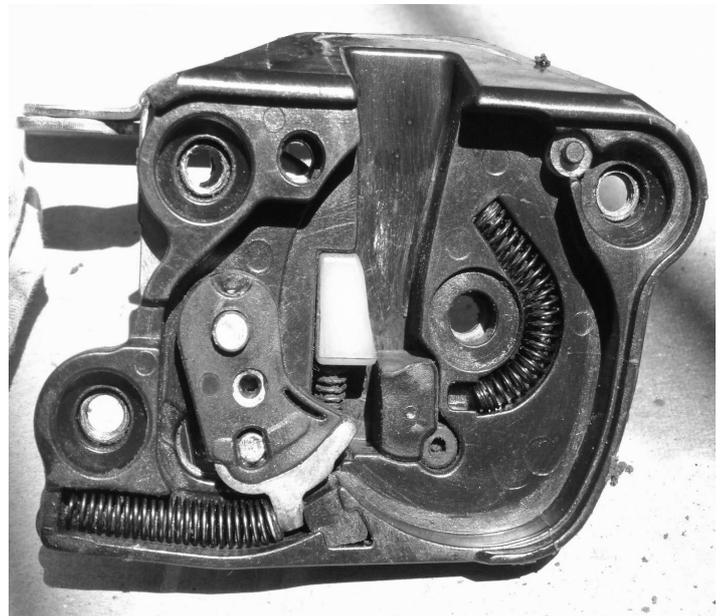
On a recent outback trip in my LC 100 I noticed that the driver's side tailgate lock was not locking firmly, in fact once the tailgate was slammed shut, pulling on the tailgate made it spring open. At that time the passenger's side lock seemed to be locking firmly and to reduce the chance of a spring, or other parts flying off into long grass, I left well alone until I arrived home.

I removed the locking mechanism and found it to be clogged with mud that had dried out and had set like a rock; this was preventing the locking mechanism from working correctly. I cleaned the solidified mud out, re-assembled it and re-fitted it to the tailgate. I then tested it and found that everything worked as it should have. Unfortunately I did not take photos at that time, I was just happy to get it all re-assembled without losing parts in the long grass.

Last week end I removed the passenger side tailgate lock to see if it had the same problem. It was not near as badly clogged up as the driver's side lock and I did manage to take photographs this time. Below are the 'before' and 'after' photos, illustrating the dramatic build-up of solidified mud.

This is something that most of us would not usually consider checking before a long trip, but it could lead to the loss of equipment or valuable alcohol meaning that you would have to live on nothing but food and water for several days.

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ST4WDC Christmas Party 2012



Where ? At the club's property Talooge

When ? Sat 24th – Sun 25th November 2012

Food: Pot luck Christmas dinner;

Desserts supplied by the club.

Activities for young & old

Drives around Talooge – before lunch Saturday

Afternoon activities finishing around 1630 hours:

Raw egg throw & catch; egg & spoon races; 3 legged races; tug-o-war; boomerang throwing – but bring your own boomerang; Frisbee throwing & catching – but bring your own; candy cane relay; tyre paddling; whip cracking but bring your own whip

Childrens' present giving before dinner

Dinner to start approx 1745 hours

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Evening activities: bush poetry by club members; musical instruments & singing by club members; **Big cash raffle** & lucky gate prize will be drawn Saturday night

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It is currently installed in a Nissan GQ and can be inspected and tested by the purchaser.

Price \$2000. I can assist with advice on fitting.

Contact Chris Nicholls on 0409 329 080(m) or calypso1@gmail.com

For Sale

Roof rack, ARB 1.8m steel with mesh floor, from 80 series Landcruiser, excellent condition, offers Driver's seat from 80 series, used, free to good home

Can be viewed at Cook, phone Phil on 0419 122572

For Sale

Ultimate Camper Trailer \$37,000
 Ultimate Odyssey 2005
 With additional awning kit
 Tyres have 75% tread with new spare wheel
 5 stud land cruiser hubs
 12 months registration
 Canvas re-proofed
 Many factory upgrades including:
 Dual battery system
 15 amp CTEK charger
 110 litre water tank
 upgraded suspension including hubs, bearings, brakes and shock absorbers
 Greg Taylor 6241 3547

FOR SALE/WANTED/LOST/FOUND

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Two Months. Non-members will be charged \$20 per advertisement for 5 lines for the same period.



For Sale

Toyota Troopcarrier 1994 - 295,000 kms
HZ 4.2 diesel fitted with aftermarket Turbo
Turbo fitted by TurboGlide Wollongong - all diesel and turbo service by TurboGlide Wollongong.
Diesel service completed 260,000 kms
ARB Diff Lock Rear Axle & 8,000 lb Hi-mount Winch
Dual Batteries & Snorkel & ARB Roof Rack
Extra ARB fuel tanks will carry 350 litres fuel for the long desert trip
Inboard water tank storage 100 litres plumbing to back of vehicle
Upgraded Suspension - ARB - 600kg rear springs
Fitted out as a camper -can sleep inside vehicle.
Draw system & Dual rear wheel carrier
Full Service for vehicle since new - Motor, Gearbox, Diffs and Bearings
Rebuilt - Transfer Case, Alternator, Starter Motor, Radiator.
Overhead console and UHF radio
Awnings with enclosed walls and insect proof room
Well built for touring
\$15,000
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For Sale

Wheels and Tyres
Three six stud 16 inch alloy wheels with Kumho Venture tyres 255/70 R16. Lots of tread one is a new tyre. \$350.00

ARB Touring Roof Rack \$500
Full length steel roof rack – touring rack that suits roof top tents.

Standard Nissan factory springs and shock absorbers front and rear for Series IV GU Y61 Patrol.
Free to a good home.

Greg Taylor
6241 3547

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.

Jackets:	\$75:00
Shirts:	\$37:50
Vests:	\$47:50
Caps:	\$15:00
Hats:	\$15:00
Beanies:	\$15:00
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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.

'Associate Member'

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.

'Competition Member'

Any person interested in the furtherance of the objects of the Club but wishing to join the club for the principal purpose of participating in 4WD competition events may join as a 'Competition Member'. A competition member is not entitled to a vote at the annual general meeting or at any special general meeting, and is not able to be a committee member.

'Family Member'

Family membership is extended free of charge to those persons who are the immediate family of an Owner Member or an Associate Member provided that they are under the age of 21 and are domiciled under the same roof. Family Members who have already completed the Basic Driver Training course are entitled to a 50% reduction in the Owner Member Joining Fee provided they become Owner Members before their 22nd birthday.

'Life Member'

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.

Membership Fees

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

Membership Category	Joining Fee	Annual Membership
Owner Member	\$230 (Note 1)	\$100 (Note 2)
Associate Member	Nil	\$50
Competition Member	Nil	\$50

1. Plus Annual Membership. A re-joining Member may be entitled to a reduced Joining Fee.
2. The Annual Membership Fee for new applications received after the July General Meeting is reduced to \$50.

The Club membership year extends from 1 January to 31 December.

To Join the ST4WDC

Please complete the New Member Application form on the reverse and forward together with your payment to:

**Membership Secretary, ST4WDC,
GPO Box 2122,
Canberra ACT 2601**

Payment can be made by Bank Transfer to: **Account Name:** 'Southern Tablelands 4WD Club Inc'; **BSB:** 112-908; **Account No:** 040 037 027 (please include your name as a reference to identify the payment), or by Cheque or Money Order payable to the Account Name above.

You may also attend a monthly meeting (held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Canberra Deakin Football Club, Grose St. Deakin at 7:30PM) and hand the form with payment (cash acceptable) to the Membership Secretary. For additional information, contact the Membership Secretary by Email at Membership@ST4WDC.Org.



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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Membership requested (Tick): - Owner Member - Associate Member - Competition Member

Please complete the following. Completion of shaded boxes is essential, others are optional.

<i>Essential entries</i>	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:				
<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. Default is shown in Bold Print.</i>				
Accept Club SMS:	Yes / No		Yes / No	
Send Club Email to:	Both / Home / Work / Neither		Both / 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 Names and Dates of Birth .	Name(s):			Dates of Birth:
Are you a returning Member? Yes / No	If 'Yes' , what was your last Membership Year?			
How did you find out about the ST4WDC?				
Payment of fees (\$) made by (Please indicate): Bank Transfer / Cheque (enclosed) / Money Order (enclosed) / Cash				
Signature(s): 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.

Membership Secretary use only.		
Form & fees received:	Fees banked:	Application Accepted:
Joining Fee paid: \$.....	Total received: \$.....	Receipt Number:
Database updated:	Membership Card Issued:	Membership package despatched:
Other comments:		WEB access arranged:.....