



SOUTHERN TRAILS

May 2017



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THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
Tuesday 9th May
at Canberra Deakin Football Club

GUEST SPEAKER
John Wilson
AKZ Vehicle engineering

Visitors are welcome

President's Post - Jim Anderson

The club's new committee had its first meeting on Tuesday 4 April and after a brief overview on the handling of committee proceedings for the six new members it was straight into business. There is a lot of work to be finalised including the draft policy and procedures manual complementing the new governance documents and development of the club plan. The committee will hold a special one off meeting in early June to progress the plan.

At the May committee meeting it was decided that the club will remain affiliated with the NSW and ACT 4WD Association. The decision was based on the emerging benefits to be obtained from the association. These include the MOU with the NSW NPWS for volunteering opportunities, the MOU with Getabout Training Services for driver training accreditation and also the upcoming changes to insurance arrangements including savings for the cost of cover. Details of the insurance changes will be provided as they come to hand.

Meeting for potential 2018 4WD jamboree

On the Easter long weekend a number of committee members met with members from the Black Diamond 4WD club and the NSW and ACT 4WD Association at a property on the Buckenbowra River to discuss the possibility of hosting a 4WD jamboree during Easter 2018. Members camped at the proposed site, took the opportunity to socialise and drove some of the tracks on the property.

A summary of the key issues was presented for consideration by the committee at the May meeting. While the committee supports the proposal in principle it was decided that the club's main priority in 2018 was the significant volunteer effort associated with the 4WD Spectacular. The club would however consider involvement in assisting with the proposed jamboree if it was held in 2019.

Suggestions for 2018 Spectacular donations to charities

Thank you to those people who made suggestions for donations to charities from proceeds from the 2018 4WD spectacular. The committee supported the suggestions for donating to VKS 737 and Old Andado Station. These are organisations that meet the requirements of the current MOU ie donations are "made to a charity or charities that are involved in supporting 4WD driving or related activities".

A final decision will of course be made by the spectacular committee based on recommendations received from the three clubs. Thank you to those members that provided suggestions.

Review of combined clubs 4WD spectacular MOU

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the ACT 4WD Club, the Land Rover Club of the ACT and the ST4WDC is due for renewal in the next few months. If you have any feedback or comments that you would like to provide for consideration in the renewal process please e-mail president@st4wdc.com.au. The current MOU and associated Articles are available to members on the website at Members / 4WD Spectacular MOU.

TALOOGE

Property Coordinator, Scott Cumming, is currently overseas enjoying a well-earned break. During Scott's absence Michael Patrick and myself will be looking after the musters. Unfortunately, the muster planned for 13 and 14 May was on the Mother's Day weekend so it has been brought forward to the weekend of 6 and 7 May. The main activity for this muster is the collection of firewood. People are of course welcome to attend for a day trip and there is a sausage sizzle lunch on the Saturday.

Please remember that if you are planning on visiting the property you need to let one of the following contacts know:

President – Mob: 0408 283 496: Email: president@st4wdc.com.au

Events and Trips Coordinator (during Property Coordinators absence until end May)

Mob: 0412 377 941: Email trips@st4wdc.com.au

Education Coordinator -Mob: 0417 480 856: Email education@st4wdc.com.au

Please note that some of the combinations on the access gates were recently changed.

Hope to see you at the May general meeting or on a track somewhere.

Jim

Membership Moments – Dim Veteri

Membership Moments

Hi Everyone

It's been a quiet month for new memberships, with a small number of enquires but no new members joining this month. However, we have had an improvement in number of existing members who have re-join, which is great. Welcome back all!

One of the benefits of a slower rate of new memberships is that our training team has been able to accommodate most of our new members who were keen to attend a basic drivers course. With the requirement for new members to undertake the basic drivers course, we should not under estimate the important role our training team has in welcoming new members to the club.

I should also thank all the members who wander over to the Visitors table and make our visitors and new members welcome. Please continue to introduce yourselves to our new members.

Membership Numbers:

As at the 26 April we have the following membership

Ordinary Members	228
Life Members	9
Sub-Total	237
Family Members	169
Total	406

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Please feel free to contact me regarding any membership matters you may have either by email, phone or grab me at the meeting.

Thanks Dim

I wish I had waited for this model of the new Hilux

The one Toyota should have built...



Talooge Park – Scott Cumming

Visiting Talooge:

Before travelling to Talooge you should always contact one of the relevant officers for the updated gate codes.

Scott Cumming property@st4wdc.com.au 0490 000913 or
Satellite text only +61 405 894 135

Jim Anderson president@st4wdc.com.au 0408 283496

Peter Butterfield education@st4wdc.com.au 0417 480856

Talooge Security:

If you are visiting Talooge and notice any suspicious behaviour or a vehicle you don't recognise, it's your property and you have the right to politely ask who they are and what they are doing. Report any suspicious behaviour to either myself or Jim Anderson. Surveillance cameras installed on the property to assist in identifying any unauthorised traffic. The combination lock on the gate from the main paddock to the Horse paddock has been replaced but it is slightly different to the old one and you need to push the button on the bottom once putting in the code for it to open.

Talooge Park "it's your property" and we do have some fun at the musters so if you haven't been out there for a while or are a new member and are happy to help support our club or even if you are amongst a number of regular helpers I encourage you all to join us at Talooge Park for a little bit of work and a lot of fun. The weather is perfect at this time of the year and the camaraderie is always good and a free sausage sizzle on Saturday courtesy of the club is always welcome.

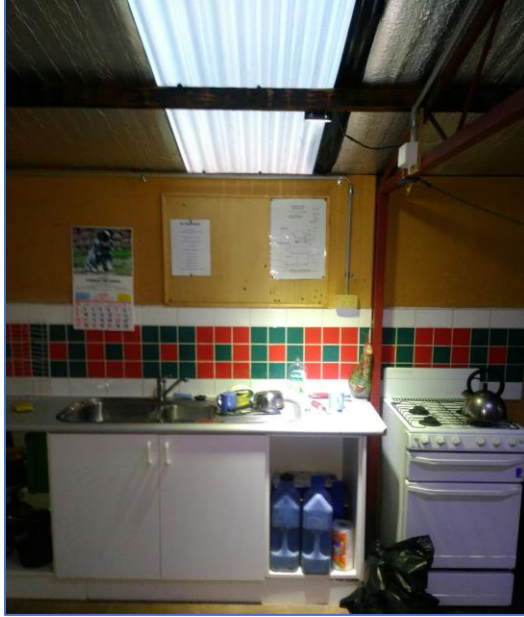
Jim Anderson and Michael Patrick will be caretaking Talooge while I am away overseas in April/May so please contact either person if you are planning a trip out there.

Talooge Park Musters –May 13th / 14th, June 10th / 11th

See you at Talooge Park. Scott Cumming - Property Coordinator property@st4wdc.com.au

To Always Look Over Our Great Environment

Talooge gets a solar makeover



Thanks PB and DS

Trips Register – Michael Patrick

Start Date	End Date	Activity	Type	Leader
7/May/17	26/May/17	Exploring the back yard of South Australia	Grade 3	Glynis Whitfield
6/May/17	7/May/17	Talooge Park Muster	Muster	Michael Patrick
18/May/17	21/May/17	Consolidated "Safe One" Basic Driver Training at Talooge Park	Training	Peter Butterfield
28/May/17	28/May/17	Brindabella Ramble	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
3/Jun/17	4/Jun/17	Chain Saw Awareness Training (Expression of Interest)	Training	Michael Patrick
3/Jun/17	4/Jun/17	Trainee Instructor Skills Assessment	Training	Peter Butterfield
10/Jun/17	11/Jun/17	Talooge Park Muster	Muster	Scott Cumming
17/Jun/17	18/Jun/17	OziExplorer Nav X	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
3/Jul/17	28/Jul/17	Working Bee/Care Taker Old Andado Station NT	Grade 1	Dave Sutton
15/Jul/17	16/Jul/17	Advanced Trip Leader Training	Training	Michael Patrick
16/Aug/17	16/Aug/17	Basic Training 4WD Vehicle Evaluation	Training	Peter Butterfield
12/Aug/17	13/Aug/17	It could be cold at Bendethera Caves	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
1/Sep/17	1/Nov/17	First Aid Training (Expression of Interest)	Training	Michael Patrick
9/Sep/17	10/Sep/17	Explore The Tracks of Abercrombie River National Park	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
14/Sep/17	17/Sep/17	Consolidated "Safe One" Basic Driver Training at Talooge Park	Training	Peter Butterfield
20/Sep/17	20/Sep/17	Basic Training 4WD Vehicle Evaluation	Training	Peter Butterfield
30/Sep/17	2/Oct/17	Bush Skills Weekend	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
6/Oct/17	8/Oct/17	Queanbeyan SES Landsearch Exercise	NR	Alan & Marj Jones
19/Oct/17	22/Oct/17	Consolidated "Safe One" Basic Driver Training at Talooge Park	Training	Peter Butterfield
11/Nov/17	19/Nov/17	Victorian High Country Ramble Vers 2	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
12/Nov/17	12/Nov/17	Brindabella Ramble	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
25/Nov/17	25/Nov/17	ST4WDC Christmas Party at Talooge	Event	TBA
8/Dec/17	8/Dec/17	Driver Trainers Christmas Dinner	Event	Julie Buttriss

Trip Reports

Stockton Beach Trip Report

Bronwyn Squire

Stockton Beach Trip Report

Did you know that when you run over washed-up, dead jelly fish they make a very satisfactory squishy noise and they burst into lots of projectile pieces of flubber? Some are hard and most unsatisfactory - so you have to pick your blob!



This is just one interesting fact we learnt on our first ever beach drive at Stockton Beach, 11th to 13th March. Our trip leader, Rob Azzato, ran a very relaxed and fun trip to Stockton Beach with the beach drive on the Sunday, and a coal processing and export plant tour on the Monday.

Participants on the beach drive included Alex (light gold colour car), Neil and Jennifer (white vehicle), Andy and Bron (silver Navara), Glen and Ellen (gold car), Scott and family (another silver vehicle), and Alex and Andrea (another silver car – silver wins the day, yay!).

The weather was fantastic and we set out at a very civilised 10:30 am (not to accommodate my preference - most fortunately the tide favoured the lazy). We first visited the 'silver city' (aka 'tin city') which are used only on a temporary basis by the owners, can't be sold on, only inherited, cannot be rebuilt if destroyed by the elements or new shacks added, and was used for several scenes in the 1979 movie Mad Max (as were the dunes).





The MV Sygna wreck was our next stop (I tell a lie, there were several stops along the way as people let more and more air out of their tyres). This wreck was once a 53,000 tonne Norwegian bulk carrier that ran aground in 1974, however, unfortunately it had sunk in the stormy seas on the Monday before we arrived!

This small photo is from 2009 and the larger photo is how it appeared to us that day.



Lunch time was declared, then we went to the biggest dune that 4WDs were allowed on to try our hands and going up, and down, and up, and down, and up, and down, and up, and down, x 100.

Various techniques were tried and much fun had by (almost) all. Bit of advice on tyre pressures shared with other, non-ST4WDC, dune driving participants.



We then continued to drive on top of the 4WD access allowed dunes and then continued back up the beach to our accommodation for happy hours.

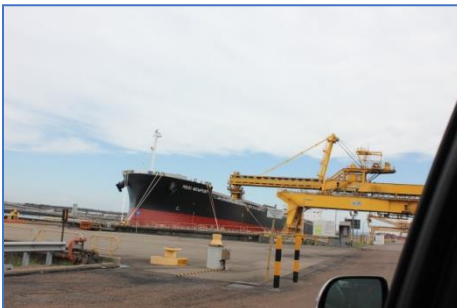




The following day, home day, those of us who choose to, went on a tour of the Coal mixing plant and export shipping terminals. The sheer volume of coal they mix and export, 24 hours, 7 days a week operations was staggering, as was the cleanness of their operations and environment.



Those of us on our tour (ones who don't get up at the crack of dawn and sensibly chose the later time slot for the tour) were offered the free use of the facilities' under car body wash and car wash (which we went through twice just to be sure).



Great trip, great trip leader, great fun, great company.

Sand and Water Course

April 29th 2017

Debbie Davidson

Trainers: Joe, Lindsay, Thommo, Julie, Adam, Michael, Rob and Andy

Drivers: Bruce & Carol, Bill Karen & Arron, Chris, Rob & Debbie, Glynis, Peter, Tara, Pelican and Eric

We all met at 7.30am at Bungendore Park, many of us stopping at the bakery for breakfast, sausage rolls, toasties and coffee.

Once we were all assembled, Joe gave us a briefing and then we were led off by Thommo and Julie. It was very foggy, so lights on and drive to the conditions. None of us were pulled over by the police, although they were waiting for us twice.

We watching the most spectacular scenery unfold, as the fog cleared and dust settled. From Bungendore through Braidwood and then Araluen. 2 hours later, we reached our destination, Deua National Park.

We had 'smoko' whilst the driver's bra'd up and snatch straps were at the ready.



Instructors de-robed!!! And wadders appeared, I was not sure if I should have brought my fishing gear! Michael decided to only wear his shorts, telling us that his lily-white legs would reflect the cold and scare the fish.

Joe took centre stage and proceeded to instruct the drivers on what to expect and what they should be looking for in the river and their vehicle.

Julie and Andy were safe on the other side of the river. Whilst the remaining instructors and drivers proceeded to wade through the water. Tara in shorts and no shoes, hoping to catch something with her toes, clever girl!



At one stage, we nearly lost Pelican when he found the deep, he was chest height in water. The Trainers then positioned themselves in the river as if they were buoy's, bobbing up and down, arms flagging and radios at the ready.

So, one by one the drivers took to the water, except Glenys who wisely decided her Suzuki would probably become a submarine. She elected to stay with Michael, who would guide her back and forth across the narrower part of the river.

The others intrepidly entered the raging waters and then took a right-hand sweep to drive parallel to the embankment. It was about 150 mts to the exit.

As hard as they tried, no Trainer was injured or drowned during the filming of this course.

Whilst doing the exercise, we stopped to allow 4 unknown cars to proceed across the narrow part of the river. With their foot on the accelerator they were a perfect example of what NOT to do.

After exiting and doing a loop across the top of the hill several times the vehicles were stopped and checked for any water inside the cab and under the hood. Peter unfortunately had water under the air filter so he did not do anymore deep water crossings (just in case).

So, with the river crossing course completed, we went back to the picnic area to de-bra, remove weeds from under the vehicles, removal of water, air up and have some lunch.

Then we were off again for part 2 - the Sand Course. We headed towards Braidwood and then turned off towards Nerriga. Once again the trip was very dusty, and it was hard to see - so a safe distance between vehicles was warranted.

We turned off to Stewarts Crossing Camp Ground, and we found sand. As we crossed over the Forde we were directed to park in the sand behind the other vehicles. We had a briefing

with Joe, and the direction was 'go forward and see how you go!'. Well, some went nowhere. They were already bogged!! And other's managed only a short distance.

Of course!! Tyre Pressure!! We were shown how to use our Maxtrax and snatch strap.

Unfortunately, Glenys only saw the snatch and Bruce and Carol saw nothing. They were so bogged that 3 Maxtrax were used and they were about to use their own snatch straps, when suddenly they were out.

Peter got too close to the water and the turned too sharply he got bogged. So, another rescue.

Poor Eric, he was instructed to get bogged, he wasn't too thrilled with the idea as his clutch was already smoking trying to dig himself in.

Everyone had a play in the sand, before a final debriefing by Joe, which included feedback by drivers and trainers.

What we learnt during this adventure:

Water crossings:

- **Momentum in the water**
- **Tyre pressure:**
- **Always stop and think and plan before crossing**
- **Walk if you can**
- **Check your vehicle at the completion of the water crossing**

Sand driving:

- **Tyre pressure, tyre pressure, tyre pressure**
- **Steady pace**
- **No sharp turns**
- **Follow your own tracks back if in trouble**

It was a great day, the weather magnificent and the trainers knowledgeable was terrific. Even the hangers on had a great day. We all had fun and learnt lots!!

Thankyou Joe and all the Trainers.

Club Clothing – Debbie Davidson

<i>Polo Shirts</i>	<i>\$38.00</i>
<i>Chambery Shirts</i>	<i>\$45.00</i>
<i>Jackets</i>	<i>\$110.00</i>
<i>Hoodies</i>	<i>\$45.00</i>
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<i>Bucket Hats</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>
<i>Beanies</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>Name Badges</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>

At the May General Meeting, we will be offering Polo Shirts for \$20 each.

Please note we are only selling what we currently have in stock. There are assorted sizes and any new orders placed will be charged at the prices noted on the left)



Gone Camping...

BestRecipes <http://www.bestrecipes.com.au/search?type=recipes&sort=recent&q=Gone+camping%21>

Camp Oven Patties <http://www.bestrecipes.com.au/recipe/camp-oven-patties-L2145.html>

Oldsheilla

A useful dish for using up leftovers when camping.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 leftover cooked chicken cold
- 1 cup mixed vegetables
- 1 tbs oil
- 1 cup tempura batter mix
- 2 cup self-raising flour
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 egg

METHOD:

- Place flour, salt and eggs in a bowl. Mix well, slowly adding a little milk until a smooth batter forms.
- Mince meat and vegetables together and mix into the batter.
- Heat oil in camp oven, and spoon mixture into hot oil.
- Turn patties when edges form bubbles.
- Fry until golden brown.

NOTES:

Serve with bacon and eggs. Use leftover vegetables or mixed vegetables of choice.



David and Helen Sutton are currently investigating and taste testing this product. Current stock is available and has a shelf life until Feb 2019.

Contact them through the club or at the monthly ST4WD club meeting if you are interested in further information.

AUSSIE DAMPER WITH A TWIST <http://www.bestrecipes.com.au/recipe/aussie-damper-with-a-twist-L18850.html>

Elorac

I love damper and I love the flavours that sun-dried tomato, roast capsicum, olives and feta give so I combined the two to create this.

INGREDIENTS:

2 cup self-raising flour
1 tsp salt
1 tsp oregano
50 g feta
1/4 cup sundried tomato finely chopped
1/4 cup pitted kalamata olives finely chopped
1/4 cup roasted capsicum finely chopped
250 mls beer



METHOD:

- Preheat the oven to 180C degrees.
- In a large bowl combine the dry ingredients - flour, salt and oregano. Mix in the feta, sundried tomatoes, olives and roast capsicum. Make a well in the centre and pour in the beer. Using a knife mix until the mixture just comes together. Turn mixture out on to a lightly floured surface. Knead lightly until smooth. Shape into a circle, then place onto a baking tray.
- Bake in oven for 40 minutes until the damper is golden and sounds hollow when tapped. Cool on a wire rack.



If you would like to share your favourite recipe, tips and tricks, items to sell, good ideas for our club newsletter - please email it to me at publications@st4wdc.com.au or hand it to me at the monthly meeting. Thank you Glennis ☺

Hidden Gems

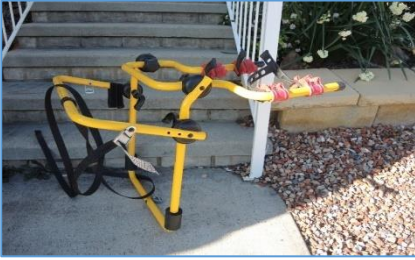
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Tow Assembly - To suit Prado 120

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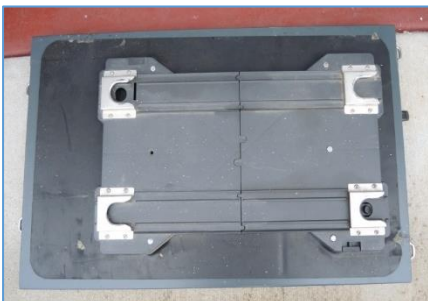
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Fridge Draw Slide

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80cm X 47cm



Contact Michael Patrick

phone: 0412 377 941 email: m-patrick@bigpond.com

Makita DE4035 chainsaw

\$90



14-inch bar, good chain and spare, Comes with adjustment tool and original user instruction manual. This was my original first chainsaw and is a nice compact saw for firewood duties, track clearing and heavy pruning in the garden.

Please contact Chris on 049 003 8235.

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Satellite phone handset for the InMarSat system.

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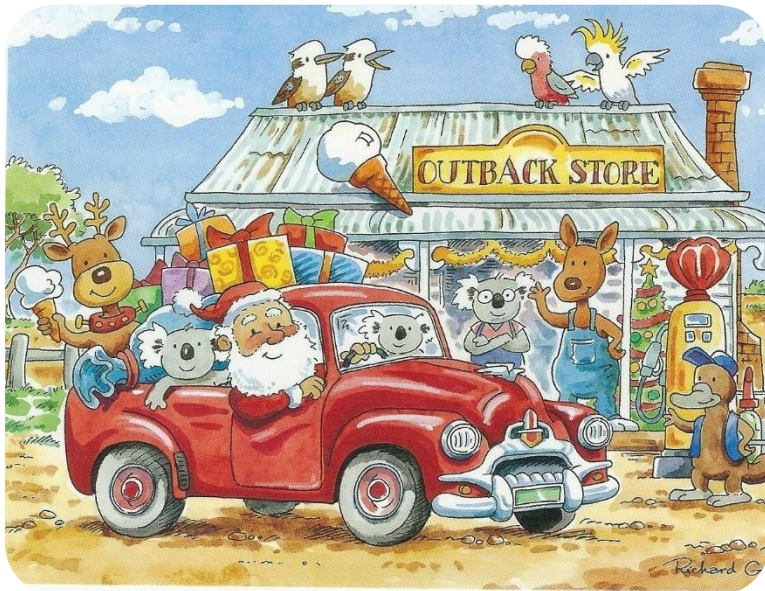
Hillbilly BushKing Camp Oven KingCooker Kit 1 \$220

The BushKing with KingCooker kit comes as a complete campfire, heat bead and gas cooking system. There is a 12.5 litre BushKing Camp Oven with lid and handle, KingCooker gas ring conversion, stainless steel baking trivet, stainless steel vegie roasting ring, pot stand and canvas carry bag. Also included is a wind protection shield. Used once – selling as it's too big.
Original cost \$395

Please contact Steve: 0411 251 474



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