



September 2021

# Southern Trails

Next Meeting:

Please note that the September Club Meeting has been cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.



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**(Victorian High Country)**



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

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

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

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

## Publications

**Website:** Information regarding the Club, our activities, sponsors, and membership is available on our website at [www.st4wdc.com.au](http://www.st4wdc.com.au).

**Facebook:** the ST4WDC page includes posts regarding Club activities and sponsors and can be found at [www.facebook.com/st4wdc/](http://www.facebook.com/st4wdc/).

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

## Trips and Events

An important element, some may say the lifeblood, of the Club is our trips and events calendar. Any member can run a trip or event once approved by the Committee, it's a very rewarding experience.

If you've been thinking of booking a trip or event, head to the [How to Book for a Trip](#) section of the website where you will find step by step instructions. You can propose your trip or event using the [Online Form](#) and there is a wealth of material in the [Information for Trip Leaders page](#) and also from experienced trip leaders who are always keen to help you run your trip or event successfully.

## Club Bank Account

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

<b>Bank:</b>	<b>Bank Australia</b>
<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>ST4WDC</b>
<b>BSB Number:</b>	<b>313 140</b>
<b>Account Number:</b>	<b>1213 0617</b>

When transferring payments please include your name and the reason for the transfer, e.g. "J Smith clothing", "J Smith renew 2021", etc.



## Code of Ethics



# Four Wheel Drive Australia Code Of Ethics

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

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

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

Produced by [Four Wheel Drive Australia](#) in the interest of promoting responsible vehicle use.

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

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# *President's Report*

## *Andy Squire*

Well, Covid came back with a vengeance. Hopefully you are all safe and none of you have been unfortunate enough to get a dose. If you did, I wish you a speedy and full recovery. As frustrating as it is, lockdown gave us a great opportunity to do all those things we have been putting off and get everything ready for when things open up again, hopefully as soon as the weather warms up. And eBay is still operational. So I made myself a list of things to do. Here it is:

1. Clean and service truck
2. Sort out tools and recovery gear
3. Install new reverse camera system
4. Install new CB
5. Clean and service camper trailer
6. Install new diesel heater
7. Clean out garage/carport so that I can put the camper away
8. Do spring gardening

And here's what I achieved:

1. Eat 17 family size packs of Cheezels
2. Binge watch 100 episodes of 'Jane the Virgin' on Netflix.
3. Take dog for a walk

No, Jane The Virgin was not an adult only show, and no, I wouldn't necessarily recommend it. But the Cheezels were good. And if all goes to plan I now have a week to complete the real items on my list. Might be busy. Hopefully you all have been a bit more productive and are better prepared for when travel is allowed again.

Since we can't go on trips, and the September Club Meeting has had to be cancelled, an interesting Trip/Event has been posted on the website; a 'Virtual Campout'. Could be fun, have a look.

I have been watching the State Premiers arguing amongst themselves and with the Federal Government about when things will open up again how they are going to be managed. NSW seems to be charging ahead despite high case numbers and is has a plan (well, maybe just a thought bubble?) for easing restrictions. Part of this is mandatory

# *President's Report*

## *Andy Squire*

double vaccinations for some activities/venues. As a Club we will need to have a look at this and how it may affect us, and we will need to look at what we should be doing to ensure the safety of our members and trip leaders. It would be pretty bad if we ran trips without appropriate safeguards and one of our members caught the virus, or we spread the virus, or simply hurt the good reputation of the club through perceived poor actions. We will need to wait until the ACT eases restrictions and advises what form opening up might take.

Covid and the lockdown have obviously had a big impact on the Club, and unfortunately resulted in the cancellation of the September Driver Training. We are not sure what will be happening in October either at the moment. But rest assured, the Education Coordinator and DTU are looking at what we can do to get all our new members trained and ready for trips, and we are trying to get more Grade 1 and 2 trips up for members who have not been trained. There are lots of interesting places to go and things to see without necessarily needing low-range.

So what else have we been doing, apart from me binging Netflix? We still had the Committee meeting via Teams and are about to start a couple of reviews. The first is looking at the 4 Wheel Drive Spectacular. Do we want to continue? What form should it take? When should it be held? How frequently should it be held? Who are the players? How do we protect the participants and Club members? How do we ensure financial viability? Pretty much a comprehensive review of what has gone, and what could come. If you have any suggestions, shoot me an email at [President@ST4WDC.com.au](mailto:President@ST4WDC.com.au).

The second is a review of our membership of the NSW & ACT Four Wheel Drive Association. Do we get good representation? Do we get good member benefits? Do we need to be a member of the Association? What are the pros and cons? Recently there has been more information coming from the Association which would support us remaining, but we need to look at this critically to ensure value for money. Same, again, if you have any views, comments or feedback, or want to express an opinion. Send me an email at the President address.

And I managed to fill my page again, without resorting to double spacing. Thanks for bothering to read to the end (or did you just jump straight here?). Go get a cup of coffee (or a wine) as a reward. And my parting thought? If your relationship has survived 3 weeks of lockdown you were meant for each other.

See you when we can.

Andy

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## Letter from the Editor



**Here's a little poem to cheer you up..**

This bloody Covid thing,  
Has us sitting around,  
Waiting for numbers,  
To finally go down.

Itching to get,  
Back out on the tracks,  
With our trucks and our friends,  
And loaded roof racks.

But we all have to do,  
Our bit for the cause,  
By staying at home,  
And locking the doors.  
And though we're not heading,  
Out on a trip,

There's stuff we can do,  
To ease things a bit.

Have a fire in your yard,  
And stew up a pot,  
And toast our dear friends,  
Who we miss a lot!.

Spend time thinking up,  
The next big adventure,  
And pondering what,  
To do till dementia.

Or work on the truck,  
And paraphernalia,  
Till we're able to get,  
Out back in Australia!!.

Happy (sitting at home for the time being),  
Matt..





# Club Meetings COVID-19 Safety Plan

## Overview

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

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

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

## Pre-Meeting

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

## Dinner Arrangements

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

## During the Meeting

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

## After the Meeting

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

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

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



## 4WD NSW & ACT - Newsletter Extracts

*Some interesting extracts from the last 4WD NSW & ACT newsletter.. Ed*



Hi everyone,

There is now light at the end of this lockdown tunnel and hopefully it is not just a train coming the other way. As clubs we can look at ways to make the process as easy as possible to be Covid safe and responsible. Look at getting a QR code for trip members to be able to sign in and show their status (we will not be part of any arguments about vaccinated and non-vaccinated, the law is the law).

Remember a trip leader is a volunteer and has the final say on who goes on their trip, if someone doesn't like that, then they just don't go on trips, easy.

I attended via zoom a Ministers Advisory Council meeting this week and it was encouraging to see a push to make the Council more relevant. Some important things are happening around restructuring of parks and a great new initiative for endangered species and rewilding projects.

The only downside to the meeting was a briefing on the booking system, lots of new bells and whistles but unfortunately no policy on enforcement and when questioned on it we were informed that it would be up to the local Ranger to sort out. I see this as a recipe for confrontation and one of the reasons we spend time in the bush is to get away from this sort of worry. Also, there are no plans for groups, so I would say Parks are not presenting themselves as being a very friendly and stress-free place to go camping now. This is another example of how little they know about the people that actually visit parks.

Back to the good stuff, hopefully now the AGM in November will be a face-to-face meeting at the Liverpool Catholic Club, and we will all have stories of places that we have started to visit again.

Have Fun

Craig Thomas  
President



## 4WD NSW & ACT Newsletter Extracts

### What are the cost savings of our State Wide permit with Forest Corp?

Affiliated Clubs must notify their local Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) representative of any proposed four-wheel drive (4WD) visits, events or activities in NSW State Forest which involve:

- a) 10 or more vehicles, **OR**
- b) 50 or more participants, **OR**
- c) May considered site-intensive by nature (including training activities, inter-club events, regional events), **OR**
- d) Involve overnight stays in NSW State Forest

For a one-off activity for a non-affiliated club with less than 20 participants, you would be looking at an application fee of \$207 or \$413 depending on the intensity of the activity/impact on the environment/safety risk.

Usage fees (per vehicle) would be between \$7.50 to \$15.00 but again could vary depending on intensity of activity/impact on environment/safety risk. If the club is involved with an approved improvement/environmental project, this may reduce fees. As driver training may be more intensive/damaging than camping and driving through the forest it would be charged at a higher rate.

### Scenario #1

A group visits a State Forest for overnight camping.

No Four Wheel Driving, just drive in to camp and out again the next day.

#### **9 vehicles (\$207 plus \$7.50 x 9)**

Affiliated with 4WD NSW ACT - NO CHARGE

Not Affiliated with 4WD NSW ACT - \$274.50

#### **18 vehicles (\$207 plus \$7.50 x 18)**

Affiliated with 4WD NSW ACT - NO CHARGE

Not Affiliated with 4WD NSW ACT - \$342.00

### Scenario #2

A group visits a State Forest for Driver Training.

#### **9 vehicles (\$413 plus \$15.00 x 9)**

Affiliated with 4WD NSW ACT - NO CHARGE

Not Affiliated with 4WD NSW ACT - \$548.00

#### **18 vehicles (\$413 plus \$15.00 x 18)**

Affiliated with 4WD NSW ACT - NO CHARGE



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Not Affiliated with 4WD NSW ACT - \$683.00

### Scenario #3

A group visits a State Forest for driver training and doesn't apply for a permit. They think it's ok because they get on well with the Ranger and he doesn't fine them when he sees them in the Forest without a permit.

Everything is fine until someone gets hurt or a car gets damaged. The insurance Company asks for the permit and the club doesn't have one.

If you do not have the legal permit to a State Forest, you are trespassing. You can contact your insurance company for vehicle cover to confirm this.

On this subject from AON INSURANCE:

“I note that your risk management clearly states that each member is required to do the right thing and apply for permits and if this is deliberately ignored and not adhered to then the insurance policy will not respond. They do so at their own risk, and this should be clearly communicated to each member”

The Association pays an annual fee that covers all it's members. This was the reason we started with the vehicles stickers and why it is important to keep them up to date.

Your club still needs to go to the Forestry Corporation web site and scroll to the bottom of the page to the “find a” list and fill in a permit and submit it, but there will be no cost involved. This helps them manage the area and to make sure your event doesn't clash with other groups. It is also a good idea for your club to contact the office of the forests that you visit as it is a great opportunity to get to know them, we have found this to be very beneficial for everybody.

Remember to go to our website and fill in a trip report after your event, this helps Forestry to know numbers and identify any issues, usually before it becomes a problem.

4WD NSW & ACT Association Inc - Annual state-wide permit 2021

[PDF HERE](#) Special Activity Conditions

[PDF HERE](#) Permit





## 4WD NSW & ACT Newsletter Extracts

### Events and activities

Forest Permits are required for some events and activities in State forests. Some forests are not available for events.

Please contact your closest [Forestry Corporation office](#) to discuss your proposed activity or event before applying for a Forest Permit.

To apply for a Forest Permit, please download and complete the following forms and submit to your local Forestry Corporation office or contact. **A minimum of four weeks is required for a full permit application to be assessed** (see forms below, and large events may require 90 days). We endeavour to facilitate all recreational pursuits however some permit applications may not be approved.

Please note that permit processing times may be further affected in areas where resources are diverted to bushfire reparation works being undertaken.

Forest Permits attract fees which are generally based on the nature, intensity and number of people involved in the activity. Some activities may be exempt from fees. Your local Forestry contact will discuss your permit fees and other requirements with you:

[Application Form - Forest Permit \(Activity\)](#)

[Standard Conditions - Forest Permit \(Activity\)](#)

[Incident Report Form - Forest Permit](#)

[Site Safety Plan Template - Forest Permit](#)

[Medical Emergency Evacuation Plan Template - Forest Template](#)

[Usage Report Form - Forest Permit](#)

**Note:** a copy of your public liability insurance will also be required. Forestry Corporation may request additional information and place conditions on your permit.

(if you don't have your clubs Cert of Currency please email [office@4wdnow.com](mailto:office@4wdnow.com))

<https://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/about/permits2>



## 4WD NSW & ACT Newsletter Extracts

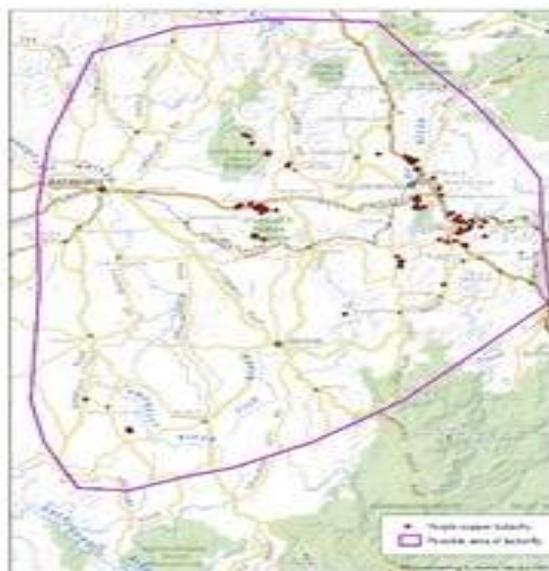
### Volunteer Opportunities

#### Can you find a Purple Copper Butterfly?

If you live in the Central Tablelands you may see a rare iridescent treat this spring. The purple copper butterfly spreads its wings from late August to late October, and citizen scientists are needed to record sightings. “The endangered purple copper butterfly is only found with native blackthorn bush, around the Bathurst, Lithgow and Oberon areas, and above 850m elevations. They fly on fine, sunny days” said Jess Peterie, Threatened Species Officer.

“Purple coppers have beautiful iridescent metallic coloration on their backs, so in the sunlight there are flecks of purple and blue – photos really don’t do it justice. It is both beautiful and special to see one flying in the wild.” To read more about their unique relationship with the ants that protect them, [click here](#).

To participate, simple video instructions for downloading the Butterflies app and registering for the Counting Coppers project is available on the [Seed website](#).



#### Frogs are dying - we need to know why

Frogs - the barometer of our ecosystem - are dying. There has been an increase in sick, dying and dead frogs across NSW. While the first cold snap of each year can result in a few localised frog mortalities, this outbreak has impacted more animals over a greater range than previously encountered. Key agencies are working together to coordinate a response and further investigate to try to determine the cause. What signs can you look out for?



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- Lethargic (slow to move)
- Skin discolouration (lighter or darker than normal)
- Thin (emaciated)
- Red bellies, red feet and excessive sloughed skin



### *What should you do?*

If you come across sick or dying frogs, please contact Karrie Rose from the Australian Registry of Wildlife Health (via call or text on 0402 553 537) immediately. They are gathering samples from sick frogs or frogs that have died within 24 hours for diagnostic testing.

If you come across dead frogs, please report and [email photos](#) to the Australian Museum. Their [FrogID project](#) is managing reports of dead frogs.

Best practice biosecurity measures are recommended if you come into contact with frogs. You can read [more here](#) about some theories and what else you can do.

## Do you want to become a ST4WDC Driving Instructor?

The Club's Driver Training Unit (DTU) is intending to commence a new Trainee Driver Trainer cohort next year. We are seeking to appoint six trainee driver trainers who are committed to attending all basic driver training weekends (four a year), the sand and water course weekend, and basic and intermediate winching weekends (we recognise that we are all volunteers and unavoidable events arise, but a basic commitment is essential to progress as a cohort). There are also other dedicated trainee training weekends, including advanced driver and difficult terrain training. Validation is through a final weekend which covers demonstration of driving, demonstration of course delivery, and a theory exam. The minimum time period to complete the trainee driver training program is over two years, but individuals and cohorts can take longer before validation. The DTU aspires to achieve a gender balance within the team, so if you are a lady driver please consider nominating. To meet the minimum standards required by the club to be approved as a ST4WDC Trainee Instructor, individuals must:



# WE WANT YOU

- ◆ be a current financial member of the club as determined by the Club's By-Laws,
- ◆ have been a financial member of the club as determined by the Club's By-Laws for a minimum of two (2) years,
- ◆ have participated in a minimum of four club trips to Grade 3 standard or higher within the last two years,
- ◆ apply in writing to the Education Coordinator, and therefore Chief Driving Instructor,
- ◆ and be approved by the Chief Driving Instructor and the Committee to join the Trainee Program.

Under the guidance and supervision of the club's Chief Instructor, or their delegated Instructor, a Trainee Instructor will:

- ◆ provide general assistance during the Driver Training Courses, including Basic Driver Training, Sand and Water, and Basic Winching courses,
- ◆ assist with the practical demonstration of course content,
- ◆ present sections of the course theory to students, and
- ◆ provide practical instruction and guidance to students.

There is a Driver Training Manual provided to Trainees to learn course content and theory delivery.

More information about the program and requirements to be validated as a ST4WDC Driving Instructor can be found on the website. Go to Training Courses/Education Policy/pages 9 – 11.

If you are interested, please apply in writing to [education@ST4WDC.com.au](mailto:education@ST4WDC.com.au), and could you please confirm that you

- ◆ meet the minimum standards
- ◆ are committed to attending training weekends over the two year period
- ◆ have read and understood the Education Policy
- ◆ and can complete the mandatory aspects of becoming a Driving Instructor, including completion of the supplementary driver training courses as outlined in the Education Policy.



## Trip Report - Kowen Forest #4



A cold, grey Canberra day, that didn't make it into double-digits, saw us all gather for what was a fantastic day of 4WD-ing fun at Kowen forest. We had a great group of people and tremendous assortment of vehicles. Kowen seems to have almost everything on

offer – from muddy and slippery ascents and descents, rocky and rutted grades, bog-holes and of course the great river-crossings. One particularly slippery and rutted ascent needed us to use recovery tracks to get to the top. The clay was like nothing else, sticking to MaxTrax, vehicles, people and making tyres like slicks. Another time we had to recover a



vehicle when a fallen tree at a difficult angle caused the truck to slide off the track when going over the tree. All hands on-deck resolved the situation, and with a bit of track building, the rest of the convoy then passed safely.



A day that had everything – well almost. As a couple of us remarked at the end, all that would need to be added

## Trip Report - Kowen Forest #4

would be some sand driving and every box would be ticked. Molonglo Beach – who knows?

Thanks to all for making this such a fantastic day, but particularly to Shakey for leading yet another great Club event.

### Roland Pittar



It never ceases to amaze me what good 4wd country we have right on our doorstep. Kowen Forrest did not disappoint. After lowering tyres, we hit the tracks. First up was a nice little hill that blew away the cobwebs of office work and got the brain thinking about wheel placement. Next,

was a little downhill track that had a deceptive rock ledge followed by some overgrown trees that screeched as they gouged a few pinstripes on the cruiser. The tracks continued through the Forrest with some spectacular views of distant snow covered hills at times. The wahoo moment happened as we all clambered up a muddy, slippery, deeply rutted hill climb that buried 4 max-tracks placed to assist. After



## Trip Report - Kowen Forest #4



all making it up the hill, came the max-track extraction exercise with lots of slipping in the mud and getting dirty. Funny how we were all laughing and enjoying that activity. Eventually we washed off the max-tracks and headed off to lunch at

the campground.

After lunch, came the fun driving through muggy bog holes and negotiating a couple of water crossings to get some of the mud off. The day even involved a winch recovery over a fallen tree. The drive was an absolute joy with lots of variety, thanks Shakey it was a brilliant day out.



### Jerry



We had a awesome time exploring Kowen Forest. We drove a good variety of terrain, changing between forestry and open paddocks with mud holes. We had a winch recovery where everyone played their part in helping the recovery. We

## Trip Report - Kowen Forest #4

stopped at the Kowen homestead for lunch and enjoyed the view. A nice drive back with a water crossing that challenged our knowledge. A great day was had by all. A big thankyou to Shakey for organising the day.

### Daniel



Any day not locked down like the rest of the country is a great day out! 10 capable rigs



lined up at the gates of Kowen Forest at 9am for 7 hours of exploration, up and down and round and round the shaded and narrow pine-lined tracks. A great day of entertainment with some slippery climbs calling for some well placed Maxtrax and a firm right boot.

Punctuated with a winding track of muddy puddles before a decent rinse in a couple of river crossings to see us home down the only dusty track out of the forest.

Thanks again to Shakey and Matt for leading the way... was a great way to spend a Sunday of true freedom.

### Brett



## Our Club Sponsors

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## *Trip Report - Rose Pruning Workshop*

Our Volkswagen Golf doesn't usually get used for club events but it was sufficient for the trip to Queanbeyan for the rose pruning workshop.



It was held at Matt's house where he and his partner had bravely allowed a group of

novice rose pruners to be let loose on their rose bushes.

We weren't actually let loose straight away as we began with some instructions from Victoria where she explained the principles of pruning roses.

After that we did begin the pruning with Victoria and her assistant Harriette providing advice and keeping an eye on things. After a couple of hours we had completed the job and the end result was pretty good.

We finished with Victoria talking about rose fertilisers and explaining how to keep your pruning equipment clean and sharp.



## *Trip Report - Rose Pruning Workshop*



All in all; it was a very informative morning and I'm sure our roses at home will be the better for it. A big thank you to Victoria for organising.

### **Jim Derrick**

The Rose Pruning Workshop was fantastic to say the least.

Victoria is so knowledgeable about all things garden, and she and Harriette were extremely willing and generous in sharing knowledge.

I have always been scared of pruning my roses, which resulted in half-hearted hacking ever so often, which I now realise was not kind, nor was it 'rose bloom enticing'.

A damn good paring back to rose bowls and teacups (buds and sleeper buds facing the right direction) is needed and roses love a fresh start every spring.

My family were ever so amazed that I took Victoria's lessons to heart and now my roses are no higher than 30cm, and some of them were roof height! They have been feed and watered and some of Victoria's 'fairy dust' applied.

I am now looking forward to fantastic blooms in a few months. Thanks to Terri and Matt for letting us loose on their rose bushes and I hope they bask in glorious roses too. Again, thanks to Victoria for a fantastic workshop.

### **Bron Squire**





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# **POSITIONS VACANT**

Interested in working in the 4WD Industry?

Club Sponsor ARB is currently looking for Salespeople to join their sales team in Fyshwick

The position offers:

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If you are interested please contact:

Mark Dutton or Codie Beattyman on (02) 6280 7475

# ST4WDC 2021 Raffle

With support from our generous sponsors the 2021 Club Raffle is on. Details can be found at: <https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=vp4kc>

Prizes include:



## Trip Report - The Golden Axxe Round 3



With a full lane of 12 players, the competition was great. Some scores only being 1 - 2 point difference.

The most improved player was Luke, he had doubled his score. He was able to “stick” more than the last two events. Luke must be practicing throwing in his backyard, well done.

In total we had 61 Bullseyes with 8 of them being thrown at the same time.

Michael Kerr almost pulls off a perfect run with an impressive 4 out of 5 bulls in a row, then after swapping lanes throwing another 2 bulls making it 7 out of 10 for that round. That going to be hard to beat, but challenge accepted.

But then we add up the scores the underdog takes the win with a 4 point difference. Well, done Rob Rankin.



Now it's the bonus long axe round between Michael & Rob. With Rob taking the win, though not before throwing the first ever kill shot (the blue dot on either side of the target) With the long axe, not the normal one.



Thanks for another great axe event.

## Trip Report - The Golden Axxe Round 3

And here's how the scorecard looked at the end of the night:

12th	Mick Guillot	65 points
11th	Matty Miller	74 points
10th	Alec Parkinson	87 points
9th	Luke Guillot	88 points
8th	Lisa Tatem	95 points
7th	Wyatt Boyce	96 points
6th	Pelican	115 points
5th	Shakey	121 points
4th	Mark Wakelam	125 points
3rd	Emma Kerr	139 points, 9 bullseyes
2nd	Michael Kerr	150 points, 11 bullseyes
1st	Rob Rankin	154 points, 10 bullseyes



## *Trips and Events*

### *Michael Patrick*

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

Start	End	Activity	Type	Grade	Leader
18/09/21	18/09/21	Virtual Campout	Trip	Not Re-quired	Glen Watts
25/09/21	26/09/21	Brindabella Campout	Trip	Grade 3	Victoria Jewett
6/10/21	6/10/21	Basic Driver Training 4WD Vehicle Eval-uation	Training	Not Re-quired	Bronwyn Squire
9/10/21	10/10/21	Bredbo Christmas Barn and Bredbo Hotel	Trip	Grade 2	Sue Phillips
15/10/21	17/10/21	Off Road Camper Trailer Workshop	Training	Grade 3	Glen Watts
15/10/21	17/10/21	Chain Saw Awareness Training	Training	Not Re-quired	Michael Patrick
15/10/21	17/10/21	Muster	Talooge Muster	Grade 3	Rob Donaldson
22/10/21	24/10/21	Yadborra Flat	Trip	Grade 4	Sue Phillips
23/10/21	23/10/21	Lunch at McIntyre's Hut	Trip	Grade 3	Matt Maddigan
27/10/21	31/10/21	Safe One Basic Driver Training Course	Training	Not Re-quired	Bronwyn Squire
5/11/21	7/11/21	Snovember Thermal Pools and Caves	Trip	Grade 3	Darren Miller
7/11/21	7/11/21	Brindabella Ramble	Trip	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
7/11/21	6/11/21	Power karts expression of interest	Trip	Not Re-quired	Darren Miller
12/11/21	12/11/21	The golden axxe rnd 4	Social Event	Not Re-quired	Darren Miller
20/11/21	21/11/21	45th Anniversary and Christmas get together in Kowen Forest	Social Event	Grade 1	Sue Phillips
27/11/21	4/12/21	Vic High Country Ramble	Trip	Grade 4	Michael Patrick
27/11/21	5/12/21	Vic Alps Walkabout	Trip	Grade 4	Chris Nicholls
10/12/21	12/12/21	Reef Fishing Trip - Narooma	Trip	Grade 2	Lisa Tatem
30/12/21	30/12/21	Stockton Beach EOI	Trip	Grade 3	Matt Maddigan
30/12/21	30/12/21	Overnight At Stewart's Crossing	Trip	Grade 1	Matt Maddigan

## *Trips and Events*

### *Michael Patrick*

<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Leader</b>
19/03/22	20/03/22	Running of the Sheep	Trip	Grade 1	Stuart Wallace
30/07/22	31/07/22	Snow Camping Gungarlin River	Trip	Grade 4	Matt Maddigan
6/08/22	7/08/22	Basic First Aid Training HLTAID003	Training	Not Required	Michael Patrick
13/08/22	14/08/22	Remote First Aid Training HLRAID005	Training	Not Required	Michael Patrick

## NPWS Brindabella NP - Notice

*We have been advised of the following from NPWS regarding Brindabella NP. Please keep in mind our Clubs “tread lightly” policy whilst reading this. Ed.*

### **Notice about trail works in Brindabella National Park – NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)**

NPWS is in the process of upgrading the trail network in Brindabella National Park as part of the Rural Fire Service *Fire Access and Fire Trails Plan* (FAFT Plan).

The FAFT Plan identifies key trails that must be certified to meet [Fire Trail Standards](#).

It is essential that trails are maintained to the certified standard to ensure safe and effective access for firefighters responding to incidents.

Part of these works include the installation of six gates, to protect the upgraded trails in wet weather when there is an increased risk of damage.

Two of the gates will be permanent closures on Link Trail and the northern end of Maginot Trail, to prevent illegal access on to private property.

#### **Key points:**

1. Gates are intended for temporary closures in wet conditions when visitor use may cause excessive damage to the upgraded trails.
2. NSW NPWS supports appropriate four wheel drive use of Brindabella National Park.
3. All temporary closures will be publicised on the Brindabella National Park [website](#). Please check the website before visiting.

Any further questions please contact Queanbeyan NPWS on 02 6229 7166 or [npws.alpinequeanbeyan@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:npws.alpinequeanbeyan@environment.nsw.gov.au)

# Volunteer Registration

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

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



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



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



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

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# Classified Advertisements

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**5 Mag Rim Highway tyres (continental)**  
**6 Steel Rim 4WD Cooper Discovery ST**

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