October 2021

Southern Trails

Next Meeting:

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

Duck!!..

(Hill End)

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

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

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

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

Publications

Website: Information regarding the Club, our activities, sponsors, and membership is available on our website at www.st4wdc.com.au.

Facebook: the ST4WDC page includes posts regarding Club activities and sponsors and can be found at www.facebook.com/st4wdc/.

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

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:

Bank:	**Bank Australia**
Account Name:	**ST4WDC**
BSB Number:	**313 140**
Account Number:	**1213 0617**

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

Four Wheel Drive Australia Code Of Ethics

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

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

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

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For advice and assistance in meeting the requirements of this Code of Conduct contact the Secretary

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President's Report
Andy Squire

Another month under Covid. It should have given me time to get on with the things on my list. I did manage to watch Bron do some spring gardening, but that was about as close as I came. But I did achieve some other things; I ate another 2 family sized bags of Cheezels and binge watched the 'Squid Game' over 2 nights. Really weird show, worth a look (apparently it is so popular that some internet providers have sued NetFlix because demand was throttling their band-width).

Hopefully lockdown is coming to an end, and 'Freedom Day' is fast approaching. And I hate that phrase. Yes we are in 'lockdown', but I am not 'locked up'. I can still exercise, go shopping, and go outside, and more recently meet with and visit friends. It's no wonder that people see the Covid Health Safety Measures as something evil and think we are having our 'rights' impinged when the media (and Government) uses these kinds of words.

It got me thinking more; how ridiculous is the English language really? We all know that bough is pronounced bow (or is it bow) but tough is pronounced tuff and don't get me started on rows, rows, rows, rose and rose all sounding the same but being something different. And then I wondered; If I am not over-whelmed, and I don't find the situation under-whelming, am I just whelmed? And if I am content and not disgruntled, am I gruntled?

Sorry, where was I? Or more correctly; where should I be? Covid. Lockdown. That's right. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the October club meeting and it will be another month before we get the chance to catch-up. But as restrictions are starting to ease we can hopefully all start getting out and about again. There is still no definitive or clear advice on responsibility for managing attendance at events and the 'double-vaxx' passport, and there will definitely be differences between the ACT and NSW (and further abroad). This makes it even more difficult for the Club since the majority of us reside in the ACT, but most of our trips are into NSW. At least with over 95% of the ACT having received their first dose (so in theory over 95% receiving double-dose in the next few weeks) we should be well positioned.

We are still looking at what to do to replace the Spectacular, and a sub-committee has done some analysis and come up with a few suggestions for the Committee to consider. Once the Committee has had a chance to review and discuss the sub-committee's findings we can provide a more detailed update.

And we also have initiated a pretty comprehensive review of Association Membership to ensure that we obtain value for money. We still need to investigate further some of the possible benefits, and determine if our membership even wants them, how we can realise and advertise them, and how we can better interact with the Association. Since everyone

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involved in managing the Club is a volunteer with real lives, jobs, and travel desires, one of the problems has always been finding the time to engage and report. Hopefully we will be able to address this in the future. Delegates to the Association don't need to be Committee Members, so if you think you could help, drop me a line (I will probably listen to crickets for the next month).

And something exciting!! We now have Club stubby holders as part of our merchandise line (am I a bit sad for getting so excited by this?). I am pretty sure they will be advertised somewhere in the newsletter. They look pretty good I think.

And that's about it from me. So, till next month, I hope you stay whelmed and gruntled.

Andy

Letter from the Editor

If you live in regional NSW, by the time this newsletter comes out you're probably already heading for the hairdresser, restaurant, and the pub, and not necessarily in that order.

If like me you're an ACT resident I'm sure you are planning to do the same after 15th October. Though it seems that you still have to fill out a NSW travel declaration and head back home by the most direct route afterwards if your hairdresser, restaurant or pub is over the border.. Hmmm.. I hope I'm reading Dr Greg Stewarts (NSW delegate of the CHO) instructions properly? I plan to test this theory out on the 15th October when I duck over to Queanbeyan to pick up a my new tinny (boat not beer) that's been sitting in the sellers yard since the end of July.. Wish me luck!

On the Club front, there's not unexpectedly been very little happening with several trips and training courses planned for August to October having to be cancelled because of the lockdowns. Ditto for the September and October meetings.

Glen Watts showed what a resilient and imaginative chap he is by hosting a very enjoyable Virtual Campout on 25th Sep. Several members set up their camp chairs and even a few campfires, tents and swags, though no one was silly / brave enough to sleep out whilst there was a perfectly good bed in the nice and warm house nearby.

I trialled a camp oven lamb roast over the Ozpig which to my surprise came out brilliantly, and it helped me to get rid of a bunch of junk wood offcuts that had been sitting under my workshop bench for around 20 years.. You should never throw anything away, it might come in useful one day!

You may also notice on the Club Clothing page a recent addition. We now have Club Stubby Coolers added to the range of quality merchandise.

Happy trails, Matt

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:

- 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, and could you please confirm that you

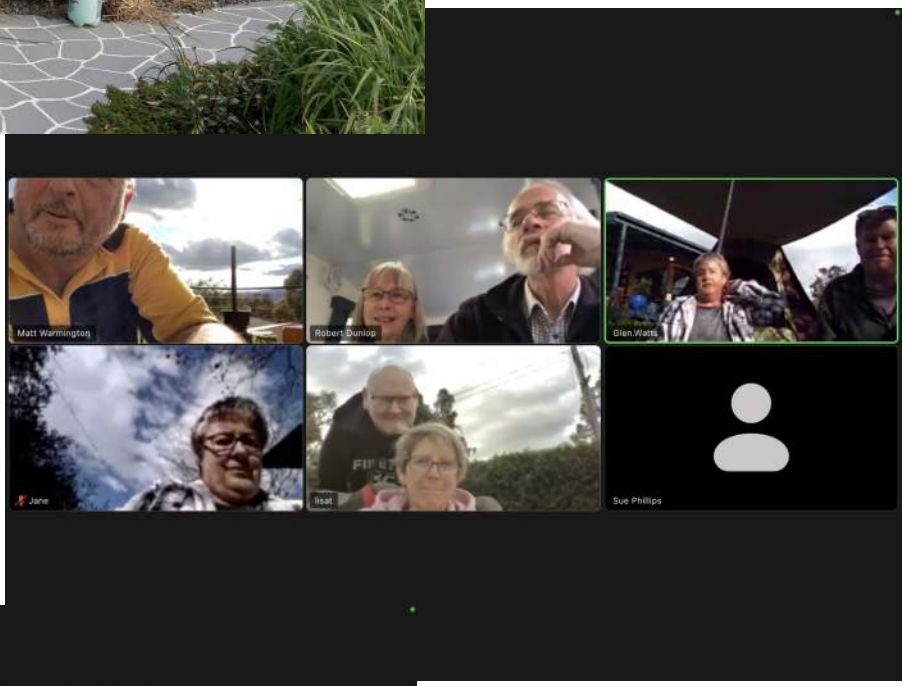
- meet the minimum standards
- are committed to attending training weekends over the two year period
- have read and understood the Education Policy
- and can complete the mandatory aspects of becoming a Driving Instructor, including completion of the supplementary driver training courses as outlined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

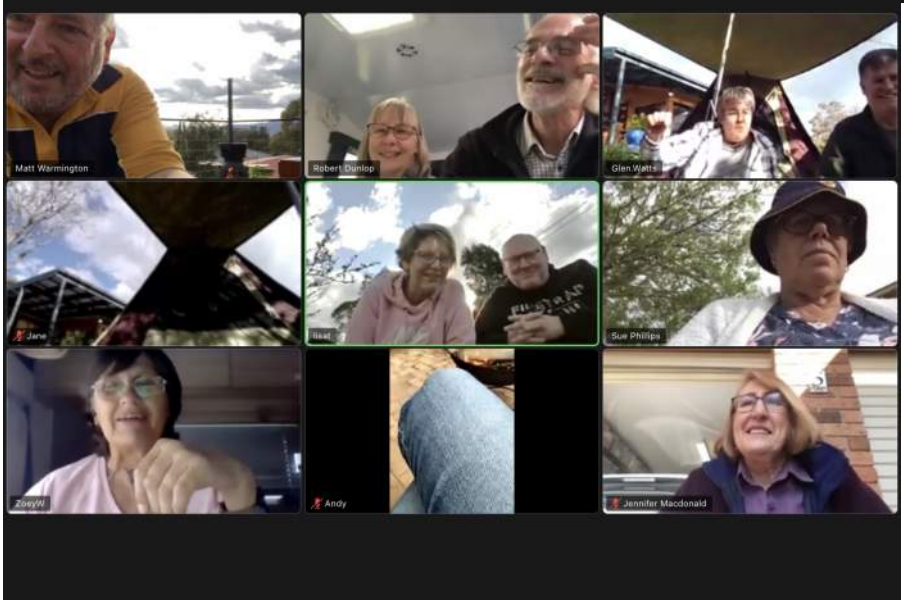
Trip Report - Virtual Campout

What a great idea! Many of us have been pining for the campfires with lockdown entering its third month.

Though not without its technological challenges, we managed to get together for an evening despite not being able to leave home.

Glen and Jane Watts had a tent and a hammock set up in their back yard, whilst Mark Wakelam and Lisa Tatem were rugged up in front of a campfire. I noticed that no marshmallows appeared to be on hand though.





The Dunlops joined in from their more salubrious accommodations in the caravan, and Glynis (aka Zoey) joined in from hers also. Her van is actually her full time home at the moment until her house down the coast is finished.

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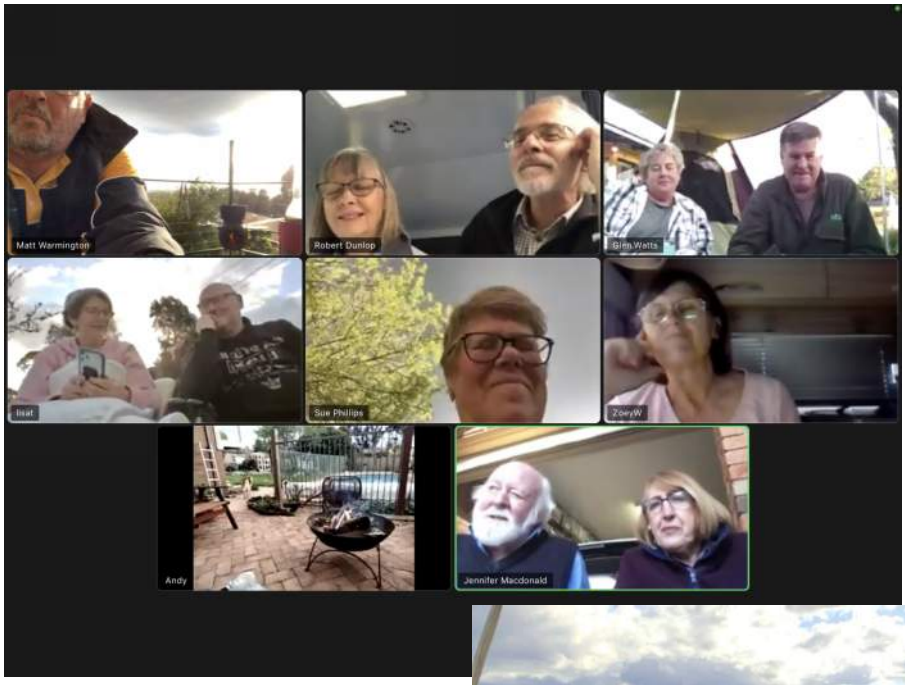
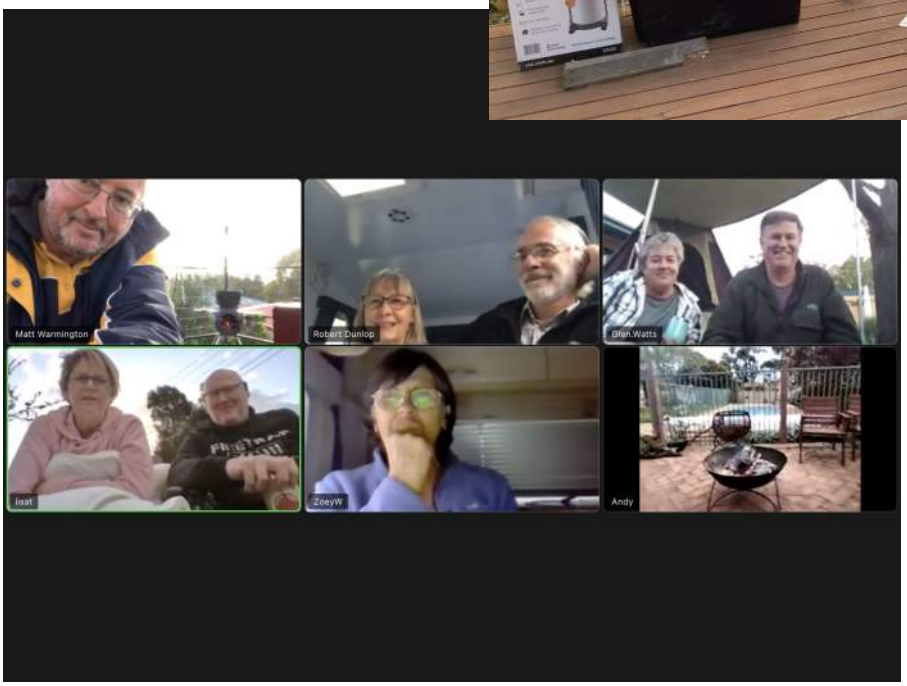


Grahame and Jennifer McDonald and Sue Phillips seemed quite comfortable at home in their camp chairs, and Andy and Bron had a nice little campfire going on the patio.

I really enjoyed getting ready for the evening, setting up the Ozpig and the swag, getting out the esky and preparing nibbles to have on the deck while watching the sun go down and chatting with friends from the Club. Packing up the next day though was not as much fun but it meant I could take my time and clean and oil the camp oven and Ozpig so the next time I get it out it'll be in good condition and ready to go.



Hope you all are managing to stay happy and look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Matt W

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4X4 ACCESSORIES

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:

- Great opportunity to join an industry-leading organisation
- Permanent, full-time position with dependable hours
- Friendly team environment
- Excellent staff discounts across the ARB Group

ARB are looking for an experienced Salesperson to join their flagship branch in Fyshwick. This position would ideally suit someone with a sales and administrative background, preferably in a busy environment, who loves a challenge and has the ability to multi-task. Experience with 4WDing an advantage.

Primarily the role will be responsible for providing sales and after-purchase support to the retail and wholesale customers within Canberra.

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:

Trips and Events
Michael Patrick

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

Start	End	Activity	Type	Grade	Leader
22/10/21	24/10/21	Yadbora 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 Required	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 Required	Darren Miller
12/11/21	12/11/21	The golden axxe rnd 4	Social Event	Not Required	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
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

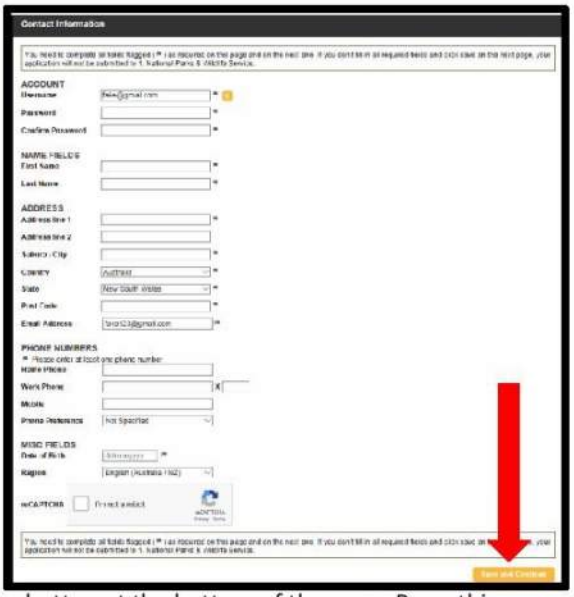
Volunteer Registration

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.

Classified Advertisements

ARB 60L Portable SII Fridge Freezer.
Perfect for family trips or off road touring, the 60L Fridge Freezer features a low profile to suit roller drawer systems, utes, larger 4WDs, boats and camper trailers. Not required have upgraded to a larger fridge:
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Contact Michael: 0412 377 942

m-patrick@bigpond.com

Classified Advertisements

Navigator Outdoor Storage - Unwanted gift**: $50**

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Never been used clashed with my rear carrier**: $100**

Contact Michael: 0412 377 942
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Pair of after market side steps for GU Patrol.

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5 Mag Rim Highway tyres (continental)	Switched LED reverse / work light.
6 Steel Rim 4WD Cooper Discovery ST	
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Extra power points & 12-volt outlets.	High density foam double mattress.
Corner bolsters & 2 ARB LED lights.	Extra new house batteries.
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Contact: David Campbell • 0431 574 303 • dcam77@netspeed.com.au

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Hoodies:	**$50.00**
Rugby Tops:	**$55.00**
Caps:	**$20.00**
Bucket Hats:	**$20.00**
Beanies:	**$20.00**
Badges (magnet):	**$13.00**
Badges (pin):	**$10.00**
Stubby Coolers:	**$7.50**

Club clothing is available at Club Meetings, or contact Francoise Zaalen-Arbaut at general1@st4wdc.com.au