



June 2022

Southern Trails

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The Next Club Meeting will be held at the Canberra Deakin Football Club at 7:30pm on Tuesday 14th June



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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.

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

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Four Wheel Drive Australia Code Of Ethics

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- Obey the laws and regulations for Recreational Vehicles that apply to public lands.
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Vice President's Report

Paul Kerr

Hi all, as Andy is away enjoying the Simpson Desert crossing to Birdsville, I'm the lucky one to step into his rather large shoes and bring you the monthly report. Let me introduce myself, I am Paul Kerr, relatively new to the Club (just over a year), new to 4WD (training 6 months ago) and very new to the committee.

I have come to 4WDing a bit later in life, if I had my choice of jobs, I'd be a full-time photographer, but for now that's my passion project and in reality I work in an office. So, wanting to get out and travel, photograph everywhere and everything, my wife Tracey and I hope to get to and see around this great country of ours. With travelling the country, we hope to get some new experiences and meet some new people. We looked around for a 4WD club that could offer this and found the ST4WDC... and here we are!

What did we find?

Well, I've been really impressed with the friendliness of the people involved. From the people I've met at the meetings, when training, and on our Club trips. Not to mention the committee and volunteers, these people are at the heart and soul of what gets done within the Club.

The Club offers such a great range of experiences for everyone. I've been really impressed by the professionalism of the driver training unit and my thanks goes out to the team again for really providing a safe and jam-packed learning experience at Talooge.

Coming to the training as a relative novice, I looked at some of what we were asked to do with a certain amount of trepidation, however, with the support and encouragement from Peter B, I found out what my car and what I could do. Since then, with washouts and being away, I hadn't been able to get on any trips to reinforce what I had learned at training until recently. While I'd volunteered with the Canberra Balloon Spectacular (what an amazing experience) and the Queanbeyan 4WD show, I hadn't done any actual driving.



Finally, things lined up and Tracey and I took on the Cotter Night Drive with Daz (Shakey) Miller the other week. This could have been a bit of a challenge but once again, I was heartened by the people involved on the drive and the feeling of welcomeness, friendliness, support and professional approach experienced during the night. The drive itself put to test a lot of the skills I had learned from training and as it came back to me, it allowed me to feel a level of confidence that I could navigate the trip and trust my vehicle.

President's Report

Andy Squire

This Club certainly has a lot to offer, so I encourage you to get involved in trips, volunteering and even coming along to meetings to meet the friendly people we've experienced.

Make sure you keep up with what's happening on our improved website. There is a lot happening thanks to the great team of trip leaders.

A reminder that if you wish to be a trip leader and add an exciting trip of your interest to the schedule, you will be very supported. For more information on trip leader training, contact Michael trips@st4wdc.com.au

Paul..



Letter from the Editor

Hey there everyone, hope you're all rugged up and keeping warm, cause Winter is upon us!! I knew it was coming when I had to pack the -10° sleeping bag for the last driver training. I made the mistake of coming to the Muster on the previous weekend with a -5° one and barely making it through the night with sufficient warmth. Compared to the -5° one the -10° one is pure luxury and easily handles the cold nights.

This was something I previously discovered on a Simpson Desert trip when I had packed the -5° ones. Luckily someone had a spare blanket or two which was gratefully received.

Well finally Johnny (Diesel) is back on the tracks again after a rear diff failure on the Vic High Country trip which turned into an epic saga of Dallas proportions. Suffice to say in hindsight I made several mistakes in how I approached the recovery and repair. Next time I think I will try and get the truck home where I at least have some control over the process.

Many, many thanks to Steve at High Country Recovery and Ritchie at Hume Off Road who collaborated and helped way beyond the call of duty working into the night and over the weekend to sort out what should have been a simple replacement.

On the other hand to the diff reconditioners in Melbourne (and I use this term in the loosest possible sense), may the fleas of a thousand camels infest your armpits!

Lots of great content in this edition, the balloon spectacular went off with a whoosh and a cheer again this year, and several volunteers from the Club helped out getting balloons into the air and back onto trailers again thanks to the coordinating efforts of Catherine Panich.

Shakey and Ethan led a night drive into the Cotter and several newer members took part along with the tin lids. A great time was had by all it seems.

El' Presidente and a few other Club members are attempting to find their way through a bunch of closed roads to get to Old Andado Station and keep Dave and Helen Sutton company for a little while before heading off into the desert. It appears that heightened water levels in the Diamantina River are making it a bit of a challenge.

Another Muster is planned out at Talooge on 15th July. These are a great opportunity to get together with Club members and experience the property first hand.

Driver training in May included two basic courses as well as a basic winching course. Write ups from participants are also included in this edition.

Happy Trails.. Matt

P.S. Check out the new item in the Clothing Store.

Trip Report - Canberra Balloon Spectacular

12-20 March 2022

Over the 9 day event 36 volunteers plus ring-ins helped 9 pilots launch and retrieve their hot air balloons during Events ACT's Enlighten festival, of which the Canberra Balloon Spectacular is a major event. Not all pilots require volunteers. One day I counted 18 on the Patrick White Lawn beside the National Library of Australia.

Hot air balloons fly over Canberra for most of the year but it is only over these nine days that locals and visitors see so many in the air at once and so low over the lake. People had booked kayaks weeks ahead just so they could be on the water sharing the space with the balloons. Many pilots delight in getting their passengers' feet wet by taking a dip and sometimes throwing out a line to tow a lucky paddler a few meters.

The volunteers are made up of members from our club, friends, family and enthusiastic bystanders who can't wait to put their name down for the next year's event. Everyone is



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welcome and lasting friendships are made. Members of our Club lead a trip to Mt Corrie. We enjoyed lunch provided by Events ACT overlooking our capital. The pilots who came along were most appreciative.

This year Covid restrictions were lifted in that the event was completely open (i.e. bookings were not necessary). The atmosphere was electric and people were out to enjoy themselves. The weather was kind, of the nine days we flew for six.

Flight Direction is provided by Balloons Aloft and without this professional team the event could not take place. The Lyons Club provided hot breakfasts. Many volunteers had a flight, others alas did not; there is always another year. Consider being taking part next year, you will not regret it.

Catherine Panich,
Volunteer Co-ordinator



Driver Training

"Safe One" Midweek Course

4th – 6th May 2022

Chief Instructor Peter Butterfield

Education Coordinator Bronwyn Squire

Student	Instructor	Trainee Instructor
Keith Thomas	Peter Butterfield	Rob Davidson
Alison Millea	Dim Veteri	
Troy Larke	Bronwyn/Andy Squire	
Bart Koot	Michael Patrick	
Louise Arnold	Michael Loberger	

The following are the comments and feelings of the students who participated in the Mid-Week Safe One Basic Driver Training Course.

I recently procured a 4x4 and camper trailer to get away and go "live the dream", it didn't take long though before I realised that there was a lot to learn when it comes to 4x4 driver skill and safety. Enter ST4WD club and the basic driver training course.

As a complete novice the course was initially a challenge for me. Confidence gradually increased, however, with a patient, quality trainer guiding from the passenger seat and plenty of practice over corrugations and narrow, tree lined tracks. By day two I was able to navigate my way up more easily the "hole in the wall" and down steep-ish drop offs. On course completion I had also practiced a snatch recovery, learned about tyres and tyre



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"Safe One" Midweek Course



pressure, check listed the safety gear to carry onboard and much more.

Campfire camaraderie soon followed after a day of driver training. Under the haze of the Milky Way and huddled around the campfire I enjoyed the story telling and banter of fellow club members. Apparently witchetty grubs taste like chicken and there isn't as much privacy in the desert as you might think...

In the back of my 4x4 I have a rubber mat embossed with the words "Go your own way". Thanks to the generous and capable ST4WDC driver trainer team I now can.

Alison

I joined the ST4WD club initially to find some remote camp sites and to also gain some confidence for some 4wd situations. The course gave me that and a whole lot more. I'm now far more confident in tackling obstacles that I would never have dreamed of and now eagerly look forward to the challenge. Thank you to all the instructors I'm now a convert.

Troy



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This training course was my first outing with the Club, and I found the quality of the training to be exceptional. All the trainers were very knowledgeable and experienced and were willing and able to share this with the students. They were happy to answer any questions relating directly to the course as well as any other questions regarding other aspects of 4WD, such as suggestions for trips and the use of maps.

"Push-pull the steering wheel; don't palm it; don't cross your arms", was the repetitive exhortation from the trainer sitting in my car and sounding somewhat frustrated while trying to correct the 50+ years of bad driving habits. The threat of a 12" shifter on the left knee was seemingly insufficient incentive but the more ominous 18" Stilson seemed to work (most of the time). By the second day of in-vehicle training, I was using the push-pull steering technique for most turns.

"More speed/momentum", was repeated numerous times as I made yet another attempt at a rock step. I think I finally got the idea.

I am very grateful for the time and effort from the trainers and others that organised and assisted with this training course. They provided invaluable enhancement of my vehicle theoretical knowledge as well as handling skills. I would particularly like to thank my in-car trainer, Peter B, who managed (mostly) to hide any frustrations that he may have had.

I am pleased that I was able to attend the mid-week course with its extra half-day (compared to the weekend course) as I think the amount of information conveyed and the in-vehicle practice would be difficult to fit comfortably into two days.

Keith Thomas



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"Safe One" Midweek Course

Excitement, nervousness and fear is how I described my feelings as the day finally arrived to head to Bredbo, an hour earlier than we needed to be, to meet up with other students and of course, our instructors for the next three days.

After a meat pie and coffee, we aired down and headed off to what would be paradise.

Through the gate and up our first incline, bugger, stuck half way up with a camper trailer in tow, hmm, how do I get out of this predicament I ask myself, I know, I've seen what to do on my favourite YouTube show '4wd 24/7', oh, hang on a minute, they get themselves out of things after breaking stuff. Nup, not going down that path, let's just try a different approach, after a couple of attempts, and different lines of approach, I was able to get out of trouble and recommence the journey to our home base and wear the flak from my mate Troy, also a student.

After an afternoon and morning of informative lessons in the classroom, we hit the tracks and the words "push, pull" and "more momentum" start to resonate in my head, thanks Michael P. But, what a course, great instructors and the beautiful location we got to play in.

My confidence to 4wd and understanding the capability of my Patrol improved immensely and I can't wait to put it all into practice in the days, months and years to come, now to convince the missus. Thanks, folks, for a great three days.

Bart



Driver Training

"Safe One" Weekend Course

6th – 8th May 2022

Chief Instructor Peter Butterfield

Education Coordinator Bronwyn Squire

Student	Instructor	Trainee Instructor
Daniel Jackson	Lynne Donaldson	David Lundquist
Claire Fishpool	Michael Loberger	Rob Davidson
David Bell	Peter Butterfield/Matt W	
James Carpenter	Bronwyn Squire	Stuart Wallace
Sandy Greener	Michael Patrick	
Emma McDonald	Stuart Watts	
Bruce Ronning	Rob Donaldson	Ciril Karo
Steve Goleby	Bronwyn Squire/Rob P	
Kai-Lee Chan	Andy Squire	
Brendan Jones	Dim Veteri	Scott Grogan

The following are the comments and feelings of the students who participated in the Safe One Basic Driver Training Course.

I thought that the training was excellent, we'll organised and my trainer Stu gave me some great tips and advice. Overall, an awesome weekend.

James

"For people new to 4WDing the benefits of the club's basic training are obvious, so I'll comment from the perspective of someone who already considered themselves a reasonably competent 4WD'er, of which there were many present. Not only does basic training bring everyone into line with club practices and techniques, but every new member no matter what their previous experience can still gain valuable learnings from the program. Aside from that it's a great weekend forgetting to know everyone and for trying out some of the great tracks at the club's magnificent Talooge property."

Bruce R

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"Safe One" Weekend Course



ST4WDC & Driver Training have come a long way since I was last in the Club (1984 - 86). In those days it consisted of an experienced Club Member jumping in with you for the "Hard Parts" of the trip you were on. In my case, my first trip was McIntyre's Hut descending the original trail - straight down the mountainside. I must've terrified my Instructor because they left me alone for the climb out!

I'd never been to Talooge & the drive in on Friday night was "interesting" in the dark & heavy dust of Jerangle Road & then the Fire Trails in. Thank goodness for decent LED Driving Lights. As I hate setting up tents in the dark I slept across my Prado's back seat the first night, which was surprisingly doable. Saturday morning consisted of "death by PowerPoint", which did have some interesting points.

After lunch the whole afternoon was spent driving the various tracks, slopes & obstacles which was great fun & I did learn a few new things. I was extremely lucky in my Instructor, Rob & "back seater" Bronnie, though she did have a "thing" about my steering technique. The procedure was so much fun that by the time we got back to camp - via the "Back Door", which apparently I drove as a great example of how NOT to do it - & debriefed it was dark again. Oooookay, set up tent in the dark.

Saturday night around the campfire was very convivial & I may have mentioned a few

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times how much I'd missed being out bush.

I woke Sunday very early (the loo lights were still on at 5:30am) & feeling very "off". This may have been the previous night's drinks or maybe the food I'd made as my fridge



had decided that Saturday was the perfect time to NOT work anymore. Either way, I was pretty ill for most of Sunday but managed to get through the morning's driving ok, still with Rob but now with Pete in the back seat. Until.....I staked a brand-new tyre on a sharp rock. Many thanks to the "Pit Crew" who helped me change it but that finished me for the "hard stuff". Rob & Pete guided me on a tour of Talooge until we caught up with the other group doing the Snatch Strap demos & we paired up with Claire for mine. Again, I learnt a few new things.

After that, back to camp for a rest & pack up.

I can only applaud the setup & organisation that the Club has at Talooge. Five Stars from me & you could charge mega-bucks for that course. A big thank you to Instructors Rob, Bronnie & Pete.

Steve Goleby.

What an experience! Despite my weekend not going to plan due to car trouble, I had a great time. Talooge is beautiful (if cold), I can't wait to go back there with my family. The training is well structured, with excellent trainers who have been through a rigorous qualification process. I now have an idea how amazing, belonging to such a club is - the way I was looked after when things went pear shaped is testament to the club spirit. Thank you.

Regards, Emma

I had a wonderful time on their basic 4x4 driver training course.

The instructors were welcoming and informative, making Steve and I feel at home from

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the first night. There was even cake!

The tracks had a good mix of challenges to learn a variety of techniques.

Andy, my instructor, had to deal with an extra challenge of not just teaching me 4x4 techniques and concepts at the same time as teaching back seat driver protocols for Steve. He rose to the challenge and excelled with a sense of humour, calming patience and mannerisms; taking the time and effort to observe my instinctive course of action and suggest fine tuning and improvements and the extra time to explain the downsides of possible options.

He encouraged me to have more confidence in my lines and gave me pointers as they were relevant. I'm still amazed at how much difference taking the air out of the tyres can make and how much air you can take out and still drive.

Had a wonderful weekend; thank you to all involved, especially Bron for her patience with my technological challenge disorder.

Kai-Lee

This is the Diver Training I should have done years ago. I'm sure I would have been out and used the 4WD a lot more, had I had the skills and confidence gained from the course last weekend. All the instructing team were excellent and I'm thankful for the wisdom and guidance passed on from all involved. The track driving component demonstrated what a 4wd is capable of with the driving approach and vehicle control. I now have the confidence to take on tracks that previously would have been a white knuckled ride to the bottom (or top) of the track. Can't wait to return to the trails again!

PS: thanks to everyone who helped out with the dead battery on the first day and restart on the second. Its great to know that there is so much support available in time of need from people that you've only just met.

PPS: Sorry Clare for making you late to class whilst we were jump starting my vehicle.

Brendan



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What a weekend, the weather was very cold, particularly overnight, but mostly sunny. The trainers were outstanding and the trainees a great bunch, all ready and willing to give every situation put before them a solid go. Some creek crossing and climbs at first a little scary were soon being attached with gusto by all those that attended. I’m still conscientiously practicing push/pull in my everyday driving. A truly enjoyable weekend.

David B

My training weekend out at beautiful Talooge was one of the best weekends away for a long time! The Driver Training Unit (DTU) is ably led by Peter Butterfield and Bron and her team of well-trained trainers who made sure that our vehicles were adequately prepared for the course and that drivers received training sessions before the weekend and during the weekend to teach us the basics.

This ‘classroom’ training was interesting and very well delivered by Peter B and I absorbed as much as I could. Learning about snatch recoveries was very valuable and the instructors did a great job of explaining the process, dangers, safety protocols and showing us how to use our equipment as safely as possible. Despite feeling a little nervous about remembering everything and staying safe on the track, I did fine and loved every minute. Thank you to my fellow students and the trainers for the chats and the laughs, and a massive thank you to the DTU members who gave up their personal time to train us – you rock!!

Sandy



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Coming into the weekend I had extremely limited knowledge of 4WDing and even less experience. The 1998 Nissan Patrol I was driving is almost 3 times the size of my Mazda 3!

The driver weekend was thoroughly enjoyable, extremely informative and such a fun couple of days with excellent instruction, suitably challenging trails and wonderful company.

I never thought after 48 hours my ability and confidence would have developed so much.

Thanks to all of the instructors, but especially those in my vehicle, Pelican and Rob!

Can't wait for future off road adventures

Claire

The driver training weekend was one of the most enjoyable activities I have done for a very long time. The camaraderie of the group, old and new members alike was just fantastic, and really made the whole learning environment great. I was able to refresh some of my old skills, confirm some of my more recent research and just get in there and have a good go with my Isuzu MUX. The training was professional, high quality and appropriate for all the attendees regardless of their existing knowledge.

I made some new friends and can see myself enjoying the club for years to come.

Dan

Driver Training

Basic Winching and Recovery Course

7th May 2022

Instructors

Andy Squire

Michael Loberger

I had a great weekend and met some nice people. The basic winching course was very good and the trainers were very professional. With previous training courses I have done with club there is great emphasis placed on safety and the winching course safety was at the forefront of the course.

Steve Walsh

I had been waiting a long time to get onto the Basic Winching and Recovery Course, I have never used the current vehicle winch and equipment for a recovery so was keen to see how they went.

The instructors with their knowledge of the subject made it a comprehensive course, explaining clearly the different equipment, setups and safety aspects that needed to be observed.

This in turn made the very short practical part of the course go well with their close supervision and monitoring of our progress through the scenarios we were set.

A highlight for me was actually assisting after the course with a vehicle recovery so got to put what we had learnt into actual practice.

In all the course was very much worth doing and I strongly recommend it to anyone.

Peter Shaw

Thanks very much for running this course. I learnt a lot of fundamental theory both in terms of the winch itself and winching. There's a heap of physics stuff I'll now have to read up on in the Pepper book. I've also got some work on the winch to get done now after the inspection including a new fairlead and winch service for my ancient winch. Thanks to the two Michaels and Andy for running the course.

David S

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Basic Winching and Recovery Course

The Basic Winching and Recovery Course was great, it really helped me understand the capabilities of my winch, how to isolate it (I never knew what that “twisty thingy” on the power cable was for), and how to re-tension the rope. Additionally, knowing how much rope is pulled out, where halfway was, and how to better secure the hook were all great tips. Actually, getting to use the winch helped with appreciation on what it feels like to be in a winch recovery, and the overview on the different techniques, considerations and options when setting up the recovery were great. Who’d have thought you could secure a vehicle in a dangerous situation with just an extension strap? Being able to hold a three tonne vehicle in place and control its descent with just a few loops around a tree was very handy to learn! I was disappointed that the course was only half a day, which left us at a loose end for many hours, but it was great to get out to Talooge and enjoy a beverage and story around a campfire.

Rob

The basic winching and recovery course enabled me to revise what I had been taught previously with a couple of new things added.

It was good to watch the demo of holding a vehicle in place with a strap. I had a great time catching up with other members of the club.

Looking forward to the next course.

Shea

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Trips and Events

WE NEED YOU!! - New Trip Leaders

The backbone of any [Four-Wheel Drive Club](#) is the Trip Leaders (TL's) because if you have no Trip Leaders you have no trips and with no trips you have no Four-Wheel Drive Club. Some Facts:

- The Trip Leader workshop, Trip Leader manual and the Trip Leader checklist, are available tools to **assist** members who want to become Trip Leaders.
- Members think that they must do the workshop to become TL's, this **is not correct**. Any member can propose and lead a trip (however, the trip is subject to Committee approval).
- The Manual may appear lengthy and complicated, but it's not – it's just a tool.

The workshop, manual, and checklist are tools to assist TL's better manage a trip. The workshop is run by experienced TL's and covers the following:

- Role of the Trip Leader
- Expectations of trip participants
- Planning a trip
- Trip Proposal
- Running a trip
- Managing member expectations
- Incident management
- Trip reporting

We also have mentors available who can advise and assist new TL's in planning and running the trip. If any members are interested in running a trip please contact Michael Patrick.

Michael Patrick - Trips & Events Coordinator

Ph: 0412 377 941, E: trips@st4wdc.com.au



**WE NEED YOU FOR
AN ADVENTURE!!**

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
17-Jun-22	24-Jun-22	Birdsville to Dalhousie Springs	Trip	Grade 4	Bronwyn Squire
25-Jun-22	25-Jun-22	Trip Leader Workshop	Trip	Not Required	Michael Patrick
26-Jun-22	26-Jun-22	Brindabella Rambler	Trip	Grade 3	Victoria Jewett
26-Jun-22	26-Jun-22	Kids cotter run EOI	Trip	Grade 3	Darren Miller
10-Jul-22	10-Jul-22	Can you Survive!!	Trip	Grade 3	Glen Watts
10-Jul-22	26-Jul-22	EOI The Cape Adventure	Trip	Grade 3	Daniel Jackson
15-Jul-22	17-Jul-22	Talooge Muster	Trip	Not Required	Lynne Donaldson
30-Jul-22	31-Jul-22	Snow Camping Gungarlin River	Trip	Grade 4	Matthew Maddigan
06-Aug-22	07-Aug-22	Basic First Aid Training HLTAID003	Training	Not Required	Michael Patrick
13-Aug-22	14-Aug-22	Remote First Aid Training HLRAID005	Training	Not Required	Michael Patrick
17-Aug-22	17-Aug-22	Basic Driver Training 4WD Vehicle Evaluation	Training	Not Required	Bronwyn Squire
02-Sep-22	04-Sep-22	Intermediate Winching and Recovery Course	Training	Grade 3	Bronwyn Squire
02-Sep-22	04-Sep-22	Talooge Muster	Trip	Not Required	Lynne Donaldson
07-Sep-22	11-Sep-22	Safe One Basic Driver Training Course	Training	Not Required	Bronwyn Squire
14-Sep-22	14-Sep-22	Information Night Sand Driving and River Crossing Course	Training	Grade 3	Bronwyn Squire
18-Sep-22	18-Sep-22	Brindabella Ramble	Trip	Grade 3	Robert Stevenson
18-Sep-22	23-Sep-22	Fraser Island	Trip	Grade 4	Scott Grogan
24-Sep-22	25-Sep-22	Abercrombie River National Park	Trip	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
05-Oct-22	05-Oct-22	Basic Driver Training 4WD Vehicle Evaluation	Training	Not Required	Bronwyn Squire
08-Oct-22	09-Oct-22	Sand Driving and River Crossing Course	Training	Grade 3	Bronwyn Squire
15-Oct-22	16-Oct-22	Bendethera Bender	Trip	Grade 3	Bruce Ronning
21-Oct-22	23-Oct-22	Talooge Muster	Trip	Not Required	Lynne Donaldson

Trips and Events

Michael Patrick

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21-Oct-22	23-Oct-22	Basic Winching and Recovery Course	Trip	Grade 3	Bronwyn Squire
26-Oct-22	30-Oct-22	Safe One Basic Driver Training Course	Training	Not Required	Bronwyn Squire
06-Nov-22	06-Nov-22	Brindabella Ramble	Trip	Grade 3	Ethan Taylor
11-Nov-22	14-Nov-22	Bush Skills Weekend 2022	Trip	Grade 2	Matthew Maddigan
19-Nov-22	20-Nov-22	Off Road Camper Trailer Workshop	Training	Grade 3	Glen Watts
26-Nov-22	03-Dec-22	Vic High Country Ramble 2022	Trip	Grade 4	Michael Patrick

Trip Report - Cotter Night Drive

Hi Shakey, thanks for organising the night drive, it was a great bit of fun! My kids and I had a great time, there were a couple of squeals from the kids as we went off the first rough sections and again when we hit the first couple of bog holes.... It was great!

I think the most memorable moment was the final river crossing, where we came across a couple of vehicles where their drivers were unsure about the crossing and were trying to reverse back up the hill.

Anyway, the confidence and business like approach displayed by yourself and Ethan was great, and funnily enough it gave those folks the gumption to follow straight after....

Admittedly as number 2, I was a little slow to get moving as my smallest passenger needed an emergency pit stop as you departed. The kids and I had a blast and can't wait for another adventure.

As a new member, its really great to get a feel for the way the Club works and to meet the



Trip Report - Cotter Night Drive



great people that make the Club what it is. Thanks again for your efforts to prepare and lead the trips.

Kind Regards, Dan

Hey Shakey thanks again for the trip!

It's been a while since I've had the car out, with our little girl only 7 months it's been hard to find opportunities to sneak out.

Seeing this trip last minute and managing to get added on was just what was needed. I've not done a huge amount of night track driving, so figured this was a good opportunity.

Some great tracks, good ruts and some nice puddles and creek crossings. Always interesting when it goes dark as your headlights drop below the water in the puddle on entry! Another great trip organised by Shakey. Thanks again

David Hearne



A clear night for nine rigs to meet up and explore the Cotter for a couple of hours under lights. Great to see the Jeep brand well represented by 30% of the convoy! It's a Jeep thing! We headed out through Wright and headed off-

Trip Report - Cotter Night Drive

road shortly after the Cotter camp ground. The temp was t-shirt'able and the cars full of kids – which was great to see.

The Cotter is a great proving ground for different levels of driving. Some decent rutted runs to flex the springs, followed by a few bog holes to test some fortitude, a long climb up the ridgeline before a couple of solid-based river crossings to rinse of the dust. A great way to wind down, expand the lungs and take a deep breath after a long work week.

Great fun, awesome company and no better way to drive into the weekend.

Thank you as always Shakey for taking the time to organise and lead the convoy into the night – and back again!

Would strongly encourage all members to get out and explore our backyard on these and other similar trips. It's a great way to meet other members, get to know them and build comradery in the Club.

Brett



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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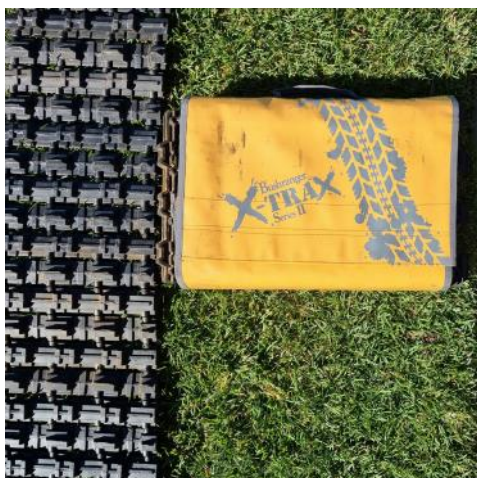
Iridium 9555 Satellite Phone **\$1,200**

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Contact Rob Davidson 0428 223 379 rob.davidson56@gmail.com

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Camel Trekker Plus Camp Trailer with 13ft Tent

The Trekker is an All-Road camp trailer.

The camp trailer includes a 13ft tent that easily accommodates two sets of bunk beds. For the parents there is a queen size bed with walk in step for ease of access. For privacy there is a detachable dividing wall. For cool summer camping or to keep the warmth in during winter there is a thermal roof. The tent has large windows for lots of natural light and cross ventilation.



The camp trailer also comes complete with an annex/gazebo with full zip on fly screens, zip on solid canvas walls and two floor choices, a nylon mesh or a solid PVC flooring.

The tent opens to the side, while the kitchen pulls out from the back of the trailer. The kitchen includes a 3 burner gas stove, small PVC bowl which drops into the stainless steel bench, hand pump for water, cutlery draw and storage.

The trailer includes full length Duragal chassis with extended 1800mm drawbar, electric brakes, handbrake, toolbox, pole carrier, stone guard, gas bottle holder, jerry can holder, 65 litre water tank, 12 volt on board power system, inbuilt gas kitchen, internal 12 volt led lights, drop down stabilisers and is fully dust sealed. The high tonneau cover accommodates the inner spring mattress and provides additional storage for soft items while travelling.



The tent is navy blue with beige roof.

Price: \$14,000 ONO

Contact Melissa on 0421 026 067

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Rhino Rack tradies rack with gutter mounts. Was on a GU Patrol.

Includes:

- rear roller,
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5 Mag Rim Highway tyres (continental)
6 Steel Rim 4WD Cooper Discovery ST

Bespoke steel tray, rubber tray mat.
Air conditioning & dual battery system.
Full length shelf under tray & ladder rack.
CODAN HF Radio mounted behind seat.
4 toolboxes under the tray.
Air bag assist suspension.
Tow bar 50 mm SQ, lock, pin and bolt.
Switched LED reverse / work light.

TRAYON extras:

Extra power points & 12-volt outlets.
Corner bolsters & 2 ARB LED lights.
Canvas skirt, fly & awning (not in picture).

High density foam double mattress.
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TRAYON Number 541.

Contact: David Campbell • 0431 574 303 • dcam77@netspeed.com.au

One owner since new. Cost over \$125,000 to assemble. Low Km (under 125,000Km). NSW rego to 12/4/22.

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New!!



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