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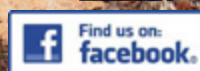
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The Werribee District 4WD Club is a family-oriented club that started back in 1985 to provide members from all walks of life the opportunity to share their passion for four-wheel driving.

The club caters for all levels of experience, from the complete novice, through to the seasoned tourers and hard-core off roaders. The club has a diverse range of members ranging from singles to retired couples. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at the Masonic Hall, 223 Watton Street (Cnr Greaves Street) Werribee. Doors open at 7:30pm for an 8:00pm start. Visitors and new members are welcomed.

Due to Covid restrictions, all meetings are currently being held via Zoom – link available to members on the members page. Visitors need to contact the Visitor Liaison to obtain the zoom link.

Membership Fees:

Annual Fees can now be paid Via our new website werribee4wdclub.com.au or into the club's bank account.

Account Details: BSB: 063 541 Acc: 102 187 62
Please email the Treasurer if You have paid via EFT.

Postal Address:

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P.O. Box 449, Werribee Victoria 3030.

Magazine submissions must be emailed to editor@werribee4wdclub.com.au no later than the 15th of the month for them to be included in the Magazine.

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President's Report

Welcome to another instalment of the Presidents report.

What a great first zoom meeting we had this month, even if the president did waffle on a bit!

No, truly it is great to see so many people being part of our meetings especially being that they are being held online at the moment. A big thank you to Marc our social secretary for organising some great door prizes to keep us keen and attentive all the way to the end.

If you are anything like me then you are chafing at the bit to get out and explore again, whether that's hooking up the caravan, heading out for a day trip, hitting the high country for a couple of days or just getting out of your local postcode for a pub lunch! It looks like (by the time you read this) we will be well on the way to being able to do this if it hasn't already happened. I personally have the high country at the top of my list of places that I need to visit as well as wanting to visit Walhalla and surrounds and heading further east out towards Mallacoota.

What are the places that you love? Or the places that you want to explore? It would be great if you wanted to put your hand up and offer to lead a trip or hold an event to some of the areas that you know well. If you aren't confident in leading a group, then there are plenty of people available to help run/lead. Alternately if you are interested in exploring an area then please let us know either via a message, a forum post on our new website or post up on the Facebook members group, start the discussion and I'm sure you'll soon have people keen to join you wherever you want to explore.

That being said we will be working hard to ensure we have a steady flow of events and trips being locked into our calendar and I hope to have everything from social BBQ lunches to night drives to weekend trips and even some touring options happening before the end of the year. Not to mention the Christmas catch up!

Now is definitely the time to ensure your vehicle is in top shape and ready to take you and your family on your next adventure. If it's almost due for a service then get it done, if your battery is just about toast then replace it, unwind your winch rope and rewind it under load to ensure everything is in working order, restock the spare toilet paper stashed in near the jack. It pays to go through all of your gear as well to ensure that it doesn't fail after, in a lot of cases, it hasn't been used in a fair while. I couldn't think of anything worse than getting to camp and setting up only to find that I was missing parts of my kit, or the pegs are in the garage not the tent bag that you were sure they were in?! Be prepared so that you can take advantage of the improving weather and the easing of restrictions.

I look forward to seeing you all face to face out on the tracks, round a campfire or at a meeting again soon. If you have any suggestions, comments, feedback, or ideas then please don't hesitate to get in touch.



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The full Financial Report has been emailed to all correct Club Members

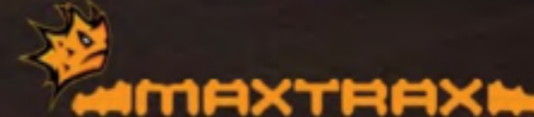
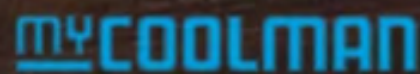
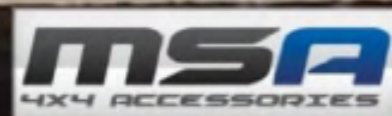
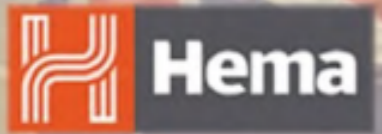
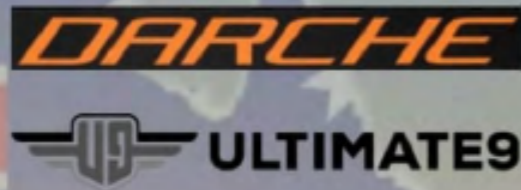
- We currently have 83 financial members. This includes 4 new Members and 10 Members who have rejoined. 4WD Vic fees for these members will be forwarded directly
- Everybody who paid a deposit for the 35+1 year Anniversary Function has had their refund direct debited to their Bank Account. Can't wait to have another crack at this event when Covid Restrictions ease. Let's hope it's before we have to rename it 35+2 years anniversary!!
- McGrath Foundation has received the fundraising money we raised
- [Our Sunburnt Country](#) have come on board as a Club Advertiser.
- [Hamr Coatings](#) have come on board as a Club Advertiser.
- [All You Need towing](#) have come on board as a Club Advertiser.
- [King of Kings Butchery](#) have come on board as a Club Advertiser.
- It would be great if everyone could log into Wild Apricot (our new Club Data Base) and fill in all their contact details. It makes it so much easier to get in touch with you if we have your details.
- If you haven't received your name badge yet, send me an email with the name you would like printed on it. Member, partner and Children are eligible for a name badge.
- We are still looking into switching financial institutions, due to ongoing issues with the Commonwealth bank. Our dual signature set up worked well when we were writing cheques, but it's a very cumbersome system they have for getting two people to approve a payment when it's done on line. Bendigo bank appears to be the Front Runner at this point.



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Welcome our Newest Club Members

Misraklı Family



My name is Sezer and i have been driving my Mitsubishi Triton 2008 3.2 auto 4WD for around 3 years now.

My partner Jackie drives a 2020 Toyota fortuner that is still stock due to the lockdown and lack of products with it being a new car. We have big plans for the fortuner seeing she thinks the Triton is just too loud.

We both work in the disability sector and part of what I do is taking people out experiencing new adventures, so I'm always out and around.

So far we have managed to explore a variety of places, from the high country all the way to Kangaroo Island. We would love to be out more however the lockdowns have limited what we can do.

I am a spearfisherman when I have time to hit the water and love being in the outdoors. We both love sand driving and have driven from Carpenter rocks to robe a few times now. We can't wait to get back there but our dream destination is Fraser Island and Cape York and our almost 12 year old boy is keen to explore more of QLD.

Daniel and Melanie Vandendolder



Daniel and Melanie Vandendolder residing in rockbank we drive a 2003 nissan navara D22

When my car grows up it wants to be a patrol lol
 We enjoy camping , fishing n getting out n about with friends .
 Looking forward to getting out with the clubbys n doing some trips as part of your awesome 4x4 club



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General Meeting Minutes

7th October 2021 –via ZOOM

Meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

The President, Rowan BURTON welcomed all members including new members and visitors. Please refer to attached list for attendance.

Minutes from previous meeting were acknowledged as correct by Joe GROSZ and seconded by Michael BYERS.

Visitor Liaison –Nicole Goulemas

- One guest is present – Sezer MISRAKLI.
- New members since last month include Shane KELLY, Jamie and Nicole CAMERON and Daniel VANDENDOLDER

Presidents Report – Rowan BURTON

- Lots discussed in Committee meeting. Working thru a lot. Amazing magazine. Club Trailer – underutilized. Tyres not roadworthy, will present more info next meeting. Reviewing Bylaws.

Vice President Report – Michael BYERS

- Magazine has been sent to sponsors and advertisers.
- Trip to Portland (as part of Eureka 4wd Club) via the Portland Dune Buggy Club. \$50/4 days. Over the Melbourne Cup long weekend. Depending on Covid lockdown rules.

Secretary Report – Susan Byers

Correspondence IN

- Letter from Commonwealth Bank re: EFTPOS terminal – Have spoken to bank about cancelling service. Yet to be resolved. Commonwealth Bank Statement from 01 Jun to 31 Aug. Telstra Bill
- Organised VicGov QR Code (for when we are allowed Face to Face meetings)
- Requested the Certificate of Incorporation from CAV

Correspondence OUT

- Lodged Annual statement with Consumer Affairs Victoria for years ending 2019, 2020, and 2021.
- Updated Consumers Affairs Victoria with Change of Secretary
- Updated 4WDVic with updated Committee members

Treasurers Report – Daryl EVANS

- See Separate report for Financial breakdown
- Incoming –new memberships
- Outgoing –Refunds for Mid-Year Function
- Sent email to previous members regarding re-joining
- Facebook members page to be reviewed within next couple of weeks

Trip Co-ordinator – Aaron SWEET

- High Country Trip
- 4WD Melb Show – unsure if still going ahead
- Easter 2022– Eldee Station
- Yet to build some templates to assist posting to Website
- March 27 2022 – Clean up the Bush – Narina State Forest

DTU Co-Ordinators Report – Fred SCHENCK

- Restrictions lifted will dictate training needs and schedule. Might be able to run through theory on Zoom.
- Richard TRUTER moving to Gippsland (currently one of the instructors)
- Trying to source other course materials.

Editor – Anthony GOULEMAS

- A lot of effort has gone into 1st magazine. Currently setting up templates to make it easier.
- Working with local supplier re: Car Banner Stickers. These will become available thru Merchandise Officer.
- Good Participation on Cover Competition. Next month's Competition – submit one of your most memorable moments on a past trip. The winner will also be requested to do a post/report as well.

Digital Media Officer – Chris BUTTERWORTH

- More members are logging on to the website.
- Can everyone logon and update details.
- Social media guidelines – are on Facebook – please leave comments or contact me directly.

FWDVic Rep – Joe Grosz

- Trackwatch Magazine has been sent.
- Regional Rep meeting –Park Vic and DWELP. –Talked about Wombat – currently closed due to severe Storm damage.

Merchandise Officer –Alysha BYERS

- Completed past orders. Lots of merchandise available. Order Forms are in the Magazine, or contact me directly.

Social secretary –Marc SEOW

- Previous winners –still yet to be collected from Dirt Road 4x4.
- Name Badges are also at Dirt Road 4x4.
- Still looking at Christmas Options – dependent on Covid restrictions

General Business

- RACV Total Care – renewal – Change of wording of policy – Please check
- Those who own rear fold campers/boat loaders. Change in policy. OK every state except SA
- New feature in Magazine – small Bio to welcome new members and Picture.
- Suggestion made – a little Bio of a couple of existing members (especially long time members)
- Cut-off date for mag –is 15th of the month
- Suggestion made – Birthday page (Month only) If you wish to be included –please contact Nicole & Anthony
- Reminder to support businesses who support the club.
- Raffle prizes –
- Prize 1 – MSA 6 Anodised travel Cups – Conrad DE SOUZA
- Prize 2 – Tie Down Straps x2 pack – Stuart WEBSTER
- Prize 3 – Clearview Cutlery Set – Ashley KEEP
- NEXT meeting will be on Thursday 4th November

Meeting Closed at 8:51 pm



Werribee District 4WD Club

Attendees included:

Dean DANNOCK
 Hus YIAHAYIA and Fik YIAHAYIA
 Ayme and Aaron SWEET
 Joe GROSZ
 Anthony YOUNGHUSBAND
 Ashley KEEP
 Libby LOWDELL and Steve LOWDELL
 Renee MELIA
 Marc SEOW
 Mat PADBURY
 Daryl EVANS
 Renae ANDERSON
 Matthew THORPE
 Marcel GOMPERTS and Princess
 Rachel WEBSTER
 Rob LAMBROU
 Michelle PENPRAZE
 Gavin JEWEL
 Phillip NASS

Michael BYERS, Susan BYERS and Alysha BYERS
 Trevor RYAN
 Anthony and Nicole GOULEMAS
 Fred Schenck and April
 Stewart WEBSTER
 Rowan BURTON
 Tracie ROSE
 Brad CARLYON and Rachel CARLYON
 Ryan POPINSKI
 Chris BUTTERWORTH
 Sarah OSBORNE and Darren
 Brett LOCKWOOD
 Steven OWEN
 Michael EDWARDS
 Sezer MISRAKLI
 Shane REEVE
 Phil MENZIES
 Daniel VANDENDORER
 Conrad DE SOUZA

Apologies: Joel BRISTOW

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Alan Kendall



In 1985 Alan Kendall wanted to share his love of Four Wheel Driving with other likeminded people in the Werribee area. An advert was placed in the Werribee Banner and the Werribee & District 4WD Club was born. 36 years later we have an amazing club full of life long friendships thanks to Alan.

Alan also spent 47 years in the Werribee CFA, holding virtually every position, was founding member of the Werribee Caravanning Club, Werribee TowBars and many more associations.

The Werribee & District 4WD Club Commemorates Alan Kendall, Annually awarding the Alan Kendall Memorial Trophy to the Club Member who contributes most, and best represents the core values of our club Family, Fun, Friendship.

Vale Alan Kendall.



Alan Kendall Memorial Trophy Recipients

- 2015 Vale Alan Kendall
- 2016 Trevor Ryan
- 2017 Michelle Penpraze
- 2018 Stuart Webster
- 2019 Gemma Laracy
- 2020 Covid 19 - Committee members



Past Presidents

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|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1985 Alan Kendall | 1996 Rob Elliott | 2007 Andrew Dixon | 2018 Peter Vercoe |
| 1986 Alan Kendall | 1997 Andrew Dixon | 2008 Leigh Taylor (L) | 2019 Peter Vercoe |
| 1987 Richard Davies | 1998 Andrew Dixon | 2009 Jo Caruana | 2020 Peter Vercoe/
Stuart Webster. |
| 1988 Steve Lynch | 1999 Dallas Roberts | 2010 Jo Caruana | 2021 Rowan Burton |
| 1989 Steve Lynch | 2000 Joe Cassar | 2011 Paul Cassar (L) | |
| 1990 Chris Knol | 2001 Ross Allport | 2012 Trevor Ryan | |
| 1991 Steven Mitchell | 2002 Ross Allport | 2013 Leigh Taylor (L) | |
| 1992 Brian Wilker | 2003 Ross Allport | 2014 Joel Bristow | |
| 1993 Russel Edwards | 2004 Paul Crowe | 2015 Peter Vercoe | |
| 1994 Russel Edwards | 2005 Jim Bramich | 2016 Trevor Ryan | |
| 1995 Wayne Lock | 2006 Stefan Gabas | 2017 Trevor Ryan/
Joel Bristow | |

Life Members

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| Len Mallia | Daryl Evans |
| Carmen Mallia | Ellen Whitwam |
| Paul Cassar | Mick O'Grady |
| Jenny Cassar | Leigh O'Grady |
| Leigh Taylor | |

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Alan Kendall Memorial Trophy - Voting 2021

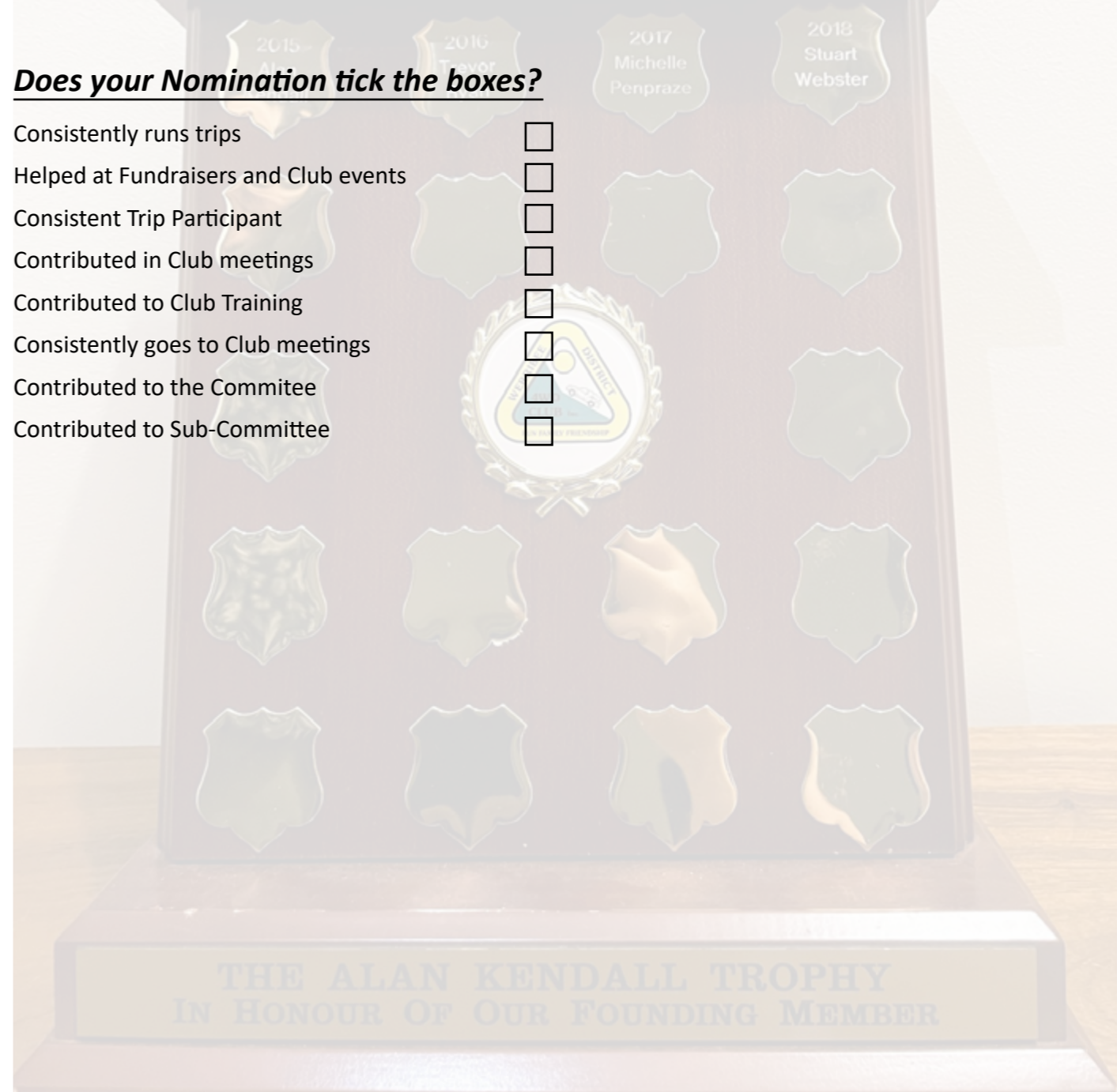
It's almost that time of year again, Christmas is just around the corner and that means it's time to nominate so we can vote for this year's Alan Kendall memorial Trophy recipient.

You can nominate any current Club Member who you feel has Contributed most, and best represented the core values of our club this past year - Family, Fun, Friendship.

A Nomination form will be emailed to you at the conclusion of the November Club meeting. Nominations must be submitted to the Club Secretary prior to our December Club meeting, the vote will be held during the December Club meeting.

Does your Nomination tick the boxes?

- Consistently runs trips
- Helped at Fundraisers and Club events
- Consistent Trip Participant
- Contributed in Club meetings
- Contributed to Club Training
- Consistently goes to Club meetings
- Contributed to the Committee
- Contributed to Sub-Committee





Cover Story - Christmas at Blackwood

My best memory of the club was our 1st trip with the club to the christmas party in Blackwood 2018.

We headed up Friday after work, set up our campsite and headed to the local pub for dinner where we met the committee who were also having dinner.

After dinner we headed back and awkwardly joined the conversation around the campfire. We didn't really know anyone so felt a little awkward. That soon went out the window as everyone was so welcoming.



The next morning after breakfast Peter Vercoe ran a trip through the forest and we were quick to jump in after asking if our car was ok. It was still stock height with stock tyres on it. All was good and we set off. We had a ball. We were the only ones to get stuck that day being the only stock car on the trip. We got hung up on a large tree root. A quick winch got us going again. Everyone was so quick to help and show us the ways of a recovery and take pictures of us. This is one of the pictures on the cover. It always happens after someone says just one more track.

After the day was done we headed back to camp where Gemma had a lamb on a spit and some chicken going too. We sat around the fire getting to know everyone and joined in a few games.



The kids were all playing games together too. Santa even stopped by to deliver some presents to the kids.

A short time later it was time for dinner and what a spread the club had. Each family bought a plate and the club put the spit on. A perfect dinner and desert to follow. After the kids went to bed we sat up chatting with a few drinks until everyone else headed off to bed.

Sunday morning we had a feathered guest stop in for breakfast and let the kids play some more before we packed up camp. Then it was time to head home.

We had a great weekend and it was then that we knew we joined the right club. We have not looked back since and love getting out with everyone every chance we get.





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Description	Unit Price	Qty	Size	Colour	Personalisation (\$5)	Line Total
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Rain Jacket - Black	\$30					
Waterproof Jacket - Black/Grey	\$85					
Puffer Jacket - Black	\$55					
Tees and shirts						
Short Sleeve Shirt - Khaki/black	\$50					
Long Sleeve Shirt - Khaki/black	\$55					
Polo T-Shirt	\$35					
Tank Top	\$30					
Jackets and Jumpers						
Long Sleeve Wool zip jacket Blue/Black	\$60					
Long Sleeve Polar Fleece - Blue/Black	\$45					
Polar Fleece Vest - Blue/Black	\$55					
Womens Wear (Jackets)						
Long Sleeve Polar Fleece - Blue/Black	\$45					
Accessories						
Stubbie Holder	\$6					
Beanie - No Puff - Grey/blue/black/green	\$18					
Beanie - Puff - Grey/Black	\$18					
Scarf - Black/Blue	\$20					
Cap	\$15					
					Total \$	
					Payment Method	

Size Guide

Men's standard sizing - Tees and shirts (cm)

ADULTS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
COLLAR	38	40	41.5	43	45	47	49	51
CHEST	58	60	62.5	65	68.5	71.5	74.5	77.5
CB LENGTH	78	80	82	83	84	85	86	87

Men's standard sizing - jumpers and jackets

ADULTS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
CHEST	57.5	60	62.5	65	67.5	70	72.5	75
SP LENGTH	72	74	76	78	80	81	82	83

Ladies Standard sizing - Jumpers and jackets

LADIES	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
BUST	49	51.5	54	56.5	59	61.5	64	66.5	69
SP LENGTH	61.5	63.5	65.5	67.5	69.5	71.5	73.5	75.5	77.5



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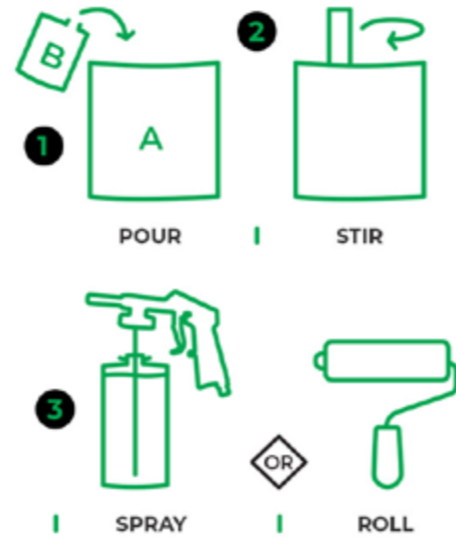
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Cover Story - One stuck Patrol

Well, it should have been a simple snatch recovery. Joel Bristow got his Ford Ranger stuck in a reasonable bog hole. Russel Hedly positioned his Patrol for a snatch recovery. That's when everything went pear-shaped.

The Cover photo shows Russel stuck after the attempted recovery - his Patrol dragged across during the snatch and hooked up between the Left rear wheel and bumper against the tree. A simple recovery now turned into a complicated recovery for the Patrol with Joel's Ranger still stuck in the bog hole.





Trip Report - Escape to Warburton

The day started at Harvey Norman Car park in Hoppers Crossing. The Trip was led by Michael Byers with Rob Lambrou & Family, Brad Carlyon and Family, Daniel Vandendolder, Myself, Nicole and our 2 boys.

We left on Time at 8:30am with me in the lead out to Warburton.



After a quick pitstop in Warburton along the river Michael led us up into the hills. We turned off onto Edwardstown Rd where we stopped to air down - anticipating some wet and sloppy tracks.

It wasn't our day unfortunately. We travelled along Edwardstown Rd to cemetery track to find the gates still shut (seasonal closure). We travelled back to Old Warburton Rd, with each track we encountered being closed.

Rob had some trouble with his car, it started making an odd noise front the Left front hub and the fan belt was squeeling.

A bit heartbroken, we decided to head off to Big Pats Creek Rd and stopped at Starlings Gap Campground for lunch. It was a beautiful drive through the windy dirt roads through the forest, and despite the tracks all being closed it was great to just get out into the bush and explore a place we had never been before.



After lunch we headed to Mt Donna Buang, hoping to cut across to healesville from there, but the snow season road closure was still in place. We headed to the Summit of Mt Donna Buang through some very thick fog, which blocked out the views. After a quick pitstop we travelled back down the mountain, back to Launching place and headed to Healesville.

We stopped in at Badgers Weir picnic area near Healesville, which is a beautiful spot nestled along Coranderrk Crk. The creek is shallow and rocky, with a bridge across that leads to the Weir (a few km walk each way) , we didn't take the walk to the weir as it was now getting late in the afternoon and the kids were all starting to get restless. From there we all head home through Warrandyte, Eltham and onto the Ring road at the Greensborough bypass.

It was a welcome escape from lockdown, the weather was absolutley perfect and we all had a great time. The area around Warburton is definitely worth a look when the seasonal closures lift and we can access the tracks. Similar to the Otways, the forest is full of very tall trees that keep the moisture in - I dont doubt you could find mud there in the middle of summer!

Trip report by Anthony Goulemas.





Trip Reports - From the Archives

FARINA, FLINDERS & SILVERTON

SATURDAY 30TH JUNE TO SUNDAY 8TH JULY 2018

NIGHT 1 – RENMARK ALONG THE MURRAY RIVER

- Free camp ground right alongside the Murray River, Renmark SA
 - Very clean, well lit at night, flushing toilets
- Lots of open spots to choose, suitable for tent, camper and caravans
 - No drinking water or showers available
- Campfires allowed, bring your own wood, surrounding forrest has been stripped, only kindling available
- VERY cold at night, got to -2.7degrees, but well sheltered
- Overall in our opinion, 9 out of 10. Easy access, great camp spots, excellent toilet facilities and great views of the river, a very short drive to town, highly recommend.



Trip Leaders – Jason & Michelle Penpraze, (incl Chelsea) Patrol

Convoy – Sammy Carbone & Jodie Sobotnicki Amarak

Convoy – Greg & Angie Keighery MUX

Tail end Charlie – Daryl Evans & Ellen Whitwarm Everest

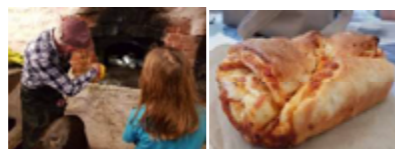


We left bright and early, keen and eager for the huge adventure ahead of us, meeting at Manor Lakes McDonald's at 6.30am. With solid driving, stopping at Red Hill's "Big Lizzie" for lunch, and a couple of toilet stops along the way, we rolled into camp at a very respectable 3pm ish. This gave us plenty of time to set up camp, get a little fire going, rest and relax before heading to the pub for dinner. The Renmark hotel was absolutely brilliant, we booked when we got into camp, and just as well, as it's a huge venue, but it was booked out by the time dinner rolled around. The service was impeccable and although some meals were hit and miss, the salad bar was fantastic, the atmosphere & surrounds were beautiful, and as mentioned, the service was fantastic! Full and happy, we headed back to camp to chat around the fire before heading to bed.

A quick detour and stop on the way to Farina at a gorgeous old station that is now in ruins, Kanyaka Station, really worth a look! (Thanks Trevor for the recommendation!)



Spending overnight at Farina meant we could take a whole day to explore this gorgeous old ruined town. Volunteers have done so much incredible work in just a year since we were here, restoring the old town and buildings. The underground bakery did not disappoint, spending a small fortune on all their baked goods! (Of course we were just trying to help out the town, as all profits go to restoring the town!)



NIGHTS 2 & 3 – FARINA

- Camp is on the honour system, \$5 per person per night (Leave in box at gate entrance to camp)
- Campfires permitted, Fire pits provided all through camp. BYO fire wood. Can purchase sleepers from Homestead after 4pm for \$5 each, or drive down the Outback highway for about 2 km and you can source some wood along the dry creek beds, like we did
- Flushing toilets available, usually paper, but advisable to bring some so you don't get caught out
- Hot showers available, but you must stoke and light (if it's not already), the hot water unit at the side of the shower block to ensure your water is hot!
- From July to August (check dates before travelling), the underground bakery at the town ruins is open from 8am



NIGHTS 4 & 5 – Wilpena Pound Flinders Ranges

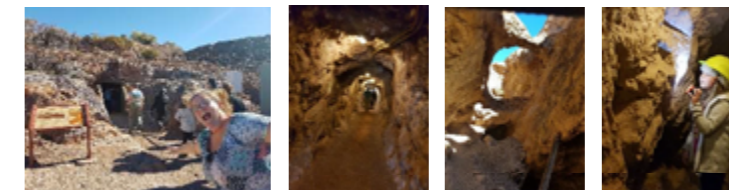
- Cost is \$25 for 2 Adults per non powered site, per night, \$10 per child
 - Hot showers & flushing toilets available
 - Laundry facilities available
 - Small shop with supplies on site
 - Restaurant on site (expensive)
- Would suggest BYO wood, you can purchase wood but we went in a busy period (school holidays in winter) & they sold out of wood on our 1st night!
- Petrol station available with both diesel & fuel, reasonably priced for the area (cheaper than Leigh Creek!)
 - Credit card payments accepted
 - Let downs;
 - NO handsoap in the bathrooms for the 2 days we were there!
 - NO hand towel in the bathrooms for the 2 days we were there!
 - Showers were dirty with no ability to clean them
 - NO organization over camp sites, people camped where ever they wanted, even in spots they were told not to & no policing of campers

Wilpena Pound was our basecamp site whilst we explored Flinders Ranges. To be honest, if we're to ever go to Flinders Ranges again, we'd just as soon stay in one of the many free camp grounds dotted all throughout the Flinders Ranges. (Some camp grounds you had to book online, but there were quite a few that did not require booking or payment.) These camp grounds were all nestled right in amongst the incredible cliff formations & scrub. They all had good clean toilets and bins provided. The only thing that wasn't provided were showers and water, which is personally no issue for us.

EXPORING FLINDERS RANGES

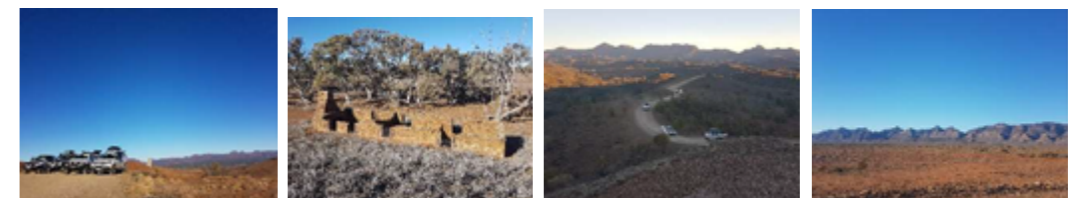
PLEASE NOTE- You MUST obtain a permit to drive through and around Flinders Ranges. You can either purchase one from Wilpena Pound, or online before you go. We got a Holiday parks pass for Ikara – Flinders Ranges National Park. It lasts 2 months and it cost \$40 per vehicle.

During our stay over 2 nights, we covered the majority of the Ikara – Flinders Ranges park. It was hard to fathom the rocks that we were looking at were 650 million years old, and the Blinman Copper mine we took a tour through, was through rock that was 800 million years old!!



The tours are booked in the town of Blinman, and run approx. every hour during the days, running from 10am to 3pm. Cost Adults \$27.50, kids under 12 \$11. Family, 2 Adults 2 Children \$65. The tour runs for approx. 45 minutes & you can take the external interactive self guided tour around the outside once you're done. I'd highly recommend this tour, the guides were extremely helpful, friendly and it was a very informative and interesting tour.

Meandering through all the different gorges was fascinating, each being quite different from the other, even though they were all in the same area. Surprises popped up along the way, everywhere you looked. We saw the sacred Rock, The great wall of China, various incredible lookouts. Appealina Ruins (fascinating and very sad story to see here. Incredible ruins, take an hour to walk through & see & read everything here), & an old farm that's been converted to an interactive tourist attraction. Keep the camera snapping and be prepared to take your time & just stop where signs point, it truly is a gorgeous place with a lot of history.





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NIGHTS 6 & 7 – Penrose Park Silvertown

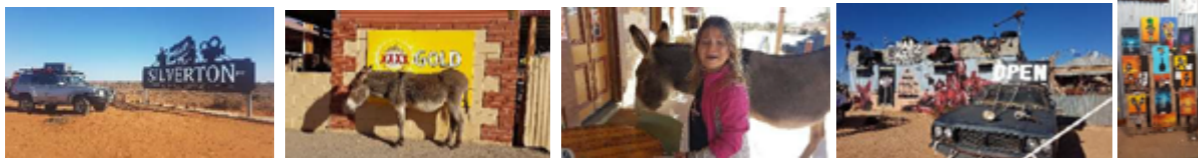
- Campgrounds are enormous with 80 acres to find a spot to camp!
 - Hot Showers & flushing toilets
 - Laundry facilities
- Brilliant petting zoo with various friendly creatures waiting for you to say hello
- Campfires permitted (you can scrounge for wood in the park or go for a short drive to collect some wood just out of town off the road)
- Fees are confusing, it's supposed to be \$20 per campsite for 2 adults, & \$5 per child per night. We were charged for 2 adults & 1 child, \$25 for 2 nights stay, but Angie & Greg were charged \$20 for 1 nights stay.....So not too sure on this one! Hahaha.
 - Cash only for camp fees



Penrose Park Silvertown was our base camp whilst we explored Silvertown. For a small town, Silvertown has so much and it really deserves a full day to be able to appreciate all that Silvertown has to offer. Steeped in so much history and dotted on just about every corner, are very quirky and unique gallery's, each different to the other & each worth a browse through. A couple request a gold coin donation for entry. Silvertown is the home to the Mad Max museum, I think the entry fee was about \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Everything Mad Max can be seen in here, (It even inspired us to have a Mad Max Marathon when we returned home), however, it's really something you only need to see the once. (Well it is for us anyway).

Now something we spent hours at & you could get lost in the history if you let it, was the museum at the Old Silvertown Gaol. It was a mecca of so many fascinating artefacts & wonderful to take the time to browse through & absorb as much as possible. There is so much in here, whenever I entered a room, I saw something different from moments before when I'd been in the same room! Entry fee was simply a gold going donation, really worth a look. The old Silvertown cemetery is also worth some time spent here, we'd spent ages there last time we were in Silvertown, so didn't go there this visit, but if you haven't seen it, really one to see. The great old train station is fun to explore too.

Last but not least, you cannot come to Silvertown & not spend some time at the Silvertown Pub! If it's not for a cool drink on a dusty hot day, or a delicious pub meal, then it should be for a chance to see the town donkeys who frequent the pub quite regularly, knocking on the door to get their water trough replenished or soaking up the massive attention they draw from tourists and passers by. They wander the town, come & go as they please, but never wander far. A real buzz to give them a pat & take a pic!



Before you leave Silvertown, if you're going to be spending a sunset here, do yourself a favour and drag yourself down the road 5 minutes, to the Mundi Mundi plains lookout. You can't miss it, follow the signs, you'll see all the other sunset watchers ready & poised to watch the sun setting over the Mundi Mundi plains.....magical!



NIGHT 8 – Lake Lascelles, Hopetoun

- Free camp section around the lake, follow the signs
- Flushing toilets (BYO toilet paper as it's unreliable)
- Check for Hot water before jumping in the shower in the free camp showers. They're often out of gas. Fear not if they are, walk or short drive around the to the paid camp area shower block, for a gold coin donation you can have a hot shower here
 - Campfires allowed. Plenty of firewood from the park behind the toilet block
 - Gorgeous views of the lake that you can camp right on the waters edge
 - BBQ & covered tables available

This camp site was one we'd spent many a night before. It was really just a lovely spot to break up an otherwise very long stretch of drive home from Silvertown. A great opportunity to sit around a roaring camp fire, de briefing with the group over a fabulous last week of adventures we'd all had together. (Minus Angie & Greg who had to leave us the night before)



Thank you to all the travellers that came along on this journey of exploration, helping to make what was a brilliant trip & has become another bucket item ticked off our large list!

QUICK FACT FILE:

- Total Km's travelled over 8 nights, 9 days was approx. 2,984km
- We consumed in our 3 Litre Common Rail Patrol 564.3Litres
- Cost of fuel purchase over the period was \$877.23
- Interesting fact, when we dropped our speed from 110km to 95-100km per hour, we GAINED an extra 40km per ¼ of a tank of fuel. That's quite a bit of saving off an entire tank on a trip like this, when the difference in time to reduce the speed is mere minutes in the scheme of things

Written by Shal - Patrol



Trip Reports - From the Archives

High Country Adventure - Sunday

Trip leader Michelle Penpraze



Trip Report - Trev

Enjoying today - Michelle, Jason & Chelsea, Daryl & Ellen, Adam, Dee, Jacks & Nate with Richard doing Tail end Charlie,,, visiting Phil, Adrian, Matty and friend.

What a sensational weekend in many ways the weather was great and the group had a great dynamic with lots of laughs.

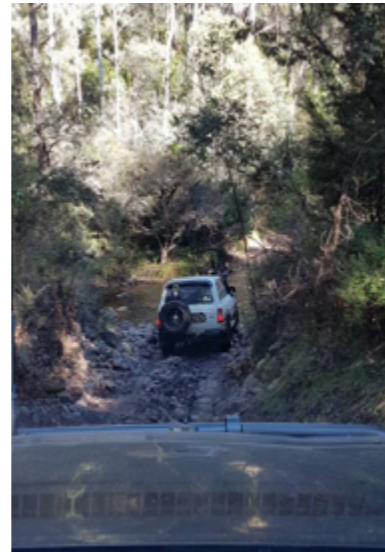
It was a little later start than the day before with Easter Bunny arriving early to leave his little chocolate eggs everywhere, Chelsea, Jacks and Nate running around the whole camp finding their Easter egg surprises. Hus decided to leave early (HUGE FINE) as he committed to doing the Sunday trip report and then deciding to leave.. Thus why I'm doing the Sunday report.

We headed off on some tracks towards Mt Cobbler or Indian head, tracks I have never done before so I was keen to explore this area as I have looked over from Craig's hut many times before. Michelle's continual commentary on the area was well researched and informative the track up to Mt Cobbler affectionately known as the steps was well described as we waddled up this rocky track towards Mt Cobbler.

A quick travel buddy load up and left turn and off to Cobbler Lake/Hut where we all walked around looking at the hut and take some pics of this very tranquil lake. A few minutes later we hear the rumble of two V8 GU's coming in with Phil, Adrian and Matty accidently finding us. They joined us for the return run to camp for our lunch; they headed up to Craig's for lunch.

After lunch we decided to make our way to Mount Buller via Circuit and Cornhill tracks to visit this scenic mountain. Some of the group did the walk up to the summit with Daryl going live from the summit and I watch from my warm car on Facebook from the car park.☺ We had a short visit to the village and toilet stop with a search for coffee ,, somewhere there must be coffee, we drove back up and had a break in the Victorian Bike club, the kids played and the adults did their Facebook catch ups and laughed at some of our pictures.

After our coffees, hot chocolates and other beverages we headed back to camp with a stop up Monument track for fire wood.

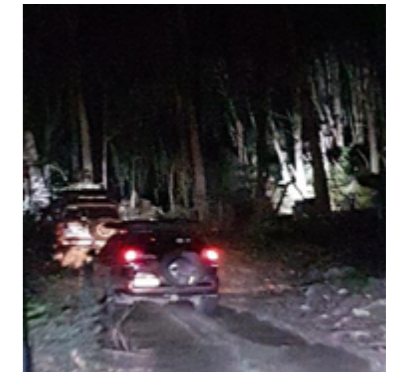
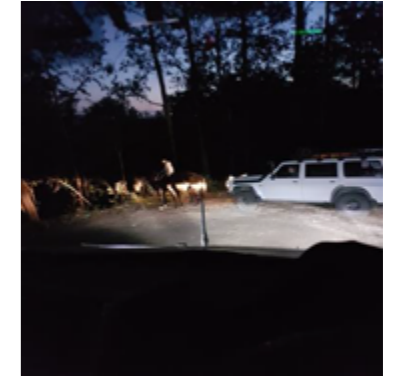


High Country Adventure - Sunday continued

We found a great place with plenty of wood and a place to turn the cars around, Jason and I fired up the chain saws with everyone pitching in to load the cars,, a girl came past with a couple of horses, she was accommodating allowing the kids to have a pat.

We all headed back to camp all loaded with fire wood for a night by the fire, dinner and laughs.

I would like to thank Michelle for a well-planned and researched trip, it was fantastic to go to places I have never been with challenges, rocky tracks, water crossings many huts and lots of laughs... thanks everyone for a great weekend ☺





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- 1kg Pork Chops

Free Eggs

\$114

Pack 2

- 2kg Roast
(Beef, Lamb or Pork)
- 1kg Chump Chops
- 6 Chicken Schnitzel
- 1kg Rump steak
- 1kg Maryland
- 1kg Diced Beef
- 1kg Chicken Breast
- 1 Meat Loaf
- 2kg Mince
- 1kg Pork Chops

Free Eggs

\$208

BBQ Packs

Pack 1

- 4 Forequarter Chops
- 6 Burgers
- 6 BBQ Sausages
- 6 Chicken Sticks

Free Tub of seasoning

\$34

Pack 2

- 1kg Forequarter Chops
- 1kg Round Steak
- 12 Burgers
- 1kg BBQ Sausages
- 1kg Chicken Nibbles
- 1kg Chevapi

Free Tub of seasoning

\$69



Public Holiday's

New Year's Day	Fri 1 Jan
Australia Day	Tue 26 Jan
Labour Day	Mon 8 Mar
Good Friday*	Fri 2 Apr
Saturday before Easter Sunday Sat	3 Apr
Easter Sunday	Sun 4 Apr
Easter Monday	Mon 5 Apr
ANZAC Day*	Sun 25 Apr ¹
Queen's Birthday	Mon 14 Jun
Friday before the AFL Grand Final	Fri 24 Sep †
Melbourne Cup	Tue 2 Nov
Christmas Day	Sat 25 Dec ²
Boxing Day	Sun 26 Dec ³

*Restricted trading days

¹ Anzac Day is commemorated on the day it falls. There is no replacement holiday when Anzac Day falls on a weekend.

² As Christmas Day falls on a Saturday, an additional public holiday is given on the following Monday.

³ As Boxing Day falls on a Sunday, an additional public holiday is given on the following Tuesday.

† Friday before AFL Grand Final typically falls on the last Friday of September.

Information taken from Business Victoria Website

School Term Dates

	Start date	Finish date
Term 1	27 January	1 April
Term 2	19 April	25 June
Term 3	12 July	17 September
Term 4	4 October	17 December

School term dates and holidays taken from Victorian Government website

All seasoning and special cuts such as dicing, or any special processing requirements made on request are free of charge.



How to run a Club Trip

It's easy to run your own trip, here are the steps to running a great club trip.

- Contact the Trip Co-Ordinator tripcoordinator@werribee4wdclub.com.au
- The Trip Co-Ordinator will forward on required Trip register etc via email – Print out prior to the trip
- Create an Event on Facebook
 - a. Go to Facebook Member's page
 - b. Click Events,
 - c. Click + in top right-hand side,
 - d. In person – Then add date & times,
 - e. Location could be the meeting place, Add description, This should be amount of spots available, Required recovery gear, Required training level or Easy, Medium, hard. Meeting place and time to meet. (Remember to make your meeting time 20 – 30 minutes earlier than departure time to allow filling out Trip Register and group chat about the trip.
 - f. Invite all members.
 - g. Click Create Event.
 - h. Member's will reply with name and car number e.g.: Trev & Wassana Car #1,
 - i. Next car will indicate Name & Name Car #2 and so on.
 - j. Once the trip is full members will reply Reserve Name & Name Car #1 – the reserve car will then slot in if there is a cancellation.

Its recommended to limit the number of Cars to 10, if it becomes popular you can find another trip leader to run two groups.

On the Day

Items for the pre-trip discussion.

- Introduction of Trip leader, Tail End Charlie, and general introduction of members on the day
- Allocate a member to run the trip report (usually whoever arrives late or first to get a "fine")
- Convoy Procedures.
- It's generally worth putting experienced members between inexperienced members and introduce new members.
- On departure get each car to do a radio check (UHF channel 27), nothing worse than losing someone because they can't hear instructions or direction.

After the trip

- Follow up your trip with a fun post on the Members Facebook page.
- Create a photo album on the Members page for the event and encourage members from the trip to share pictures.
- Submit trip report to the Trip Co-Ordinator.

What's Coming Up?

November

November General Meeting, 4th Nov (ZOOM)

Zoom link will be live from 7pm, with the meeting starting at 7.30pm.

Link available on the Club Member Facebook page - New/Prospective members and Guests please contact the Visitor Liaison for access

newmembers@werribee4wdclub.com.au

High Country Trip, 19-22 Nov. Run by Michael Byers.

Departing 7eleven/McDonald's service station, Western Ring Road - 8 am sharp.

Minimum requirements: Good all terrain tyres, front and rear rated recovery points.

Max 8 cars

Will need fresh water as only potable water at camp ground or take from the river and boil for cooking and drinking.

Toilets at campground

*****Pending Covid restrictions*****

Contact Michael Byers for more information or check the club Facebook page.

vicepresident@werribee4wdclub.com.au

Melbourne 4x4, fishing and boating expo, 26 -28 Nov. Melb Showgrounds

We have been allocated a spot at the Melbourne 4x4, fishing and boating expo (postponed from August).

Pending confirmation the event will go ahead, we will be looking for volunteers to help operate our stand.

To volunteer please contact the Nicole Goulemas at

newmembers@werribee4wdclub.com.au

www.4x4show.com.au/melbourne

Portland Sand Driving, 29 Oct - 2 Nov. Run by Michael Byers.

5 cars only

Good road tires /good all terrain tires

Rated recover points front and rear

Sand flag

Snatch strap and snatch block

Air compressor

Drop toilets on site

Bore water only on site will need to bring water

Bring fire wood

Cost \$50.00 for the weekend

Payable to the Portland buggy club

*****Pending Covid restrictions*****

Contact Michael Byers for more information or check the club Facebook page.

vicepresident@werribee4wdclub.com.au



December

BNB SHOW YOUR DIRT Melbourne, 4th Dec. Ace Parking, Williams Landing.

Come down and display your 4x4 next to the new, the old and some of Victoria's toughest 4x4s. All types of rigs are encouraged to attend from weekenders, comp trucks, daily driven, tourers and half-built beasts. There will be a designated space for trailers!

It will be a great opportunity to show-off your setup, see other people's ideas and have a good old chin wag with like-minded enthusiasts.

The BNB Truck and BNB 80 will also be on display so come down to Williams Landing and enjoy the evening.

WHATS HAPPENING

Awards and prizes for different judged categories will be announced on the night including "BNB Choice, People's Choice, Best Touring Setup, Insane Suspension and more"!

There will also be local businesses on display (message us if you want a spot) and some interactive activities & prizes raffled off with money being donated to Beyond Blue.

LIVE music, food and drink available, all entrants to be parked by 4pm, no vehicles to leave before 6pm.

Did you know...

Werribee 4WD club owns a Satphone for member to use and take on trips, heres some information which you will find useful...

How do I get the Sat Phone?

The Satphone is kept at Dirt Road 4x4 with Trevor Ryan. It can be picked up during business hours by visiting the store. Dirt Road 4x4 is located at Unit 8/61-65 Russell St, Werribee.

Bookings are essential, so please call Trevor to book the phone for your trip on 1300 037 222.

Please be aware that you will be asked to sign for the phone and that you are solely responsible for it whilst it is signed out to you, this means that if it is lost/stolen or broken whilst you have it you will be held liable for the costs to replace or repair it.

Please note: The cost of calls made will be issued to you by the Treasurer once the bill is recieved. The Sat Phone is for emergencie use only.



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