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Commencing 7:30pm

Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 18 October
Tuesday 15 November

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The Wagga Wagga Four Wheel Drive Club (WW4WDC) was established in January 1978 and is one of the longest running 4WD clubs in Australia.

Our club is affiliated with Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT (the Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs) and promotes Tread Lightly and the Code of Ethics of Four Wheel Drive Australia.

Our clubs Code of Conduct ensures we promote safe and responsible four wheel driving and a positive approach to conservation at all times.

Our members have the opportunity to appreciate and enjoy the outdoors through our many coordinated 4WD touring adventures, both locally and throughout Australia, and our regular social activities.

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Back Page: Kryffin Reserve, Mulwala; **Photo:** Graham Richter

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PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Hi Folks,

Welcome to our September issue of TrackChat.

Inside are trip reports from the Murray River Bridges Tour, Winch Maintenance at the QTA and Snow chasing in the Vic High Country.

Big thanks to Paul Kingdom and John Kent for running a very popular winch information session at the Quarry Training Area



Upcoming activities are a Murrumbidgee River camp ground tour between Wagga Wagga and Gundagai led by Sam Millie. Also a trip to Willandra National Park and surrounds led by Phil Thornton.

The Popular Paddock to Plate trip to Lake Cargellico is on again thanks to Jim Simpson. The folks out there really appreciated our previous visit to their area.

The Wagga Wagga Gears and Beers Cycling event is also running this October long weekend, so we will be looking for volunteers to provide support vehicles and trailers for the riders. A generous donation from Rotary to the Club is usually offered. Michael O'Reilly has kindly offered again to lead the activity. Please register your interest with him ASAP, not long to go.

Thanks gents for putting up your hands for these trips.... heaps of other activity information sheets in this issue.

Spring is in the air...great time to hit the tracks!!

Remember... Rule No.1 is to have fun.

Yours in 4WDing,

Alan Pottie

ANNOUNCEMENTS; Guest Speaker for September Club Meeting

Folks,

We are very lucky to have the company of Denise Crouch, Lead Community Safety Partner with Transport for NSW (Formerly Roads and Maritime Services) for a presentation on Road safety at our September Club meeting

A few comments from Denise by way of introduction...

" For the past fourteen years I have been working with the community implementing behavioural road safety initiatives to embed a shared responsibility approach to road safety.

We all can help make our roads safer by making safe decisions on the road and sharing the road with other road users. All road users in NSW should be able to arrive safely at their destinations.

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Denise Crouch
Lead Community Safety Partner, Riverina Murray
Community and Place
Regional and Outer Metropolitan
Transport for NSW



ACTIVITY; Murray River Bridges Tour; Day 1 by Ian Davidson 12th August

After a rainy night, 9 vehicles met at the appointed time at Jubilee Park: Sam Millie (Hilux), Alan Pottie (Prado), Susan Schraenkler (Hilux), Jim & Catherine McCracken (Ranger), Kevin Skerry (Patrol), Danny & Hannah Davey with their 2 little ones (Patrol), Graham Richter (Ranger), Paul Summers & Maria Bryce (Pajero) and me (Hilux).

Following the briefing we set off, first stop Holbrook then to our first bridge at Jingellic, where we were also joined by Peter & Norma Arnold ('Cruiser). After a short run along River Rd we reached the headwaters of Lake Hume on our way to our second crossing of the Murray, the Wymah Ferry. Continuing along Murray River Rd we enjoyed the expansive views of the lake, crossing back to NSW at the Bethanga Bridge (#3 crossing), an appealing steel arch bridge reminiscent of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, on our way to the Hume Weir, where we were joined by Steve & Jo Cottom ('Cruiser + van).

The group now comprising 10 vehicles including two with a camper trailer or caravan, it took just on an hour for all to cross to the Victorian side, so we took advantage of the delay to have smoko.

After a short break there we continued on into Albury and crossing #4, Bonegilla Island Bridge where we did a quick loop and back again. Here we had our first and only bogging of the trip, Steve's Landcruiser & big caravan combo coming to a stop in a greasy boghole... however it only took a minute or so for a self-recovery and we were on our way again.



ACTIVITY; Murray River Bridges Tour; Day 1 by Ian Davidson (cont)

We then made our way through Albury, skipping Heywoods, Union and the Spirit of Progress Bridges, to the Riverina Highway and on to Howlong (crossing #5) where we again crossed into Vic for the short section to Corowa which is blessed with two bridges,

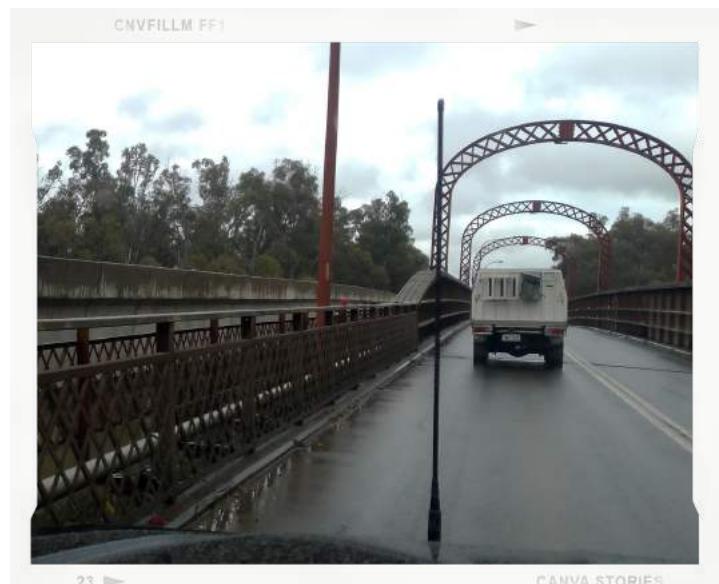
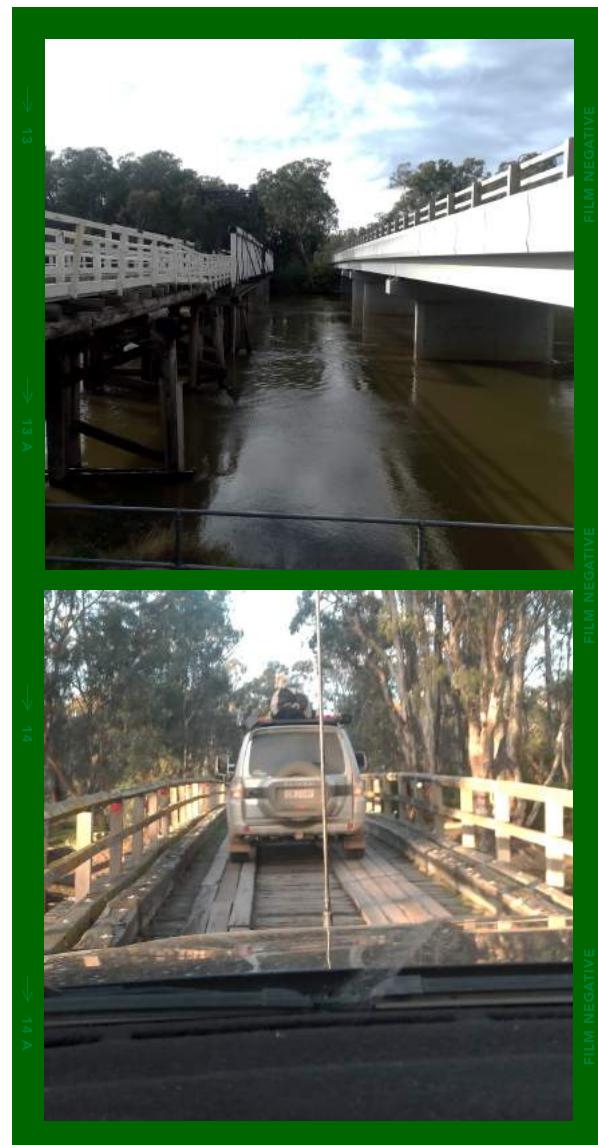
Federation Bridge (#6) opened in 2004 and the iron lace John Foord Bridge (#7) opened in 1893. Here we stopped for a short break while Sam & Alan pointed out some of the features of this historic crossing. It was also interesting to read about the customs duties that needed to be paid for each person or animal that crossed the river prior to Federation.

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It was a pleasant if chilly evening with the usual conviviality around the campfire after a good day.

Thanks to Sam & Alan for a well-prepared and informative trip.



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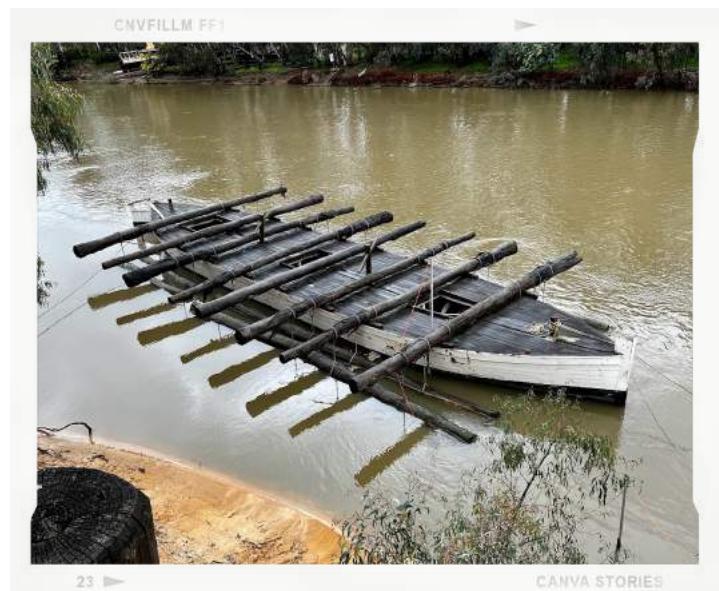
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ACTIVITY; Murray River Bridges Tour; Day 2 by Catherine McCracken

Observations from the tour...

- The bridge makers have done an excellent job replacing bolts, struts and making bridges stronger and putting new paint and steel reinforcement
- months of repairs count into the Heritage of the existing bridges which are getting refurbished into stronger more durable bridges to withstand traffic and make sense of the flow over the river with two way traffic lights , lanes, lifts and paint to make safe crossings.
- The project planning engineer and cranes combined with road work and machinery and ferry boats are all put to good use.
- A council application is required 24 hrs in advance to allow tall boats to pass under the bridges safely.
- Ongoing work to replace timber which have decayed and making stronger steel & aluminium alloy to hold concrete pillows and road base with full tonnes of capacity on top and not wear and age the bridge like previous products which have been suitable to work before the age of hydraulics lifts and cranes.
- pouring entire sections of bridges are transformed into modern locations & tourists walks safely conducting both on railing beside and over the bridges away from traffic lanes & out of dangerous conditions no matter what the weather.



ACTIVITY; Murray River Bridges Tour; Day 2 by Catherine McCracken

- Promotions to visit sites of heritage status are part of tourism councils and government planning cost and require tenders from companies to gain permissions and grants to do work to restore future of land and town connections.
- The drive was Led by Sam Millie, with many cars following in and out of Victoria and New South Wales. We have walked on these bridges, gained a learning into some history before the times of establishments as they are on colonies today & we have seen rivers and camps, many car parks and bridges which are all on the side of a town commuting populations to the land and surround towns.
- Trucks can travel on these bridges without the structure swaying, creaking and making parts drop down into the water . Flooding does not affect or wash away the bridges anymore.
- The levels are at previous times enormous and land coverage and area of water as times have changed .
- Drought has affected the land and the flow of the river trade has slowed to seasonal availability soaring into the economy and delivering society river town trades to survive on .

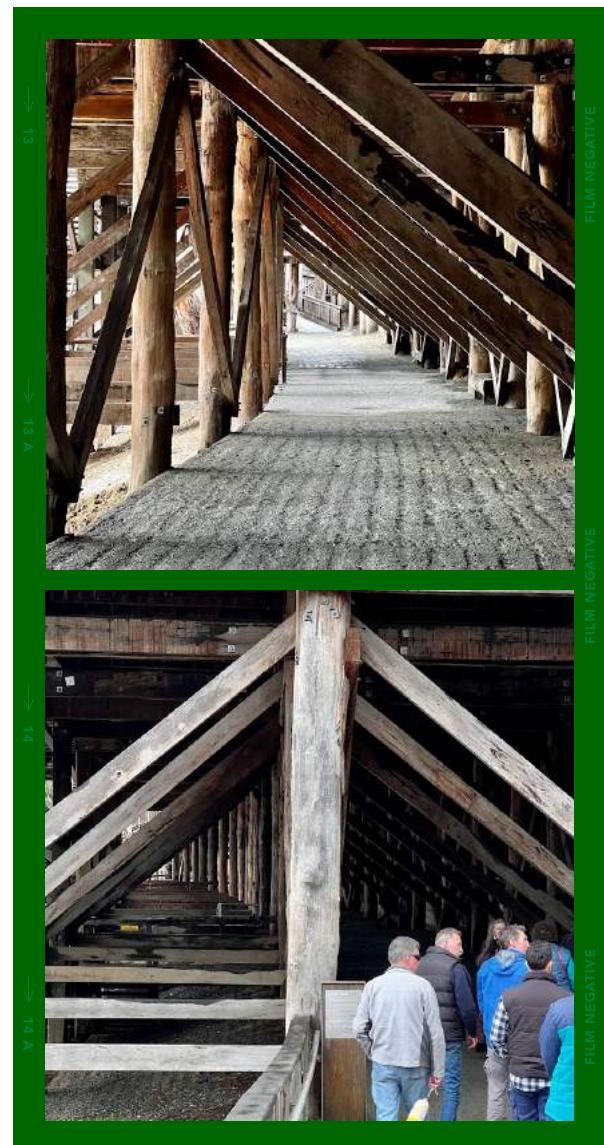


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- The Echuca - Moama Wharf Tour was both educational and the discovery of product exposure on the transport in the area was just enlightening to the town's area examples of logging, meat, farms trade, liquor, machinery & buildings, horse and carts, steam trains and shakey bridges which made people paddle over
- just to survive the carriage age of gold panning and location development,taxes and local supply and demand. Haunts and expansions through the steam age and ferry world with a walk through town followed.
- Then out to Gunbower Island where we swore the caravan could make it if he could hold his fingers crossed and his heart (Steve and Jo Cottom)..... ahead of the muddy water just to get into camp through a lot of very woody tall trees with nothing but a river around and no turning circle to go back.
- Thank god he made it to the campfire and we all are and cooked by fire light and river sounds.....and stayed up late by the moonlight.

Thanks Sam and Alan and 4wd team Wagga Wagga 4wd club it was an excellent trip!

Catherine McCracken



ACTIVITY; Murray River Bridges Tour; Day 3 by Alan Pottie

An evening of serenity combined with witty banter in a wooded area of the Gunbower State Forest outside Koondrook Victoria was our campsite last night.

On leaving camp at a respectable hour next morning via a quaint timber bridge, we made our way back to the Barham/Koondrook Bridge, a State Heritage Listed Timber Truss structure across the swollen Murray River. The bridge was almost completely re-built over 2015-2018 by the Roads and Maritime Bridge teams. A spectacular effort, and one rewarded by winning the prestigious Heritage Australia " Colin Crisp " Award in 2019. A beautiful structure, and one well worth a visit, especially at night due to the architectural lighting.

We then set off via the Murrabit/Gonn Crossing Bridge, on the way to Swan Hill. There we walked the last of our bridges on this tour, the State Heritage listed Swan Hill Timber Truss Bridge. After morning tea and a fuel top up, our next stop was the Jeraly Museum at Moulamein.

There we were greeted by volunteers who gave us a guided tour of the partially rebuilt Museum and its future plans. Lunch followed in the Town Centre before heading our noses for home.

A big thank you to Sam for his meticulous planning and research; as well as leading a big crew of 12 vehicles. A lot of information and heaps of fun was shared on our tour.

Alan Pottie



ACTIVITY; Vic High Country Snow Chasing

Seven excited people and their trusty steeds left a wet and overcast Wagga Wagga about 0700 hrs on Friday 19th August with their noses squarely on the Vic High Country in the middle of winter. Would have been a bit earlier, but for yours truly sleeping in. Woken by Scotty at the side door....

Lead by Chris Parr (GQ Patrol) and followed by Scott Sainsbury (Amarok), Jason Hussey (Ford Ranger), Catherine McCracken (Triton), Danny Davey (GU Patrol), Grant Gablonski (Colorado), and Alan Pottie (Prado 120).

After smoko at Myrtleford's Bakery and a top up of fuel, we hit Mount Buggery Track amongst beautiful blue skies. and travelled some spectacular ridgelines and the way to camp Beveridges Satation just outside the Alpine National Park.

On the way we were continuously stopped by swollen creeks and Rivers...man, they were a pumpin!!

Friday night was spent camped next to the Buckland River, which was running with a very peaceful dull roar. A fat possum decided to come down from the trees and see what food we still had to share. Rain then set in after we hit the sack, leaving us to enjoy the sound of it on the tents and awnings.



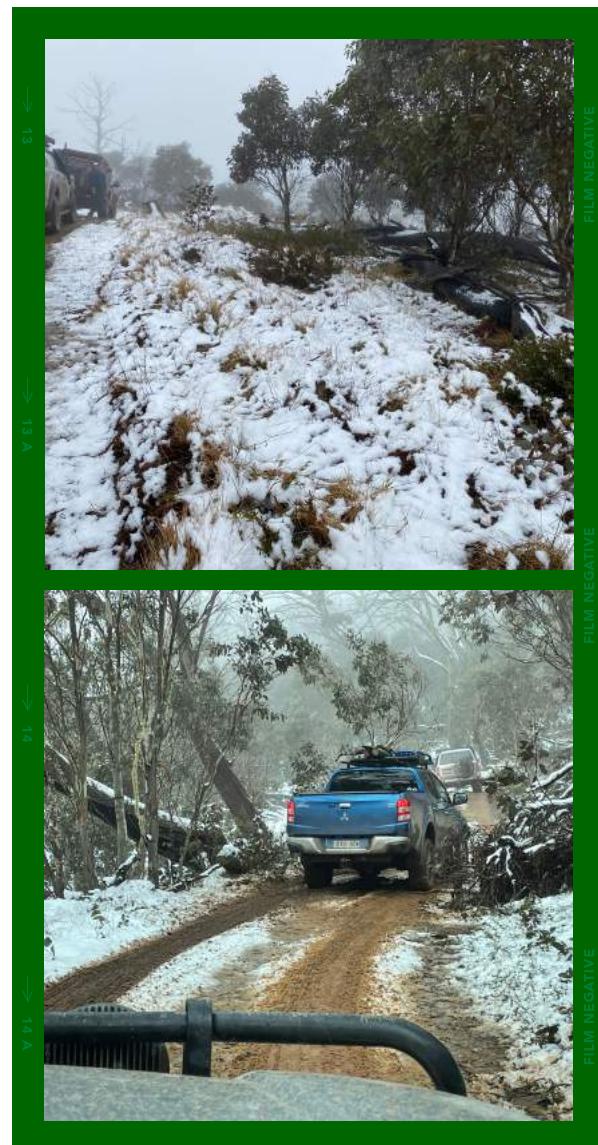
ACTIVITY; Murray River Bridges Tour; Day 3 by Alan Pottie

Next day would prove a long one (n 0830 to approx. 1900 hrs) with the planned tracks halted on several occasions by swollen creeks.

We hit the snow at Mt Sarah and threw the obligatory snowballs. This summit was protected somewhat by a pretty nasty series of deep muddy tracks. A minor rescue with recovery boards got Catherine out of a slippery patch.

Most of the rest of the day was spent following Tea Tree Range and Wombat Range. This long trek was eventually halted at the swinging Bridge spot, which normally was an easy creek crossing....but not today, it was up a good metre and flowing very swiftly. Turning around and heading back to camp via a different route lead us to a steep hillclimb of slippery, deep ruts.

All vehicles except the Prado, Patrols and Colorado needed some assistance. Catherine made a gallant effort but just needed a short section of towing to get up. Scotty unluckily slipped into one of the deep ruts and popped a bead.



ACTIVITY; Murray River Bridges Tour; Day 3 by Alan Pottie

A bush fix under Parry's guidance by jacking the wheel, cleaning the bead and re-inflating got him going after a short section of self winching and towing. Jason then attacked the climb, just needing a bit of winching and recovery board placement. Grant took a clever line adjacent to the track under Parry's direction.... No issues.

This little section, however, cost us another hour, and with darkness falling, a run back to camp gave us a chance to test our lights and ooze through the closing fog. While a lot of fun, all were getting a little weary after a long day.

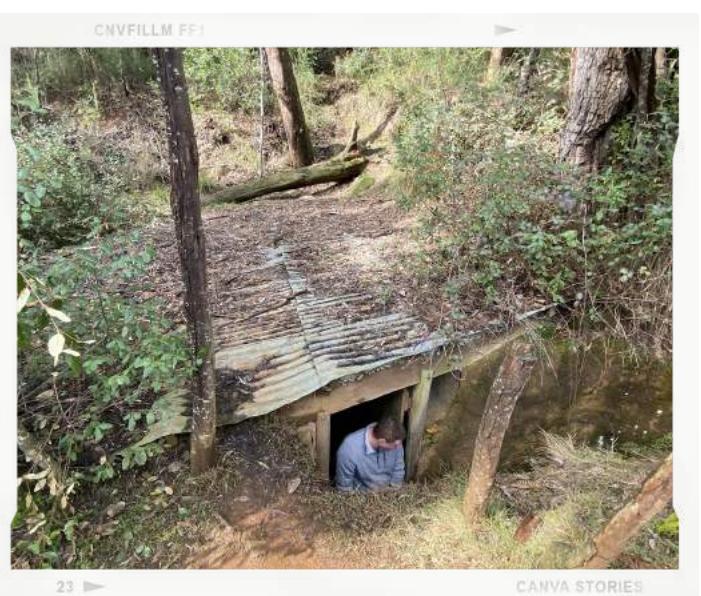
Another great camp fire, under the stars this time. Good food, good company spent over a more sedate group.

A Leisurely start was decided on for a Sunday morning departure, starting with the smell of coffee, bacon and eggs, curried sausages and home made hash browns!!

Hitting the road at 100 hrs via the vibrant little township of Porepunkah for a fuel stop and real coffee, before hitting the Yackandandah State Forests to explore the tracks for future trips.

Danny Davey was able to share his experiences of this area, and along with Scotty and Parry, were able to take us on a short tour of some of the tracks. Scotty found the rumoured Underground Hut, where he been on an early trip with the 4WD Club a few years before. A very interesting Hut.

A great weekend was had by all, big thank you to Chris Parr for planning and leading the trip



ACTIVITY; Winch Maintenance; Paul Kingdom

Our quarry morning on Sunday 21st August started outside the RAAF Base with a good lot of members showing up. By the time we got out to the quarry and set up for the winch maintenance demo we had 16 vehicles. A great turn out.

To start with we took people through the hazards associated with a winch demonstration as a group discussion. After doing that we checked with the group if anyone wanted to do their own thing or be a part of the demonstration, everyone wanted to be a part of demonstration.

So I got started, I took people through the electrics and the mechanical side of the winch whilst being still mounted on the vehicle. After doing this we did a live winching demonstration and took into account all the safety aspects of the straps, shackles and gear we use for winching. With the live winching demonstration we showed people the hand signals and the 30 seconds on and off procedure.

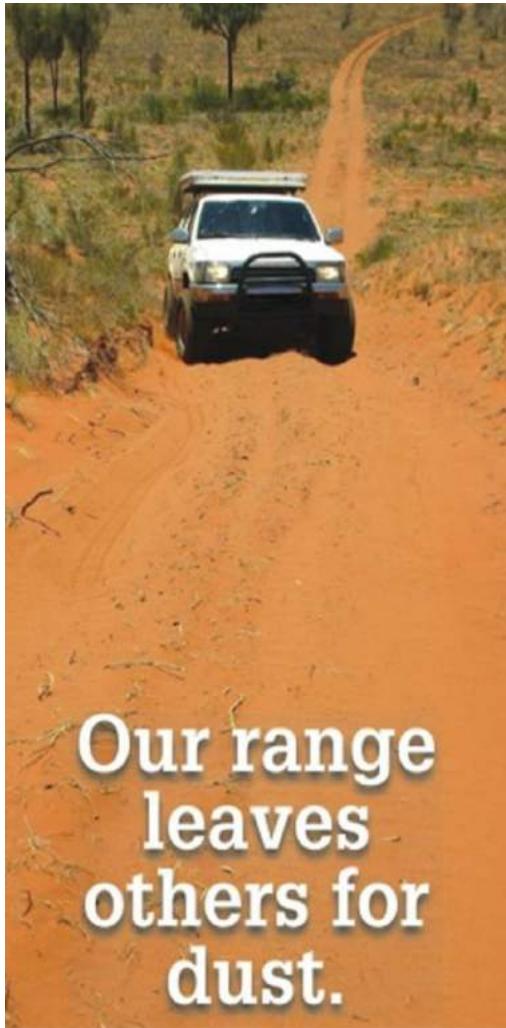
After this we had some morning tea in the sunshine and then let people have a go at using their own winches and making sure that they worked. John Kent also then took people for a dive around the quarry for those who wanted to play. All in all, it was a great morning and a good turnout, thanks for everyone who came out.

Regards
Paul Kingdom



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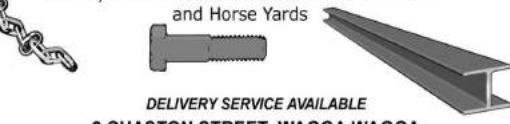
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ACTIVITY INFORMATION SHEET

Provide information relevant to the activity. Leave section blank if not applicable.

Forward to Activity Coordinator and TrackChat Editor

ACTIVITY:	Murrumbidgee Reserves Recce - Wagga to Gundagai				
Leader:	Sam Millie	Ph:	0429 665 954	Email:	sam.millie@transport.nsw.gov.au
Date/s:	Saturday 17 September 2022	Deadline to confirm participation: Tuesday 13 September 2022			
Meeting point:	Anaconda carpark, 129 Hammond Ave, Wagga			Start time:	8.15am for 8.30am start - 5.00pm
Vehicle / participant numbers:	Maximum:	15	Minimum:	5	
Description of activity, safety issues, comments etc:	<p>Following John Kent's Murrumbidgee River Reserves Recce in 2021 from Wagga to Narrandera, this is the Recce from Wagga to Gundagai.</p> <p>Based on the guide book "Fishing and Camping Murrumbidgee River Gundagai to Narrandera" by Jamin Forbes and Martin Asmus, this day trip will take us to the river reserves along the south side of the river from Wagga to Gundagai, then back to Wagga along the north side of the river.</p> <p>River reserves are expected to be wet and muddy so will likely be a good day to embrace the mud.</p>				
Personal gear required:	<p>Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, drinks.</p> <p>Towel and spare clothes in case of mud.</p> <p>Recovery gear.</p>				
Club gear provided:	Nil				
Level of physical difficulty of overall activity: Easy? Moderate? Hard? Very hard?					Easy
FOR TRIPS:	Grading (see P2):	If wet: <input type="checkbox"/>	If dry: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Suited to camper trailer? Y? N? NA?	No
Number of nights camping:		0	Location:	N/A	
Full time driving?		Y	Fuel required & availability:	Yes; Wagga at 0km, Gundagai at 85km	



ACTIVITY INFORMATION SHEET

ACTIVITY:	Gears and Beers support crew				
Leader:	TBA	Ph:		Email:	Activities.wagga4wdc@gmail.com
Date/s:	Sunday 2nd October 2022	RSVP Date:			25 th September 2022
<i>NOTE: Contact the Activity Leader 3 days before the event to confirm your attendance</i>					
Meeting point:	Contact the Activity Leader for directions			Start time:	0700 hrs
Vehicle / participant numbers:	Maximum:	8	Minimum:	6	
Description of activity, safety issues, comments etc:	1. The Wollundry Rotary Club runs this event. Our club supports the event by providing a lead and sweep car for 3 of the bike rides. (The Dirty 130, Filthy 50 and one other ride. 2. Help is needed to lead this event and up to 5 other vehicles to participate. The leader will need to liaise with Neil Pinto from Wollundry Rotary. The sweep vehicles will need to tow trailers to pickup and transport bikes and riders, so a suitable vehicle is needed for passengers and bikes. Contributing to this event has always been a pleasurable experience. 3. In previous years, free entry into the festival is provided for contributing club members.				
Personal gear required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Comfortable clothes, gloves for lifting bikes, etc.				
Club gear provided:	First Aid Kit, Defibrillator.				
Level of physical difficulty of overall activity: Easy? Moderate? Hard? Very hard?					Easy
FOR TRIPS:	Grading: 2	If wet:	2	If dry:	2 Suited to camper trailer? Y? N? NA? N/A
Number of nights camping:		Nil	Location:	Roads around Wagga Wagga	
Full time driving?	No	Fuel required & availability:			Wagga Wagga

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ACTIVITY:	Kosciuszko Hut Re-building Program						
Leader:	Alan Pottie	Ph:	0414 492 055	Email:	ajpottie973@gmail.com		
Date/s:	7,8 or 9 th October or 21,22 or 23 rd October	RSVP Date:			Wed 28 th September		
<i>NOTE: Contact the Activity Leader 3 days before the event to confirm your attendance</i>							
Meeting point:	Wagga Wagga		Start time:	To be confirmed			
Vehicle / participant numbers:	Maximum:	8	Minimum:	2			
Description of activity, safety issues, comments etc:	<p>NPWS Tumut office have offered a couple of weekends that assistance would be appreciated from the Club. They are currently rebuilding Vickery's Hut (top of Talbingo Mountain off the Snowy Mountains Highway).</p> <p>During July/August they are fabricating parts of Vickery's Hut in the Tumut Depot, with a view to assembling and rebuilding the Hut on site during October. They have offered 7 to 9th and/or 21 to 23rd October.</p> <p>If you're interested in being a part of the Club's assistance to the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service Historic Heritage Huts Rise from the Ashes Rebuild Program - Kosciusko National Park, this message summarises what you need to do:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You must be registered as a volunteer via the NPWS Volunteer Portal. Volunteers who complete at least 50 hours of volunteering over a 2 year period and have logged their hours through the portal are entitled to a free NSW All Parks Pass. 2. Volunteers for the rebuild program must hold a NSW White Card (see this NSW Safe Work Fact Sheet for info about interstate equivalent cards). If you do not currently hold a White Card online training courses are available (usual cost around \$180) - but make sure to choose an accredited RTO and that the program includes the competency practical section - there are dodgy "trainers" who provide a low-cost "Statement of Attendance" or similar only which is not sufficient to be issued a White Card. Members of the Kosciuszko Huts Association can be reimbursed the cost of obtaining a White Card. Membership of the KHA costs \$40-\$50 and you can join here. 3. Login to the NPWS Volunteer Portal, tick the box marked "Historic Heritage Huts Rise from the Ashes Rebuild Program - Kosciusko National Park", answer the questions and click "Submit Application" 4. Send an email to Gaylene Harris with a copy to president.wagga4wdc@gmail.com (so that Alan can co-ordinate a whole-of-Club approach rather than a bunch of individuals), just mentioning that you've registered and are a member of the Wagga 4WD Club. 5. Please contact Alan Pottie if you are interested so that we can advise NPWS. 						
Personal gear required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal camping gear 						
Club gear provided:	First aid Kit, De-Fibrillator, Log roller						
Level of physical difficulty of overall activity: Easy? Moderate? Hard? Very hard?					Moderate		
FOR TRIPS:	Grading:	If wet:	4	If dry:	3	Suited to camper trailer? Y? N? NA?	N
Number of nights camping:		1 or 2	Location:	On site at Vickery's Hut; top of Talbingo Mountain			
Full time driving?	No	Fuel required & availability:		Tumut			

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Leader: Phil Thornton Phone: 0428304542 Email: indigophera@gmail.com

Trip Date/s: October 8-9 RSVP By: Monday October 3

Meeting Point: Griffith Tourist Information carpark Time: 9am

Vehicle/Participant Numbers: Maximum: 10 vehicles Minimum:

Activity Details:

Willandra National Park is about 45 minutes drive from Hillston. Griffith to Hillston takes around an hour. The plan is to meet in Griffith at the tourist information centre carpark at 9am. Leave for Hillston 9.30. Tourist information has toilets, there is a service station across the road and coffee/food can be purchased nearby.

Willandra is a bit out of the way and camp sites require campers to be fully self-sufficient. There is a proper flushing toilet at the campground - luxury. The park is a quiet place to relax. Unlikely to be busy - last time we were out there we were the only ones there. Plenty of old buildings to explore including the homestead, shearing shed and shearer's quarters.

National Parks has not yet confirmed that a reservation can be made for campsites as the ranger is away at present. It shouldn't be an issue but if there are any last minute hitches Plan b would be a trip out to Lake Brewster via the Whitton Stock Route and Rankin Springs.

Personal Equipment Required: Fuel Camping Gear Food/Water

Other:

Club Supplied Equipment: First Aid Kit Defibrillator Toilet

Other:

Physical Activity Difficulty Level (please refer to the matrix on page 2 for Physical Activity Grading classifications): Easy

TRIPS

Please refer to the Trip Grading matrix on page 2 for Trip Grading classifications.

Grading (dry): Very Easy

Grading (wet): Easy

Number of nights camping: 1

Location:

Driving Time: Minimal

Suitable for:

 Caravan Camper Trailer

Fuel required and availability:



ACTIVITY INFORMATION SHEET

ACTIVITY:	Lake Cargelligo Weekend – Paddock to Plate						
Leader:	Jim Simpson	Ph:	0427 213047	Email:			
Date/s:	21, 22, 23 October	RSVP Date:		8 October			
<i>NOTE: Contact the Activity Leader 3 days before the event to confirm your attendance</i>							
Meeting point:	<i>Contact the Activity Leader for directions</i>		Start time:	8.00am			
Vehicle / participant numbers:	Maximum:	No limit	Minimum:	5			
Description of activity, safety issues, comments etc:	<p>Friday 21: Leave Wagga 8am. Travel to Narrandera, Barellan, Weethalle, Lake Cargelligo. Club members to help with the Paddock to Plate Dinner Friday night. Club shirts to be worn. Cost to be advised.</p> <p>Saturday 22: Explore the district - Travel to Boorooroo Wool Shed. Historic Bolo Church.</p> <p>Sunday 23: Return to Wagga.</p> <p>A laid back weekend to enjoy Lake Cargelligo.</p> <p>Jim will book camp sites at the Lake Cargelligo Caravan Park. Please let Jim know if you need either a powered or unpowered site.</p>						
Personal gear required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camping gear: caravan, camper, tent, swag etc. Club shirt for the dinner. Hi Viz shirt if you have it (for Sat tour visit). 						
Club gear provided:	High viz vests. First aid, Defibrillator.						
Level of physical difficulty of overall activity: Easy? Moderate? Hard? Very hard? Easy							
FOR TRIPS:	Grading:	If wet:	2	If dry:	1	Suited to camper trailer? Y? N? NA?	Yes
Number of nights camping:		2	Location:	Lake Cargelligo Caravan Park.			
Full time driving?		No	Fuel required & availability:	Approx 800km. Fuel available Lake Cargelligo.			

ACTIVITY INFORMATION SHEET

ACTIVITY:		Advanced 4WD Driver Training Course			
Leader:	J. Kent	Ph:	0419 691 218	Email:	training.wagga4wdc@gmail.com
Date/s:	October 22, 23 - 2022	Deadline to confirm participation:			September 1
Meeting point:	Quarry Training Area			Start time:	8.30 am
Vehicle / participant numbers:	Maximum:	12	Minimum:	6	
Description of activity, safety issues, comments etc:	<p>An accredited 2-day Advanced Driver Training Course conducted under the auspices of Getabout Training Services and the Driver Training Unit of the 4WD Association of NSW&ACT. The course is delivered by accredited trainers (including a leading trainer from Getabout/DTU) with support from experienced WW4WDC mentors.</p> <p>Mode of delivery: Pre-learning (manual provided), face to face theory discussions and practical work. There will be a theory assessment and practical assessments.</p> <p>This advanced course builds on basic 4WD knowledge and skills. Terrain will have a greater degree of difficulty with an emphasis on advanced recovery techniques and complex 4x4 operations including steep inclines and declines, deep water crossings, safe operation of power winches and other recovery equipment.</p> <p>This course covers competencies in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive a four-wheel drive vehicle in difficult terrain; • Select routes to minimise damage to the environment; • Use appropriate range, gear, speed (momentum), driving and braking technique to negotiate a range of difficult terrain types; • Stall stop, forward/reverse key starts and hand brake starts; • Apply risk management procedures; • Perform maintenance and minor repairs on four-wheel drive vehicles; • Safe use of a jack on uneven ground; • Puncture repair (tube and tubeless); • Communication with others is established; • Operate a 4WD vehicle giving due regard to Occupational Health and Safety issues; • Knowledge and skills required to use a 4WD vehicle with due regard to environmental issues. • Vehicle Recovery systems including power & hand winches, snatch straps, recovery boards etc. <p>NOTES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The course is restricted to members of a 4WD Club affiliated with the 4WD NSW/ACT Association. 2. A prerequisite is successful completion of SRODRV302A or equivalent Basic 4WD training course. 3. Cost: Because this is a heavily subsidised course, contact John Kent for details. 4. Participants are required to camp at the QTA on Sat night for compulsory evening activities. 5. Please complete the attached Application Form and return to John Kent. Those who have previously indicated interest will be given priority but still need to fill out the Application Form please. 6. Instructions for formal course enrolment and costs will be forwarded to participants. 7. Late enrolments cannot be accepted. 				

Personal gear required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 4WD vehicle suited to difficult terrain (<i>i.e.</i> low range or crawler gear, good tyres, good clearance) and with suitable recovery points front and rear. UHF radio (Handheld is acceptable). Tyre gauge. Air compressor. Essential recovery gear: Rated snatch strap/rope with dampener, bow shackles/soft shackles, shovel, vehicle jack and wheel removal tools (wheel brace). Groundsheet. Desirable recovery gear: Power or hand winch, winch extension strap, tree protector, recovery boards, radiator blind for deep water. Highlift jack, Tyre repair equipment (bead breaker, plugs, levers). Food and drinks for both days. Chair, hat, sunscreen, suitable clothing. Safety gloves. Camping gear: We shall be camping out on Saturday night to enable some night work. BBQ plate provided. 				
Club gear provided:	First aid. Toilet. Club recovery gear. Club trailer. BBQ for Sat night. Old tyre for plugging. Tyre plugging kit. Training materials.				
Level of physical difficulty of overall activity: Easy? Moderate? Hard? Very hard?					Moderate to Hard
FOR TRIPS:	Grading:	If wet:	If dry:	4	Suited to camper trailer? Y? N? NA?
					Yes
Number of nights camping:	1	Location:	Club Quarry Training Area		
Full time driving?	no	Fuel required & availability:	Wagga local area driving only.		

Application for Advanced 4WD Training Course

Please email the following details to training.wagga4wdc@gmail.com or hand to John Kent.

Name of applicant:

Contact phone number:

Contact email:

I am a financial member of the Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.

I have completed an accredited Basic 4WD Training Course in (year): Copy of Certificate attached:

I have:

- 1. 4WD vehicle make, model
- 2. Recovery points front and rear: yes [] no []
- 3. Good tyres: yes [] no []
- 4. Snatch strap, rated shackles, snatch dampener: yes [] no []
- 5. Power winch: yes [] no []
- 6. Hand winch: _____ yes [] no []
- 7. Recovery boards: yes [] no []
- 8. Other:

I understand that *four-wheel driving involves risks which may result in personal injury or vehicle damage. I accept these risks and will not hold the Wagga Wagga Four Wheel Drive Club or the trainers liable for such injury or damage.*

Signed: Date:



ACTIVITY INFORMATION SHEET

ACTIVITY:		VISIT TO RAAF BASE					
Leader:	Wazza Urquhart	Ph:	0448445943	Email:	wazzau@yahoo.com		
Date/s:	Saturday 29 October 2022	Deadline to confirm participation:			17 October 2022		
Meeting point:	In the parking area at RAAF Base			Start time:	0830		
Vehicle / participant numbers:	Maximum:	25	Minimum:	2			
Description of activity, safety issues, comments etc:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">A look at the aircraft at the front of the RAAF base and a little bit of history on each of the aircraft, maybe a war story or two.A look through the RAAF Heritage Centre at the front of the base.If I am able to gain access to the base for those attending we will have a look through a couple of hangars where the technical training is carried out.For those that wish to have lunch we will travel to one of the local pubs for lunch.						
Personal gear required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nothing special						
Club gear provided:							
Level of physical difficulty of overall activity: Easy? Moderate? Hard? Very hard?						Easy	
FOR TRIPS:	Grading:	If wet:	1	If dry:	1	Suited to camper trailer? Y? N? NA?	NA
Number of nights camping:		0	Location:				
Full time driving?		no	Fuel required & availability:	20km			

ACTIVITY INFORMATION SHEET

ACTIVITY:	Bush Skills Weekend						
Leader:	Alan Pottie	Ph:	0414 492 055	Email:	ajpottie973@gmail.com		
Date/s:	11 th -13 th November			RSVP Date:	7 th November		
<i>NOTE: Contact the Activity Leader 4 days before the event to confirm your attendance</i>							
Meeting point:	<i>Contact the Activity Leader for directions</i>			Start time:	0900 hrs Friday from Wagga Wagga		
Vehicle / participant numbers:	Maximum:	12	Minimum:	3			
Description of activity, safety issues, comments etc:	The Southern Tablelands 4WD Club would like to invite the Wagga Wagga 4WD Club to our Bush Skills event.						
	The event is being held at our property Talooge , 11 th - 14 th November 2022. (near Bredbo, south of Canberra).						
	It is primarily a social weekend for clubs in the local region to meet up and enjoy a relaxing few days around the campfire. We are inviting several clubs to come out and camp (BYO everything including water) or enjoy a day trip out to the property.						
	There will be some camping, cooking, vehicle setup and recovery demonstrations. Day drives around the property will also be run. You would also be welcome to put together a presentation or workshop as well.						
Personal gear required:	Camping gear, food and drink.						
Club gear provided:	Defibrillator, First Aid Kit.						
Level of physical difficulty of overall activity: Easy? Moderate? Hard? Very hard?					Easy		
FOR TRIPS:	Grading: 1	If wet:	2	If dry:	1	Suited to camper trailer? Y? N? NA?	Y
Number of nights camping:		2	Location:	Near Bredbo			
Full time driving?		N	Fuel required & availability:		Canberra, Cooma		

WAGGA WAGGAFOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB INC
"Living the Adventure!"**ACTIVITY INFORMATION SHEET****Activity:** Trivia Night at Quarry Training Area

Leader: Alan Pottie Phone: 0414492055 Email: ajpottie973@gmail.com

Trip Date/s: 19th November RSVP By: 16 November

Meeting Point: Quarry Training Area Time: 1.00 pm onward

Vehicle/Participant Numbers: Maximum: No limit Minimum:

Activity Details:

Claiming the date:

This activity is a Saturday afternoon / overnight campout at the Club's Quarry Training Area near Alfredtown. Our Monthly Quarry morning is the following day.

A Trivia session will be held after tea, with prizes for various categories; highest score, best dressed, lucky door, etc.

Bring your own food, drink, camping gear.

Dress is casual with an optional, and encouraged, theme beginning with a "W".

Cheers, Al

Personal Equipment Required: Fuel Camping Gear Food/Water

Other:

Club Supplied Equipment: First Aid Kit Defibrillator Toilet

Other:

Physical Activity Difficulty Level (please refer to the matrix on page 2 for Physical Activity Grading classifications): **TRIPS**

Please refer to the Trip Grading matrix on page 2 for Trip Grading classifications.

Grading (dry): Grading (wet): Number of nights camping:

Location: Quarry Training Area, Alfredtown

Driving Time: Suitable for: Caravan Camper Trailer

Fuel required and availability:

ACTIVITY INFORMATION SHEET

ACTIVITY:	Icons of the Victorian High Country					
Leader:	Ian Davidson	Ph:	0427 262 091	Email:	iandavo@gmail.com	
Date/s:	2 nd -4 th Dec 2022	RSVP Date:			Wed 23 rd Nov 2022	
NOTE: Contact the Activity Leader 3 days before the event to confirm your attendance						
Meeting point:	<i>Contact the Activity Leader for directions</i>			Start time:	07:30	
Vehicle / participant numbers:	Maximum:	8	Minimum:	2		
Description of activity, safety issues, comments etc:	Drive the iconic Blue Rag Range & Billy Goat Bluff tracks, and take in the spectacular views from The Pinnacles. Camp & dinner first night at the Dargo Pub. Note that Billy Goat Bluff track is classed as Double Black Diamond by Parks Victoria/4WD Victoria (but this varies greatly depending on the amount of usage). You must be an experienced four-wheel-driver and will need a well set up vehicle with AT or MT tyres in good condition and a full recovery kit. You can expect steep climbs & descents, narrow or eroded tracks, rock steps and more. If you're not comfortable with heights this might not be a good trip for you. Due to the nature of these tracks there is a limit of 8 vehicles; if over-subscribed the trip may be repeated in the Autumn.					
Personal gear required:	Warm clothing – the high country can be very cold and experience snow even in summer and the weather can change dramatically in hours. Snow chains if you have them. Camera to record the awesome views.					
Club gear provided:	Defibrillator; jimmy thunder, first aid kit					
Level of physical difficulty of overall activity: Easy? Moderate? Hard? Very hard?					Moderate (Pinnacles)	
FOR TRIPS:	Grading:	If wet:	5	If dry:	4-5 Suited to camper trailer? Y? N? NA?	No
Number of nights camping:		2	Location:	Fri: Behind Dargo pub, Sat: Dogs Grave campsite		
Full time driving?	Y	Fuel required & availability:			Bright, Dargo, (Omeo if needed), Eskdale	

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

1. Membership is not valid until payment is received
2. Annual membership period is 1 April to 31 March
3. New Member Joining Fee: \$10.00
4. Annual Membership Fee: \$60.00

MEMBERSHIP TYPE New Member (\$70.00 incl Joining Fee) Renewal (\$60.00)

APPLICANT DETAILS

First Name: Surname:
 Postal Address:
 Town/City: State: NSW Post Code:
 Email: Phone (Primary): Phone (Alternate):

Media Consent: I consent to my name, likeness and voice being used by the WW4WDC for promotional and educational purposes

Spouse/Partner Details (optional)

First Name: Surname:
 Email: Phone (Primary): Phone (Alternate):
 Children Name(s):

Media Consent: My Spouse/Partner consent to their name, likeness and voice being used by the WW4WDC for promotional and educational purposes

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Please advise how you wish to pay the Membership Fee:

Direct Deposit Cheque Cash

- Cheques made payable to Wagga Wagga Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
- Direct Credit: BSB 325185, Account 38701433, Ref Surname or Member No

TRACKCHAT NEWSLETTER

To minimise costs and ensure prompt delivery the Club's monthly newsletter is emailed to members and also available from the Club's [website](#). For members without email a hard copy can be posted upon request or collected at meetings.

Please post a hard copy

ACCESS TO QUARRY TRAINING AREA (QTA)

- I apply for access to the QTA for private driving practice for this Membership year:
- I have read and will abide by the Club Policy for private use of the QTA:
- My level of 4WD experience is: Nil Basic Experienced
- 4WD Training I have completed: Nil Basic 4WD Training Advanced 4WD Training

DISCLAIMER

I hereby apply to become a member, or renew my membership, of the Wagga Wagga Four Wheel Drive Club Inc. with full voting rights. I have read and understood the Clubs Constitution, By-Laws and Policies, and the 4WD Australia Code of Ethics. In the event of my admission as a Member I agree to abide by these and uphold the Objects of the Club. I understand that four wheel driving is potentially hazardous and that injury and vehicle damage is always a possibility. Participation in Club activities is at my own risk. I hereby also nominate my spouse/partner to enjoy with me the privileges of membership including voting on all Club operational matters except formal votes on constitutional matters.

[Options for signing: 1) Electronic signature, 2) Print, sign and submit at General Meeting]

Signature of Applicant: Date:

NEW MEMBERS ONLY

This application will be processed if the applicant is nominated by a current member or attends a General Meeting and presents this form. As a Member of Wagga Wagga Four Wheel Drive Club Inc I nominate the applicant for membership

[Options for signing: 1) Electronic signature, 2) Print, sign and submit at General Meeting]

Name of Nominator: Membership No: Signature: Date:

PRIVACY

1. Membership information is used for Club operational purposes only.
2. I agree to my/our name(s), phone number(s) and email addresses to be published in the Club Members List.
3. Please note that photographs taken during Club activities may be used for Club reports, promotion and publicity. Participants who do not wish to have their images included must notify the activity leader.

CLUB USE ONLY

- Application for New Membership or Membership Renewal:
- Access to QTA to be:

Payment Date:
 Membership No:
 MailChimp:
 Card Issued:

Signature of Committee representative: Date:

EVENTS CALENDAR

Club Meetings

Coordinated Club Activity

General Interest

September						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4
5	Committee Meeting	6	7	8	9	10
12		13	14	15	16 Murrumbidgee River Reserves Recce	17
19	General Meeting	20	21	22	23	24 Quarry Morning Winch Mntnce
26		27	28	29	30	31

October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 Gears n Beers support team	2
3	Committee Meeting	4	5	6	7 NPWS; Vickery's Hut rebuilding	8
10		11	12	13	14	15
17	General Meeting	18	19	20	NPWS Vickery's Hut rebuilding Advanced Driver Training Paddock to Plate	23
24		25	26	27	28 RAAF Museum	29
31						30

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Committee Meeting	1	2	3	4	5
7		8	9	10	11	12
14	General Meeting	15	16	17	18 Trivia Night/Campout at QTA	19
21		22	23	24	25	26
28		29	30			27

December 2022

- 2-4 Icons of the Vic High Country
- 5 Committee meeting
- 10 Christmas Party and Awards Night

