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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.

**Cover Photo:** Cudgewa Falls Day trip, Wagga QTA; **Photo:** Michael O'Reilly

**Back Page:** Lovick's Hut; **Photo:** Tony Snell

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## PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Hi Folks,

Welcome to our May issue of TrackChat; it has been a big month.

Cudgewa Falls proved to be a very popular day trip to the Upper Murray River Area. Big thanks to Tony Driscoll and Rob Hoogland for leading the trip.

The Wonnangattas in the Victorian High Country was also an awesome trip. Big trip report by numerous contributors in this issue revealing some pretty interesting stuff.

While the Wonnangattas was a multi day trip, we would love to see more day trips on offer for members. If you have ideas for a day trip, or would like to run one, please give any committee members a call. We can sit alongside you for the planning and participation. There are plenty of experienced members who would love to assist you to run your trip.

I encourage all members to come along to the May quarterly meeting of the NSW/ACT association, being held in Wagga Wagga on Saturday May 21st. This is an excellent opportunity to listen to what's happening within other clubs around the state.

On the day after the association meeting, on Sunday there will be a stand alone day trip that Delegates are also invited to in addition to all Club Members. Wereboldra State Forest tracks near Tumut and Blowering Dam Foreshore Roads.

Another popular Activity coming up is an information session conducted by Peter van Wel in his workshop to assist members on 4WD vehicle basics and maintenance. Big Thank you to Peter for offering this once again. Saturday 9th July

Other great news is the upcoming annual "formal cookout" on the June long weekend at our QTA. Saturday is a massive camp oven cookout with superb roasts and veges...plus desert. What a bargain at \$25 per head including free camping and a breakfast of "bacon and bumnuts" on Sunday! It is always a great weekend of camaraderie. Top way to spend time with other members and get to know them over food and beverage. Activity sheets and contact details in this issue.

Also, claiming the date for later in the year is our Themed dress up and Trivia night at the Quarry Training Area near Alfredtown.



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

Looking forward to a great 2022.

Yours in 4WDing,

Alan Pottie

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL OUT FOR DAY TRIPS

As discussed in my presidents report, Day trips are the heart and sole of Club participation and social outings.

Have you ever thought about visiting a local Tourist attraction, but never actually got there? Still waiting for those friends and relatives to visit so that you can take them to showcase our Region?

Lets go...do it now...decide to do the trip you have been thinking about and keep putting off until the trip is perfect in your mind...ring a committee member this week!

Claim a date, put it in the calendar, then work out the details as per the suggestions below...



**Club Trips**  
More than 4WD driving

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**If you think a club trip needs to be an off-road 4WD adventure - think again!**

Our club trips provide opportunities for fun and interesting social activities for members. They can be on or off road and include anything from a morning tea get together, sight-seeing trips or trips to places of interest. They can range in length from a couple of hours to a week long trip. The only limitation is your imagination.

Some of the club trips that have been organised by members include:

- Altina Wildlife Park
- Autobarn Members Night
- Bush Fire Support (BlazeAid, Local Charity Support, Fencing)
- Quarry Training Area Working Bee
- State Forest and National Park Track Clearing
- Clean Up Australia Day
- Livingstone National Park Night Driving
- Brindabella National Park

So when you are planning a club trip do not be concerned if it is not an off-road adventure. We enjoy all activities that provide opportunities for members to get together and have fun.

## DAY TRIPS ( cont )



### 4WD DAY TRIPS What to Take

**Day trips can be just as challenging as longer trips so it is important you are prepared for all possible scenarios.**

1. Do your homework so you know what to expect on your trip
2. Check the intended destination and the expected level of difficulty of the driving. Make sure your vehicle and your skill levels are adequate. Activity Information Sheets detail what is required for each level of trip difficulty e.g. Easy grade 2, Medium grade 3, Difficult grade 4 etc. If in doubt seek advice. The vehicle should have suitable tyres in good condition. The Activity Info Sheet will also list any particular items of personal gear you require and any safety issues etc.
3. Your vehicle must have suitable recovery points front and rear.
4. Carry a suitable jack and wheel brace and make sure they work.
5. Carry recovery gear including a long handled shovel, sturdy leather gloves, 8,000 – 8,500 kg breaking strain snatch strap, and two 4.75 tonne rated bow shackles.
6. If possible (so that you are not relying on others) a tyre air pressure gauge and good quality heavy duty compressor with the capacity to pump up 4WD tyres.
7. A fire extinguisher and first aid kit.
8. UHF radio (either a wired in unit or a good quality 5 watt hand held unit).
9. Basic tool kit of spanners, screw drivers etc suitable for your vehicle. Include tapes, glues etc.
10. Small tarp for crawling under your vehicle, as a radiator blind for deep water crossings, or emergency shelter etc.
11. Adequate water and food supplies for the trip (suggest morning and afternoon tea and lunch for a day trip), plus an emergency supply in case you get stranded.
12. Adequate fuel for the expected journey or distance to the next refuel point.
13. Suitable clothing and sturdy closed in footwear. Remember conditions may change so it is wise to cater for all conditions (e.g. hat, jumper, parka/rain jacket). Even if it is hot at low altitudes it can get very cold in the mountains and can rain at any time.
14. Toilet paper for emergencies in the bush. Remember ALL human waste must be buried!
15. If you are travelling on your own, an axe or chainsaw (illegal to carry in National parks) to clear fallen trees.
16. Folding chair so that you are comfortable during lunch stops or long delays.
17. Check that everything works before a trip.
18. Be careful with packing – heavy items forward and low in the vehicle and well secured so that it does not fly around on rough tracks etc.
19. Your wallet, drivers licence and mobile phone.
20. Any essential medications.
21. Make sure someone at home knows where you are going and when you expect to return.
22. A desire for adventure, a sense of adventure, a caring attitude, patience and tolerance.
23. Plan for the worst. Hope for the best .... and take what comes.

## 4WD BEAKDOWN: Tony and Madlin Snell

**Owner;** Tony & Madlin Snell

**Most memorable trip;**

There's been many. Canning Stock Route, Anne Beadel Hwy, Gulf of Carpentaria, Simpson Desert, Cape York numerous times, Wirraba Ridge before it was turned into wilderness Area, Victorian High Country. The list goes on.

**Nickname of your vehicle;**

Doesn't really have one.

**Make;** Nissan Patrol Ute 4.2 TDI

**Year;** 2004

**Colour;** White

**Transmission;** Manual

**Hairiest moment;**

I've slid down a few muddy hills and the feeling of not being in control is unnerving.

**Worst Breakdown;**

We've been lucky so far. 25 years ago we used to have an old HJ47 Troopy and on our honeymoon the water pump failed between Cobar and Wilcannia. We were towed back to Cobar but now I always carry a spare.

**If you could change one thing about your 4WD, what would it be?;**

GVM upgrade. For a big 4wd this is the weak link. Especially as this is coil sprung so have to be mindful of weight. This is why it has an alloy tray and canopy.

**Modifications;**

2 inch lift, 3 inch exhaust, bigger turbo and intercooler, front and side bars, winch, canopy, roof top tent, spotlights, uhf.

## 4WD BREAKDOWN: Tony and Madlin Snell

### **What is the best thing about your 4WD;**

Very versatile. A good remote tourer and capable offroader. Easy to work on and very basic. I do have aircon and power steering though.

### **Why did you join the Club?**

Close to Cootamundra and we like going away with like minded people

### **Trips on your Bucket List?**

Any new track or destination. Its all an adventure.



## TRIP REPORT; Cudgewa Falls; Michael O'Reilly

An excellent roll-up 16 vehicles assembled opposite Jubilee Park on a fine sunny morning after a week of rain in Wagga.

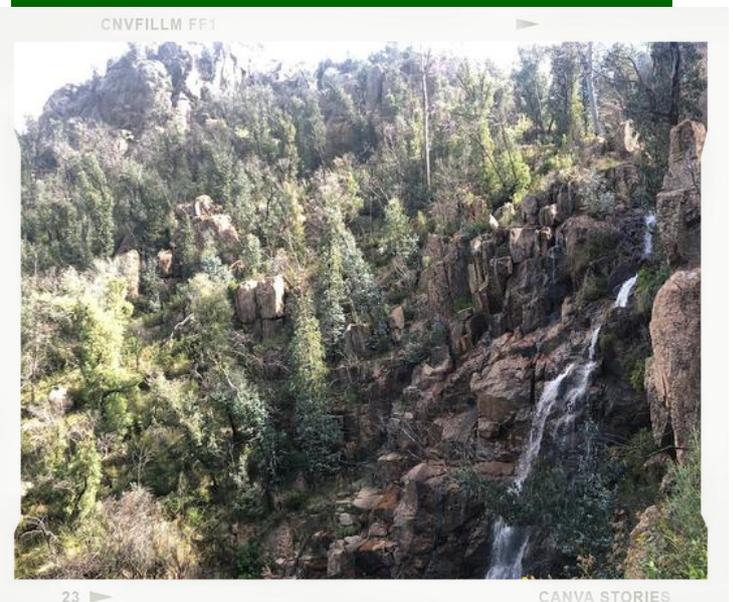
Following up on the recent 4WD training course, it was nice to see some new members; welcome to Anthony, Tony and to Graham and Prue – hope you enjoyed your first day out with us!

Convoy procedure and a quick route briefing and we were on the road south through Holbrook for a stop for morning tea at the Jingellic Showgrounds.

The acclaimed local metal sculptor Andrew Whitehead has been working on a statue of a firefighter and it is worth a look ( **Picture; Front cover** ). It is designed to commemorate the efforts and sacrifice of the firefighters who worked so hard to protect the towns of Jingellic and Walwa during the January 2020 fires.

Across the Murray into Victoria and into Walwa where we turned south heading for the Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park along Cudgewa Bluff Road. The road soon turned to dirt but is in good condition and only really got interesting once we reached the Park itself.

Dogman Tk, Hinchs Tk then Upper Dogman Tk skirt the eastern edge of the Park and provided some interesting challenges negotiating creeks, ruts and washaways, as well as views of the Cudgewa Bluff towering over us.



## TRIP REPORT; Cudgewa Falls; Michael O'Reilly. ( cont )

Tony led us down Black Mountain Track which was easy going apart from a few challenging switchbacks and out into open farmland to reach Jeffcotts Road for an air-up before re-joining the Murray Valley Highway.

This excellent road took us up the range almost to Shelley where most of us (sorry Jim and Catherine who missed the turn) turned right to head north along the sealed Shelly Road. This is a very scenic road as it slowly descends back into the Murray valley through Guys Forest and returns to Walwa.

A few of them took a detour to the Bridge Hotel at Jingellic to watch the entertainment in the camping area, and to enjoy a meal and a cold drink before heading back to Wagga.

Thanks to Tony Driscoll and Rob "Tailgate" Hoogland for leading the trip, and to Rob for providing the lunchtime entertainment by running over a metal barbecue hidden in the long grass. Sorry Rob, we did see that...

Michael O'Reilly







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## TRIP REPORT; Wonnangattas; Vic High Country; Friday Departure; Alan Pottie

With several people keen to do Ian Davidson's Wonnangatta trip, but unable to stay Monday, a group of 5 lead by Scott Sainsbury ( Amarok ) left Jubilee Park Wagga Wagga at 7.45 am and made a beeline for the Mytleford Bakery.

These in the troupe were Susan Schraenkler ( Hilux ), Grant Gablonski ( Colorado ), Graham McKenzie ( Prado 150 ) and myself (Prado 120 ) as Tail End Charlie.

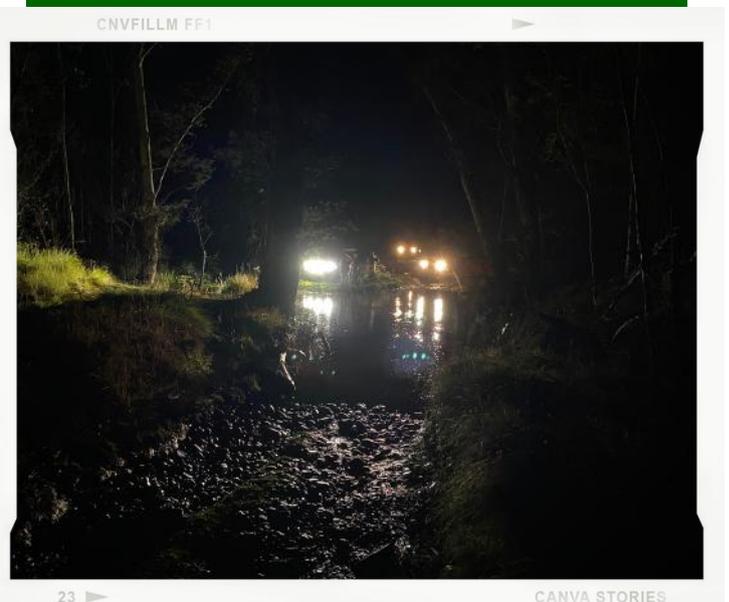
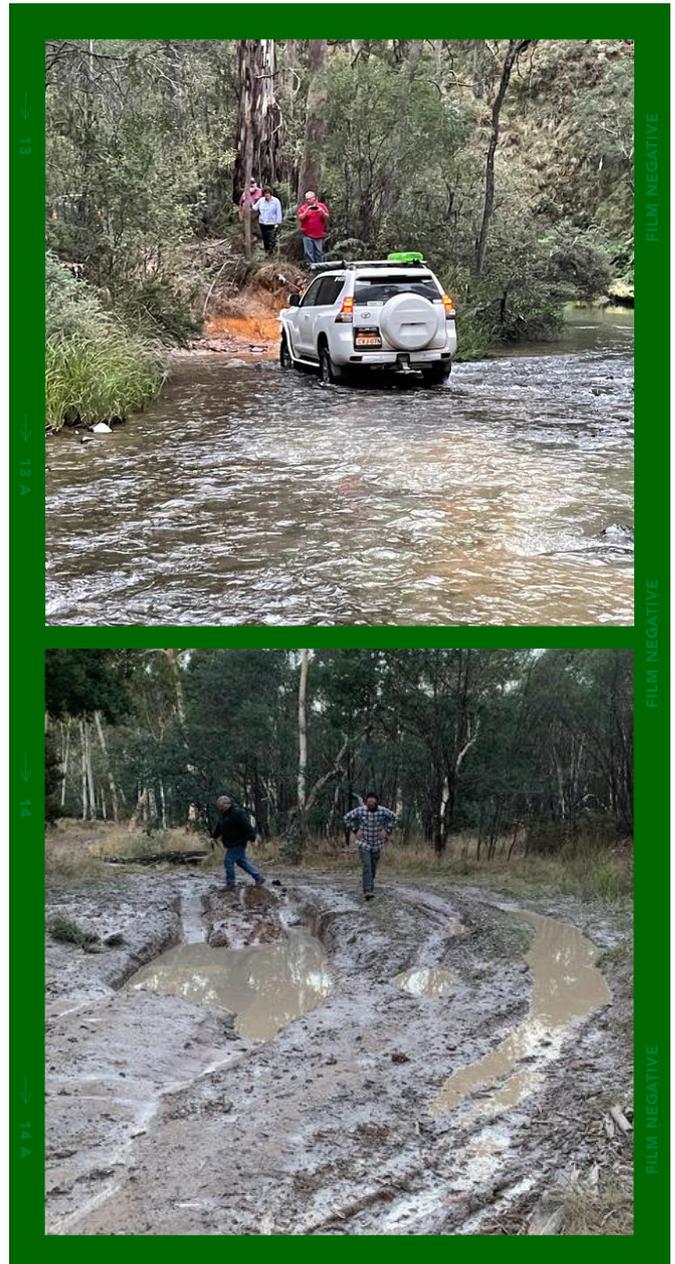
After woofing great coffee and some eats at Mytleford, we headed out past Lake Buffalo and turned left up Mount Buggery Track for some spectacular ridge driving and a quick stop for lunch.

Heading for Wonnangatta station took us along Abeyard track, Penny Track and Humfrey River Track. While terrific tracks to enjoy, the journey took us into the night, which provided some very memorable and challenging night driving experiences through creek crossings and gnarly mud holes/tracks along the Old Wonnangatta Track.

The later section involved yours truly donning the waders to check out a muddy and quite deep piece of water crossing...how much fun was that!!

A special day's drive, it provided some very memorable experiences and lots of campfire discussion late into the night...for some...thanks Scotty for leading this extra day!

Alan



## TRIP REPORT; Wonnangattas; Vic High Country; Saturday Departure; Ian Davidson

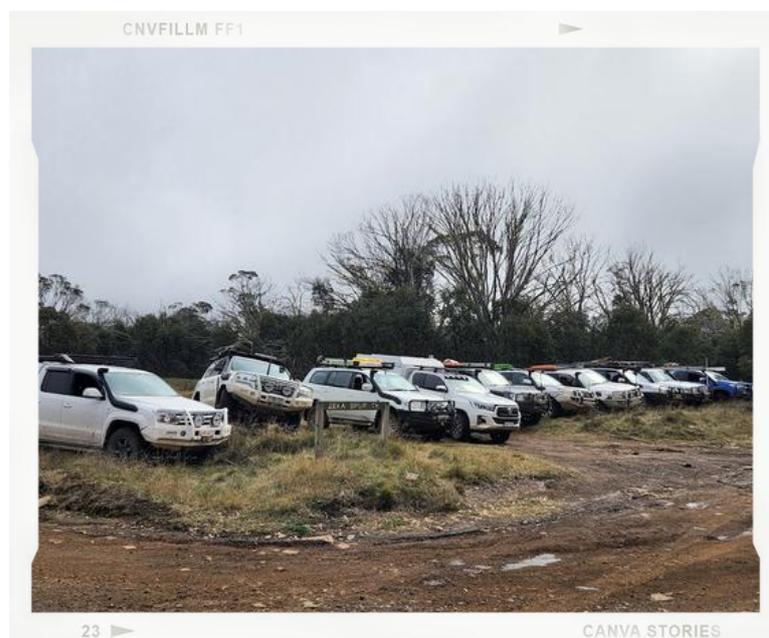
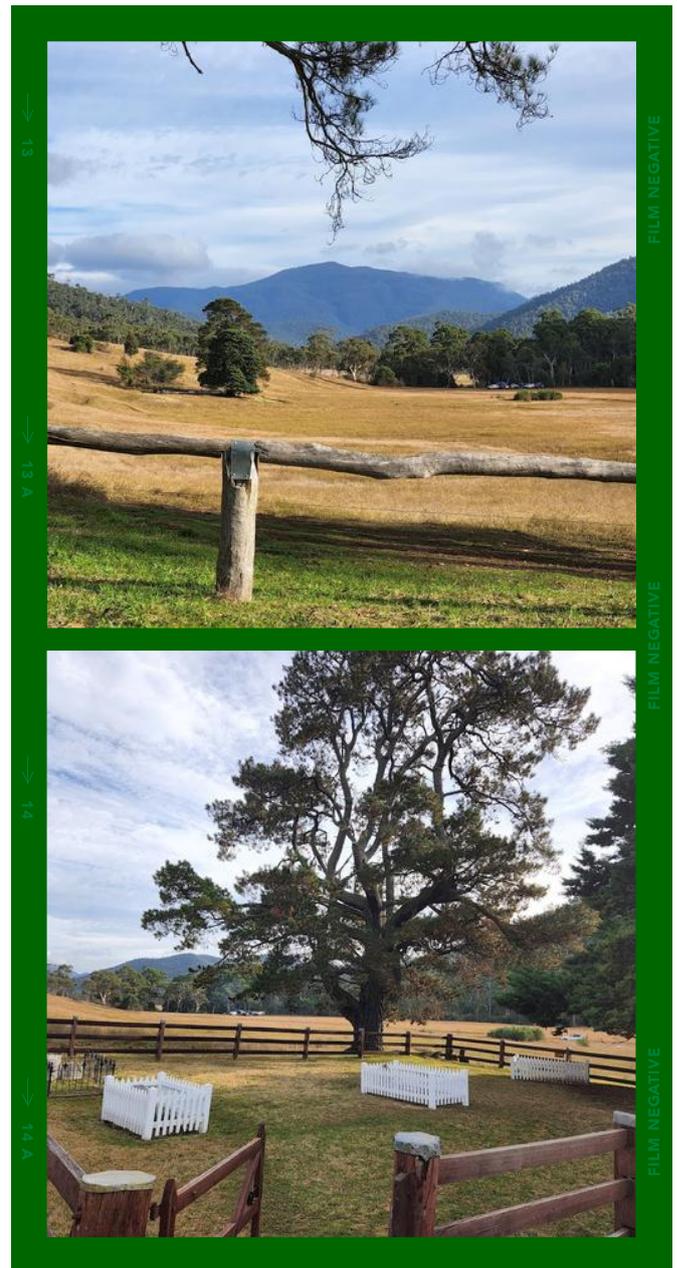
With 5 vehicles departing on the Friday there remained another 5 departing Wagga on Saturday morning: trip leader Ian, visitors and Ian's cousins Susie with hubby Allen and Owen with son Joel, Paul Kingdom and Steve & Jo Cottom.

Despite the heavy thunderstorm overnight and light showers early in the morning by the time we got away spot on time at 8:00am the heavens had stopped altogether.

After a quick pit stop at Holbrook we continued to the Hume Weir, by which time the sky was clearing well – finally the weather gods were smiling on us!

On to Myrtleford, arriving there a little before 11:00 to be joined by Tony Snell. We all fueled up then went on to the bakery which was doing a roaring trade.

We all managed to leave there loaded up with coffees & foods of various kinds and onwards to the very pleasant picnic area at Lake Buffalo for late smoko/early lunch, held in glorious sunshine.



## TRIP REPORT; Wonnangattas; Vic High Country; Saturday Departure; Ian Davidson ( cont )

Leaving Lake Buffalo at 12:30 we proceeded across the spillway and along Buffalo River Rd, winding its way parallel to the river with a number of nice campgrounds along the way, airing down at the first one after hitting the gravel.

Continuing on West Buffalo Track then Harry Shepherds Track where we dropped down into low range for the first time, then Wonnangatta Track we arrived at the early birds' campsite near the Wonnangatta Station ruins around 3:15.

After quickly setting up our tents & swags a group of us rode with Alan & Scott along some of the tracks they had used when arriving well after dark on the Friday night. Some extreme bogs resulted in a couple of dented side steps - and heads!

Just as the sun set we gathered around the campfire for happy hour and dinner, looking forward to the next day's adventures.

Ian



## TRIP REPORT; Wonnangattas; Vic High Country; Saturday; Susan Schraenkler

When retiring on Friday evening, the predicted rain commenced and seemed to go through most of the night, constituting a snug night listening to rain patter on canvas.

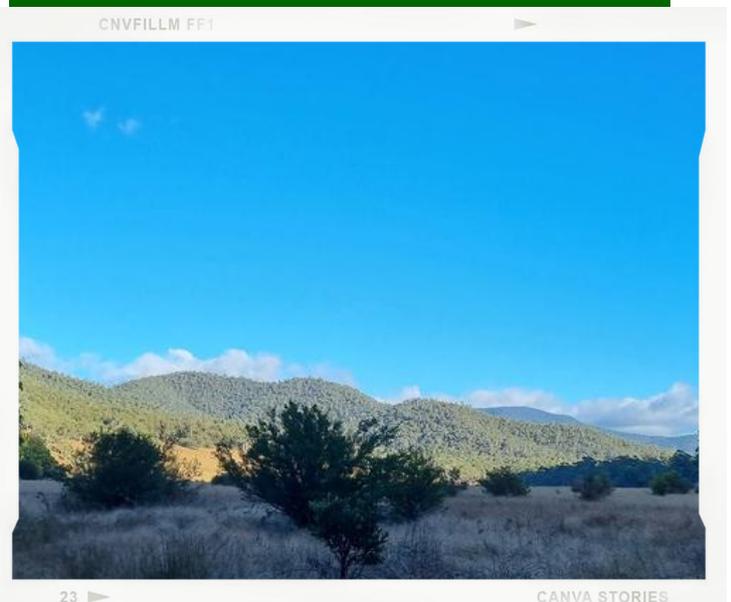
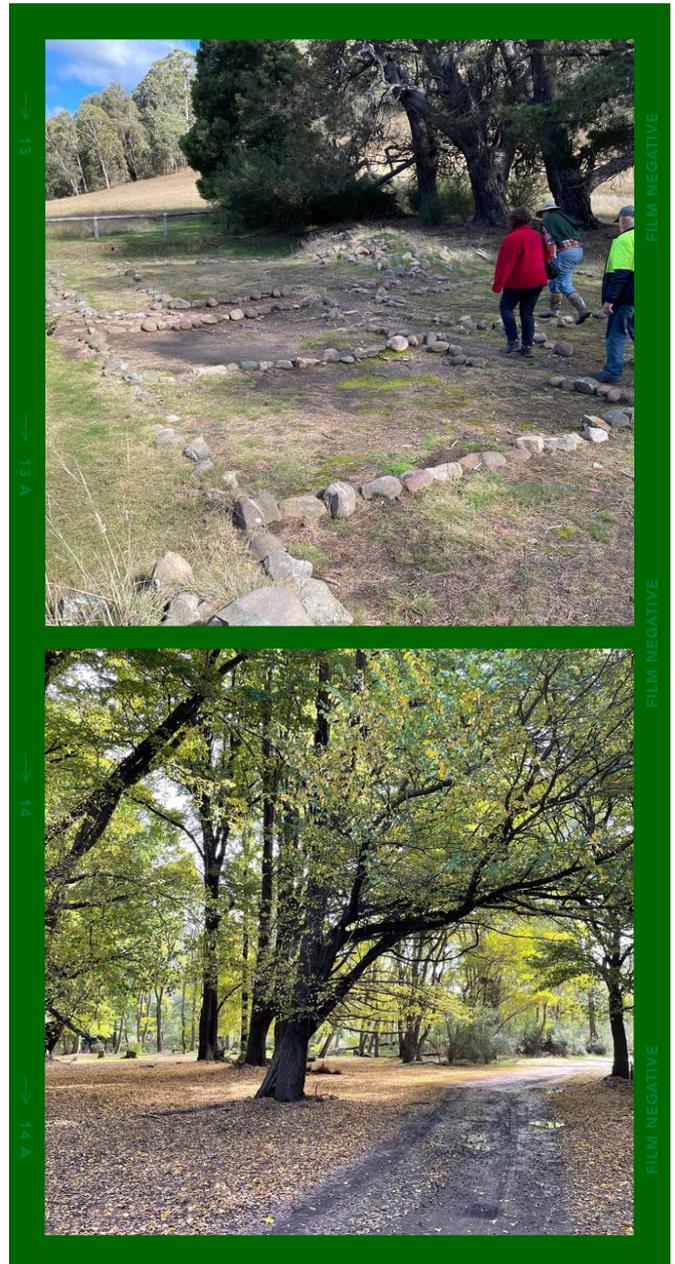
Saturday morning wasn't April Fools Day, but the last of April and a relaxing one at that, especially after our adventures from the previous day and night.

Scott, Alan, Macca, Grant and myself all managed a leisurely start, the sun was out for a bright day. What shall we do ....nothing or something? As we were camping at the mysterious and historic Wonnangatta Station a stroll to see the sights was unanimous. We ambled along the Wonnangatta River enjoying a chat and the beautiful open space of the homestead grounds with surrounding treed high country.

Respectfully we visited the peaceful grave yard beneath 2 huge aged sentinel trees. Sadly the graves were of women and children from Wonnangatta Station.

The walking path then lead us to the ruins of the station homestead where we could see the outline, like a plan of the home, we read information signs and saw pretty Autumn leaves about. Soon we were meandered back to camp.

Alan, Macca and Grant decided to go and see, in daylight, some of the tracks from yesterday and collect fire wood.



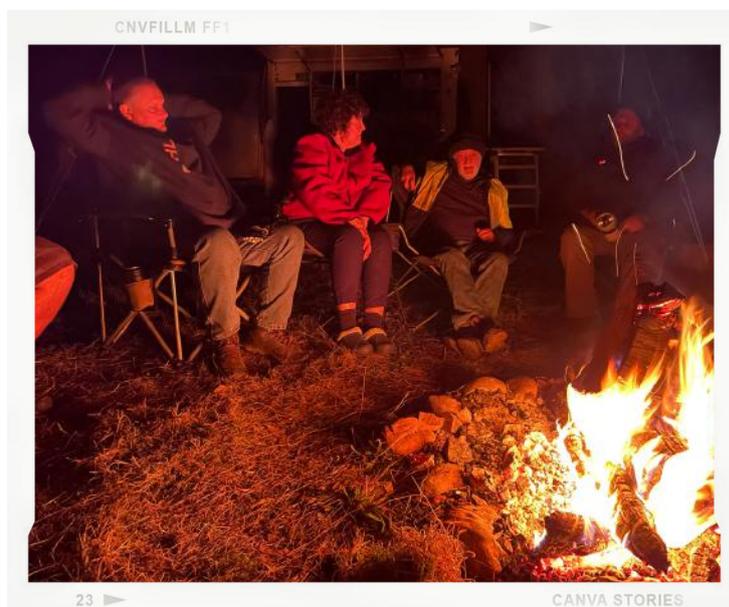
## TRIP REPORT; Wonnangattas; Vic High Country; Saturday; Susan Schraenkler ( cont )

I thought I'd try out a new apple streusel cake recipe in the camp oven. Scott couldn't remember the word streusel, so decided it was an apple strzelecki cake. (Later Steve decided it was the Apple Strzelecki cake with the Pomegranate Oodnadatta Track running through).

Not long after the fire wood fellas returned, the 'bit of a mouthful cake' was then consumed, just before Ian and his crew including Susie and Allen, Owen and Joel, Steve and Jo with Tony and Paul arrived swelling the camp ranks.

Eager to show Ian and his team what we had tackled in the dark Alan, Scott and Grant took their vehicles and passengers through the paces again. We travelled back along Old Wonangatta Track and with a smoother return on (new) Wonangatta track. I wonder why a new track was created??

The plentiful wood supply produced a beaut camp fire and a good evening meeting the travel weary folk.



## TRIP REPORT; Wonnangattas; Vic High Country; Monday; Susan Schraenkler

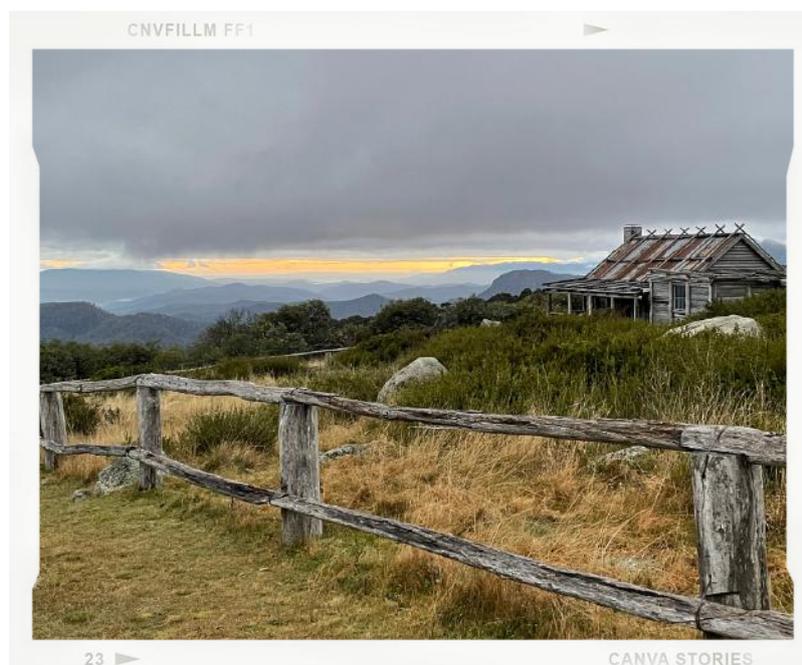
Alan and I needed an early departure from the main group as we had later day commitments.

Our camp was not far from Craig's Hut. In the past Alan had missed out on a Craig's Hut visit, as we were so close we decided to take an early 6am departure from the main group.

We set off in the dark with a river crossing and continued to Circuit Road, then turned onto Clear Hills Track taking us to Craig's Hut as the sun was rising. Alan was most pleased to be on top of the world and at such time of day.

We looked about taking a few snaps before hitting the road again. We both thoroughly enjoyed the curves and bends winding our way back to the bitumen for the airup.

Onto Mansfield for a good coffee and quick bite to eat. We traveled well together to the Hume and final departures, were with Alan heading to Wagga Wagga and I continued to Canberra.



## TRIP REPORT; Wonnangattas; Vic High Country; Monday; Tony Snell

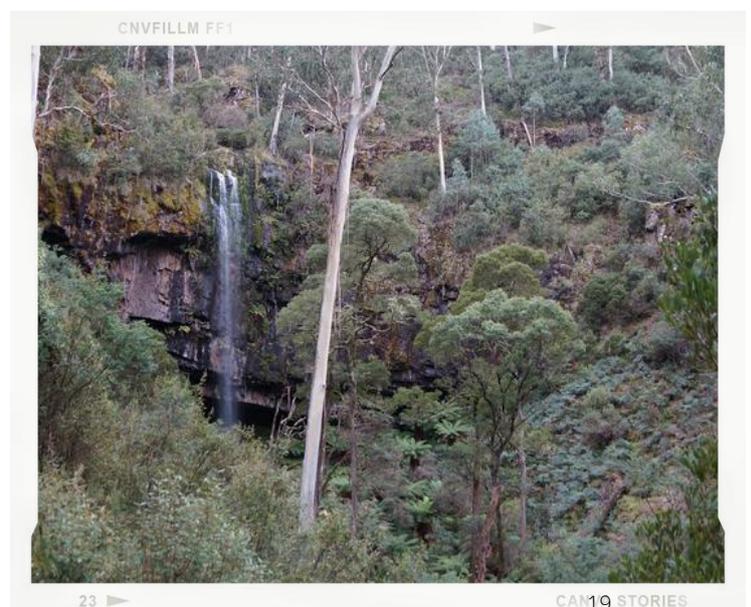
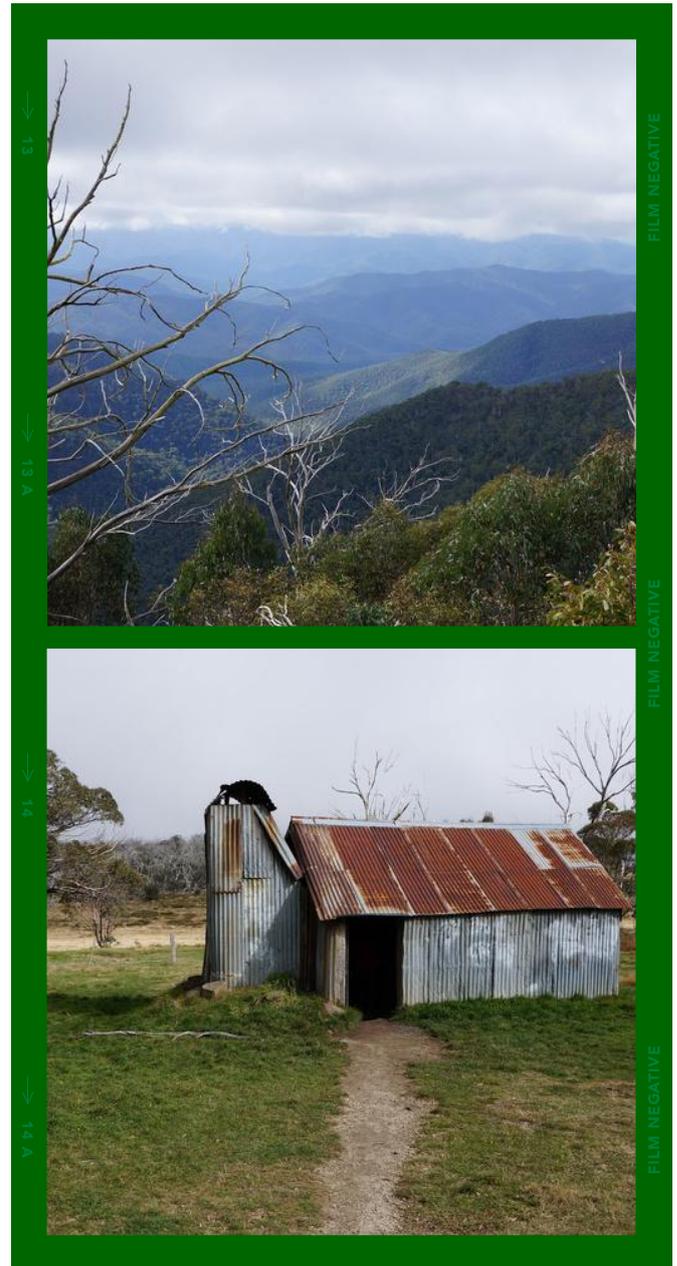
### Bindaree Camping Area Vic High Country

Up before the Sun was Al and Susan as they had to get back home so they toddled off at 6am leaving us to sleep in for a bit longer. With the sun peaking through it was time to make a move and get breakfast started. You can't beat the smell of bacon and eggs over the previous night's campfire. We were very lucky as it was another night with not much dew to deal with when packing up.

With everyone ready Ian summoned us in, and first order of the day was to sing Happy Birthday to Owen. This was going to be his special day. Convoy procedures reinstated and away we go for a magic day around the High Country.

We filed out past Bindaree Hut stopping to look at the Scar Tree which had limbs connected together. Scott said it had to do with Indigenous people marking their territory or something along that line. Very interesting to look at as I hadn't seen this before.

Out over the Howqua River which had a good flow going on and then stopping for a look at Bindaree Falls. If you haven't been there it is a 10 minute short walk to them and well worth the effort as you can walk behind and under the Falls giving it a very special atmosphere. It creates a bit of an amphitheatre and the ferns and brush under the overhangs feel like you are in a Lord of the Rings scene.



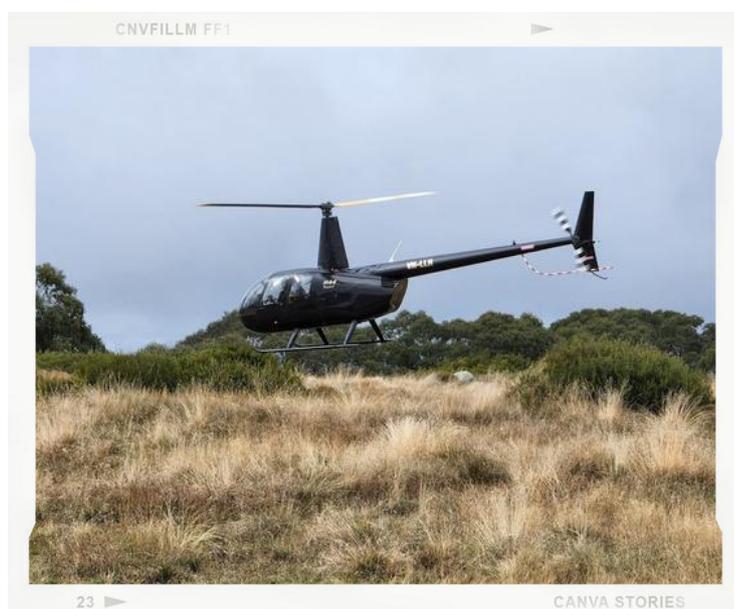
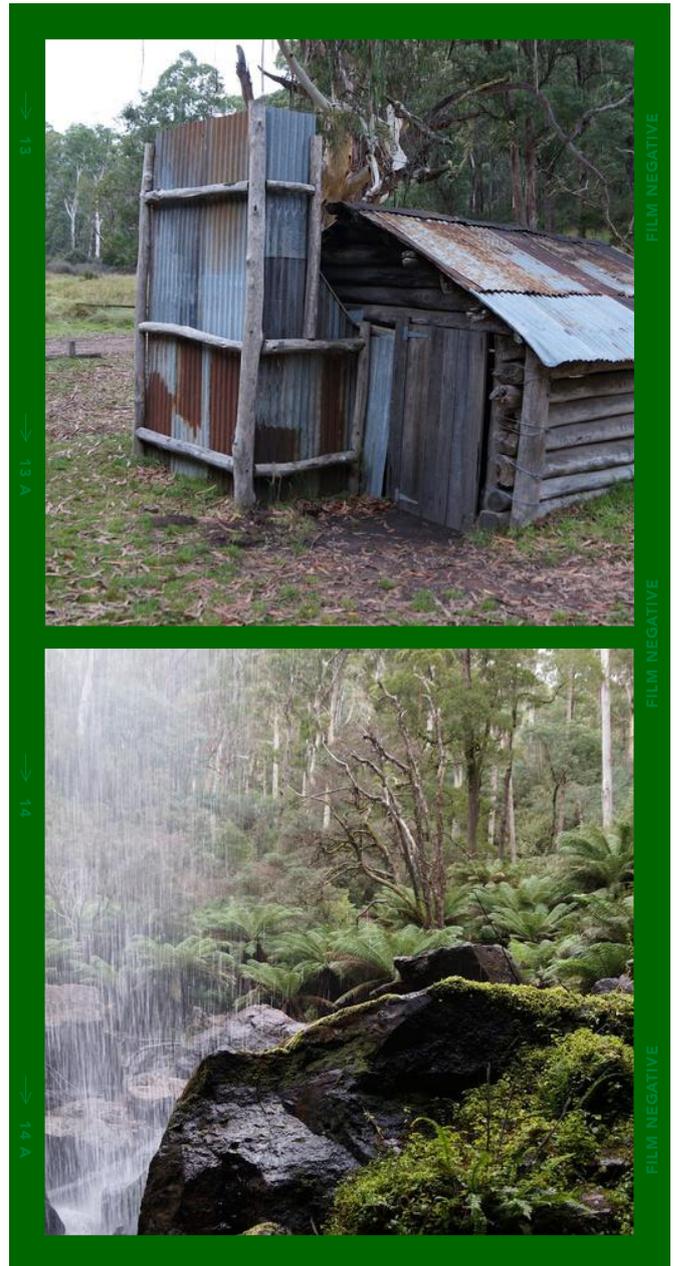
## TRIP REPORT; Wonnangattas; Vic High Country; Monday; Tony Snell ( cont )

Back to the carpark and then we headed up the Monument Track to Craigs Hut. We weren't too sure what to expect on this track as it was still a bit soggy underfoot but no dramas and up we all went.

This is where Owens real birthday present lay as we popped out onto the top plain and Craigs Hut was there in all its splendour. He had read the poem, seen the movie so now to be there made the smile on his face even bigger. He mentioned this day was going to be one he will always remember.

Just after we had all taken our obligatory 100 photos and we were finishing morning tea a helicopter came in and landed by the Hut so we all meandered over and had a look. He was running scenic tour flights out of Mansfield.

Maybe something to look into next time anyone is down that way as it would be a spectacular experience.



## TRIP REPORT; Wonnangattas; Vic High Country; Monday; Tony Snell ( cont )

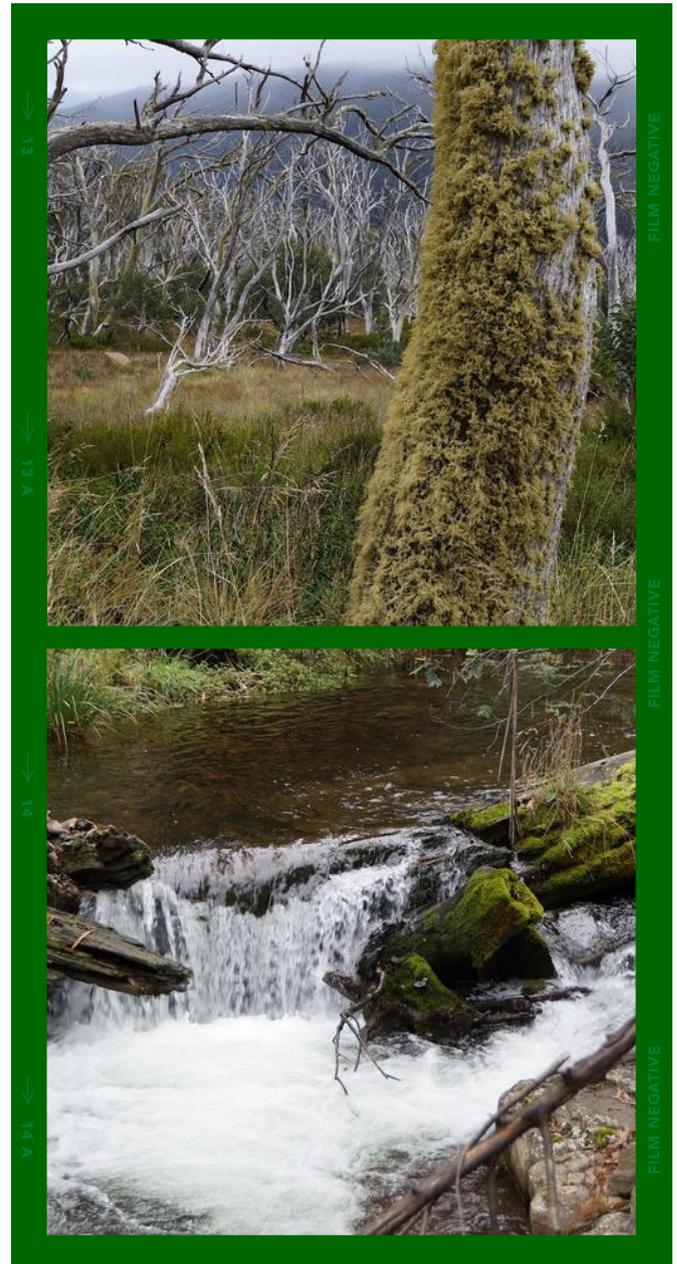
The group then split as a few decide to head off as it was going to be a fairly long drive back home for some. Ian, Steve, (aka Go Go Gadget Man) and Joanne and myself stayed on for a bit and drive down along King Basin Road stopping to look at the hut along the way. We crossed the river 5 or 6 times noting there was probably a dozen or so good camping sites to use. Then onto Westons Track and out and airing tyres up at 1:45 pm.

We travelled around 60 kms off road today all on very well-maintained tracks for where we were. We all noted how clean and tidy the area was. After passing a few busloads of school children on a camping excursion we stopped for lunch in the park at Mansfield and travelled up together with Steve and Jo branching off north of Albury and Ian turning off at Holbrook. Ian mentioned he has now taken the record off John Kent for the least amount of vehicles left in the convoy as he was now just on his Pat Malone.

I would like to thank Ian for the effort he put into this trip and the knowledge he shared with us about the areas. For someone who has been coming to the region for years you can see the passion he has for it. It was a very enjoyable and entertaining trip meeting new people and making new friends. To be able to wind down at the end of the day sitting around the campfire with stories and jokes being told is one of the great pleasures in life. I can't wait for the next adventure.

Cheers

Tony Snell



## TRIP REPORT; Wonnangattas; Vic High Country; Sunday; Steve Cottom

The day began with a visit to the site of the Wonnangatta homestead and cemetery. It is hard to believe that a place so beautiful has seen some foul play in its history.

Before leaving Steve drew the joker card. 11 vehicles made the Zeka Spur a slower trip but weather conditions were on our side, views on the climb were photogenic to say the least!

Taking a little over 2 hours to reach Howitt Road the group gathered for a photo opportunity, while Steve may have drawn the Joker card, he certainly took honors for king of the rock!

A short drive to Howitt Plains Hut for a lunch break and scope out the hut. Pulling out of the hut car park we headed to King Billy and enjoyed the decent into the valley. The trip down showcased Lava slides that were so impressive I personally can't stop thinking about them...

The layers of fauna are so dramatic that in a space of a few minutes you would think that you were on a different trip.



## TRIP REPORT; Wonnangattas; Vic High Country; Sunday; Steve Cottom ( cont )

The trip back up became a game of intrigue and speculation as a thick smell of diesel filled the air. An obvious slick trail suggested someone was possibly in or going to be in trouble.

Just on 3pm we arrive at Lovicks hut and have a quick afternoon tea break.

Remember the diesel trail we were following? Well within 500 meters past Lovicks hut we found old mate and his 3 travel companions casually munching away at a wad of salami and crackers on the side of the road. His trusty GQ wagon had a gouge out of his main tank you could insert a 50 cent coin into. He was simply “waiting for a mate” to bring in some diesel for his reserve tank to get him home.

After hearing he had to wait until 11pm a plan was hatched to transfer some diesel from Tony’s patrol and have him on his way, and on his way he was, in a puff of smoke... thick black sooty smoke.

On the move again we stopped for a quick inspection of Bluff hut, and boy did some fog set in quick at that height... or was that the GQ smoke trail?

Bindaree Hut was resting place for the night, we said goodbye to Grant and Macka as they continued their trip back to Wagga.

As the sun set we settled down around a stubborn camp fire shared some pretty good Aldi cake and some port and some more port.





## ACTIVITY INFORMATION SHEET

<b>ACTIVITY:</b>		<b>4WD Association Meeting Weekend – Wagga Wagga</b>			
<b>Leader:</b>	Alan Pottie	<b>Ph:</b>	0414 492 055	<b>Email:</b>	President.wagga4wdc@gmail.com
<b>Date/s:</b>	21, 22 May 2022	<b>Deadline to confirm participation:</b>			
<b>Meeting point:</b>	Wagga Wagga RSL Club. Dobbs St.		<b>Start time:</b>	8.45 for 9.00am meeting start	
<b>Vehicle / participant numbers:</b>	<i>Maximum:</i>	No limit	<i>Minimum:</i>		
<b>Description of activity, safety issues, comments etc:</b>	<p><b>SATURDAY 21:</b></p> <p><b>8.45 for 9.00am start.</b> Association Quarterly Meeting. Pacific Lounge, Wagga RSL Club. Come along and hear what our state Association is doing for us, and what other clubs are doing. All welcome. Ample parking. Sign into the Club. Morning tea provided.</p> <p><b>Sat Afternoon:</b> After the Assoc meeting, attendees and all club members are welcome to experience the Wagga 4WD Club's driver training area. BYO 4WD. Directions available on request.</p> <p><b>BBQ –</b> Saturday evening we will set up a bbq at the training area camp ground. A campfire will be lit for those wanting to do a camp oven feast. BYO food and drink, folding chair, eating hardware etc.</p> <p><b>Camping:</b> Free camping is available for visiting Club members at the Wagga Club's training area for Friday and Saturday nights. Toilet available. No showers. The training area is 15km east of Wagga at Alfredtown just off the Sturt Highway. Contact Alan Pottie for directions.</p> <p>Those soft people who do not wish to camp need to arrange their own accommodation.</p> <p><b>SUNDAY 22: Half day or full drive (See separate Activity Info Sheet for details)</b></p> <p>Meeting point – gates to the Quarry Training Area. 8.15 for a 8.30am departure. UHF ch10.</p> <p>Proposed route: Adelong Falls gold working ruins for morning tea. Drive up Mt Wereboldra behind Tumut. Lunch in Tumut. Those who wish to head home can depart from Tumut at lunch time. For those who wish to continue the drive there will be a tour of the Tumut area.</p>				
<b>Personal gear required:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food for Sat BBQ (if attending). If attending Sunday drive - as per a normal 4WD trip (food, water, bush gear, recovery gear, UHF).</li> <li>• Camping gear if camping.</li> </ul>				
<b>Club gear provided:</b>	<p>Training area: Toilet. Gazebo if needed. First Aid and AED. BBQ. Camp fire.</p> <p>Drive day: First Aid and AED</p>				
<b>Level of physical difficulty of overall activity: Easy? Moderate? Hard? Very hard?</b>					Easy to Hard - up to you
<b>FOR TRIPS:</b>	<b>Grading:</b>	<b>If wet:</b> 4	<b>If dry:</b> 3	<b>Suited to camper trailer? Y? N? NA?</b>	YES
<b>Number of nights camping:</b>		0,1 or 2	<b>Location:</b>	Wagga 4WDClub Training Area.	
<b>Full time driving?</b>	No	<b>Fuel required &amp; availability:</b>		Full tank. Fuel available Wagga and Tumut.	



## ACTIVITY INFORMATION SHEET

<b>ACTIVITY:</b>		<b>Association Meeting Weekend: Half day or full day drive</b>					
<b>Leaders:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Kent (Ph 0419 691 218)</li> <li>• Melinda Jennings (Ph 0408 263 405)</li> </ul>			<b>Email:</b>		training.wagga4wdc@gmail.com
<b>Date/s:</b>		Sun 22 May 2022		<b>Deadline to confirm participation:</b>		Sat 21 May (Association meeting)	
<b>Meeting point:</b>		Gate to Club Quarry Training Area, Alfred Town			<b>Start time:</b>		8.15 for 8.30am departure
<b>Vehicle / participant numbers:</b>		<i>Maximum:</i>	No limit		<i>Minimum:</i>	2	
<b>Description of activity, safety issues, comments etc:</b>		<p><b>Proposed route:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adelong Falls gold working ruins for morning tea. (Toilet available)</li> <li>• Drive up Mt Wereboldra behind Tumut (lookout over Blowering Dam). Some steep, scabbly sections. Low range 4WD required.</li> <li>• Picnic lunch in Tumut at Bila Park, Wynyard St. Toilet available (Lunch can be purchased in Tumut if needed). We will aim to be in Tumut around 12.30pm.</li> <li>• Those who wish to head home can depart from Tumut at lunch time.</li> <li>• For those who wish to continue the drive, there will be a tour of the Tumut area e.g. Blowering dam wall. Snubba Range trail, Blowering foreshore, Batlow, Wagga Wagga. Tracks will be very slippery if wet. If it is wet we will go a different way.</li> <li>• This trip would suit newer drivers who have completed Basic 4WD Training.</li> </ul>					
<b>Personal gear required:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As per a normal 4WD trip (food, water, bush gear, recovery gear). Air compressor.</li> <li>• UHF Radio – Channel 10</li> </ul>					
<b>Club gear provided:</b>		First Aid and AED.					
<b>Level of physical difficulty of overall activity:</b> <i>Easy? Moderate? Hard? Very hard?</i>							Moderate
<b>FOR TRIPS:</b>		Grading:	<i>If wet:</i> 4	<i>If dry:</i> 3	Suited to camper trailer?		Yes (if dry). Note steep scabbly sections and possibly slippery clay.
<b>Number of nights camping:</b>			<b>Location:</b>				
<b>Full time driving?</b>		Yes (300km?)		<b>Fuel required &amp; availability:</b>		Full tank from Wagga.	



## ACTIVITY INFORMATION SHEET

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

*Forward to Activity Coordinator and TrackChat Editor*

<b>ACTIVITY:</b>	<b>"Formal Cook Out "June Long Weekend Quarry 2022</b>		
<b>Leader:</b>	Paul Kingdom	<b>Ph:</b>	0427719933
		<b>Email:</b>	pgk2650@yahoo.com.au
<b>Date/s:</b>	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	<b>Deadline to confirm participation:</b>	<b>Monday 6 June 2022</b>
<b>Meeting point:</b>	Quarry	<b>Start time:</b>	Mid-Morning 11 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Vehicle / participant numbers:</b>	<i>Maximum:</i>	Heaps	<i>Minimum:</i>
<b>Description of activity, safety issues, comments etc:</b>	<h3 style="color: red;">Who loves a roast?</h3> <p>Come and enjoy a camp oven Roast Dinner at our Quarry with a little bit of formal gear. <b>Need to Let Brenda Moore know numbers Mob 0428221568 or 02 69266224. Also please let us know if you have a camp oven. Please put your name on the camp oven and trivet</b></p> <p>The meal will be served around 6.00 to 6.30pm on Saturday night with sweets provided. If you are there for breakfast the next day it will be served around 8.00am.</p> <p><b>Need helpers for:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Help set up camp: Tarp, gazebo's, trailer, lights, - Mid Morning onwards</li> <li>2. Cut up Veggies- After Lunch 1.00pm</li> <li>3. Get fire going- Mid Morning for our trench and general fire.</li> <li>4. Bring Trailer out and return it.</li> </ol> <p>Everyone is welcome to camp over if they wish. So bring your swag, camper or caravan.</p> <p>You may wish to camp on Friday and Sunday night as well being a long weekend. Meal prepared by the club is for Saturday night and Sunday morning only.</p> <p>The Club now has a composting toilet on site.</p> <p><b>Note: Cost of the dinner/breakfast \$25.00 per person</b></p> <p>Please make payment to the club by the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.</p> <p><b><u>Bank Details:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Beyond Bank. BSB 325185 ACC No. 38701433</u></b></p> <p><b>Please use a reference of your name or your membership No. so we know who the money came from. Thanks</b></p>		

<b>Personal gear required:</b>	Plates, Cutlery, Cup/Mug, Chairs, Nibbles, Own Drinks. Camping gear for one or more nights					
<b>Club gear provided:</b>	Trailer, Tarps, First Aid Kit. Defibulator					
<b>Level of physical difficulty of overall activity:</b> <i>Easy? Moderate? Hard? Very hard?</i>						Easy
<b>FOR TRIPS:</b>	Grading (see P2):	If wet:	N/A	If dry:	N/A	Suited to camper trailer? Y? N? NA?
						Yes
<b>Number of nights camping:</b>	1	<b>Location:</b>	Quarry River Road Alfredtown			
<b>Full time driving?</b>	N/A	<b>Fuel required &amp; availability:</b>	N/A			

## Page 2: Activity Information Sheet

### NOTES AND TRIP GRADING

#### NOTES:

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2. Photographs taken during the activity may be published in TrackChat and on the Club website and Facebook page.
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4. Because of the nature of activities undertaken, there is always the possibility of personal injury or vehicle damage. All participants have a responsibility to maintain safety at all times.
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#### TRIP GRADING/ DIFFICULTY:

- *Conditions may change during the trip.*
- *Tracks may be marked with a symbol to indicate grading.*

GRADE	SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
1	Very easy	Very easy with little if any 4WD driving. Usually a scenic tour.
2	Easy Green circle	Easy 4WD trip. Mostly unsealed roads with no obstacles and minor gradients. Suitable for all wheel drive and high range 4WD vehicles with road tyres and low clearance, and novice drivers.
3	Medium Blue square	Mainly high range 4WD driving but low range required. Tracks may include steep, rocky, slippery, sandy & muddy sections and water crossings. Suitable for medium clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain or road tyres. Drivers should have experience and training. Basic recovery gear required to be carried.
4	Difficult Black diamond	Significant low range 4WD driving. Tracks may have frequent steep, rocky, slippery, sandy, muddy sections and water crossings. Suitable for high



## ACTIVITY INFORMATION SHEET

<b>ACTIVITY:</b>		<b>Workshop: 4WD MECHANICALS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>					
<b>Leader:</b>	Peter van Wel	<b>Ph:</b>	0408 255 033	<b>Email:</b>	peter@allthingsoffroad.com.au		
<b>Date/s:</b>	Sat 9th July		<b>Deadline to confirm participation:</b>			Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> July	
<b>Meeting point:</b>	All Things Off-Road. Pearson St.			<b>Start time:</b>	9.00am		
<b>Vehicle / participant numbers:</b>		<i>Maximum:</i>		<i>Minimum:</i>			
<b>Description of activity, safety issues, comments etc:</b>	<p>A morning in the workshop covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical features of 4WD's. Have a look under vehicles up on a hoist.</li> <li>How different vehicles work e.g drive systems, suspensions etc.</li> <li>How to undertake basic maintenance.</li> </ul> <p>This is your chance to learn more about your vehicle and how to ensure it gives trouble free performance in the bush.</p> <p>Note: The venue is a commercial mechanical workplace. Safety is a priority. Take care and please respect the business.</p>						
<b>Personal gear required:</b>	<p>Closed in footwear. Morning tea to share.</p>						
<b>Club gear provided:</b>	<p>Tea and coffee. First aid</p>						
<b>Level of physical difficulty of overall activity:</b> <i>Easy? Moderate? Hard? Very hard?</i>						Easy	
<b>FOR TRIPS:</b>	<b>Grading (see P2):</b>	<b>If wet:</b>		<b>If dry:</b>		<b>Suited to camper trailer? Y? N? NA?</b>	
<b>Number of nights camping:</b>			<b>Location:</b>				
<b>Full time driving?</b>			<b>Fuel required &amp; availability:</b>				

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## ACTIVITY INFORMATION SHEET

Activity: **Trivia Night at Quarry Training Area**

Leader: Alan Pottle Phone: 0414492055 Email: ajpottle973@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): 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: Quarry Training Area, Alfredtown

Driving Time: Minimal Suitable for:  Caravan  Camper Trailer

Fuel required and availability:

# MEMBERSHIP FORM

## WAGGA WAGGA

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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:  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:

Signature of Committee representative:  Date:

Payment Date:

Membership No:

MailChimp:

Card Issued:

# EVENTS CALENDAR

Club Meetings

Coordinated Club Activity

General Interest

May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					Wonnangatta Vic High Country	1
2 Wonnangatta Vic High Country	3 Committee Meeting	4	5	6 Vic 4WD exploration	7	8
9 Vic 4WD exploration	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 General Meeting	18	19	20	21 NSW/ACT Association meeting, QTA campout & Tumut daytrip	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Committee Meeting	8	9	10	11 QTA Annual "Formal" Cookout	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 General Meeting	22	23	24	25	26 QTA Morning (TBC)
27	28	29	30			

July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3
4	5 Committee Meeting	6	7	8	9 Workshop; 4WD Mechanicals & Maintenance	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 General Meeting	20	21	22	23	24 QTA Morning (TBC)
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August 2022

September 2022

October 2022

2 Committee Meeting  
9 TrackChat Submissions Due  
16 General Meeting  
21 Quarry Morning ( General Winch Maintenance )

6 Committee Meeting  
13 TrackChat Submissions Due  
20 General Meeting  
24- Chainsaw course ( 2 days )  
25 Quarry morning ( Specific winch maintenance )

4 Committee Meeting  
11 TrackChat Submissions Due  
18 General Meeting  
23 Quarry Morning

