



# **DRIVE TORQUE eNEWS**

**APRIL 2023**



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# **PRESIDENTS REPORT**



Nothing Received

## **APRIL GENERAL MEETING**

Date: 14th April 2023

Location: Silverwater Hotel

A casual meeting was held, due to the lack in attendance, there were no minutes taken at this meeting.

# SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

## Treasurers Report

Mar-23

Cash Book Balance Brought Forward	\$10,062.07
Plus Income	\$200.00
Less Expenditure	\$79.64
Closing Balance	<u><u>\$10,182.43</u></u>

<b><u>Income</u></b> -	Memberships	\$200.00
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<b><u>Expenditure</u></b> -	Paypal Fees	\$6.40
	David Wellham re-imbursment	\$73.24

## Bank Reconciliation

Bank Account Balance as at 31/3/2023	ANZ	\$9,653.08
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<b><u>Less</u></b>	Unpresented Cheques	\$0.00
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<b><u>Plus</u></b>	Funds held in Pay Pal as at 31/3/2023	\$193.60
	Cash on Hand	\$335.75

Available Funds as at 31/3/2023	<u><u>\$10,182.43</u></u>
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## Association News & Updates: April 2023

Hello from David Wellham – your friendly Delegate to Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT (Association). If you would like to join me to represent our club to the Association, please contact. Association documents are located on our website. Please contact via email at - [delegates@subaruclub.com.au](mailto:delegates@subaruclub.com.au) for information about these topics or in relation to the Association. Looking forward to seeing you all on the tracks or at a meeting soon.

### INSURANCE

4WD Australia (National) have asked us to NOT renew our State insurance in July and to use the National policy. More details have been sent in an Association newsletter – please email me if you want a copy of the newsletter. The vote at the May Quarterly meeting is to allow the Association Committee to review the National Policy and our State Policy when they are available in June. Vote YES and Association Committee will review both policies, vote NO and we will renew our State policy. **I request your authority to vote NO and continue with our State policy.** Please let me know if you would like more information on how I formed this opinion.

### Picture gallery celebrating Len Beadell's 100th Anniversary



This is up and running on website [www.lenbeadell.com.au](http://www.lenbeadell.com.au)

The Gallery is accessed via the Home page where a large heading will be found "Len Beadell Centenary Gallery 2023" and underneath the heading there is a 'button' titled "Gallery" which will take you straight in to the Gallery. There are lots of cartoons and drawings on quite a number of pages, and with many of them if you click on the individual drawing or cartoon, there is an explanation provided. It's all very entertaining and informative and is well worth a look. Len's very dry sense of humour is certainly on display. The gallery should be available on the website for up to about twelve months, but I wouldn't delay in having a look at it, as you never know what might happen in the future. We all certainly owe Len a big 'thank you' for what he achieved, as I'm sure we all enjoy the fruits of his and the Gunbarrell Construction Party's labours.

### Camp Oven Cook Off (COCO) - Crookwell May 20th and 21<sup>st</sup>

*(incorporating the May Quarterly Meeting)*

**Brought to you by our Association - 4WD NSW & ACT INC.**

**Please register on our club website and purchase tickets on Association website.**

Tickets on sale now!

## COCO 2023 - May 20th and 21st

- Cook off on Saturday
- 5.30pm nibbles
- Trivia Saturday night
- Quarterly meeting on Sunday morning.
- Hot showers
- Plenty of powered sites, caravans and camper trailers welcome.

Come along and show off your cooking skills or trivia knowledge. There are trophies and prizes and lots of fun for everyone. Crookwell is a beautiful area and is worth spending a few days looking around. Lots to see and do. Quarterly meeting on Sunday morning and everyone is welcome. See how it all works and have a nice lunch before you leave for home. Caravans and camper trailers are welcome and powered sites are plentiful. Hot showers and plenty of indoor spaces to stay warm.

Tickets are \$30 each adult with children under 15 free. (up to 3 nights)

Camping available Friday and Saturday and Sunday nights.

COCO Tickets [HERE](#)

## NSW State Election

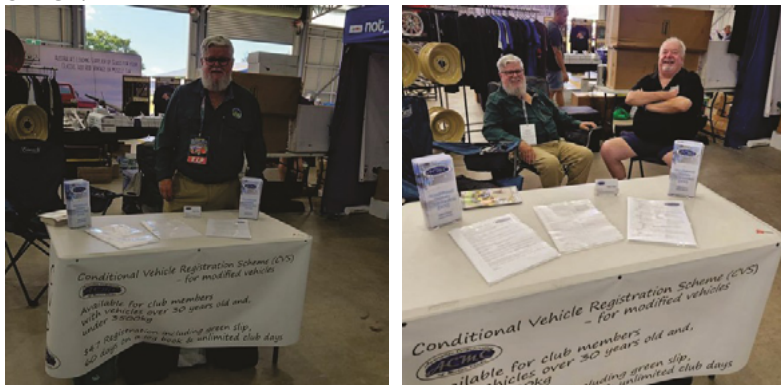
The results will mean different things to different people but looking at it purely from an Association viewpoint it wasn't the greatest result with so many independents to be dealt with it is going to be difficult for us, but we are still in a pretty good position, so we will see what we can do.

## 4WD & Adventure Show Eastern Creek – September 8th 9th and 10th 2023

The show is on at Eastern Creek and as a club we have decided not to have a club stand this year. Members are able to volunteer to assist Association and registration will open soon.

## Promotion of all clubs at car events.

Craig Thomas, President of 4WD NSW and ACT and ACMC working at the 25<sup>th</sup> ASRF Nationals over Easter promoting CVS (Classic Vehicle Scheme) conditional registration to car enthusiasts/members with a 30 year old vehicle. Maggie Thomas was there as the RP (Responsible Person) for Transport for NSW, helping to promote the scheme for all groups under the ACMC banner. It was a great way to meet up with members and potential members for all our clubs. It was an amazing event with over 900 hot rods on display. It was amazing how many wanted info on four-wheel drive clubs, so we ended up representing us as well.



Dave Clift (below right) is the ASRF President.

ACMC - Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs represents over 800 000 members. Craig represents us on Vehicle Standards Working Groups and with Transport for NSW

ASRF - Australia Street Rod Federation over 11 000 members Australia wide are a member of the ACMC

## Association vehicle stickers

The 2023 Association stickers are available. The Association pays an annual access fee to State Forests for all members. The stickers are required to be on vehicles for trips into State Forests as follows –

- a) 10 or more vehicles, **OR**
- b) 50 or more participants, **OR**
- c) Considered site-intensive by nature (including training activities, inter-club events, regional events), **OR**
- d) Involve overnight stays in NSW State Forest

Without these stickers you might be required to pay an entry fee or be deemed to be trespassing. There might also be a requirement to apply for a permit with the local State Forests office.

The stickers are available at events/meetings that I attend and at other events/meetings where I can give them to other members beforehand or email me your postal address and I will send you on.

More information on State Forest entry requirements in a future newsletter.

## Top 10 most misunderstood road rules

### Giving way to pedestrians

If a driver is turning left or right at an intersection, the driver must give way to any pedestrian crossing the road the driver is entering. This applies to intersections with or without traffic lights.

### Mobile phones

A [mobile phone](#) can only be used while driving if it's secured in a commercially designed and manufactured mounting fixed to the vehicle or operated by Bluetooth technology or voice activation. This includes the navigational or GPS function and audio functions of the device. P2 holders are not permitted to use a mobile phone at all while driving or riding.

### Merging

When a driver is travelling on a road without lane markings and the number of lanes is reduced, they must merge by giving way to any vehicle that is ahead of them. However a driver who is moving from one lane, marked by broken lines (whether or not the lane is ending) to another must give way to any vehicle already travelling in the same direction.

### Keeping left

On roads with a speed limit of more than 80 km/h, motorists must not drive in the right-hand lane unless overtaking, turning right, making a U-turn, avoiding an obstacle or driving in congested traffic. If a [‘Keep Left Unless Overtaking’ sign is displayed](#), you must keep left regardless of the speed limit.

### Headlight and fog light use

High beam is not permitted if travelling less than 200 metres behind a car going in the same direction or less than 200 metres from an oncoming vehicle. It is an offence to flash the vehicle's headlights unless the vehicle is being used to respond to an emergency. A driver is only permitted to use [fog lights](#) if driving in fog, mist or other atmospheric conditions that restricts visibility.

### U-turns

When making a U-turn a driver must have a clear view of any approaching traffic and give way to all vehicles and pedestrians. Drivers are not allowed to make a U-turn across: a) a single continuous dividing line; b) a single continuous dividing line to the left of a broken line; c) two parallel continuous dividing lines. You must not make a U-turn at traffic lights unless there is a 'U-turn permitted' sign displayed.

### Safe following distance

Drivers should stay three seconds behind vehicles in front of them and be mindful not to tailgate. In poor conditions such as rain, gravel roads or dim light, it may be necessary to increase the travelling distance to four seconds to increase the crash avoidance space.

### School zones

A school zone is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40km/h (normally between 8am-9.30am



and 2.30pm-4pm on school days. There are a small number of non-standard school zone times in NSW. These zones are identified by red/orange school zone signs which indicate non-standard times. Signs at these schools display the times which apply. See [recent changes to school zone offences](#).

### Yellow traffic lights

A driver approaching traffic lights showing a yellow traffic light must stop if they can do so safely. Penalties apply for drivers who fail to stop at a yellow light, unless it is unsafe to do so.

credit NRMA

*NSW - Rules change, they get updated, so check these out and be up to date. [HERE](#)*

1. Roundabouts
2. Giving way to pedestrians when turning
3. Mobile Phones
4. Merging
5. Keeping Left
6. Using headlights and fog lights
7. U-turns
8. Safe following distances
9. School zones
10. Yellow traffic lights



Be A Wildlife Hero Pocket Guide



How to help native animals, birds & reptiles in bushfires, heatwaves, floods & storms.

With this pocket sizes wildlife care guide in hand, you will have some key tips to carry with you - wherever you go - so you know what to do in an emergency and how to care for wildlife around you. Registration for a physical copy for individuals can be found here: <https://www.acf.org.au/wildlife-care-guide>

# Webmasters report from Remote Gol Gol.

Well it has been 3 months living out of Sydney and out in far western NSW on the Murray River. As far as webmasters report there is not much to report other than spam emails being sent to people looking like they are being sent from other club members. These emails do not come from the club website or from the person mentioned and is a common scam known as a "Vanity Scam". Please be wary and never click on email links.

We have now had some time to explore the region around our new home and have had some members drop in for a visit. We took a trip up to Broken Hill to visit Vaughn at his just opened National Park (Langidoon-Metford State Conservation Area). We have been to Mungo, took a trip to Clare Valley, Yorke Peninsula, Barossa Valley and spent a few days at Lake Lascelles Bush Retreat at Hopetoun checking out the Silo Art Trail, Mount Arapiles and the largest salt lake in Victoria- Lake Tyrell. The area has so much going on and we feel we have only just scratched the surface. Plenty of places we already want to go back to but there is always something new that we hear about.

So if you are out this way, send us a message and drop by.

Troy. (and Sandi)



## **Trip Convener report - Bill Twyman**

Since the March Drive Torque magazine, the club has had 4 outings:

- 23/3/23 - Coolendel 3-night camp (Nowra)
- 27/3/23 - Auto One Castle Hill 4WD shopping night (4WD Association)
- 14/4/23 - April Subaru Club Meeting at Silverwater Hotel
- 22-23/4/23 - Sofala to Wattle Flat to Hill End (maybe the Bridle Track) trip.

### **Upcoming trips**

- 26/4/23 - WW#13 - A Day in the Lower Blue Mountains, with a ride & lunch on the Nepean River onboard the Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler.
- 10/5/23 - WW#15 - Dams of The Dilly (The first of what will be 2 day trips exploring the Wollondilly Shire, Dams of the Dilly will take in 3 of Sydney's dams located in area)
- 20/5/23 - Crookwell Camp Oven Cook Off (COCO) - May 20th and 21st (bought to you by our 4WD Association - (4WD NSW & ACT INC)
- 24/5/23 - WW#14 - Pittwater Basin & Barrenjoey Lighthouse
- 18/6/23 - June Subaru Club meeting in the Blue Mountains (with or without overnight camping)
- 29/9/23 - 3/10/23 - Olinda October Fest 4-night camp
- 4/11/23 - Tasmania 3-week onroad/offroad trip.

## **Sgt At Arms Report - Bill Twyman**

- No issues to report this month.

# Michael's Driving Tips

## Part 2 - Water Crossings

As a famous chap once said, "Prepare well, because once you begin, you can't stop."

### Preparation -

Know your vehicle's wading depth

Switch your car off to cool down your engine and other components while you plan your crossing

If the water is flowing quickly or too high - reconsider your plans

Walk the crossing, checking for hidden rocks and holes

If necessary, fit a water bra or tarp over the front of the vehicle

Consider attaching a strap in case you encounter a problem

REMEMBER THAT CROSSING FLOODWATERS IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS  
AND SHOULD NOT BE ATTEMPTED  
AS YOU DO NOT KNOW THE STATE OF THE ROAD UNDER THE WATER

### Techniques -

Select low range

Select a gear (usually 2nd) before entering the water, and avoid changing gear whilst in the water

Create a bow wave so that there's a trough around the bonnet and front doors

Maintain a steady speed



The idea is to drive at a speed where you push the water out of the way,  
not to plough through it and form a broken crest

If the exit does not require momentum to ascend, stop at the edge of the water to allow water to drain from the chassis, so as not to cause erosion

After you complete the crossing, apply the brakes for several seconds to help dry them out

Reference - Getabout Training 4WD Guide

# **SOFALA TRIP**

## **Capertee to Sofala & Wattle Flat**

**April 22nd - 23rd 2023**

Trip leader: Dave Cook

What a weekend. We had excellent weather. No damage to any vehicles and no vehicles floated off at the river crossings. The crossings were not higher than your knees and not rushing or moving fast. All were accomplished in a safe manner. The only thing we had was dirty cars at the end of the weekend.

The trip from Capertee to Sofala was easy, a Subaru could do it with no problems. The only thing that would need to be done is drop tyres pressure to 25 for a comfy ride and better traction. The drive to Sofala had lovely views and was a good place to stop for lunch.

After lunch we continued onto Wattle flat campground for a overnight stay. The camp ground is a winner, just a lovely place, heaps of parking, toilets and the possums are friendly as well.

Worth a weekend camping trip.

Sunday. Now for the Bridle Track. It was that good we drove all the way to Bathurst and once again no damage or mishaps. On the drive we were captivated with mega views. John Hocking found the bluff which made his weekend even better.

Overall a mega drive. Well done everyone and I reckon they enjoyed themselves as well. Worth doing again, there's something for everyone here.

To all that attended, thanks for your company, big cheers all around and thanks for coming on this trip.

Trip report: Dave.



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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On a recent trip to Birdsville, Bill and I met up with an old club member, Ben.

Ben is the General Manager of the Birdsville Hotel and Bakery.

This is Ben's 11th season at Birdsville, and said he is still enjoying it immensely.

Ben asked us to pass on his best wishes to all his friends at the club.

On the way to Broken Hill to start our trip, we called into visit Vaughn (club member)

at the just opened National Park (Langidoon-Metford State Conservation Area).



Until Next Time

**STAY SAFE**