



DRIVE TORQUE eNEWS AUGUST 2023



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VALE

A TRIBUTE TO OUR DEAR FRIEND – WALTER KIM NOLAN

By Brett Atkins (August 2023)

It was such a great shock to hear the very sad news that our long-time beloved club friend Kim Nolan was no longer with us. Kim had been a member of the Subaru & Recreational 4WD Club for over 20 years and in this time had formed many long-lasting relationships with our members and their families. Almost every member of the club has a special moment, outing or trips that they have shared with Kim. There was nothing that Kim loved better than getting out in his 4WD and enjoying the great outdoors with great company from the Subaru Club.



From my earliest memories of traveling with Kim and the club he simply adored his Toyota 100 Series Landcruiser with signature Rooftop Tent and Cape York souvenir rear number plate. Kim was an innovator when it came to camping and always had the latest gadgets and camping gear. He enjoyed nothing better than sharing a wine around a good campfire at night with his club friends and talking about the world. Kim as a 4WDer was always up for a challenge and travelled some of the toughest tracks around the country with the club on day trips and many extended trips. He was always one of the first to lend a hand when anyone was in trouble on or off the track.

In 2010 not long after a Subaru Club trip to Cape York, Kim started not feeling well and soon was diagnosed with some tumours in and around his stomach. He immediately underwent multiple surgeries at Westmead Hospital and subsequently spent almost 12 months in hospital and at many times this was touch and go. A testament to the strong man Kim was he pulled through and made an almost full recovery back to normal life. Kim now had a new outlook on life and let me tell you he made the most of it from here on in. Kim returned to his work in corrective services and re-joined Subaru Club members on many more trips to come and even made many more new club member friends. He sold his house and embarked on a new lifestyle with the building of a brand-new home at Jordan Springs, he also reluctantly parted with his beloved 100 Series Cruiser and updated to a new more modern 4WD Ute with Tray Back Camper that many members today are familiar with. Kim also started other adventures of the two-wheel kind with many motorcycling trips away, also cycling with friends became a hobby to keep in good health. For the past 12+ years, Kim had certainly been enjoying his life to the fullest and seeing many other parts of our country.

An interesting fact about Kim, and I believe that he could almost have been the original inventor of this photographic technique known as “The Selfie”. Long before people had smart phones or even a phone with a camera, Kim on Subaru Club day trips and extended trips would hold his point & shoot camera in the air, arm extended out and would proceed to take a photo of himself in front of his 4WD, famous landmarks/scenery and just enjoying himself. We would all look at him and think what is he doing? But to his credit he had many photo albums of himself at places he had visited as a souvenir keep sakes. Later with the advent of social media he was a master of “The Selfie” and his technique was adopted by many others worldwide and even the younger generations of today. I will always remember Kim as the first person I knew taking this style of photo.

It is with great sadness that we no longer have Kim with us in our Subaru Club 4WDing family, but I know each and every one of you will cherish the times and memories you shared with Kim.



On a final note, I would like to say that Kim was one of the kindest, friendliest and most generous man you could possibly meet and a great friend and travelling companion for all in our club. His presence in the club will be sadly missed.

“Rest in Peace” Kim, we miss you and will always be thinking of you!

WALTER KIM NOLAN

16th July, 1957 – 14th July, 2023

On the 18th August 2023 a number of club members attended a Memorial Service at the Orchard Hills Masonic Centre to farewell and celebrate the life of Walter Kim Nolan. Also present were friends and members of the Mason Chapter, where Kim was a member for a number of years, and friends and colleagues of the NSW Correctional Service, where Kim served for more than 25 years.



SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Date: Sunday, 13 August 2023
Venue: The Dairy, Western Sydney Parklands
Commenced: 11:22 am

Subject

Details

Attendance	See attendance sheet (copy accompanies these minutes)
Apologies	Kevin McCormack, Stephen Eakin, James Simmons, Iwan and Evie Sujono, Paul and Suzanne Burns, Darren Powell, Heidi Ploeg, Brian Flood, Brett Atkins, Andrew Rowlatt, Jean Hocking, Susan Bennett, Leanne Minny, Evan and Jessica King.
President's report	Held over to AGM.
Vice President's Report	Michael read his report, a copy will be obtained and uploaded to Club website. In particular, Michael thanked all members for their efforts over the past year, with special tribute to Mark Honor.
Secretary	No report.
Trip Conveners	Bill Twyman gave a brief overview of the past 12 months. 48 functions have been held so far this year, of all types. The trip conveners are still keen to receive new ideas. The Weekday Wanderer trips have been very successful. Bills' report accepted (moved Bill Twyman, seconded Stephen Bennett).
4WD Association delegates report	David Wellham first advised of new Club meetings: Sept and Oct – Ermington Hall Nov – BBQ on the river (backup if wet – Silverwater Pub).

David has attended most Association meetings this year. He is also the Association's returning officer.

David explained his part and what he was doing at and for the association.

David's report was accepted (moved David Wellham, seconded Craig Fitzpatrick)

Membership and Clothing

At present there are 50 members plus 9 life members.

Editor

Stephen is trying for the 25th of the month for publication of each issue of the newsletter, and would like materials to be sent to him by the 22nd.

Public Relations and marketing

Jo advised that updated brochures and car stickers are available.

Christmas Party this year will be at Coolendel. Weekday trips are continuing.

Fundraising

Brett advised that there will be lucky door prizes for today's meeting.

General Business

It was mentioned that a tidy up of the members' register on the website should be done because it is too full with non-current members.

Next meeting

Friday 8 September, 8:00 pm at Ermington Hall.

Close

12:05 pm.

SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Sunday 13 August 2023

Venue: The Dairy, Western Sydney Parklands.

Meeting commenced at: 12:15 PM

Subject

Details

Attendance As for general meeting held immediately prior to this meeting.

Apologies As for general meeting held immediately prior to this meeting.

Introductions Nil.

– guests, new

Members

Minutes of previous meeting Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting on 14 August 2022 were accepted (moved: Mark Honor, seconded: David Wellham).

Business arising/ Nil.

Corrections

President's report Mark will write a report for inclusion in the minutes and forward it to the Club secretary.

Accepted (moved: Michael Hamilton; seconded: Paul Sistrom).

Treasurer's report

For the 2022 – 2023 financial year the opening and closing balances were:

Opening - \$11,324.84

Closing - \$9,764.68.

Printed report will follow and also be published in newsletter.

Brett's report accepted (moved: Brett Hampson; seconded: Cath de Santis).

SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SUNDAY 14 AUGUST 2022
COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECTED

Election of officers

Committee positions were filled as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconder</u>	<u>Accepted?</u>
President	Mark Honor	Brett Hampson	Michael Hamilton	Yes
Vice President	Michael Hamilton (Mt Annan)	Mark Honor	Alex Gatward	Yes
Secretary	Michael Hamilton (Mt Annan)	Stephen Bennett	Bill Twyman	Yes

		Michael		
Treasurer	Brett Hampson	Hamilton (Mt Annan)	Michael Minny	Yes
		Michael		
Membership Secretary	Stephen Bennett	Hamilton (MT Annan)	Alex Gatward	Yes
		Michael		
Trip Convenor	Dave Cook	Hamilton (Mt Annan)	Cath De Santis	Yes
		Stephen Bennett		
Trip Convenor	Bill Twyman	Stephen Bennett	David Bennett	Yes
		Bill Twyman		
Trip Convenor	Jo Quinn	Bill Twyman	Alex Gatward	Yes
		Michael		
Driver Awareness Officer	Brian Flood	Hamilton (Mt Annan)	Alex Gatward	Yes
		Michael		
Driver Awareness Officer	Mark Honor	Hamilton (Mt Annan)	Bill Twyman	Yes
		Michael		
Driver Awareness Officer	David Wellham	Hamilton (Mt Annan)	Bill Twyman	Yes
	Michael			
Driver Awareness Officer	Hamilton (Mt Annan)	Stephen Bennett	Bill Twyman	Yes
NSW 4WD Assn. Delegate	David Wellham	Alex Gatward	Bill Twyman	Yes
NSW 4WD Assn. Delegate	Daniel Sorrasson	Stephen Bennett	Bill Twyman	Yes

NSW 4WD Assn. Delegate	Bill Twyman	Michael Hamilton (Mt Annan)	Alex Gatward	Yes
Social/Catering	Alex Gatward	Karolyn Honor	Cath De Santis	Yes
Public Relations Officer	Jo Quinn	Bill Twyman	Mark Honor	Yes
Webmaster	Troy Strickland	Mark Honor	Stephen Bennett	Yes
Editor	Stephen Bennett	Michael Hamilton (Mt Annan)	Jo Quinn	Yes
Fundraising	Fiona Hampson	Cath De Santis	Michael Minny	Yes
Serjeant@ arms	Bill Twyman	Mark Honor	Michael Hamilton (Mt Annan)	
Equipment Officer and Merchandising Officer	Alex Gatward	Michael Hamilton (Mt Annan)	Karolyn Honor	Yes

There were no multiple nominations for any position, so no elections were necessary.

Meeting Closed at 1:15 PM.

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Treasurers Report

Jul-23

Cash Book Balance Brought Forward	\$9,764.68
Plus Income	\$590.00
Less Expenditure	\$213.04

Closing Balance	<u><u>\$10,141.64</u></u>
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<u>Income</u> -	Memberships	\$550.00
	Merchandise	\$40.00

<u>Expenditure</u> -	Paypal Fees	\$19.84
	Catering - A Gatward	\$58.20
	Flowers for Campbell Family	\$135.00

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Account Balance as at 31/7/2023	ANZ	\$7,977.33
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<u>Plus</u>	Funds held in Pay Pal as at 31/7/2023	\$1,828.56
	Cash on Hand	\$335.75

Available Funds as at 31/7/2023	<u><u>\$10,141.64</u></u>
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Accounts 2022/2023
FY'23

SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC

	AUD										
	Actual JUL	Actual AUG	Actual SEPT	Actual OCT	Actual NOV	Actual DEC	Actual JAN	Actual FEB	Actual MAR	Actual APR	Actual MAY
Cash Book Balance Brought Forward	11,324.84	10,052.74	10,686.74	11,125.54	10,325.47	9,721.87	9,916.87	10,013.67	10,062.07	10,182.43	10,279.23
Available Funds at 1st of Month	11,324.84	10,027.33	11,040.53	11,125.54	10,325.47	9,721.87	9,916.87	10,013.67	10,062.07	10,182.43	10,279.23
INCOME											
Advertising											
Bank Interest											
Club Clothing											
Donations											
Fund Raising / Fines				335.75							
Incidentals											
Insurance Rebates											
Membership Fees	500.00	650.00	450.00		100.00		100.00	50.00	200.00	100.00	
Classic Registration fee											
Olinda Hall											
Functions						195.00					
Training Manuals											
TOTAL INCOME	500.00	650.00	450.00	335.75	100.00	195.00	100.00	50.00	200.00	100.00	
<i>YTD - Actual</i>	500.00	1,150.00	1,600.00	1,935.75	2,035.75	2,230.75	2,330.75	2,380.75	2,580.75	2,680.75	
COST OF GOODS SUPPLIED											
Clothing											
Stickers											
Other COGS											
PayPal Fees	14.40	16.00	11.20		1.60		3.20	1.60	6.40	3.20	
Total COGS	14.40	16.00	11.20	0.00	1.60	0.00	3.20	1.60	6.40	3.20	
BALANCE - GROSS	485.60	634.00	438.80	335.75	98.40	195.00	96.80	48.40	193.60	96.80	
DIRECT COSTS											
4WD Association Fees	1,757.70										
Delegate Expenses									73.24		
Driver Training				1,135.82							
Functions					473.00						
Gifts											
Hall Hire											
Bank Charges											
NSW Fair Trading											
Other Costs (G&S RMR)											
Membership Refund											
Postage											
Promotion											
Website					229.00						
Total Direct Costs	1,757.70	0.00	0.00	1,135.82	702.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	73.24	0.00	
Total COG + Direct Costs	1,772.10	16.00	11.20	1,135.82	703.60	0.00	3.20	1.60	79.64	3.20	
Cash Book Balance Carried Forward	10,052.74	10,686.74	11,125.54	10,325.47	9,721.87	9,916.87	10,013.67	10,062.07	10,182.43	10,279.23	
<i>YTD Costs - Actual</i>	1,772.10	1,788.10	1,799.30	2,935.12	3,638.72	3,638.72	3,641.92	3,643.52	3,723.16	3,726.36	
	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY

SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT 2022-2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020
INCOME				
Advertising/Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44.00
Club Merchandise	\$0.00	\$195.00	\$484.00	\$50.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fundraising/Fines	\$335.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$586.05
Incidentals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance Rebates	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$283.60
Membership Fees	\$3,550.00	\$3,850.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,140.00
Classic Registration fee	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Functions	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Manuals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$4,080.75	\$4,085.00	\$2,084.00	\$5,103.85
COST OF GOODS SUPPLIED				
Clothing	\$0.00	\$92.40	\$824.45	\$0.00
Stickers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other COGS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pay Pal Fees	\$89.60	\$121.55	\$63.86	\$87.71
Total COGS	\$89.60	\$213.95	\$888.31	\$87.71
BALANCE GROSS	\$3,991.15	\$3,871.05	\$1,195.69	\$5,016.14
DIRECT COSTS				
AGM Venue Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4WD Association Fees/Insurance	\$3,539.70	\$0.00	\$1,670.90	\$900.60
Delegate Expenses	\$173.79	\$703.64	\$210.00	\$128.00
Driver Training	\$1,135.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Functions	\$473.00	\$452.50	\$0.00	\$303.26
Gifts/Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Hall Hire	\$0.00	\$507.60	\$0.00	\$661.50
Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44.00
Magazine Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NSW Fair Trading	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$105.95	\$0.00
Membership refund	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
PO Box Rental	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$319.00
Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Promotions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.07
Signage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Storage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Website	\$229.00	\$229.00	\$273.90	\$229.00
Total Direct Costs	\$5,551.31	\$1,942.74	\$2,460.75	\$2,860.43
Total Costs	\$5,640.91	\$2,156.69	\$3,349.06	\$2,948.14
Income or Loss 2019-2020	-\$1,560.16	\$1,928.31	-\$1,265.06	\$2,155.71



Association News & Updates: August 2023

Hello from Bill Twyman, Daniel Sorrasson and David Wellham – your friendly Delegates to Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT (Association). Association documents are located on our website. Please contact via email at - 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.

2023-2024 Affiliation & Insurance fees

We have paid our affiliation and insurance fees for 2023-2024. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding insurance.

4WD & Adventure Show – Eastern Creek – 8, 9 10 September 2023

As a club we have decided not to have a club stand this year. There will be a lot of changes at the show, there are space issues due to the many exhibitors booked and there might be a small demo track created. Our club members are able to volunteer to assist Association with various tasks for up to 2 hours, this allows free entry and lunch on the day.

You can register with this link – <https://4wdnow.com/pages/4wd-adventure-show-1>

Draft amendment to the Kosciuszko National Park Wild Horse Heritage Management Plan

The Minister for the Environment, the Hon Penny Sharpe, has announced the start of public consultation on a draft amendment to the *Kosciuszko National Park Wild Horse Heritage Management Plan 2021*. The draft amendment proposes to authorise aerial shooting as an available method to control wild horses, in addition to existing methods such as ground shooting, trapping and rehoming. The draft amendment is available on the [Environment and Heritage website](#).

You can have your say on the draft amendment by: completing the online survey or form at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/wildhorses emailing your submission to npws.submissions@environment.nsw.gov.au posting your submission to The Project Team, Kosciuszko National Park Wild Horse Management, National Parks and Wildlife Service, PO Box 472, Tumut NSW 2720. Submissions close on **11 September 2023**. Late submissions will not be accepted. Multiple submissions from the same author will be counted as a single submission.

All submissions will be provided to the Minister for the Environment for her consideration in deciding whether to adopt the amendment.

Public exhibition of Blue Mountains National Park and Kanangra-Boyd National Park Draft Plan of Management

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is currently exhibiting a draft plan of management for Blue Mountains National Park and Kanangra-Boyd National Park until **26 September 2023**. When adopted, the new plan will replace the current plans for these parks which were adopted in 2001. [In Darug and Gundungurra Country, the parks are a significant component of one of the largest and most intact stretches of protected bushland in New South Wales. They are part of the Greater Blue Mountains Area World and National Heritage property, contain significant areas of wilderness, occupy a large part of the Sydney Drinking Water Catchment, and are one of the key attractions in a major tourism region.](#)

Key management directions proposed in the new draft plan include:

improving recognition of the parks significant values, including World and National Heritage values, and providing for adaptive management to protect the values recognising and supporting the continuation of partnerships with Aboriginal communities providing outstanding nature based experiences for visitors through improvements to visitor facilities.

The draft plan is accompanied by the Blue Mountains National Park and Kanangra-Boyd National Park Draft Planning Considerations report. It is recommended that readers of the plan refer to the planning considerations report for detailed explanations of the park's values and management considerations. The draft plan can be viewed at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/have-your-say or the NPWS Blue Mountains Heritage Centre at 270 Govetts Leap Road, Blackheath NSW. [You are invited to provide feedback on the draft plans in any of the following ways:](#)

The online submission form at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/have-your-say email to npws.parkplanning@environment.nsw.gov.au post to Manager, NPWS Planning and Assessment, Locked Bag 5022, Parramatta 2124. All submissions must be received by **26 September 2023**. Your submission will be provided to relevant advisory bodies prior to the draft plan being sent to the Minister for Environment and Heritage for adoption. See www.environment.nsw.gov.au/help/privacy.htm for information on how we will treat any personal information you provide.

If you have any questions about the parks or the draft plan, please contact me at npws.parkplanning@environment.nsw.gov.au

Barry Hayden

Manager Planning & Assessment

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service

Demerit points relief for safe drivers

All unrestricted NSW licence holders – including professional drivers – are eligible for a demerit point trial that aims to reward responsible driving behaviour. During the trial, if an eligible driver maintains an offence free record during the trial period, one demerit point will be removed from their driving record. The trial will run from 17 January 2023 until 16 January 2024. There is no need to register for the trial, all unrestricted licence holders are automatically included. At the completion of the trial, Transport for NSW will undertake a process to identify those eligible for the deduction of a demerit point. The demerit point deduction is expected to take effect mid-April 2024. Learner and provisional licence holders are not included in the trial as they are subject to strict conditions of the Graduated Licensing Scheme. Safe driving behaviour cannot be underestimated as we work together to create a safer driving environment for all road users and ultimately push road trauma to zero.

Watch Out – Shorebirds About!

Spring is here and beach-nesting birds have started setting up home on sandy beaches along the NSW coastline, including area's popular for 4WDing, including Worimi Conservation Lands (Stockton Beach), Hawks Nest, Old Bar & Harrington. Shorebirds such as endangered Pied Oystercatchers and Little Terns lay their eggs in shallow scraped-out nests in the sand, their eggs, and chicks camouflage so well against the sand they are almost invisible and easy to step on or crush.

Known nest sites may be indicated by fencing or signs. Keep a look out for unmarked nests.



Little Tern Pair - NPWS



Camouflaged Pied Oyster Catcher Eggs - NPWS



Pied Oyster Catchers & Chicks



NPWS Little Tern Eggs beside Wheel Tracks – NPWS

Video - [How 4WD users can share the shore with shorebirds](#)

Website - [Beach-nesting birds: Share the shore](#). [Shore Bird ID Booklet](#). [Feathered facts](#)

- Endangered Little Terns migrate thousands of kilometres from eastern Asia to lay their eggs on Australian beaches every summer, usually arriving on NSW beaches between September to November.
- At less than 25cm long, Little Terns are the smallest terns in NSW.
- They have 'black caps' over white feathers with pale-grey wings
- The breeding population of little terns in NSW has been declining by 2.6% per year from 2001 to 2020.
- Pied Oystercatchers are distinctive, black-and-white shorebirds with pink legs and red beaks. Almost always seen in pairs, they live in Australia year-round, and usually start nesting in August or September.
- 'Oystercatcher' is bit of a misnomer, as this species eats many other invertebrates as well as oysters and other

bivalve molluscs.

- Eggs of beach-nesting birds are speckled and blotched to provide camouflage but are still at risk of predators both on the ground and from the air. Predators of shorebird eggs include foxes, dogs, dingoes, ravens, silver gulls, and goannas.
- Beach-nesting birds lay their eggs in shallow scrapes in the sand, often on estuary entrance bars up and down the coast.

Can you find a Purple Copper Butterfly?

If you live in or visit the Central Tablelands you may see a rare iridescent treat this spring. The purple copper butterfly spreads its wings from late August to late October, and citizen scientists are needed to record sightings. "The endangered purple copper butterfly is only found with native blackthorn bush, around the Bathurst, Lithgow and Oberon areas, and above 850m elevations. They fly on fine, sunny days" said Jess Peterie, Threatened Species Officer. "Purple coppers have beautiful iridescent metallic coloration on their backs, so in the sunlight there are flecks of purple and blue – photos really don't do it justice. It is both beautiful and special to see one flying in the wild." To read more about their unique relationship with the ants that protect them, [click here](#).

To participate, simple video instructions for downloading the Butterflies app and registering for the Counting Coppers project is available on the [Seed website](#).

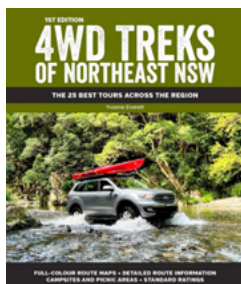


4WD Treks of Northeast NSW

Written by Yvonne Everett | Published by Woodslane Press

This comprehensive and fully field researched guide to 4WD tours takes you on 25 of the best 4WD adventures from the coast and over the Great Dividing Range. Enjoy leisurely day trips on beaches or in the mountains, or go further with overnight camping trips to remote destinations with your family and friends. The book is your indispensable travel companion to exploring many scenic areas only accessible by 4WD, including high plateaus with epic views, secluded rainforests with waterfalls and historic and abandoned settlements, mine workings and timber mills. It details not only the region's classic treks, but also some of the author's favourite local destinations which are sure to appeal to those wanting to get outside and explore the Northeast NSW region.

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Trip Convener August report - Bill Twyman

Since the July "Drive Torque" magazine the club has had 3 outings:

- Aug 5th - Up Up & Away - Visited the new Western Sydney International Aerotropolis Experience Centre, Albion Park aviation Museum then to watch the hang gliders at Stanwell Tops.
- August 13th - (Sunday) August General Meeting and **Annual General Meeting** (AGM).
- August 21st - 23rd WW# - midweek 3 day escape campout at Termeil Point in the Merroo National Park, Ulladulla.

Upcoming trips

Additional trip information is listed on the Club's upcoming trips page.

- August 30th - WW#20 - weekday trip to the "Sheepskin Hut Campground" in the Wollemi National Park. Then travel further up along the Commission Rd to Jerrys Plains then to Milbrodale "passing some huge open cut coal mines" and visit the Putty Rd Truck Drivers Memorial Wall of Remembrance & then the Baime Cave Aboriginal site.
- September 8th - General Meeting at the Ermington Community Centre, 6 River Road Ermington, starting at 8pm.
- September 8th - 10th - Sydney 4WD & Adventure Show at Eastern Creek. If you have a couple of hours to spare you can volunteer to work at the show.
- September 20th - WW #18 - River Boat Postman, Hawkesbury River Boat Cruise
- September 29th - Oct 3rd - Olinda Oktober Fest 4 night camp
- October 14th - A Basic 4wd driver training day at Freemans Waterhole (which is conducted by the NSW & ACT 4WD Association). The cost is \$90, if interested in attending please contact our association delegate David Wellham for further booking details. Limited spots available.
- October 13th - General Meeting at the Ermington Community Centre, 6 River Road Ermington, starting at 8pm.
- November 4th - Tasmania 3 week onroad/offroad trip.
- November 10th - BBQ and General Meeting at Ermington, George Kendall Reserse, Trumble Avenue, Ermington. Starting at 6.30 and finishing around 9pm. *Food will be basic sausage sizzle with soft drinks - bring any special food and beverages. Please register so*

that we know how many sausages etc we need to cook. The Silverwater Hotel will be used as a back-up in case of bad weather.

- December 2nd - This years' Club Christmas Party is at Coolendel, just west of Nowra. *Please call Coolendel and pay individually for your booking. Mention that you are with the Subaru 4wd club at time of booking. Exact camping area will be confirmed closer to the date. Coolendel: Ph 1800 001 080*

Sergeant at Arms August Report - Bill Twyman

I have observed on recent trips club members are now beginning to understand the theory of "stopping" at stop signs, as rolling stops are no longer permitted.

I would like to commend the generous gesture of long time club members Geoff Adcock plus Nathan Blamire & his lovely wife Cherie for allowing me to camp in between them at their campsites at Termeil Point Campground after a National Parks booking conflict. Thank you again guys.

There is no issue in wearing a Trappers Hat on those cold camping nights, as Geoff & myself demonstrated this week at Termeil Campground, so long as you don't have one flap up & the other down.



OKTOBERFEST at OLINDA: Friday 29 September – Tuesday 3rd October



Grab your lederhosen, trenker hats, trachten dresses and beer steins as we prepare for Oktoberfest!

Olinda has been booked for four nights, Friday – Sunday nights with camping and hall use included, then Monday night camping for those who wish to head home on Tuesday. Since our last visit in 2019 BC (before covid) the hall committee have organised upgrades that include the kitchen, side awning area, tree planting and added an extra two water tanks.

The Saturday night Oktoberfest meal will be arranged by Brett and Fiona Hampson with the assistance of other members on the day. The club has agreed to subsidise some costs for this Oktoberfest themed event and there will be prizes for the best dressed.

There will be an optional Sunday afternoon trips perhaps out to Dunns Swamp on the banks of the Cudgegong River where people can do some of the walks or go for a swim and/or visit the tracks around the hills near the hall if accessible.

The cost will be worked out when we have final numbers but will include the Saturday night meal, camping, firewood and hall hire. An estimate based on current registrations will be \$35.00 per adult which covers the main events Friday-Sunday and to stay overnight on Monday night will be \$20.00 per vehicle/ camp site.

For any additional information call Craig 0419 013 301, Kevin 0428 408 568 or Brett 0408 409 634





IN COOLENDEL

Celebrate 2023 Christmas with us as we go back to an "old school" Christmas Party; food, presents, Santa, Christmas Tree, Best Dressed campsite & more.



We'll head down to Coolendel, just west of Nowra, for this years' Club Christmas Party. Hot showers, toilets and swimming all available. The camp is right on the Shoalhaven, great for swimming, paddling & floating! As usual, it is on the first weekend in December and Christmas lunch/dinner will be on Saturday the 2nd. Feel free to arrive or depart before or after the event as you choose. Please call Coolendel and pay individually for your booking. Mention that you are with the Subaru 4wd club at time of booking. Exact camping area will be confirmed closer to the date. Coolendel: 1800 001 080 Further details will be confirmed closer to the event but we will have Aussie Santa photos, each participant will bring & receive a gift, our Christmas tree will have a small something for everyone & we ask everyone to get in the spirit & wear a Santa hat & decorate your campsite. No - this is not midweek; the event is Saturday/Sunday. A short December General meeting, hopefully very short, will take place during this weekend - there is no separate meeting in December.

UP UP AND AWAY - A HIGH FLYING DAY TRIP

Date - Saturday, August 5

Trip Leader - David Wellham

Participants - Pam Wellham and her dad Bob, Nathan Wellham, Dave Cook, Iwan and Evie Sujono, Bill and Jan Twyman, Andrew and Thomas Rowlatt, Michael Hamilton (report writer).

Subarus have strong links to the aviation industry.

Subarus are built by the Subaru Corporation, which up until 2017 was called Fuji Heavy Industries. FHI traces its roots to the Nakajima Aircraft Company, a leading supplier of airplanes to the Japanese government during World War II.

Currently, the aerospace division of the Subaru Corporation makes utility and attack helicopters for the Japanese Self Defense Force, trainers, unmanned aerial vehicles, and the centre wings of Boeing 777 and Boeing 787 jets. In the past, FHI made parts for the Hawker Beechcraft and Eclipse Aviation business jets.

In celebration of these links with aviation, David planned a magnificent trip for us, beginning at the new Western Sydney Airport, travelling down to the HARS Aviation Museum at Shellharbour Airport, and finishing at Stanwell Tops, where, in 1894, pioneer aviator Lawrence Hargrave rose 16 feet off the ground under a collection of box-kites.

We began our day at the Western Sydney International Airport Experience Centre at 9:45, under threatening skies. Living closest to Luddenham, I was of course the last to arrive, earning me the privilege of writing this report.



The Experience Centre was a great way to learn all about our new airport, which is set to open in 2026. The presentations were very informative, and we were able to ask the guide lots of questions. The terminal buildings will handle domestic and international flights together, and access to the site will be aided by new road and rail links. A second runway is expected to open in 2050.



We then headed down to Albion Park to explore the HARS (Historical Aircraft Restoration Society) Aviation Museum, which is adjacent to Shellharbour Airport. What an amazing place!

After a delicious lunch at Café Connie (I had an egg and lettuce sandwich, a lamington and a vanilla milkshake), we headed off on our tour which was even more interesting than many of us had expected. We had a great walk through a jumbo jet, venturing into Business Class, which was a first for most of us.

John Hocking (ex QANTAS Jet Engine Base Manager) had sent us a fascinating article from March 2015 titled “No room for error, as Qantas prepares to land 747-400 at regional airport” which told the amazing story of how the *City of Canberra* had been brought there from Sydney Airport on a flight which was unprecedented in many ways due to the small runway at Shellharbour Airport.



We also saw a huge range of other aircraft including a General Dynamics F-111, a Mirage fighter, a number of Douglas DC3s, a Super Constellation, a Catalina Flying Boat, and a Sabre CA-27 fighter. My favourite was a replica of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith's *Southern Cross* Fokker FVIIIB, the original holding the record for the first-ever trans-Pacific flight to Australia in 1928.



The museum is run by volunteers, many of whom have a background in aviation. Funds raised go to the maintenance and restoration of the aircraft. We all commented on how the admission cost was great value for money. We were allowed to enter many of the aircraft, and even take a seat in the cockpit of some. I'll certainly be visiting again, next time I'm showing people around the area.



After our tour of the museum, we travelled through the beach suburbs of Wollongong, heading to the lookout at Stanwell Tops. Not only are the views there excellent, the area is also internationally known as a major hang-gliding point. It was on the beach below the lookout at Bald Hill that Lawrence Hargrave made his historic flight way back in 1894.



Bald Hill also overlooks the iconic Sea Cliff Bridge which extends along the Grand Pacific Drive, a 140 kilometre coastal drive beginning 45 minutes south of Sydney International Airport in the Royal National Park. I was reminded of our Australia Day get-together in 2022, when Brett Atkins took me to the secret lookout above the Sea Cliff Bridge to take some photos.



Big thanks go to David Wellham for organising such a fantastic day out. I won't mention that I got a bit lost on the way home, because I wouldn't want our Serjeant-at-Arms to hear about that.

Further Details

WSI Experience Centre - <https://westernsydney.com.au/your-airport/experience-centre>

HARS Aviation Museum - <https://hars.org.au/>
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Weekday Wanderer: South Coast Escape

Date: 21st-23rd August

Trip Leader: Jo Quinn

Attendees: Geoff, Jo, Chris, Kelly, Stephen & Sue, Bill, Nathan & Cherie, Kevin

Trip Report: Jo Quinn

The South Coast Escape was a 3-day camping trip down to Termeil Point Campground in the Meroo National Park. Set on the headland amongst open forest, with ocean on one side and Termeil Lake on the other, the small and secluded campground was a great spot to relax and unwind. The beaches were all unpatrolled. The sites all had their own fire pits, were relatively flat and had plenty of shade. The downside to this was trying to charge batteries with solar panels. There were pit toilets in the campground that were clean & obviously serviced regularly. No showers, rubbish bins or running water. There was phone service from all carriers throughout the campground. The camping was free, however there was a \$6 booking fee.

We all wandered down at our own leisure and basically just met at the campsite. We did encounter what appeared to be a fault with the National Parks booking system when one of our sites was apparently double booked. A couple of phone calls only clarified what we already knew; that the site was booked in our name. The other occupant who arrived first, claimed to have booked, but provided no proof, except his word. I think this was about as honest as the amount of fish Chris & I claimed to have caught! It does raise a concern though on what the actual protocol is if there is someone in your site who refuses to move on & no rangers are present?

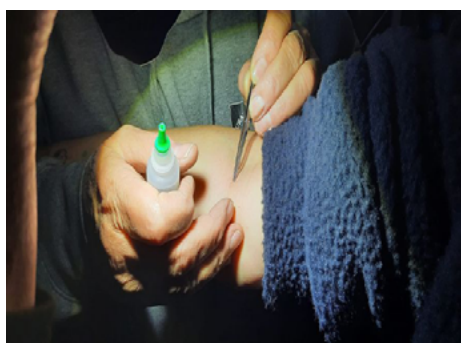


Awaiting the delivery

On Tuesday morning everyone individually sent through coffee & cakes orders to Stephen & Sue who were last to arrive. As we sat & waited with anticipation, they certainly didn't disappoint! Rolling into camp with what seemed like half of Milton Bakery in the back seat, it was like feeding time at the zoo! Thank you, Stephen & Sue, they were delicious. Note for future reference; bring cakes & you get out of writing the trip report!

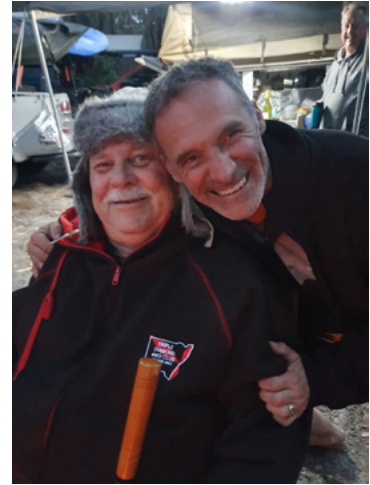


The Delivery



Some of us ended up collecting more than sea shells when we discovered the smallest ever ticks were biting more than the fish. A fellow camper recommended a product via the Parks Ranger, called "Freeze Your Ticks Off". Available from the chemist, it probably wouldn't be a bad addition to

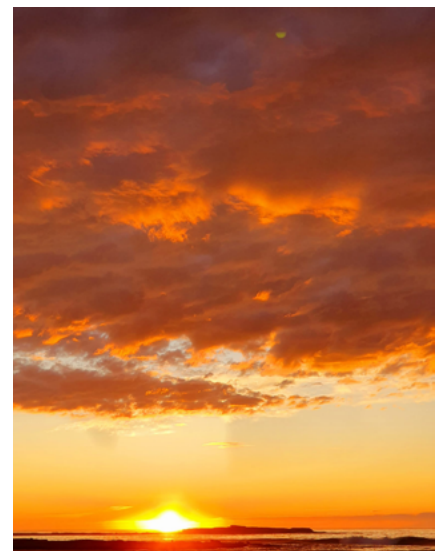
the first aid kit. The weather went from glorious sunny days to showers, of course when it came time to pack up. We also had a thunderstorm roll through on Tuesday night, but it was pretty short lived. Enough to wet the chocolates, but not enough to put out the fire and send us to bed.



Luckily the talent scouts from Sydney Fashion Week weren't about or we may have been missing a few members. All the latest in camping apparel was on show including ugg boots meant for indoors only, Russian style fur hats with "ears" & tie dyed toe socks suitable for wearing with thongs. All class we were!

With a few beverages of choice, the nights were spent around the campfire sharing stories of past trips and ideas were discussed for possible future extended trips - stay tuned for more! We spent a great couple of days relaxing, fishing (or trying to), exploring the surrounding beaches and lake, campfire cooking, sitting around the campfire and enjoying good company. Would definitely go back again, especially in Summer, shady campsites and great secluded swimming beaches.

More photos can be viewed on the facebook site'



Future Meetings

September – Friday 8th Meeting at Ermington Hall at 8pm

Driver training theory night

October – Friday 13th Meeting at Ermington Hall at 8pm

Driver training theory night

November – Friday 10th BBQ in park at Ermington at 6.30pm

(Silverwater Pub as backup if bad weather)

December – Saturday 2nd at the Christmas Party weekend at Coolendel, west of Nowra

More details in Upcoming Trips section on website.

Please register for trips with catering so that we have food for everyone.

Membership fees

The Annual Membership fees are now overdue for the year to 30 June 2024.

The Committee has decided to keep the annual fee at \$50 for the next year.

Please logon to Club website, go to 'Renew Membership Fees' tab and complete payment.

Any new members since 1 April 2023, please remember your membership is already valid till end June 2024.

Until Next Time

STAY SAFE