



# **DRIVE TORQUE**

## **eNEWS**

### **FEBUARY 2023**



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# **Presidents Message**

Nothing Received

## **Association Report**

Nothing Received

## **February Meeting Minutes**

Nothing Received

## **Five Lookouts Of Warragamba Dam Day Trip**

Trip Leader: David Wellham. Trip Report Not Received

## **Kings Tableland & Mt Hay Day Trip**

Trip Leader: David Wellham. Trip Report Not Received

# SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

## Treasurers Report

Oct-22

Cash Book Balance Brought Forward	\$11,125.54
Plus Income	\$335.75
Less Expenditure	\$1,135.82
Closing Balance	<u><u>\$10,325.47</u></u>

<b><u>Income</u></b> -	Raffle income	\$335.75
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<b><u>Expenditure</u></b> -	Driver Training Equipment	\$1,135.82
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## Bank Reconciliation

Bank Account Balance as at 31/10/2022	ANZ	\$4,000.16
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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 31/10/2022	\$5,989.56
	Cash on Hand	\$335.75

Available Funds as at 31/10/2022	<u><u>\$10,325.47</u></u>
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# SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

## Treasurers Report

Nov-22

Cash Book Balance Brought Forward	\$10,325.47
Plus Income	\$100.00
Less Expenditure	\$703.60
Closing Balance	<u><u>\$9,721.87</u></u>

<b><u>Income</u></b> -	Memberships	\$100.00
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<b><u>Expenditure</u></b> -	Website hosting	\$229.00
	Catering - Christmas Party	\$473.00
	Paypal fees	\$1.60

### Bank Reconciliation

Bank Account Balance as at 30/11/2022	ANZ	\$3,348.16
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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 30/11/2022	\$6,037.96
	Cash on Hand	\$335.75

Available Funds as at 30/11/2022	<u><u>\$9,721.87</u></u>
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# SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

## Treasurers Report

Dec-22

Cash Book Balance Brought Forward	\$9,721.87
Plus Income	\$195.00
Less Expenditure	\$0.00
Closing Balance	<u><u>\$9,916.87</u></u>

<b><u>Income</u></b> -	Christmas party meal fees	\$195.00
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<b><u>Expenditure</u></b> -		\$0.00
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### Bank Reconciliation

Bank Account Balance as at 31/12/2022	ANZ	\$3,543.16
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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 31/12/2022	\$6,037.96
	Cash on Hand	\$335.75

Available Funds as at 31/12/2022	<u><u>\$9,916.87</u></u>
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# SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

## Treasurers Report

Jan-23

Cash Book Balance Brought Forward	\$9,916.87
Plus Income	\$100.00
Less Expenditure	\$3.20
Closing Balance	<u><u>\$10,013.67</u></u>

<b><u>Income</u></b> -	Memberships	\$100.00
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<b><u>Expenditure</u></b> -	Paypal Fees	\$3.20
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### Bank Reconciliation

Bank Account Balance as at 31/1/2023	ANZ	\$3,543.16
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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 31/1/2023	\$6,134.76
	Cash on Hand	\$335.75

Available Funds as at 31/12/2022	<u><u>\$10,013.67</u></u>
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## **Sgt At Arms Report - Bill Twyman**

During recent mid week & weekend trips various fines issued for the following breaches that I detected:

- David Wellham for taking the group down the wrong walking track at the Nepean Lookout.
- Mr & Mrs Twyman for turning up late to Warragamba Dam trip.
- Some were convinced that Steve Bennett & Bill Twyman should also receive fines for winning over the security chap to give them a lift down to the bottom of the Warragamba Dam spillway lookout (bypassing the 1.7km/ 1.5hr return trip walk) in his security vehicle. The security man kindly suggested he would come back in 15 min to take Steve & I back to the top of the dam wall, however, he was beguiled by the remainder of the group to give them all a lift back up to the top, except for Ewan & Michael who did take the steps. It was a very hot day.
- David Wellham (on the Sunday's Kings Tablelands trip) for announcing that a particular cake shop/ coffee shop would be open, to find out its closed on Sundays.

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

Since the last Drive Torque magazine the club has had 6 outings:

- 26/1/23 - Australia Day '23 - 10 vehicles registered
- 28/1/23 - 5 Lookouts of Warragamba Dam - 8 vehicles registered
- 7/2/23 - Weekday Wander #9 Bungonia NP midweek camp - 4 vehicles registered
- 10/2/23 - February BBQ meeting at Ermington - 12 vehicles registered
- 12/2/23 - Kings Tableland/ Mt Hay - 9 vehicles registered
- 22/2/23 - Hawkesbury River Explorer - 11 vehicles registered

### **Upcoming trips**

- 2/3/23 - WW #12 Southern Highlands Lookouts & Waterfalls
- 11/3/23 - March meeting at MORE 4X4 Brookvale
- 20/3/23 - WW#11- a 3 night camp at Coolendel
- 22/4/23 - Capertee to Sofala (3rd time lucky for David Cook) camping trip
- 17/6/23 - June meeting in the blue Mountains (with or without camping)
- 29/9/23 - 3/10/23 - Olinda October Fest
- 4/11/23 - Tasmania 3 week trip



## 4WD NSW & ACT INC, The Association, has opened its Driver Training Calendar for 2023

*I've done this course myself in October 2022 & would recommend it to anyone wanting to undertake training & gain their certification, the cost is only \$90 (since our club is a member of the 4WD Association). There are currently several Subaru Club members signed up to do the course this year. To do the training through Getabout directly the cost is \$425.*

*Bill Twyman.*

*I attended, completed and passed the basic course at Freemans Waterhole in March 2021 in my Subaru Forester. It was a great day, I learnt a lot and now I have a piece of paper to prove that I am a competent 4WDriver. I recommend the course to all of our members and the skills you learn will improve your safety off road.*

*David Wellham.*

**Basic training** is available for 4<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023

**Advanced training** is available on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023, must have completed Basic course beforehand

Go to <https://4wdnow.com/> (you will need to contact our Association Delegate **David Wellham** to be given access details for the website member area). Once you get in, open the events calendar link, click the date required then follow the online instructions.

### **Basic Training - Freemans Waterhole**

**This training is only available to financial members of clubs affiliated with 4WD NSW & ACT**

FWPCOT3325 Operate four wheel drive vehicle on unsealed roads course.

Please include the name of your club in the "Additional Notes" field of the enrolment form.

<https://web.powerprorto.com.au/site/vidatek/getabout/wp/enrol/form/10536/getabout>

**Exact Meeting Time & Place:** Confirmed on Enrolment

**Duration:** The training typically runs from 8.15am through to approximately 4.00pm

**Lunch & Morning Tea:** Members should bring their own lunch, drinks and snacks for the day.

**What to Bring:** Bring your Driver's License, a Chair, your 4wd vehicle, a pen, a clipboard, your recovery kit and anything else you would normally take on a 4WD trip. If you have a UHF radio, please bring it as well. Also bring any special tools/keys required to remove the spare tyre and tow bar goose neck.

Participants will be required to use their own recovery gear for the practical exercise.

**License - This is needed for certification to be issued.**

**What to Wear:** Suitable hard-top footwear & weather appropriate clothing.

**Registration:** You are required to register via the link for the course. Once registered & paid, you will be mailed the 4WD Guidebook and emailed a link to the e-learning platform 3- 4 weeks out from your training day.

**Payment:** Cost is \$90.00 – Payment will be made directly to Getabout Training services.

**Preparation:** Participants are expected to have read their copy of the course materials and completed all the questions and documentation.

You will be required to supply a USI number, if you don't have a USI number, please go to the link and complete the enrolment so you can obtain one, this will save a lot of time on the day. [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au)

**Trip Leader:** Jo Quinn

Football, Meat Pies, Kangaroos & Holden Cars..... How times have changed. Our typical "Aussie" Day of past now seems to be somewhat "bogan" as a new generation sweeps through with ideals, opinions and righteousness. I must admit, it is the first time in my life that I felt somewhat dubious about hanging our massive National flag on our marquees for the day. Definitely not through lack of pride on my behalf, but wary of opinions of others and what it may represent to them, or if indeed it may offend. In the end pride won out and it was proudly hung.

Not having booked anywhere to camp this year and a predicted scorcher of a day, it was guaranteed to be busy anywhere near the water. After much debate we decided at the last minute just to make an early start and head down to Bundeena in the Royal National Park. Little did I know that many had the same idea. When I arrived at 5:30am there were already people arriving with marquees, tents, jet skis & portable BBQ's. Craig and I secured our spot on the waters edge and spread out as much as we could until others from our Club arrived. We had a good spot and ample shade with our marquees and one of only a couple of trees at the waters edge. Most of us arrived early, as did what seemed like half of Sydney! The picnic ground was soon full to overflowing with groups and families making the most of the public holiday and perfect weather.





We spent the day relaxing in the shade and cooling off in the waters of Port Hacking. A few of us paddled out on the kayaks and went around the headland towards the main beach at Bundeena and back again, past the campground and down towards Kangaroo Creek. A perfect day to enjoy the water. We shared fivies for lunch with plenty to go around as usual including heaps of lamingtons and some Aussie Cupcakes. A relaxing day catching up, some of us not having seen each other for ages.

No matter your beliefs or opinions, I think Bundeena on this Australia Day really epitomised what being Australian represents; the air was full of aromas ranging from snags on the barbie, Lebanese cuisine cooked on heat beads, Indian delicacies being ladled out of rice cookers, & Islander's enjoying fresh seafood spreads. Every nationality imaginable had claimed their own little patch of grass and celebrated our National Day in their own unique way. All together with no signs of racism, derogatory remarks or heated or aggressive arguments. "We are one, but we are many."



Trip Report and Photo's by Jo Quinn

More photo's from this event can be viewed on the facebook page.

# Weekday Wanders #9

## Bungonia National Park

### Celebrating Craig's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Trip Leader: Craig Fitzpatrick

After stopping at SubaXtreme to get my rear bar taken off to be powder coated, I arrived at Bungonia National Park, found a suitable spot to set up camp. Kevin arrived soon after.

Around lunch time Bill, Stephen and Sue arrived. After setting up their sites, we sat around chatting and relaxing for the rest of the afternoon. That night we celebrated my 60th birthday with a cake and the singing of Happy Birthday.

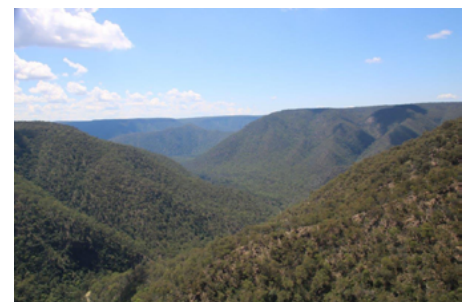


On Wednesday Bill, Stephen and Sue went for a drive to the local Bungonia Church and a local racetrack, then continued onto the historical town of Marulan and visited The Shed an antique and old wares shop. After having lunch, they returned to camp where Kevin's son Adrian and Grandson Dallas, had paid a visit, staying till late afternoon where we sat around chatting and relaxing.



Thursday Bill, Stephen and Sue packed up and left camp. Kevin and I sat under the awning chatting as it was continuous rain for the rest of the day.

Friday, I went back to SubaXtreme and got my rear bar fitted they did a great job. Friday afternoon Kevin and myself went and had a look at a local lookout called The Look Down. From this lookout you could see a massive limestone open cut mine, the largest in Australia.





Saturday morning Kevin and myself packed up and headed off. I returned to SubaXtreme in Goulburn for an open day and get together. They had around 40 Subaru's turn up.

We all had a great time in a beautiful camping spot and had a mixture of weather cold, wet and hot, but made the most of our time in the bush.

Thanks to Kevin, Bill, Stephen and Sue for your company.



Trip Report by Craig Fitzpatrick. Photos by Craig and Bill Twyman.

# Weekday Wander # 8

## Hawkesbury River Explorer

Trip leaders: Jean and John. (Assisted by Jo & Chris)

The day started out wet. Some of the keener participants, met up 7.30 am for Breakfast at Killcare Village, and a walk along the Jetty taking in the views, it is a beautiful place.

At 9.00am we all met up at John and Jean's cottage where they had organised Tea/coffee and Munchies to start off the day.



After the pleasantries and catch ups, we returned to our vehicles where we followed Jean and John along a dirt track, with radio commentary of points of interest along the way by Jean, to a lookout at Tallow beach, in Bouddi National Park where it started to rain on us.

When we had finished looking at the scenery and getting wet, we then headed to Wagstaffe Wharf, with more commentary from Jean along the way. At Wagstaffe we walked around the village, admired the nice carvings on log posts in a park. We walked along the Jetty, and again taking in the beautiful views.





We then headed to another lookout, Marie Byles, where in the distance across the water you could see Palm Beach.

After taking in the views, we headed to MacMasters Beach where we walked along the beach and took a few photos. I also got a bit wet from an unexpected wave, with a lot of laughing from nearby people.



Returning to Killcare Village for lunch.

After lunch, minus a few travellers, we then headed to Bullimah Beach for a walk along a board walk for an hour or so. This place was unbelievable and spectacular. The views and rock formation and colours were so nice.

Finally, the day was ending and now we are heading back home.

A big thank you to Jean and John, it was great how they gave us a guided tour and informed us about the history of this area.

Thank you everyone it was great company and a great day.

Trip report by Chris Mifsud.

Photos by Chris and Jo Quinn

More photos from this event can be viewed on the facebook page.



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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### **BRIDLE TRACK REOPENS**

Great news - the Bridle Track was officially reopened on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

The Bridle Track is a much-loved 4WD route connecting Bathurst to Hill End.



Rockslides in August 2010, made the original road impassable and a new two-kilometre diversion has been constructed around Monaghan's Bluff.

The Bridle Track is popular for 4WD, motorbikes, camping, fishing and seeing some of the most spectacular flora and fauna in the area.

