

# DRIVE TORQUE eNEWS JANUARY 2023



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## From the Vice President

2023 has got off to a flying start, particularly as far as our Club is concerned.

**Barefoot Bowls** was well attended, with an impressive amount of skill on display. It was a terrific opportunity for us to catch up with friends.



Looking at the Calendar, it's great to see the trips being posted. A big thank you to Jo, Chris and Craig for running all the **Weekday Wander** trips; and to David for running his **Five Lookouts of Warragamba Dam** and **Kings Tableland and Mount Hay** day trips.

Jo has also organised a special get together at Bonnie Vale for **Australia Day**, which sounds like a great way to celebrate our national day.



If you've got any ideas for trips, please don't be shy. You can always ask one of the members who regularly run trips for some assistance.

I would like to thank David for all the work he has done in planning out our meetings for the year; and of course Stephen who is doing such a great job with the Newsletter. 😊

I have written previously on the topic of the **Hierarchy of Recovery**. A couple of weeks ago I was able to put this into practice when the lead vehicle of a convoy I was in got stuck in the mud. Tyre pressures and drive modes were checked, some shovel work was done and traction boards were deployed. Unfortunately these actions were not quite enough, so we used a gentle tow to recover the vehicle backwards, and this was made all the easier by the shovel work and traction boards. The angles were a bit tricky, and if we had jumped in straight away with a hasty snatch, we may well have launched the stuck vehicle into a tree! So always try the safer options first.

Thanks everyone for your contributions to our Club. Here's hoping that 2023 is a great year for all of us.

Michael





## Association News & Updates: January 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.

### Association: 2021 & 2022 Years in Review

- Negotiated an addition **5% discount for members with Club 4x4**
- The Crescent head dog walkers group asked us to speak at their rally
- We had a very successful meeting with our QLD clubs in Brisbane
- Representing 4WD association at **Rattle Trap**
- A new NSW club and 2 new Qld Clubs have joined this year
- Successful Adventure Show in September
- Completion of the appointment and contracts finalised for the office position, now there is a professional office service that promotes and supports us
- Invited to sit on the Aboriginal handover committee
- DTU training for members & successful DAFS weekend and workshop (**MARCH** northern region and **NOVEMBER** southern region)
- ACMC continuing work on GVM, GCM. Our office now authorises classic registration for seven of the associations
- Contact with Melinda Pavey over the problems with National Parks in her area
- Appointment to the Hunter RAC & Blue Mountains RAC
- Gardens of Stone working committee for the creation of the recreation area including recognition that 4WDDriving is not dangerous
- Reappointment to that Ministers Advisory council as well as the formation of a sub-committee to look at how user groups are dealt with in Parks
- Part of the working group for the changeover from State Forests to Parks at Belanglo and Jellore
- Continued to improve & strengthen communications with member clubs, regions and club members
- Straps Up High Program with Zoos
- Progress on our MOU with National Parks and a review of our relationship with stronger outcomes for our partnership & strengthening ties with State Forests
- Discounts for members on Health fund premiums, PLB's, first aid courses and kits
- Reduction in vehicle defects through meetings with Ministers and Highway Patrol Command
- Inaugural COCO weekend in June 2021 at Coolah and planned for May 2023 at Crookwell

The committee thanks us for the overwhelming support, it is a pleasure to serve you. No one could have foreseen the past few years. We all stood strong together against drought, fires, mice, COVID 19, floods and extreme weather. We all pivoted from "on the tracks" trips, F2F meetings and events to Zoom and achieved many great things during this time. We encourage you to get back into 4WDDriving, make plans, create opportunities and build on the great foundations. Our Association is strong because of the dedication and strength of our members.

### Vehicle Standards Working Group

The group is debating Speedo Calibration at present and how it is done - considering doing it at 110kph  
Craig Thomas also sitting on another working group on Modified 4x4 and forward crash avoidance systems. Avoidance testing at AAAA facility in Victoria - not RMS. Many new cars coming out with Crash Avoidance.

### Overdue rego? Don't let it happen to you!

1. Roads and Maritime sends paper renewal notices six weeks before the rego is due so make sure your address is up to date. If you're not sure, call 13 22 13.
2. Look out for your registration renewal in the mail about six weeks before the due date.
3. You can check the status of a registration any time for free on the [Service NSW website](https://www.service.nsw.gov.au).
4. Opt in to get a two week reminder by creating a [MyServiceNSW](https://www.myservicenew.com.au) account.
5. Vehicles 5 years or older will also require a pink slip inspection before you can renew its registration.



**The SWOT workshop – newsletter article from Committee Member Roger Pollett**

Many thanks for the feedback received during and after the Association General Meeting at Liverpool Catholic Club where an overview of the planned SWOT (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) workshop was provided. The SWOT workshop will be held in 18 February 2023, at Wallerawang Quarterly Meeting.

The aim is to replicate a similar exercise as undertaken 5 years ago and to find out where we are at from the members’ perspective. Please note that this is not to be a drawn out “think tank” or a voting exercise. We are looking for as much feedback as we can, so club delegate numbers won’t apply. Yes, individual club members may be involved either directly or via input to their club delegate.

Responses/comments should be readily available “now”, with response wording to be accepted “as is”. Do not over think this. We are after those items which you may have thought about, discussed, or mentioned to others on the areas to be covered. The obvious stuff.

The focus areas are:

- Club level (Yes, input is required on your club. If we get enough detail, I am sure that everyone will benefit. There will be some common threads.)
- Region level (Greater Sydney Region)
- NSW & ACT Inc (Association)
- National (4WD Australia – The National Council)

To provide some further assistance, the questions asked as we move through the focus areas will be....

**Strengths**

- “What do we do well?”
- “What unique resources can we draw on?”
- “What do others see as our strengths?”

**Weaknesses**

- “What could we improve?”
- “Where do we have fewer resources than others?”
- “What are others likely to see as our weaknesses?”

**Opportunities**

- “What opportunities are open to us?”
- “What trends could we take advantage of?”
- “How can you turn our strengths into opportunities?”

**Threats**

- “What things could harm us?”
- “What threats do our weaknesses expose us to?”
- “What are our competitors doing?”

If you are really stuck for answers, I’ll provide some examples during the session.

The big change from the last workshop, to address Zoom attendees and the importance of each response will be that each response is to be individually rated from 1 to 5. “1 “ being “for awareness only”, through to “5” being “critical, action plan and owner required”.

Emailed responses from those on Zoom will be accepted from the start of the session for the remainder of the day. The exercise will take about 2 minutes maximum, per focus area and topic. This will allow a brief discussion to take place within individual clubs and the writing of responses. Short points only; not long-winded statements please.

As always, if there are any questions, please get back to me. Yes, I am using my personal email to keep items away from the rest of the executive committee until the data has been compiled. [raepollett@gmail.com](mailto:raepollett@gmail.com)

**Why you need a SWOT analysis?**

A SWOT analysis is a strategic planning tool used to assess the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of your business. Developing a SWOT analysis can help you look at your business in a new way and from different directions. It can also help you to:

- create or fine tune your business strategy
- prioritise areas for business growth to achieve your business goals.

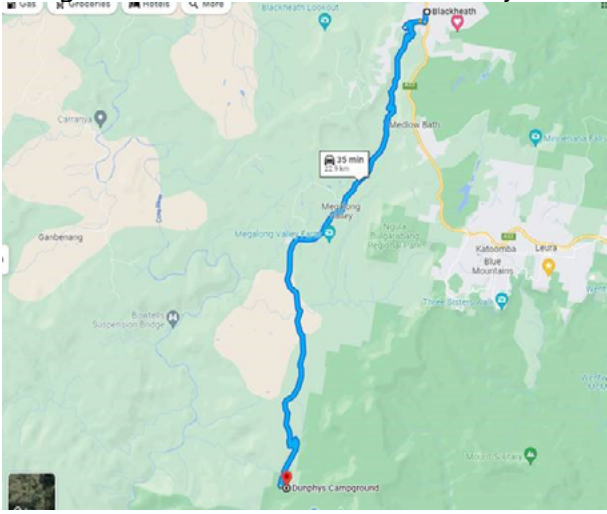
**Message from David – Please email me with any items or comments that you want me to bring up during this workshop in February**

**How to Get Your Vehicle Engineered.**

Every new car has a Data Sheet, this is your starting point and you should obtain one for your vehicle. This is what the police and engineers will look at for GVM etc. If you wish to upgrade your vehicle you need to use a company that specialises in the type of upgrade you are doing, and have it engineered by a qualified person. You should carry your documentation in your vehicle if you have had it engineered and/ or a GVM upgrade.

### Green Gully Project 25-26 February 2023

NPWS would like to invite the 4WD NSW Association members to participate in a working bee to plant trees, make tree guards and clean up ex-agricultural debris from Green Gully in the Blue Mountains National Park at Megalong Valley.



The Green Gully Rehabilitation Project will involve a weekend-long event on 25-26 February 2023. Assuming this first event is successful, we anticipate organising a 2<sup>nd</sup> event later in the year. A location map is above.

The first day would be a work session planting trees making tree guards, dismantling and removing old fences and agricultural equipment. To express NPWS gratitude for the work of the 4WD members, the second day would be a guided tag-along tour of parts of the Warragamba Special Catchment Area, normally closed to the public. The maximum number of 4WD vehicles on the tour will be five.

Camping will be at a campsite set up exclusively for the event, separate from other campers. Participants will need to be self-sufficient for camping and we will be catering for dinner on Saturday Night. NPWS will have 5 personnel assisting with the management of the program and the tag along tour.

Warragamba Special Area, schedule 1 and 2 lands will be closed to all vehicle access if the catchment area has received substantial rain within 24-48hrs prior to the event.

For any questions or to book in for the event please contact  
Shane McClymont, VP Clubs 0418 458 446 [vpclubs@4wdnow.com](mailto:vpclubs@4wdnow.com)

I'm very much looking forward to working with you on what we anticipate will be a satisfying and productive weekend.

Best regards,

Monica

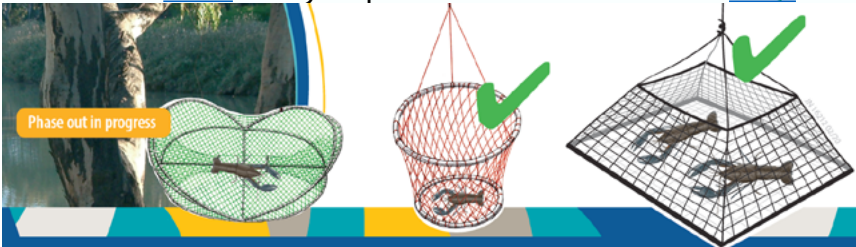


**Message from David – Please email me if you wish to attend and we will get a group together from our club and we will attempt to have one of our cars on the Sunday drive**

### Changes to Yabby Traps for Recreational Fishers in NSW

What are the changes? In 2003, opera house style yabby traps were prohibited in areas where platypus are mostly found; those waters east of the Newell Highway and in some stretches of the Murray, Edward and Murrumbidgee Rivers west of the Newell Highway. This rule change will prohibit the use of opera house yabby traps by recreational fishers in the remaining waters of NSW.

MORE INFO [HERE](#) Yabby Traps and Blue Swimmer Crab [FAQs](#)





Summer In The Snowies

27 December 2022 to 08 January 2023

No Report No Photo's

Barefoot Bowls

Event Organiser: Mark Honor



The event on the calendar we all look forward to after Christmas, the annual January barefoot bowls at Camden Sports Club.

Upon arriving at the club and completing the mandatory signing in we met on the bowling green to be divided into groups, our group had 6-7 people which was then split into two teams, Green or Yellow.

Members of the bowls club instructed us in the correct way to bowl and to aim the ball as close to the jack as possible.

Then the games began Green vs Yellow, first green ball bowled and it was too far to the left, first yellow ball bowled too far to the right, next green was too short, next yellow was too long. The game continued this way with a few notable exceptions.

There was lots of laughter and fun on the green and those who chose not to bowl were enthusiastic spectators.

After finishing our games, we went into the club for a well-deserved beverage and dinner.

It was great to catch up with everyone and enjoy a casual and relaxed evening. See you next year!



Report courtesy of Susan Bennett    Photo's courtesy of Camden Sports Club



# Weekday Wander      Towradgi Picnic Day

18th January 2023

## ***Trip Leader: Jo Quinn***

We couldn't have planned a better day to escape the heat. With temps soring to 36 degrees in Sydney's west, Towradgi was a balmy, pleasant 29 degrees with clear skies and a slight sea breeze. Towradgi Beach is located approximately 5km's north of the Wollongong city centre.

Still being school holidays and a predicted nice day, a couple of us headed down early to secure a good spot to set up as we had a largish group. The sunrise over Towradgi rock pool at about 6:30am was more than worth the early up. The red, orange and purple hues as the sun prepared to rise, that reflected off the rock pool water as the sky changed colour was nothing short of awesome.

We set up the marquees for shade right at the edge of the grass overlooking the Towradgi rockpool and Corrimal Beach. The sea breeze kept the weather pleasant and most of us wandered between the rockpool and the beach for a swim throughout the day. A lazy day enjoying the company, the scenery and the cool breeze. We had a "Bunnings" style sausage sizzle for lunch that went down well and a variety of "fivsie" choices ensured we didn't go hungry.

A beautiful day, good company and great location rounded off another weekday trip. Thank you to all those that attended.



Report and Photo's  
Courtesy of Jo Quinn  
More Photo's can be  
seen on Facebook  
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# Photos Of Punts Trip

## 30th April 2022

**Trip Leader** David Wellham. (No Report)



Entry onto the Berowra Water Ferry



Exiting the Berowra Water Ferry

Ebenezer Church

Ebenezer Church







Sackville Punt



Tizzana Winery

Tizzana Winery

The Canadians



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Number 13 - unlucky for some and a cold beer for others.

The gang crossing the Hawkesbury on a punt



The trip mob at lunch at Settlers Arms at St Albans

A historic Landy at St Albans





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### NSW Police Force with Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force.

27 Jun at 1:21p.m. • 🌐

Ever wondered what all the antennas on our Highway Patrol cars are used for?



Regional Vehicles Only



Until Next Time

**STAY SAFE**