



DRIVE TORQUE eNEWS OCTOBER 2023



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CONGRADULATIONS

SUZI & PAUL



1st prize in the "Best Off-Road Vehicle" category at the "Subinats 23"

SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB

October General Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday 13th October 20213 (minutes taken by Bill Twyman)

Venue: Ermington Community Hall

Commenced: 8:05pm

Attendance: David Wellham, Dave Cook, Ray & Cheryl Bonello, Kelly & Chris Mifsud, Robert Leung, Craig Fitzpatrick, Bill Twyman, Steve Eakin, Brett Hampson, Alexandra Gatward.

Apologies: Mark & Karolyn Honor, Michael Hamilton, Kevin McCormack, Iwan & Evie Sujono
Paul Sistrom, Andrew Rowlatt, Darren Powell, Daniel Sorrasson, Jo Quinn,
Susan & Stephen Bennett.

Presidents Mark was absent.

Report: David spoke for Mark; Mark is currently away in Wagga Wagga (hopes to be home tomorrow - Saturday) Mark's work is changing next year so he will not be travelling as much (he hopes) & spending more time at home. Mark said he had a great time at Olinda, he was very much looking forward to it, he could think of nothing else.

Vice

Presidents

Report: Michael was absent - no report

Secretary: Michael was absent - no report

Minutes of previous meeting - taken as read. No alterations.

David said he has tentatively rebooked the Ermington Hall for 2024 & 2025, it's what Parramatta Council requested, it can be changed if we decide otherwise, there is no financial commitment. Tonight is the last Ermington Hall meeting for 2023.

Clothing/ merchandise purchases - to be discussed at the next committee meeting.

All members "should" now be financial.

Paul Sistrom has lodged & paid the Clubs Tier2 incorporation fees with Fair Trading.

Treasurer: Brett reported -
September opening balance \$10,787.64
September closing balance \$10,505.59
Income was mostly Olinda camping fees + membership fees.
The Olinda weekend cost to the club was only \$366.00
(See *Treasure's Report*)

Trip Bill Twyman spoke of the success of the Olinda Oktoberfest weekend, the Saturday
Conveners: night festivities & costumes which all made it an extremely funny evening, especially the lovely Helga.

David Wellham spoke about the Driver Awareness Training weekend Nov 4th & 5th will be at the Turon River National Park, with camping at The Diggings (trailer friendly), accommodation may be available at the Capertee Hotel, 15 -20min away.

Nov 25th Southern Highlands Saturday trip

Nov 29th Barrenjoey Lighthouse midweek trip

December 2nd, Christmas Party meeting - camping at Coolendel

December 6th Shark Island midweek Christmas picnic, ferry trip on Sydney Harbour.

4WD

Association

Delegates: David Wellham - AGM & Quarterly meeting coming up in November.

Membership

Secretary: Stephen absent - no report

Editor: Stephen absent - no report

Social: Alex - nothing to report

Serjeant At Arms: Bill Twyman awarded the Golden Shackle to Ray Bonello whose car alarm went off at 6:30am Saturday morning at Olinda, after what was a big Friday night around the campfires. At the time Ray was frantically trying to shut it off, he found that the alarm remote control fob had a flat battery.

Public Relations & Marketing: Jo absent - no report.

Marketing: David advised the clubs car bumper/ window decals & business cards are on the table if anybody would like to take some.

Fundraising: Brett advised that there will be lucky door prizes at tonight's meeting. Tonight's prizes were a camping lantern & a box of chocolates. Camping lantern won by Kelly while Craig took home the chocolates.

General Business: Olinda - we attempted to watch the NRL Grand final on a TV by streaming it from Kevin's computer to a TV screen, the hall had a Cel fi wifi booster but had terrible band width, we tried putting every bodies mobile phones on aeroplane mode to try & help improve the wifi reception, it didn't work. Daniel had an incident attempting to get his Outback closer to the hall so we could all listen to the grand final broadcast on his car's radio - unfortunately it became beached on a concrete culvert which turned into a full-blown recovery exercise, Floody was in his glory. Craig thanked everybody who stayed back to help clean-up the hall, the kitchen, fire & pack everything back away. He also commented on the excellent array of food presented by Fiona & Brett. Brett was an excellent MC at the costume/ fashion parade. Craig asked if those who attended the Olinda weekend could put a couple of sentences together for the magazine about their time at Olinda, not necessarily a trip report. Craig said he is planning a "Christmas In July" trip in June next year to Olinda. Chris spoke about the midweek Hawkesbury Riverboat Postman ferry trip & outlined the plans for the Coolendel Camp Christmas meeting, 17 people have registered so far. Thoughts on each person attending to purchase & wrap a \$10 - \$15 (gender specific) present to put under the Xmas tree, not compulsory but if you don't participate you won't be included in any gift giving.

Floriade trip was changed to a luncheon at Prestons as the Canberra Floriade was rained out.

Ray & David spoke on their final plans for their 3-week Tasmania expedition.

Congratulations to club members Paul & Suzi Burns for winning 1st prize at the "Subinats 23" for the "Best Off-Road Vehicle" category.



David spoke about Kevin's email regarding holding committee meetings on a more regular basis, it is to be discussed ASAP at the next committee meeting & also asked why the general meeting minutes were not being posted on the clubs website. David will talk to Troy to see if it's possible for the secretary is able to post the minutes on the website himself, same as the editor.

David asked if anyone has any Club Equipment at home to please let him know.
Still looking for the Club Banners & Christmas Tree.

Editor, Stephen Bennett wants to publish the Drive Torque newsletter by 25th of each month, and would like all magazine material, articles, reports to be sent to him by the 22nd.

Equipment: Alex would like to know who has got what, in the way of Club Equipment so she can build an asset/ equipment register list.

WEB Master: Troy absent - no report

Next Meeting: Friday 10th November BBQ meeting at George Kendall Reserve, Trumble Ave Ermington- 6:30pm start. If weather is undesirable the Silverwater Hotel is the backup location. Please register so we can cater for the sausage sandwiches.

December General meeting will be held during the Christmas Party Camping weekend at Coolendel near Nowra.

Meeting Closed: 8:45pm

After the general meeting David Wellham presented "Part 2" of the Driver Training Units Powerpoint Slide Show package on four wheel driving "Off Road Driving Basics", group questions & answers. Part 1 was presented at last months meeting.

followed by

SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

Treasurers Report

Sep-23

Cash Book Balance Brought Forward	\$10,787.64
Plus Income	\$1,020.00
Less Expenditure	\$1,302.05
Closing Balance	<u><u>\$10,505.59</u></u>

<u>Income</u> -	Memberships	\$500.00
	Olinda Camping fees	\$520.00

<u>Expenditure</u> -	Paypal Fees	\$11.20
	Meeting catering	\$55.60
	Olinda Hall hire / Firewood	\$900.00
	Ermington Hall Hire	\$335.25

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Account Balance as at 30/9/2023	ANZ	\$7,718.78
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<u>Plus</u>	Funds held in Pay Pal as at 30/9/2023	\$2,492.06
	Cash on Hand	\$294.75

Available Funds as at 30/9/2023	<u><u>\$10,505.59</u></u>
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Association News & Updates: October 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.

Association Logo

The Association now owns the copyright to the logo – the logo 'Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT'. This logo is on our website and at the top of this report. The Association now have the right to use the logo in all of their activities.

4WD & Adventure Show

Thank you to the club members that attended the 4WD & Adventure Show at Eastern in September as volunteers for the Association.

Driver training Unit

Next DAF Driver Awareness Facilitator Day will be 11th November in ASQUITH from 10am to 4pm.

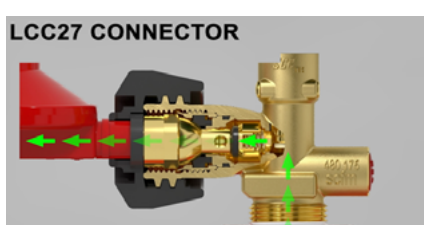
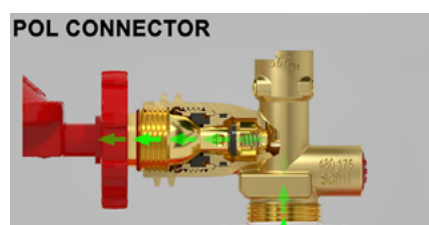
New LPG cylinder valve – LCC27 or Type 27 connection

In recent years, concerns have been raised regarding incidents resulting from leaked gas due to a known weakness in the Type 21 'POL' cylinder valve. Standards Australia published AS/NZS 5601.1:2013 Amendment 4 and AS/NZS 5601.2:2020 which included a change from the Type 21 'POL' connection on an LPG cylinder to a new safer leisure cylinder connection (LCC27) known as a Type 27 connection.

Amendments have also been made to other Australian Standards:

- AS 4627:2017; AS 2473.2:2015; AS 2473.1:2006; AS/NZS 5263.1.7

LPG cylinders between 3kg and 9kg that are commonly used with portable barbecues and patio heaters are affected by this change. Larger LPG cylinders including those connected to domestic homes are not affected. The LPG cylinder outlet connections and LPG appliance input connection on all new items are now Type 27. The new connection is compatible with the connections used on existing appliances. While the old Type 21 appliance connections is cross-compatible and can be used with both the old and the new cylinders, the new appliance connections are only compatible with new cylinder valves. Eventually all leisure cylinders and associated gas appliances will be operating with the new connection as they have a 10-year test cycle. The new LPG cylinder connection has additional safety advantages over the old Type 21 connection that are expected to significantly reduce the number of cylinder connection fires and injuries. The new cylinder valve incorporates a check valve that will only enable gas to flow when a gas tight connection is made, reducing the risk of high-pressure gas escaping if the cylinder valve is opened during transportation or disconnected during use. The new connection features a large diameter right-handed thread that is able to be operated without the use of tools. Perishable rubber seals are located with the body of the gas valve, they can be assessed for damage during the refilling process, and are replaced with the cylinder valve every 10 years as part of the cylinder test process. The connection also incorporates a thermal shutoff that allows the internal check valve to close and remove gas supply if the connection is exposed to a fire.



Beach Driving this Summer? WATCH OUT, SHOREBIRDS ABOUT!

Threatened shorebirds are nesting a little early this year on Port Stephens' sandy shores. NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Threatened Species Officer Katherine Howard said pied oystercatcher eggs have already been found at Port Stephens, which is a key breeding area. "Endangered pied oystercatchers and little terns lay eggs in shallow scraped-out nests on beaches and sandy shores," Ms Howard said. Shorebird eggs and chicks camouflage so well against the sand they are almost invisible and very easy to inadvertently step on or drive over.



There are only around 450 nesting pairs of little terns in New South Wales, with the breeding population declining 2.6 per cent each year from 2001 to 2020. Surprisingly there are even fewer Pied Oystercatchers. They are a distinctive shorebird and regularly seen, but there are fewer than 200 breeding pairs in New South Wales. Shorebirds nest on sandy beaches right along the NSW coastline, including Harrington sandspit, Farquhar Inlet, Corrie and the Worimi Conservation Lands (Stockton Beach). Drivers should follow the local beach driving rules for each location. Visitors to the Worimi Conservation Lands are asked to keep away from nesting areas marked by signs or fences, always follow the [Worimi beach driving rules](#) and reminded that dogs are only allowed on a 3-kilometre section of the beach south of Birubi Headland. Nest sites may be indicated by fences or signs; however, chicks are mobile, and they don't necessarily stay within marked nesting areas.

Four steps to help keep shorebirds safe. Look out for bird nesting signs or fenced-off nesting areas on the beach, stay well clear of these areas and give the parent birds plenty of space. Walk dogs only on designated dog-friendly beaches and always keep them on a leash over summer. Drive only on designated vehicle beaches, stay out of nesting areas and follow all local beach-driving rules. Chicks are mobile within three days of hatching and don't necessarily stay within fenced nesting areas. Stick to the wet **sand** to avoid accidentally stepping on a chick.

Volunteer Activity Opportunity in Barrington Tops

See below dates and attached flyers for upcoming broom bash (Scotch broom removal) in Barrington Tops. Add one of the dates to your club's trip calendar and lend a hand to remove this weed from the Tops. More info about Scotch Broom here - [Weeds/scotch-broom](#)

Any questions please get in touch – Janene - delegate2@porthunter4x4club.org.au

Noel - noel.skimmings@gmail.com Brock – hunter@4wdnow.com

Look at a quick video on why Noel Skimmings, volunteers on this project. [VIDEO](#)

Polblue Scotch Broom Control 2023/24 2WD access

Works will be based around Polblue with the objective being to protect the montane wetland and to create habitat for a large number of rare and threatened species via the removal of surviving Scotch Broom. Participants will be cutting broom plants without the use of herbicide. This event runs over 4 days. Participants can elect which days they would like to work. Activities will start and finish from [Polblue Campground where free camping is provided for volunteers](#).

Spotlight Tour: Friday 10th Nov & 24th Feb - 8pm till 9:30pm. As a bonus, in this program we will be incorporating spotlighting activity to discover the night time biodiversity of the Barrington Tops area. Getting there: Participants will provide their own transport to Polblue Campground. The roads are unsealed, and open to the public. The access to Polblue Campground is 2WD.

Dates: Activity 1: 9th to 12th November 2023 [Activity 2: 22nd to 25th February 2024](#)

[MORE on Polblue](#)

Little Murray Scotch Broom Control 2023/24 4WD access only

Works will be based around the Edwards Swamp complex, with the objective being to protect the montane wetland and create habitat for a large number of rare and threatened species that were impacted in the 2019/20 Carters Road Wildfire in the World Heritage Area. Participants will be cutting broom plants without the use of herbicide. This event runs over 4 days. Participants can elect which days they would like to work. Activities will start and finish from Little Murray Campground where free camping is provided for volunteers.

Spotlight Tour: Friday 1st Dec & 2nd Feb - 8pm till 9:30pm. As a bonus, in this program we will be incorporating a spotlighting activity to discover the night time biodiversity of the Barrington Tops area. Getting there: Participants will provide their own transport to Little Murray Campground. The roads are unsealed, and open to the public. The access to Little Murray campground and to the post fire work site is 4WD ONLY.

Dates: Activity 1: 30th November to 3rd December 2023 Activity 2: 1st to 4th February 2024

[MORE on Little Murray](#)

Illegal mining on the Peel River



The NSW Resources Regulator has been made aware of illegal fossicking on the Peel River, Nundle NSW. Fossicking activity is unlawful if prohibited powered mining equipment is used and the person undertaking fossicking has not obtained the required consent to fossick on private land and waters.

Unlawful equipment includes:

High banker' sluices (smaller animated writing - when used with powered water pumps)

Mobile plant (smaller animated writing backhoes, dozers, excavators); Mechanised dredges

Power operated trommels; Powered gold wheels; Alluvial mining plant; Concentrators

Jack hammers; Water pumps

Consents are necessary for fossicking on private land, Crown Land, State forests, National Parks, land or waters subject to native title, or land held under a mining or petroleum authorisation.

Fossicking can be a popular recreational activity to search for and collect minerals, gemstones and mineral bearing material. However, there are laws in place to protect NSW's natural environment and the rights of landowners. Due the increased activity on the Peel River, the NSW Resources Regulator is planning to carry out compliance to stop these illegal mining activities. Illegal mining penalties include on the spot fines of up to \$2,500.

To report illegal fossicking call [1300 814 609](tel:1300814609). More info [HERE](#)

Namatjira water tanks - a work of art



The Murray River community of Namatjira recently celebrated enhanced water security with festivities, including a smoking ceremony, traditional dancing, speeches and a barbecue. Two 255 kilolitre raw water tanks were built last year to improve water reliability for the community. The tanks increased available water storage and replaced an old water tower which had reached the end of its design life. The new tanks also highlight the community's spiritual connection to water. They are the canvas for a stunning artwork by Mura/Barkindji artist John Mitchell, depicting his people fishing and living along the riverbank. Another mural has been added on the pump station, celebrating local sporting heroes. The \$3 million upgrade was led and funded by the department as part of the Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewerage Program. It was collaboratively supported by Dareton Local Aboriginal Land Council, Wentworth Shire Council, NSW Public Works and contractors.

For more information for [this and other completed water projects visit the website](#).

Future Meetings

- 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
- January** – Friday 10th Bare Foot Bowls at Camden
- February** – Friday 9th Meeting at Ermington Hall at 8pm
- March** – Friday 8th BBQ in park at Ermington at 6.30pm
(Silverwater Pub as backup if bad weather)

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.

Trip Convener October report - Bill Twyman

Since the August "Drive Torque" magazine the club has had 3 outings.

- September 29th - Oct 3rd - Olinda Oktoberfest 4 night camp.
- October 4th Weekday Wanderer #21- Canberra Floriade trip.
- October 13th - General Meeting at the Ermington Community Centre, 6 River Road Ermington, starting at 8pm.

Upcoming trips

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

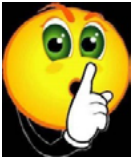
- November 4th - Tasmania 3 week onroad/offroad trip.
- Driver Awareness Day Trip & Weekend camping Trip - November 4th & 5th to the Turon National Park, camping at The Diggings campground.
- November 10th - BBQ and General Meeting at Ermington, George Kendall Reserve, Trumble Avenue, Ermington. Starting 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.** In case of bad weather we will move the meeting to the Silverwater Hotel.*
- Five Waterfalls of the Southern Highlands Day Trip - November 25th
- Weekday Wanderer #22: Barrenjoey Lighthouse Day Trip - November 29th
- December 2nd - This years' Club **Christmas Party** is at Coolendel, just west of Nowra. *Please call Coolendel Camp and pay individually for your booking. Mention that you are with the Subaru 4wd club at time of booking. Exact camping spot will be confirmed closer to the date. Coolendel Campground: Ph 1800 001 080*
- December 6th - Weekday Wanderers Christmas Party: Shark Island (Boowambillee) midweek picnic, ferry trip on Sydney Harbour. For those who can't make Coolendel or want spread the Christmas cheer twice, our Weekday Wanderer Christmas Party will be a picnic on Shark Island in Sydney Harbour.

Boowambillee (Shark Island), is a stunning national park picnic destination with 360 degree views of Sydney Harbour. Cost will be \$20 (no concession) for the ferry and this includes the National Park landing fee. It will be BYO picnic lunch & we'll work out communal "Fivsies" (at lunch time) closer to the date. Meeting time will be 9am at Circular Quay.

Serjeant at Arms September Report - Bill Twyman

The "Golden Shackle" was awarded to Ray Bonello who's car alarm unfortunately went off at 06:30am on the Saturday morning at Olinda, after what was a big Friday night. At the time Ray was frantically trying to shut it off, he found that the alarm remote control fob had a flat battery. We pray it does not happen again on his upcoming Tasmania trip.

At Olinda - a senior club executive asked me to fine everybody who did not have a drink in their hand, I thought that was a bit rough at 9.30 in the morning, but I did keep an eye out later in the day, everybody was in party mode.



No stories - What happens on camp - stays on camp.

OLINDA

is

over.


**Now it is time to prepare
for**



DRIVER AWARENESS NEWS

On Saturday October 14, I completed my Association 4WD Course at the quarry near Freemans Waterhole. Participants had to study up on their theory and complete an online assessment beforehand, and then complete their practical assessment on the day.

It was a great experience, and Bill came with me for moral support. The screenshots below are from a little video I made of the day, which can be viewed on my YouTube channel.

Iwan, Dave C. and Bill have already completed this course.  Let us know if you're interested.

On the weekend of November 4 and 5, David W. will be leading a Driver Awareness trip. The location will be confirmed the week beforehand, and will be around 2 or 3 hours drive from Parramatta. The location will be suitable for camper trailers.

The weekend will cover theory, and the practical tasks will be designed around the type of vehicles and experience of attendees. You will need to bring your own recovery gear and a sense of adventure to learn, improve your skills and understand your vehicle. This trip is for members only.

On Saturday November 11, Bill and I will be attending a Driver Awareness Facilitator (DAF) Workshop at Asquith Bowling Club. The agenda includes how to deliver the Association's 4WD presentation, do's and don'ts for soft shackles, an in-depth look at the hierarchy of recovery, and discussion of new products and vehicles.

For those that don't know, DAFs are club level driver awareness facilitators who help club members learn about 4WDing, as opposed to Driver Trainers who have formal qualifications to deliver and assess nationally-recognised 4WDing courses.

Michael Hamilton.
For the Driver Awareness Team.

“As slow as possible ...
Only as fast as necessary.”



Oktoberfest 2023 @ Olinda / Narrango Community Hall

29th September – 3rd October 2023

Reisebericht: Herr McCormack

Teilnehmer: Chris & Kelly; Brett & Fiona; Ray & Cheryl; Cath & Tom; Nathan, Cherie and Lenita; Deanne & Dusan; Geoff; Stephen & Sue; Kaitlin; Dave C; Daniel; Scott; Craig; Karolyn & Mark; Jeffy; Rowena & Jim their daughter Paige and grandson Zion (who like most little boys was very excited and having a ball camping); Heidi & Floody their daughter Izzy & friend Georgia; Bill T; Roger & Amanda; Kevin. Sunday day visitor: Phillip Hamilton.

First off thanks everyone for participating in what I think was the largest attendance at one of our Oktoberfest events and very happy to see that everyone made it to the location even if the “red letterbox” I gave as a signpost had been painted blue since our last trip to Olinda! A special thanks to Fiona, Brett, Chantelle and Craig for their efforts in making this event happen.

I thought I should do a reccie on the way as I had recommended an option to get to the hall so I travelled via the Glen Davis then Glen Alice roads as it's such a scenic drive.



A bit potholed in places but not surprising as the area has still not fully recovered from floods and fires. The locals told me the Glen Alice Road was impassable after the Cudgegong River flooded in March 2022 for the second time in less than a year and Dunns Swamp also burst its banks. The water level at the hall rose to the top of the concrete step at the front door.



As a result of these events government grants have helped pay for some significant improvements to the 120 year-old hall since our last visit in 2019 and include upgrades to the kitchen, a dishwasher even, plus how about that new awning- wow – a comment was made that in 300 years the hall will have fallen down but the awning will still be standing! The additional space provided by the concrete extension under the awning was also very useful. A newly added combustion heater in the hall provides necessary warmth while a Telstra antenna on the hall roof meant excellent reception.



Craig was the first to arrive bright and early on Friday morning and we had quite a few members arriving and setting up by 9-9:30am. Others trickled in as the day progressed and all were engaged mainly in setting up camp, catching up with other members and generally relaxing. As is usual for Oktoberfest, well for many of our trips actually, fivesies started at around 3pm and the mandatory fires were lit not long after. The Hampson's arrived with supplies for Saturday and many hands made light work of emptying the Landcruiser's content into the kitchen. The evening was spent mainly relaxing around the fires.



Saturday morning and folks were up and about quite early and unlike years past I noticed that the kitchen did not get much use; we must all be so well equipped and self-sufficient now. After breakfast several vehicles headed off for a visit to the local towns, including an important stop at the Rylstone bakery to collect bread rolls for the night. Meanwhile several of us started preparing the hall for the Oktoberfest events to follow later in the day.

The decorating of the hall commenced a little later and the helpers did a great job.



The call went out for the Fest event to start at 3pm and by 3:30 it was well under way and saw the arrival of Frau “Helga” (aka Frau Hell-ga-ga), Herr Blamire and Herr Honor.



A “fashion” parade was held with prizes awarded for the best dressed Weiblich, best dressed Männlich and “best of the rest”. A lot more people were wearing the traditional garments this year than in the past, including myself; does this hat make my head look big? 😊 As usual there were plenty of Aldi beer kegs on hand.



Herr Hampson then became the ringmaster for a Pretzel Toss game which saw many broken pretzels and the winners declared at the end of a bit of a scramble! A lot of fun!



As the night approached everyone settled inside the hall ready to partake of the delights organised by the Hampsons and wow what a sausage-fest it was with several different types of Kransky, bread rolls, salads, sauerkraut, red cabbage etc and for dessert we had Apple Danish, Black Forest Cake and Ice Cream – it was certainly a great spread.

During the evening some rocket fuel was being shared at one end of a table and for a short while after the food there was dancing until nearly everyone deserted the hall for the outside fire.



Once everyone was outside more rocket fuel was produced including several bottles of butterscotch schnapps, port and for some unknown reason I cannot remember what else!



Preparing the medicinal dispenser

Sunday morning and most seemed to not rise until late this morning, must've been the time change to daylight savings 😊 The early morning was very laid back and then later a group headed off to Dunns Swamp while others did some tidying up of the hall. Lunch and even dinner for some consisted of the ample Saturday night left-overs, even a fair amount of dessert – must be too many members on a diet.

Thanks to the new Telstra antenna on the hall roof, which allowed streaming, many watched the NRLW Grand Final in the afternoon and reception wasn't too bad – a good test or so I thought to watch the men's Grand Final at night. But, alas, come time for the NRL men's event the local cell tower must've been hit with so many connections that the signal was continually buffering, dropping out etc and so viewing was made impossible. (a test Monday morning was fine). Eventually we had Bill's phone connected via

Bluetooth to the sound system playing a radio station broadcast of the game and every now and then the TV would catch up and display for only a minute or so.

Meanwhile Daniel thought he would bring his Outback over to the hall to listen to the radio outside – but – in the dark he managed to beach the vehicle on a concrete culvert so it was all hands-on-deck for a recovery. Fortunately, the car was recovered without damage and most then continued to listen / watch the game. After the game we all spent some time under the awning but without a fire this time as a total fire ban had been declared for Sunday so we were not able to have any fires but as it was quite warm we did not really need any extra heat.

Monday morning saw many members packing up and heading home which eventually left just 6 campsites at the hall; being retired certainly has its benefits! During the day we moved a tree as requested by a hall committee member, all the new trees were watered, we set up the fire for the evening, did some pre-departure preparation and generally relaxed. A shame we couldn't use all the firewood that had been ordered due to the ban on Sunday but we had a lovely fire Monday night.

Tuesday morning with thanks to the remaining members who pitched in with cleaning the hall, the kitchen, the area surrounding the hall and packing away furniture we were able to depart the hall around 10:30am. Stay tuned for next year!



Olinda Oktoberfest

I would like to thank my fellow trip leaders Kevin McCormick Brett & Fiona Hampson.

You all went above my expectations, the food was awesome and plenty of it, Kevin sorted the music and tv to watch the rugby league grand final (tried)

To the other members that made it easier for Brett & Kevin thank you very much

Nathan & Cherie Blamire

Dave Cook for looking after me

Stephen & Susan Bennett

Bill Twyman

And the girls for doing the decorations

If there is anyone i have forgotten to mention sorry but thank you very much.

In all it was an amazing 4 nights the weather was kind to us and the renovations made to the hall were fantastic. The amount of club members that attended was terrific around 30 all up and everyone seemed to have a great time plenty of laughs and shenanigans (Helga) and some members went to the extreme getting dressed up in traditional German clothing.

This is going to be an annual event so keep it in your calendars for next year.

I will also be running another trip to Olinda on the June long weekend to celebrate Christmas in July so pack your winter woollies and Christmas decorations.

So once again thank you to all that helped out and everyone that attended the trip. Hope you all enjoyed yourselves as i had a fantastic time looking forward to the next camp.

Craig no shoes.



Olinda Oktoberfest Weekend

This year's Oktoberfest was my 1st trip to Olinda with the club. I arrived on the Friday staying 4 days. I have not laughed so much like that, it was a very funny weekend, made more entertaining by the lovely Helga.

The dinner was fantastic, I've never seen so much variety of German sausages, sauerkraut, coleslaw, cold meats & salads, not to mention oodles of apple strudel & ice cream or Black Forest Cake for dessert. Fiona & Brett done an extraordinary job with supplying & preparing all the food.

We missed the NRL Grandfinal game on TV, Kevin was streaming via his laptop computer, but unfortunately the hall's wifi failed, we eventually got to listened to it via a mobile phone, plugged into Kevin's amplifier.

We had to perform a vehicle recovery (in the dark) after Daniel's vehicle inadvertently dropped a wheel over a concrete culvert.

We had multiple camp fires with a heap of wood to burn, the fires were lit early & were always well stoked, thanks to Nathan.

I'd like to thank Kevin & Craig for organising the event, Fiona & Brett for the tucker & hall decorations, Daniel for his "Astonian" Rum Liqueur & Stolichnaya Vodka, and whoever bought along all the Butterscotch Schnapps.

Also a big thank you to all those who attended, helped & contributed to the weekend - absolutely brilliant.

Bill Twyman



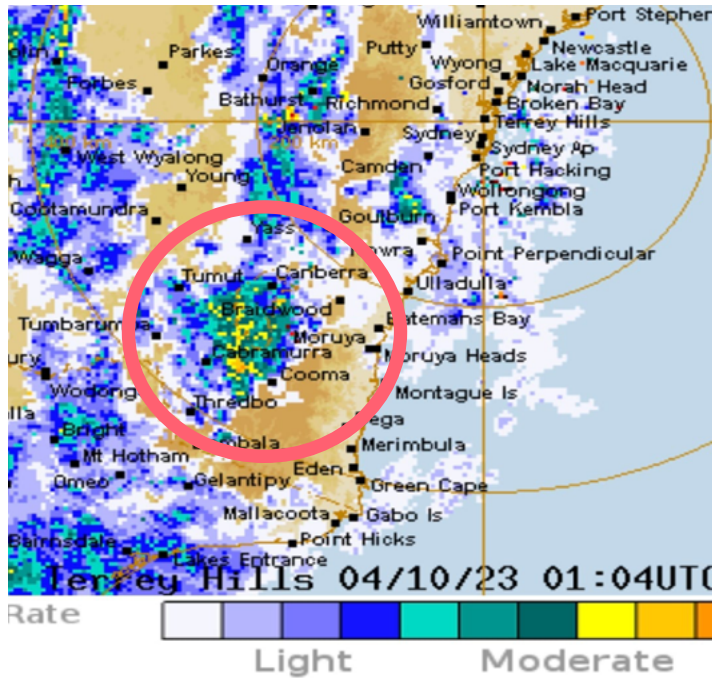
Additional photo's for all trips can be found on the Facebook Page.

WEEKDAY WANDERS CALLED OFF CANBERRA FLORIADE FESTIVAL

Date: 4th October 2023

Trip Leader: Jo Quinn

Attendies: Chris & Kelly, Cath & Tom, Shahni & Jo.



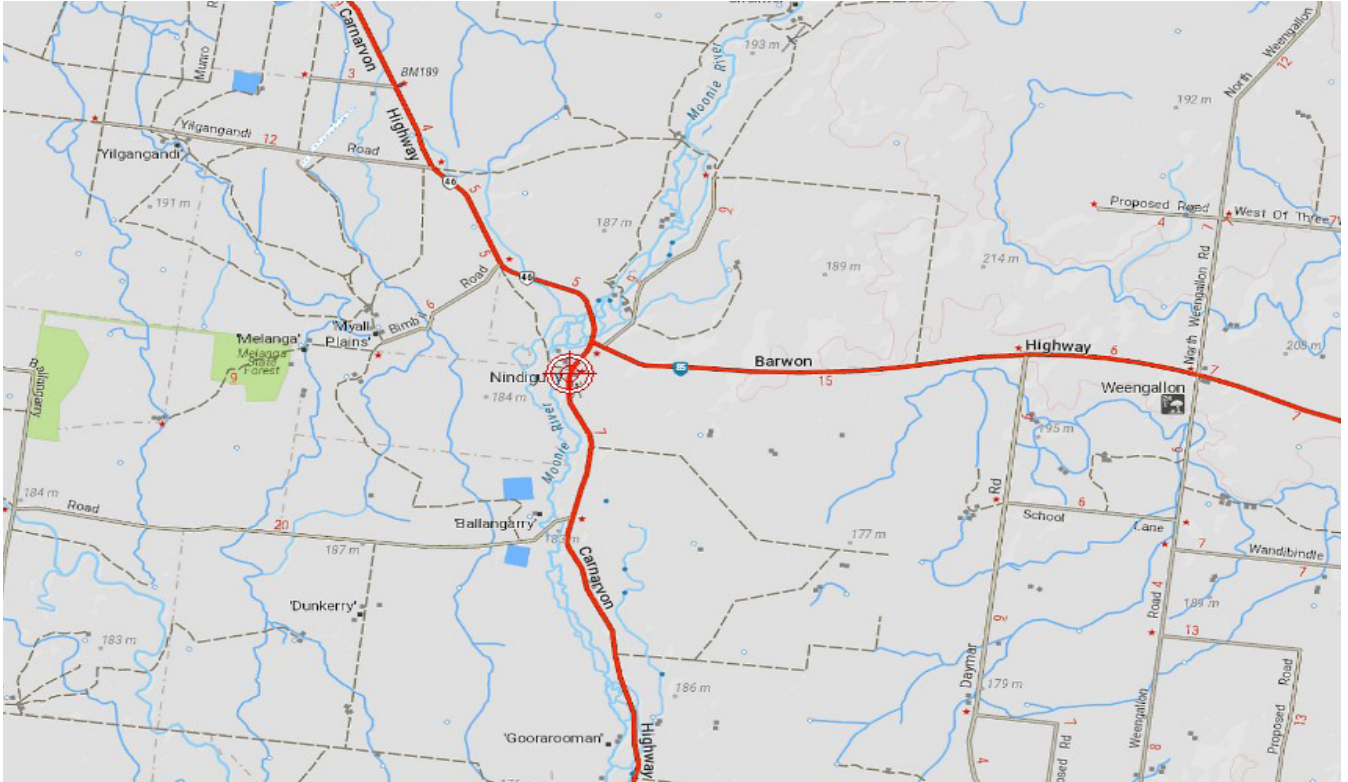
Due to the predicted weather for Canberra, of 60ml of rain and 90kph winds, it was decided to give Floriade a miss. A nice lunch was on the agenda, instead. 😞😞

The venue chosen was XS Espresso Cafe at Prestons.



WHERE AM I

Last month coordinates, 28°21'15.3" 148°49'15.78", found me at NINDIGULLY.



Well done Bill for getting it right.

Beer Goggles: Nindigully Pub

Drinker or not, everyone loves an iconic Australian outback pub. Join us each month as we put on the beer goggles & have a look at some of our legendary outback watering holes.

Name: Nindigully Pub

Location: The pub is 160 kilometres west of Goondiwindi, 45 kilometres east of St George and approximately 70 kilometres north of the Queensland/New South Wales border. It is situated on the banks of the Moonie River.

Address: Sternes St. Nindigully

Contact No.: 07 4625 9637

Services: Well we are in the bush (edge of the outback) but we really don't miss out on much, so yes we do have hot showers and cold toilets available at the pub free of charge always, and we have heaps of camping and caravan spots along our beautiful tree lined and water filled river where you can swim, fish and trap yabbies at your leisure anytime for free. Accommodation is also available at the Pub.

Built: 1864

Construction: Timber

Heritage Listed?: No

Bit Of History Nindigully Pub is

Queensland's oldest hotel located in its original condition and position on the banks of the Moonie River. The license was issued in 1864 after operating as shearer's accommodation for the Nindigully Station. The Gully, as it's affectionately known, brewed its own beer and spirits before XXXX and Bundaberg Rum even existed. Today the boom town of approximately 50 people and 15 houses of the early 1900s have been reduced to two houses, the pub, the old General Store and the Town Hall with a population of six! The Gully is a must see for Australian history buffs as you can feel it all around you from the original buildings to the traditional farming lands.

Cost of a Schooner:

Great Northern \$6

Carlton Draught \$6

Did You Know? The Nindigully Pub has had 4 name changes, including The Sportsmans Arms,

but is now back to its' original name, Nindigully Hotel



Ba, Ha, Ha

TOOK MY DOG CAMPING AND AS HE SAT THERE STARING AT THE FIRE BLANKLY



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CHRISTMAS PARTY CAMP AT COOLENDEL



Until Next Time

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