



# **DRIVE TORQUE**

## **eNEWS**

### **MAY 2024**



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**SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.**

**MINUTES OF MAY GENERAL MEETING**

Date -	Friday, May 10, 2024			
Venue -	Ermington Community Centre			
Meeting Commenced -	8:00 pm			
Attendance -	M.R. Hamilton, Stephen Bennett, David Wellham, Alex Gatward, Dave Cook, Stephen Eakin, Brett Hampson, Brian and Izzy, Robert Leung, Iwan Sujono, John Hocking, Andrew Rowlatt			
Apologies -	David Bennett, Karen Buckley, Daniel Sorrasson			
	10 club members are currently on an extended trip			
Minutes of Previous Meeting -	April Meeting at Ermington Community Centre 12/4/2024			
	Accepted -	Dave C		
	Seconded -	Michael H		
Business Arising -	Nil			
New Members -	Nil			
President's Report -	(Mark)			
Vice President's Report -	Michael	Thanks to David Wellham for chairing last meeting		
		Bill, Stephen and I had a great time exploring outback NSW, SA and QLD, including a visit to Birdsville where we saw former Club President and current hotel manager Ben, who has a 4WD HiAce minibus and has also taken delivery of a recovery vehicle for people who break down in the Simpson. Big Red and the Flinders Ranges were highlights		
		Great to see first new clothing orders arrive		
		Tomorrow's Driver Awareness cancelled due to forecast rain (after consultation with members still on the list)		
Secretary's Report -	Michael	Lots of spam emails		
Treasurer's Report -	Brett	Available funds as at 30/04/2024 = \$8096.26 Still need to arrange additional people to approve payments		
Membership Sec. Report -	Stephen	5 or 6 new membership enquiries More contact with Life Members		
Editor's Report -	Stephen	Keep the content coming		
Driver Awareness Report -	Michael	Stockton Turon	June 22 and 23 (July 27?)	Sand Recoveries



Trip Conveners' Report -	(Bill)	David encouraged people to run trips, and went through the process  Committee will compile a list of possible destinations (based on David and Jo's lists)												
Association Delegate's Report -	David	See David's report in newsletter Quarterly Meeting Mudgee next weekend No dates set as yet for Association 4WD courses DTU looking for DAFs to become trainers												
Webmaster's Report -	(Troy)													
Public Relations -	(Jo)	Jo will be looking for ideas and assistance re celebrations for our 50th Anniversary next year Olinda booked for October Long Weekend Brett has volunteered to assist on the sub-committee  Alex has got us 1000 new plastic cards Jo is copying more brochures												
Equipment / Merchandising -	Alex	Thanks to Sub-committee for organising our new range of Club clothing  <table><tr><td>Navy short-sleeved shirt with logo -</td><td>\$70</td></tr><tr><td>Navy long-sleeved shirt with logo -</td><td>\$72</td></tr><tr><td>Navy/gold polo shirt with logo -</td><td>\$42</td></tr><tr><td>Navy/gold jacket with logo -</td><td>\$87</td></tr><tr><td>Embroidered name for extra cost -</td><td>\$13</td></tr><tr><td>Existing supplies of caps -</td><td>\$10</td></tr></table> ## Orders can now be made on our website ##  Hopefully the 4-week turnaround will mean that orders placed at a meeting will be delivered at the next meeting	Navy short-sleeved shirt with logo -	\$70	Navy long-sleeved shirt with logo -	\$72	Navy/gold polo shirt with logo -	\$42	Navy/gold jacket with logo -	\$87	Embroidered name for extra cost -	\$13	Existing supplies of caps -	\$10
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GENERAL BUSINESS	Stephen	We need to check our website for references to our old PO box												
	David	Parramatta Council has cancelled our September hall booking because of Council Elections - Pub instead ?  Suggestions needed for January meeting in lieu of Barefoot Bowls - BBQ on a Saturday ?												
Next Meeting -	Mount Wilson, 3:00pm, June 15													
Close -	9:00 pm													

# SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

## Treasurers Report

Apr-24

Cash Book Balance Brought Forward	\$8,669.62
Plus Income	\$170.11
Less Expenditure	\$743.47
Closing Balance	<u><u>\$8,096.26</u></u>

<b><u>Income</u></b> -	Memberships	\$170.00
	Interest	\$0.07
	ANZ Refund	\$0.04
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b> -	Clothes	\$490.00
	Stickers	\$120.00
	Stationary	\$8.67
	Stamps	\$120.00
	Paypal fees	\$4.80

## Bank Reconciliation

Bank Account Balance as at 30/04/2024	ANZ	\$7,273.67
<b><u>Plus</u></b>	Funds held in Pay Pal as at 30/04/2024	\$527.84
	Cash on Hand	\$294.75
Available Funds as at 30/04/2024		<u><u>\$8,096.26</u></u>



## Association News & Updates: May 2024

Hello from Daniel Sorrasson, Bill Twyman 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](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.

### *2024 Members letter & promotional materials*

All members should have received a letter with promotional material. If you have not had this in your letter box, please email Delegates with your postal address and we will send another. Extra promotional materials are available at meetings or by post if requested.

### *4WD & Adventure Show 2024*

The 2024 Show will be on Friday 6, Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 September at Eastern Creek. Our club will not have a stand this year. Volunteer for 2 hours with Association and receive free entry and lunch. More details on volunteering soon.

### *Association updates*

There was not very much new to report from the May Quarterly meeting. The Association has 65 clubs with 3,693 members and 131K in funds.

### *The Glen at Abercrombie*

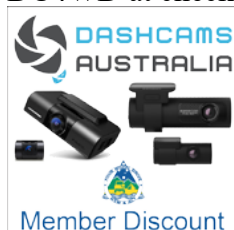
The Glen at Abercrombie is a locked area that we can arrange the access key from the Association to run a weekend trip. *Would you like a trip to this National Park?*

### *Club 4X4 Insurance*

Platinum Partner Club 4X4 Insurance offer Association members a 5% discount on 4WD, camper trailer and caravan policies, which can be redeemed with the **discount code FOUWHE01** when quoting online at [club4X4.com.au](http://club4X4.com.au) or by calling 1300 296 296. The Member Benefits portal will be updated with more information. Club 4X4 Insurance also offer a multi-vehicle discount and savings for completing recognised 4X4 or towing training that involves a theoretical or practical element, including Association training.

### *Dash Cam Member Discount*

Keep safe on the roads with a Dash Cam. We have a special limited time discount for our members. \$30 off any Dash Cam over \$349 + free express postage with signature. Head over to the website and enter the code DC4WD at checkout. [DASHCAMS AUSTRALIA](http://DASHCAMS AUSTRALIA)



# Trip Convener May Report

Since the April 2024 Drive Torque magazine the club has had 4 outings:

- Murramarang NP (Pretty Beach) 5 day camp      April 29th - May 3rd
- Coledale Beach      May 1st - 2nd (midweek camp)
- Destination NSW - Extended Trip      May 3rd - May 17th
- May General Meeting      May 10th (Ermington)
- Driver awareness - Watagans      May 11th - 12th **CANCELLED due to weather**
- Camp Oven Cook Off      May 18th - 19th (Mudgee)

A reminder of upcoming trips on the Calendar

- Bells Line of Road tracks (pre meeting)      June 15th
- June General Meeting + camping option      June 15th (Mt Wilson)
- Lookout - Southern Highlands      June 19th (midweek)
- Driver Awareness - Stockton Sand Dunes      June 22nd - 23rd
- July General Meeting      July 12th (Ermington Hall)
- Winter Camp - Wombeyan Caves      July 23rd - 24th (midweek)
- Driver awareness - Back to Turon      July 27th & 28th
- Club Christmas Function - location TBC      Nov 30th - Dec 1st
- Clubs 50th Anniversary 2025      Oct long weekend 2025

## Murramarang National Park 5 Day Camp, Pretty Beach

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May. 2024

**Trip Leader:** Jo Quinn



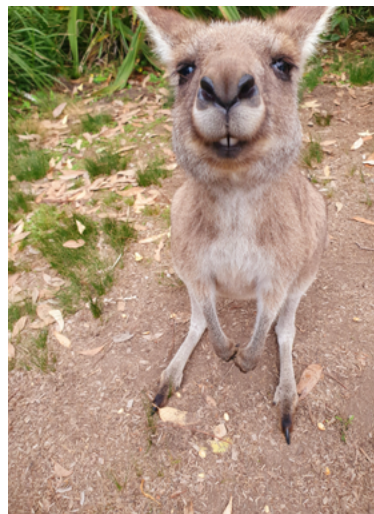
**Attendees:** Jo Quinn, Chris & Kelly Mifsud, Geoff Adcock, John Hocking, Nathan & Cherie Blamire, Kevin McCormack, Paul Campbell, Cath & Tom DeSantis

Pretty Beach is located in the Murramarang National Park just south of Ulladulla. An idyllic place at any time of the year, the natural bush setting of the campsites and unspoilt beach make it a perfect spot to relax and unwind. The campsites vary in size and there is also powered sites and cabins available. Phone reception is

limited to the top of the hill for Optus and Vodafone customers, but Telstra works in the camping area. Hot showers (\$1 for 4 minutes) and flushing toilets provide all the comforts of home and the road is now tar all the way into the campground. Open fires are also permitted (when there are no fire bans in place)



Murramarang National Park offers an abundance of drives, lookouts, beaches and walks. All are easily accessible and clearly marked on maps and trail head markers. It is also the start of the newly opened Murramarang South Coast Hike; a 3 day, 2 night hike along some stunning coastal scenery, rainforest and bush tracks. 3 of us embarked on the first 10km's of the trek and from what we saw in overcast weather would be nothing short of spectacular on a clear, sunny day. The walk was pretty easy going for the most part, but departure time is tide dependant as the first day involves a lot walking a long coastal rock shelves. The track is clearly marked and Nathan, Chris and I had a great morning taking in the coastal scenery at a leisurely pace. Kelly & Cherie collected us from Depot Beach. Would love to go back and complete the entire 34kms – one day.....



The wildlife at camp was over friendly, although not aggressive. A kangaroo stole half an English muffin from Paul's toaster when it popped up, a kookaburra swooped down and stole a sausage straight out of Chris's frying pan and a possum made short work of Kevin's garbage bag that was up in his kitchen sink. The kangaroos are everywhere throughout the camp and all the way down to the beach itself.





We spent the days relaxing in sunny weather, did a couple of short walks that departed close to camp and had a campfire and fivies each evening. Some went for short drives to explore more of the National Park & local shops whilst others braved the cold and went for a swim.



A visit to Mogo on Thursday saw everyone devour the biggest, freshest scones I have ever seen and came with heaps of jam and fresh cream. We wandered the quaint town that has unique and quirky shops and it is good to see that it is slowly rebuilding and drawing visitors again after the devastating fires a few years back. Everyone made their own way back to camp after various stops along the way. I had a quick look at Batemans Bay before exploring Maloneys Beach and then driving back to Pretty Beach.

A beautiful spot to relax and unwind for a couple of days. The end of this trip was also the starting point for the extended trip *Destination NSW* which headed off down the coast on Friday morning.



# Coledale Beach 1st May

**Trip Leader:** Patrick Carmody

**Attended:** Johnny Lauder

Coledale Beach is a nice spot on the Illawarra Coast with a campground right on the beach. If you're a beach camper it's a good spot. Patrick's idea of camping here as part of a trip put's you in a great spot - good for summer! However, the weather conspired against fun camping with lots of wind and rain.



I was the only participant as there was another longer event at same time. This did not deter Patrick and as stated the day started at the "Table of Knowledge" @ 0800. The sun was out and we headed off to the Sea Cliff Bridge for a look and then to the "Imperial Hotel" at Clifton for a civilised start to the day with a hearty breakfast with a great view and a look around the building at the old and new.



Now we've enjoyed our coffee and tucker we hit the road with a full belly and head to Kelly's falls not too far along the road. A short walk from carpark brings you to a lovely view of the falls.



Next stop was Darkes Forest and a visit to the Glenbernie Orchard farm gate shop. Some food goodies were tried, tested and bought to take home! I thought this was an interesting stop. Across the road is another short walk to a waterfall - Maddens Falls, it's good checking out all of these falls on a day after lots of rain.

It's early arvo now and we've arrived back down on the beachfront at Bulli beach, the cafe there was calling out so we had refreshments and dodged some more rain. Up to the next headland - Sandon Point and checked out the surf, this is a known surfing location by surfers Australia wide. Patrick gave me a history lesson on the boat sheds at Sandon as he had been very informative all trip.

The Illawarra coast is dotted with many rock pools all with their own history and we checked out a few north of Bulli including Patrick's favorite for a swim at Wombarra . The trip concludes here.

Patrick is proud of his local area and he did a good showcase of it with this trip, if he puts it on again in summer it's a good day . Thank you, Patrick.

Trip Report Johnny.

**Our Club is turning 50 in 2025! The 50th anniversary celebrations will be held at Olinda on the October long weekend next year. We are starting to hunt down photos from the past 50 years to use as both digital & printed displays. If you have any photos that we can include please email them to me at: [jo.quinn1971@gmail.com](mailto:jo.quinn1971@gmail.com) Photos of old physical photos will also work. Thank you**





## Destination NSW – Extended Trip (Part One)

**Date:** 3rd-17th May, 2024

**Trip Leader:** Jo Quinn

**Participants:** Jo Quinn, Bill Twyman, Paul Campbell, Kevin McCormak, Cath & Tom DeSantis, Chris & Kelly Mifsud, Nathan & Cherie Blamire

Destination NSW started on the back of the Murrumbidgee National Park trip at Pretty Beach. We headed down the coast of NSW to Eden then across the mountain to Kosciusko National Park before going back up the highway to Sydney. All but 2 nights were spent camping in National Parks and despite what was happening at home, we were very lucky weather wise with only a couple of wet weather days but we did encounter a couple of nights that reached below zero temperatures.



The wildlife was prolific with encounters of possums, long nosed bandicoots, deer, magpies, lorikeets, kangaroos, brumbies, dolphins, seals & kookaburras.

The trip report process was a draw each morning where a members' name was pulled from a bag. They were issued a small card with instructions for the focus of the trip report for that day. Much to the disgust of many, each morning the name was put back into the bag. Some wrote many reports, others wrote none.....

### **Day 1 Friday 3rd May: Pretty Beach to Mystery Bay**

Report By: Kevin

So what do you have to do?

A short Rhyme about Montague

A plan to visit Montague

Went awry when the skipper said "That won't do"

So Australia Rock did ensue

Such a lovely view of seals

And swells from hell

A boardwalk thereafter

And a visit to a beer crafter

Then back to camp

Where things became a little damp





## Day 2 Saturday 4th May: Mystery Bay to Hobart Beach

Report By: Paul

A visit to Bega famous for it's cheese

Share a little history with us please

We left Mystery Bay today to head to Bega via Tilba.

The Bega Cheese co-op was founded in 1899. Many of the current owners are made up from over 100 farmers which make it truly Australian owned. Bega's original cheese factory was opened in 1900 & today employs over 500 staff from the Bega region.

Today Bega cheese produces 50,000 tonnes of cheese from vintage blocks to sliced & cubed cheese and is currently one of the largest companies in the dairy sector in Australia today.

Have a cheesy day!



## Day 3 Sunday 5th May: Hobart Beach to Bittangabee Bay

Report By: Kevin

As we travel down the coast

Describe what you are liking the most

The company foremost, especially our beautiful host

The beaches and rocky outcrops

The sound of the ocean at night

Fivies by the fire & the visits from the wildlife; possums, kangaroos & bandicoots

The preserved villages like Tilba with their unhomogenised milk

The shops full of artefacts





## Day 4 Monday 6th May: Bittangabee Bay

Report By: Nathan

They could really tell us some tales

Share some info on Eden's killer whales

Today we visited the Killer Whale Museum in Eden where the skeletal remains of Old Tom hung.

Old Tom led the orca whales for many years rounding them up and chasing them into the waters of Twofold Bay. Once in the bay, he would send some of the gang to breach near the whaling station to alert the men who would then man the boat and go out to the whale. Once the men had harpooned the whale and it had passed the boat, they would wait for the killers to feast on the lips and tongue. It would then be towed in for processing. What a team and what a story!

When Old Tom passed away the team work stopped and the whaling rate declined.

The museum is well worth the visit.





## Day 5 Tuesday 7th May: Bittangabee Bay

Report By: Kelly

Tonight we dress with a letter "N" theme

How did we go & who did reign supreme?

Our "N" theme night was a big hit & everyone dressed up. Jo was a nun, Chris a naval sailor, Kelly a nurse, Paul an NRL player, Cath was nutty, Tom a nerd, Nathan a nurse, Cherie was also a nurse, Bill dressed in our National flag and Kevin was a nob (!?) We all had some laughs as everyone came out dressed up. Everyone looked great and what a fun night we had! There was only 1 winner and the best dressed, supreme winner voted by everyone was Chris in his Navy outfit.



GREEN CAPE LIGHTHOUSE



BEN BOYD'S TOWER





## Day 6 Wednesday 8th May: Bittangabee Bay

Report By: Tom

Eden – a famous fishing port

Share some facts, but keep it short

Today we went to the Pinnacles & Laycock Point then to lunch, then the pub for a beer.

A good day was had by all



## Day 7 Thursday 9th May: Bittangabee Bay

Report By: Tom (added to by Jo)

Does it get an approval stamp?

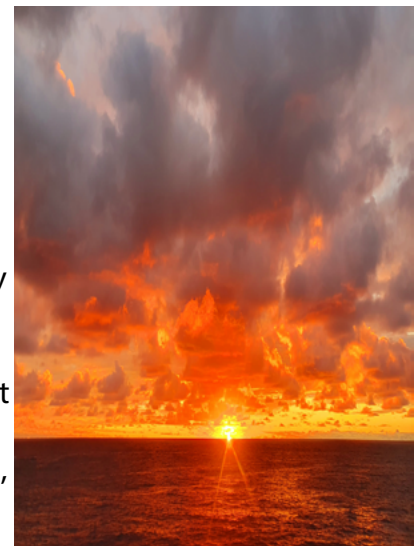
Today you need to review our camp

Camp sites were great, toilets close by, beach a walk away, sites were roomy & fires were great.

Bittangabee Bay campsite is about a 45 min drive south of the Eden township in Beowa (formerly Ben Boyd) National Park. Off the highway it is about a 24km dirt road drive to camp. When we stayed the road was in pretty good condition, albeit a bit corrugated in places. Pit toilets well maintained,

large flat sites each with their own fire pit ring, the beach and coast a short walk away, plenty of friendly wildlife, no phone reception and close to all the sights of the southern section of Beowa National Park.

The only downfall if you don't mind the dirt road driving into camp was that the sites were quiet shaded and not very conducive to using solar panels.





# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## PAGE

### Future Meetings

**June** – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Mount Wilson at 3pm with sausage sizzle

Please book on website for catering, Option to camp or drive home after meeting

**July** – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Ermington Hall at 8pm

**August** – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> AGM Picnic – more details to follow

**September** – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dinner at Silverwater PUB

Council has cancelled our booking at the hall due to elections being held the next day – so let's go to the pub for dinner and a drink

**October** – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Ermington Hall

**December 'Placeholder'** – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, combined with Club Christmas Party

More details in Upcoming Trips section on website.

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



# WHERE WAS I

Last months co-ordinates were 29°26'02.7"S 142°00'35.9"E has my location at Tibooburra NSW.

Tibooburra is tucked away in the northwestern corner of the state, this is one of the furthest reaches of NSW. But it's worth the distance you'll cover to get here – with the spectacular Sturt National Park on its doorstep, it's a great base to explore the region's magnificent gorges and rippling red sandhills, as well as the unique history of this former gold mining settlement.

Gold was found around Tibooburra in 1880, and you can read all about it at the Courthouse Museum. Step back in time and gain insights into the way of life of settlers who came to this remote town to make their fortune. Browse artefacts from sheep stations once housed where Sturt National Park now lies, as well as an original medical kit from the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Tibooburra's Pioneer Park is the site of a remarkable sculpture, Myth and Mirage 1999. The upside-down whaleboat is an exact replica of the boat Captain Charles Sturt dragged from Adelaide, in order to cross the inland sea he was convinced he would discover in the centre of Australia



## Attractions



CAMERON CORNER



STURT N.P



COURTHOUSE  
MUSEUM



TALPERO LOOKOUT



OUTDOOR  
PASTORAL  
MUSEUM



MT WOOD  
SHEARERS  
QUARTERS

## Where to stay



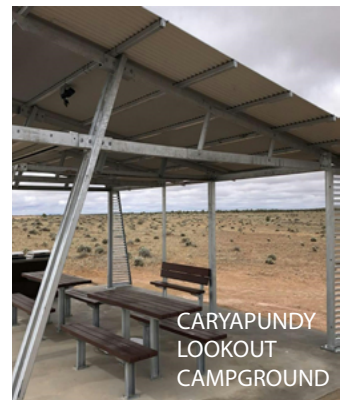
DEAD HORSE GULLY  
CAMPGROUND



OLIVE DOWNS  
CAMPGROUND



MT WOOD  
CAMPGROUND



CARYAPUNDY  
LOOKOUT  
CAMPGROUND

The above attractions & where to stay are a small sample of what is available in the Corner Country



## WHERE AM I THIS TIME

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Can you find me.

When you think you have found the secret destination, email me at [s\\_bennett51@outlook.com](mailto:s_bennett51@outlook.com) with your location. If you have visited this location, send a photo and/or write a few paragraphs of your visit there, or a funny experience you may have had there and what you liked/disliked about the place. There is no prize.



Until Next Time  
**STAY SAFE**