



# DRIVE TORQUE eNEWS FEBRUARY 2025



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# Presidents Message

Firstly, a big Thank You to Jo for all the work and effort that she is putting into the 50th Anniversary celebrations. There was a major issue that arose with the venue but, Jo worked her magic and found a solution to the problem. If there is any member who would like to lend a helping hand in preparation for the event, you can contact Jo.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to three new members. Teagan Bortolotti, Albert Bortolotti and Ross Coyle, who have recently joined the club. I am sure all members will make them feel welcome when they first meet at a General Meeting or on a club trip.

It is very pleasing to see the March calendar has a number of trips planned. I would encourage all members to support these events by registering and attending them. April though is looking bare. It would be good to see some more members being active and running events.

If any member knows somebody or has a friend who has an interest in 4wd and camping, extend them an invitation to join the club. Bring them along on a day trip or to a meeting to help encourage them to join.

There has been a number of photos, of old club events/trips from earlier years of the club being displayed on the Facebook page and in this months Drive Torque eNews. A big Thank You to Michael Minny who supplied these images of the early days.

A reminder that the March General Meeting is via Zoom. Could you please register on the website if attending so the link can be forwarded onto you. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the screen.

Stephen B

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

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING**

Date -	Tuesday, February 11, 2025	
Venue -	The Prospect Hotel	
Meeting Commenced -	7:55 pm	
Attendance -	Michael Hamilton, Bill Twyman, Brett Hampson, Kevin McCormack, David Wellham, Andrew Rowlatt, Jo Quinn, Stephen Eakin, Stephen Pinnington, Cath & Tom De Santis, Troy & Sandi Strickland, Stephen & Susan Bennett, John Hocking	
	Special Guest - Ron Brown (Club Founder)	
Apologies -	Alex, Daniel, Nathan, Iwan, Craig	
Minutes of Previous Meeting -	January Meeting via Zoom - 14/1/2025 Accepted - Jo Seconded - Kevin	
Business Arising -	Nil	
New Members -	Nil in attendance	
President's Report -	Stephen	We will remember to invite members to talk about recent trips and promote upcoming trips (as suggested at our recent Committee Meeting)
Vice President's Report -	Michael	Thanks to Jo for all her work on the 50th  Thanks to Kevin for all his work on the website
Secretary's Report -	Michael	No newsworthy correspondence
Treasurer's Report -	Brett	See attached Available funds as at 31/1/2025 = \$7678.08
Membership Sec. Report -	Stephen	3 new members 74 + 9 = 83
Driver Awareness Report -	Michael	First activity this year is Kanangra-Boyd National Park MOVED TO MARCH 29 / 30  David, Bill, Alex and I attended at DAF Day at Asquith Bowling Club There were presentations from Toyo Tyres and Getabout Training Services  Association Basic Course dates are on their website

Trip Conveners' Report -	Bill	<p>Australia Day long weekend trip reported on by Kevin</p> <p>Next week's Royal National Park trip promoted by Jo</p> <p>March Mt Airly / Jurassic Park trip promoted by Bill</p> <p>March Patonga trip (with lunch at the Boathouse Restaurant) promoted by John</p> <p>Dee's Again Weekday Wanderer trip promoted by Jo</p>
Delegates' Report -	David	<p>No meeting in December or January</p> <p>February meeting this Saturday</p> <p>Expect discussion of the Great Koala Park</p> <p>Classic Vehicle Scheme - 1999I Brumby owned by new member Ross</p>
Webmaster's Report -	Kevin	<p>Updates include ...</p> <p>Changed trip types / gradings</p> <p>Added user group definitions</p> <p>Currently working on automating membership renewals</p> <p>To keep up to date with what's going on ...</p> <p>Turn on push notifications</p> <p>'Watch' things you're interested in</p> <p>Kevin planning to hold a series of Zoom 'how-to' website sessions</p>
Public Relations -	Jo	<p>Olinda double booked</p> <p>50th will be held on the same weekend but at Cobbitty</p> <p>Public Facebook page getting lots of views</p> <p>Reminder not to invite non-members to join private page</p> <p>Merchandise will be available soon</p> <p>Still looking for memorabilia / photos / videos</p>
Equipment / Merchandising -	(Alex)	Nil
Serjeant-at-Arms	Bill	Geoff forgot to bring firewood to a recent event
GENERAL BUSINESS -	Ron Brown	<p>Ron spoke about how the Club was started ...</p> <p>First Club meeting was at Lennox Motors Parramatta</p> <p>The meeting was held in the lube bay, with a number of Subarus up on the hoists</p> <p>Ron's vehicle was a 1974 L Series Coupe, similar to the one pictured here</p>



- Stephen Life Members to have access to our private Facebook page  
Newsletter contributions by the 20th
- David Request put in for The Glen at Abercrombie, and Mt Vincent  
Ben Fullagar recently featured on a TV program
- Michael How many Zoom meetings should we have per year ?  
We'll see how the March Zoom goes
- Kevin What time should we start meetings ?  
Arguments put forward in favour of both 7:30 and 8:00

Next Meeting - Tuesday, March 11  
Zoom, and then tenpin bowling on the Saturday

Close - 9:05 pm

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB SITE



# SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

## Treasurers Report

Jan-25

Cash Book Balance Brought Forward	\$7,562.07
Plus Income	\$120.03
Less Expenditure	\$4.02
Closing Balance	<u><u>\$7,678.08</u></u>

<b><u>Income</u></b> -		
	Memberships	\$100.00
	Classic Registration fee	\$20.00
	Bank interest	\$0.03

<b><u>Expenditure</u></b> -	Paypal fees	4.02
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### Bank Reconciliation

Bank Account Balance as at 31/1/2025	ANZ	\$7,286.53
<b><u>Plus</u></b>		
	Funds held in Pay Pal as at 31/1/2025	\$96.80
	Cash on Hand	\$294.75
Available Funds as at 31/1/2025		<u><u>\$7,678.08</u></u>



## Association News & Updates: February 2025

**Hello from 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.**

### Association news

The available funds have reduced a small amount to \$146,557 – no increase in fees for over 13 years and an increase might be considered in the future – NB any increase needs to be proposed at least 15 months in advance i.e. – in April for July the following year.

The Association has transferred Incorporation from ACT to NSW – this will make it easier to comply as most members are located in NSW, the Constitution remains the same, details of Incorporation is on Association website.

### NSW National Parks & Wildlife updates

You will see on Association Facebook site a shared link for a petition on National Parks we are supporting this and are working with others to make it happen, so please sign and add your name to the list. More details in this newsletter. LINK TO PETITION [HERE](#)

There is a major update due in March 2025 to the Parks Booking system – details soon.

Last year there was an area of State Forest that was due to be converted to National Parks and Parks dumped it. Parks are stretched for resources but spending a lot on infrastructure in other areas like Gardens of Stone – \$50M was spend on improving the road out to Glow Worm Tunnel, now you can drive any car out there – what a waste of limited funds.

Parks have purchased a number of parcels of land including a large area near Broken Hill – they are spending money on new locations but not managing and maintaining areas they already have due to R&M & infrastructure funding shortfalls – would be good to see some more remote places maintained, mainly down south of state.

Always worth being involved with National Parks – don't always get everything our way but without involvement we have NO communication. Submissions to Land Managers on Plans do assist with decisions – eg, options of usage at Gardens of Stone were modified due to large number of submissions from 4WD users. Consider completing submissions for areas that you visit and are interested in. Submissions will be open in 2025 for Great Koala Park, so please complete the submission so that Government is aware of our community's opinion.

One way to put Parks on notice and maybe get action is to ask questions on their Face Book page – why an area has been closed for years and years since the bushfire or weather event that closed it in the first place – why has work NOT been completed to restore access to areas after years of closure. We really want to access these areas for our recreation.



Great Koala Park in Coffs Harbour region – National Parks are committed to go ahead with Great Koala Park. The latest information is that the size of the proposed park has greatly reduced. This is a political driven park not one based on conservation Association is planning to meet with National Parks in February, in May there will be National Parks meeting in Coffs Harbour where scope/borders will be discussed. The August Quarterly meeting will be in Coffs Harbour where an afternoon meeting by invitation will be held, invite local representatives, stake-holders, businesses and politicians. National Parks have said the Association will be included in discussions and planning. Some people in National Parks are keen to retain access for 4WDing. The current opinion from Association is that this park will not solve problems with Koalas as they are doing very well in this area. Association states this park would be bad for environment and local economies. Timber would need to be imported which is worst for the environment and costlier. Local villages and towns would lose industry and as access is reduced, tourism would also affect local economies. We will keep you informed about this park and give both sides so that you have information to make an informed opinion regarding the need for this new park.

### *ACMC/AAAA/ Transport*

Government are proposing to rewrite all ADRs (Australian Design Rules for vehicles - more information to follow when available.

### *Animal encounters*

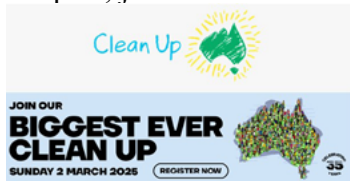
Snake bites are on the rise in the greater Sydney area - be snake aware - even at home in your own back yard. Always carry a first aid kit and do a course – having first aid skills might save a life. Would members like a guest speaker to attend a meeting and discuss first aid?

### *Clean up Australia Day – 2 March 2025*

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 – Clubs in Hunter Region are hosting the day at Ourimbah State Forest which is only a short drive up the M1.

Register here <https://register.cleanup.org.au/fundraisers/noelskimmingsskimmings/ourimbah--wyong-state-forest>

We will be having a sausage sizzle for lunch, provided by Forest Corporation. Want to help but not physical able to participate in the clean-up? Come along and lend a hand on the BBQ or help us with some photos and a report, just let us know. Let us know if you can bring a trailer or a Ute.



### *Camp Oven Cook Off – 17 & 18 May 2025*

Do you have some cooking skills or just want to have some fun? It's a relaxing weekend to set up camp, spend your days touring in this beautiful part of NSW, and your nights around a fire or having fun at trivia. Exclusive lush grass camping area, Hot showers, Powered and unpowered sites. You could also stay in town in a bit more comfort if that's your thing.

Welcome pack with event sticker, Touring Trips of the local area, Winery Tour, Observation Rally with prizes, Treasure Hunt with prizes, 5pm nibbles, Trivia Night with great prizes, Cook Off with medals and trophies. Sunday morning breakfast, Quarterly Meeting with door prize. Camping available from Friday(16th) night to Monday (19th) morning.

Tickets available soon, tickets cover 3 nights from Friday to Sunday - watch the newsletters for more details. See you at **COCO 2025**. If you intend to attend, please register on our website and we will ensure that you are sent all of the event information.

## ***Driver Training Unit***

Dates for Basic Driver Training courses have been released – please see details following. Should you wish to attend please email Delegates for website logo and password. The training is usually only for vehicles with low range, therefore our Subaru's and similar vehicles are unlikely to be enrolled on these courses.

The content of our Driver Awareness trips is based on these courses, but we do not conduct the assessment and we do allow Subaru's and similar vehicles on these trips.

### **Basic Driver Training Course**

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

**Please find the course and the link to book on the Events Calendar**

FWPCOT3325 Operate four wheel drive vehicle on unsealed roads course.

Saturday 8th March 2025 - At Wallaroo S.F.

Saturday 5th July 2025 - At Wallaroo S.F.

Saturday 27th September 2025 - At Wallaroo S.F.

**These courses are mixed delivery including Pre-learning (e-learning including online assessment (where applicable) and face-to-face training and assessment day.**

**Pre-course learning and assessment must be attempted before your face-to-face course day. It is estimated to take 4-7 hours, depending on your knowledge and experience.**

**Currently there are no Advanced Training courses.**

**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.

**What to Bring:** Bring your Driver's License, Chair, your 4wd vehicle, pen, clipboard, UHF radio, recovery kit and anything else you would normally take on a 4WD trip. 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 snatch strap 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 can you 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)

More information about the course can be found on the training providers website –

[Getabout Training Services](#) Remember to book via Association website for the dates above and the discounted price. Association has requested only members that are able to complete pre course work and will complete the assessments on the day book on these courses.













### ***Social media, magazines and club promotion***

Some members of the public are always looking to complain and attempt to restrict our recreational activities. They will try to use our words and photos against us if it looks like we are doing the wrong thing, are not where we should be or damaging the environment. We need to think about what we post in open pages on social media and in our newsletter and promotional material. It is good that we usually postpone trips when tracks are wet and that we do not drive 'off road' or bush bash and stay on only authorised open tracks and roads.

### Local emergency info at your fingertips

This summer, be ready to deal with the unexpected by downloading the **Hazards Near Me NSW app** – your official source of emergency information on bushfires, floods and other severe weather events. Use the app to **set a local Watch Zone** so you receive notifications about emergency situations happening near your premises, staff and clients. Watch out for track closures – one site is NPWS site. Remember to make sure any fires that you have are completely extinguished.

#### Apps to download

	<b>Hazards Near Me NSW</b> Set up a watch zone to receive notifications on changing conditions.	<a href="#">iOS</a>  <a href="#">Android</a> 
	<b>Emergency Plus</b> The 'what 3 words' feature shares your precise location with Emergency Services.	<a href="#">iOS</a>  <a href="#">Android</a> 
	<b>BOM Weather</b> Check for weather forecasts and warnings.	<a href="#">iOS</a>  <a href="#">Android</a> 
	<b>Live Traffic NSW</b> Plan ahead and see what hazards are impacting your route on NSW roads.	<a href="#">iOS</a>  <a href="#">Android</a> 

[Download Hazards Near Me app](#)

### Camping areas available to Association clubs

**Watagans** – Our club can book a bush camp area on a 60 hectare private property at Mount Vincent – 50 km west of Newcastle and near Watagans State Forest. Composting toilet on site and firewood available. No charge but request a donation to Camp Quality. I have booked this site for June long weekend – June 7 to 9, 2025.

**The Glen at Abercrombie National Park** – A large locked campsite with a national park. A great option due to limited camping options within the national park. A request has been sent to book this site on July 25 to 28, 2025.

**Dingo Dell at Kanangra-Boyd National Park.** – A private campground with a pit toilet and space for over 30 vehicles. Currently closed due to access issues from recent wet weather.

### Association website members access

All members can access the Association website, majority of tabs are public access.

If you want to access to ‘Members Only’ section or book a Driver Training course, please send email to Delegates for logon and password. Website address – [4wdnow.com](http://4wdnow.com)

### Forestry Corporation - FREE permits for State Forests

We collected the yearly membership stickers at the Association November meeting. They will be available at future meetings and on some trips.

**PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES**  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - ePetitions open for signature**  
**Recreational user access to NSW National Parks**

Hello,

In a recent newsletter from 4WD NSW & ACT INC (our State Association) there was a link to an ePetition on National Parks to Legislative Council of the New South Wales Parliament.  
You may have seen this on social media - the Association supports this petition.

The petition is below for you to read and if you want to support this please use the link and sign the petition.

The petition has over 20,000 signatures, the more the better, and is open till 21 March 2025.

Our recreation is going out into our beautiful country and this is becoming harder each year with closures of tracks and even whole areas.

Communities that rely on tourism also see a decline in the local economy when areas close.

Your Delegates to our Association support this petition and recommend that you review it and sign it if you agree.

Hope to see you at a meeting or on the tracks soon.

Cheers,  
Bill Twyman & David Wellham

[LINK TO PETITION HERE](#)

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - Signing ePetition - Recreational user access to NSW National Parks

To sign the ePetition, confirm you are a resident of New South Wales and enter your title, first name and last name. Once you click 'submit' you will have signed the ePetition and will be re-directed to the Legislative Council's 'ePetitions open for signature' page.

Recreational user access to NSW National Parks

Petitioner: Mr Anthony Crooke | Member: Ruddick, John | No. of Signatories: 20,646 | Date closes:  
21/03/2025 | Status: Open

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council, the petitioners of New South Wales state that the NSW Government must identify its position and strategy on the management of NSW National Parks, specifically regarding the provision of ongoing and unrestricted public access to national parks for public recreational use, including but not limited to recreational four-wheel driving, motorcycle riding, mountain biking, camping, hiking, fishing and hunting. The petitioners request that the House conduct a parliamentary inquiry into all track and area closures in all NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service managed land over the last 10 years, including detailed justification for the restriction of public access in each area, and the ensuing economic impacts on local communities and associated industries.

I am a resident of New South Wales

Title	Name
First name*	[Mr ✓] [ ]
Last Name *	[ ] [ ]
	Contact

# DRIVER AWARENESS NEWS

On February 8, our Driver Awareness Team (David, Bill, Alex and Michael) attended a workshop at Asquith. The first session was on tyres, presented by a technician from Toyo Tires. We learnt about tyre construction, tread patterns, correct pressures, and so on. One of the most interesting things for me was the way that many manufacturers are now adding a style of tyre that fits in between all-terrains and mud-terrains, often called a rugged-terrain.



Highway Terrain



All Terrain



Rugged Terrain



Mud Terrain

We also had a very informative session presented by David Foster from Getabout Training Services. He talked about the importance of customising our awareness sessions to the needs of our Club members. As an example, he talked about a recent weekend he conducted for Grenadier owners. He also showed us how trailer brake controllers work, and how poor weight distribution in trailers can cause serious issues with handling.



Our first Driver Awareness activity for 2025 will be to the Kanangra-Boyd National Park on the NEW DATE of March 29 and 30. See website for details.

Michael Hamilton.  
For the Driver Awareness team.

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



**Date: December 20th - 22nd 2024.**

After moving the trip from November, we head off over the mountains on the first day of the School Holidays, the week before Christmas. We left late Friday morning and had a stop at Mountain High Pies for lunch. It was then straight on to Rylestone and then drove past Olinda to the Ganguddy-Dunn's Swamp Campground.

We set up camp and did a bit of exploring and headed down to the water for a paddle. Also the cicadas were a bit quieter near the water.

We had dinner and got the campfire going. It was a nice clear night.

The next morning we arose early and went for a kayak to see the sunrise.





The water was so still and peaceful. Definitely the time to go. After almost 10kms we headed back for breakfast, then later went for a drive into Rylestone. A visit to the local op shops and also the pub for lunch.



We then went for a bit more of a drive past Dunns Swamp and up towards Coricudgy. Again we had our campfire and sat around for dinner. Later that night though we had a visitor in the back of our camper. The possum had squeezed in through a 5cm gap and got stuck in the kitchen area of our teardrop.

Again the next morning we went for a paddle in the kayaks although there was a little more breeze on the water so it was not quite as stunning.

We then packed up and headed on home, ready for upcoming week of Christmas activities.

Troy and Sandi.

## AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEKEND CAMPING AT YADBORO

January 25th to the 27th.

Thursday 23rd Cherie and I stocked up on local sausages from Ulladulla for the Australia day BBQ we had planned for the group and then headed out to camp. We met Kevin at the property turn off.

Just as we finished setting up Geoffrey turned up.

We collected some firewood and settled in for nice evening around the fire.

Just as we went to bed a lightning and thunder storm rolled in and put on a show.

The next morning we all were surprised by the amount of rain over night. There was a heavy mist over the paddock that soon lifted and revealed a beautiful day.



We stocked up on firewood again. Then went kayaking, swimming and even attempted some fishing.

After rescuing our lures from the trees and snags we moved on to the campfire and dinner.

Saturday we woke up to the sun again. After an early morning fish, one tiddler was caught and released.

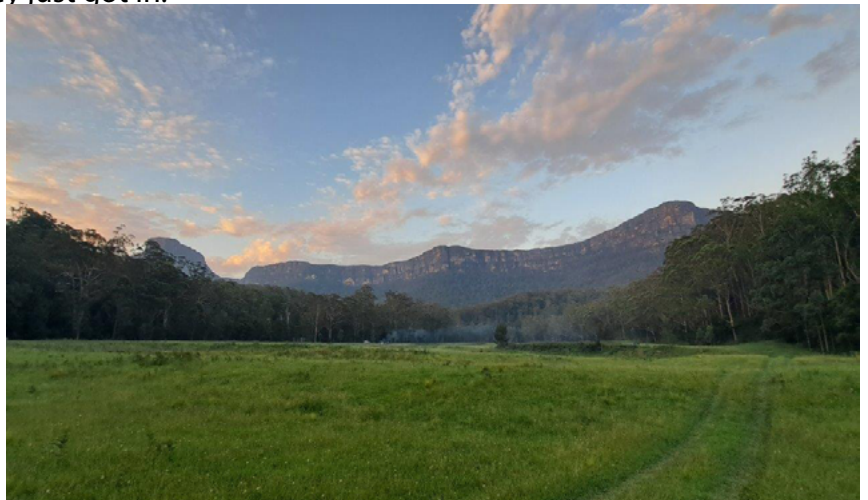
I set off and rode out to the main trail and headed up to the turn off for Blue Gum Flat camp and met Brett, Fiona and Chantelle. After they had set up, we all went to the river and kayaked and swam. Brett and Chantelle decided that swimming straight out of the kayak was a good idea, I was told that the rapids and teamwork in the double kayak were not a good mix. We then wondered around the paddock and checked out the other sites and the river Junction.

That afternoon Adrian and Dallas arrived. They had got a puncture close to the property and decided to race to camp and change it on arrival. They just got in.

Quick tyre change then the hole was located and plugged.

The caretakers had advised us to camp where we were as at the Junction they had a group set up over the river who were planning to party and set up tower speakers.

We are about 1km from them, and that night the "doof-doof" started. We were glad we camped away and I was told it went to 5:30am in the morning.(well past the curfew they had been given)







Sunday-----Australia day. Clouds and heavy mist greeted us. Later that morning it turned into light scattered showers. But we all relaxed and unwound in different ways. A small bass was caught and released before breakfast. Then a bike ride and walk around the campsites in between showers. Brett and I decided to Kayak up the Clyde and during our adventure we lugged the kayak over obstacles and travelled for kilometres like true Aussie explorers. **\*note some stories may be embellished slightly\*** At "horses doovers" the Australia Day Finska championships were played. After a tight play-off between Herbert and Geoff, Herbert was triumphant !! (If you need/want to know who Herbert is?? Ask Brett.) The camp fire was lit and a late night was had by some. Monday saw the sun out, and time for Brett, Fiona and Chantelle to head home, after packing up a swim and Kayak was enjoyed before they headed off. Adrian and Dallas left later that afternoon.

Those of us left enjoyed another late night around the campfire with some new neighbours joining us for the evening. Tuesday morning a warm but fierce westerly greeted us. One of the group got up, packed up and left the rest of us to assist each other with packing up. The warm wind and sun meant one last swim in the river was in order before setting off home.

Attendees: Nathan & Cherie, Brett, Fiona & Chantelle, Kevin, Geoff, Adrian & Dallas.



# Monthly Camp Site Review #4

**Name:** Pretty Beach, Murramarang National Park

**Location:** Bawley Point, NSW

**Distance From Sydney:** 3.5hrs, 260km's

**Date Stayed:** April, 2024

**Cost:** \$34.85 u/powerd \$44 powered p/night

**No. Sites:** 60 a mixture of powered, unpowered & walk in tent sites + 2 cabins

**Access:** Tar access

**Caravan/Trailer Friendly:** Yes

**Amenities:** Toilets & hot showers (\$1 coin for hot water), camp fires allowed (dependant on current fire bans), picnic tables & shelters, BBQ's, tap water, rubbish bins, public car park

**To Bring:** Drinking water

**Phone Service:** Telstra yes, other providers have patchy service

**Closest Town:** Bawley Point has a small shopping complex for takeaway food, bottle shop, pizza shop, IGA & newsagent/post office

**General Overview:** Firewood and ice can be bought at the Pretty Beach National Parks office. A great campground that has easy access and not too crowded. Sites vary in size, so worth checking the map when you book. Wildlife is prolific, particularly kangaroos and possums. A short, sharp staircase leads down to a reasonably small, but beautiful beach. Rock platforms are exposed at low tide. The beach is unpatrolled. Pretty Beach is also the starting point for the Murramarang South Coast Walk.

Nearby: Spanning 44km of dramatic coastline, and home to the spectacular 3 day Murramarang South Coast Walk, Murramarang National Park is the ultimate spot to explore the cliffs, headlands and pristine beaches of the NSW south coast. There is a large variety of campsites and accommodation options throughout the park.

The whole park offers excellent swimming, boating, walking and fishing opportunities and the whole area offers spectacular scenery at every turn.

Pretty Beach is approximately halfway between the south coast hubs of Ulladulla Batemans Bay. Both offering all the services and shops that you could need.



# Trip Conveners Report February 2025

**A reminder of upcoming trips - further details available on the website.**

- Mt Airly - Jurassic Park March 9th
- March General Meeting (*Zoom meeting*) March 11th - *Tuesday night*
- Social 10 Pin Bowling @ Mahattan Superbowl March 16th - *Saturday*
  
- Lunch at Patonga - Ferry ride on the Hawkesbury River March 20th *mid week*
- Dees Corner 4day Camp March 24th - 28th *mid week*
- Driver Awareness Training weekend (Kanangra Boyd NP) March 29th - 30th
- Let's Explore K'gari (Fraser Island) May 12th
  
- COCO 2025 - Association weekend event (Mudgee Showground) May 17th - 18th
- 4WD Adventutre Show Sept 12,13,14th
- Gunning Fireworks display September 13th
  
- Clubs 50th Anniversary 2025 Oct long weekend 2025
  
- Upcoming trip to Mt Airly & Jurassic Park
  
- Upcoming trip to Blackheath lookouts

## Sgt At Arms Report

Nothing to report

# MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Driver 30 Awareness Day &/or Weekend Trip- Kanangra Boyd	31					1
2	3	4 Committee Meeting	5	6	7	8
9 Mt Airly Jurassic Park Day Trip	10	11 General Meeting Via Zoom	12	13	14	15 Social Outing Ten PIn Bowling
16	17	18	19	Weekday 20 Wanderer Lunch At Patonga	21	22
23	Weekday 24	Wanderer 25	Dees 26	Corner 27	Again 28	Driver 29 Awareness Day &/or Weekend Trip- Kanangra Boyd

# APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Committee Meeting	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 General Meeting Crossroads Hotel	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## PAGE'S

19th July 2004 Day Trip To Old Settlers Road.



21st November 2004 Driver Training Lidsdale Forest.





A Big Thank You To Michael Minny for the Photos



# Classic Registration

The process to change your car to classic plates takes some time but there are cost savings. Vehicle to be at least 30 years old, 3.5t GVM or under, garaged in NSW and able to be registered in NSW. Vehicles on classic plates can be driven up to 60 days each year plus on club trips.

**Completing all requirements for Classic Registration is responsibility of member.**

**Compliance with Classic Registration is responsibility of member.**

**When members attend a club trip they need to be registered on trip on club website and be able to prove such instead of using log book for that trip.**

**Your car registration is linked to your membership – if you do not maintain membership your car registration and CTP insurance lapses.**

Our Club - Subaru & Recreational 4WD Club INC is affiliated with Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT INC, (4WD NSW & ACT), our association.

Our association is affiliated with Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs (ACMC).

The ACMA is an approved organisation with RMS in the Classic Vehicle Scheme (CVS).

Therefore, a member of our club with a suitable vehicle is able to register it under CVS.

Here is a link to ACMC with information on the scheme and the process to register a vehicle. Attached is ACMC 'CVS registration Process' sheet

<https://acmc.asn.au>

Here is a link to RMS information page on CVS.

<https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/registration/get-nsw-registration/classic-vehicles/index.html>

In summary the process is -

- Pay club \$20 Administration fee, use link on club website or EFT to club account – ANZ Bank: BSB 012 514 Account 315253707
- Email [delegates@subaru4wdclub.com.au](mailto:delegates@subaru4wdclub.com.au) a request that RMS form 1835 with club stamp is sent to you, Email to include – a copy of current registration papers and your postal address
- When RMS form 1835 is received back from Delegates, obtain a blue slip or pink slip from authorised inspection station (paper hard copy)
- **NB** – blue slip inspection is more thorough than pink slip inspection, be prepared for defects
- **NB** – blue slip is required the first year and pink slip every year after
- Complete stamped RMS form 1835
- Pay ACMC fee – see attached sheet from ACMC to confirm requirements
- Send completed & stamped RMS form 1835, **copy** of blue slip or pink slip, copy of Engineer's certificate (if applicable) to ACMC to stamp, complete and return
- Complete RMS form 1246 – first year only
- When the forms are returned, go to Service NSW with stamped forms, fees, existing number plates (if first year) and other required items
- You need to go to Service NSW within 42 days of the date of blue slip or pink slip
- Service NSW should give you Classic plates and a log book at the first registration and a new log when required every other registration
- Notify your existing CTP and car insurance company

Historic Registration is another scheme with RMS, but our club is not a part of that scheme.

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## CVS Registration Process



### ELIGIBILITY

- your vehicle must be 30 years of age or older, counted from the year of manufacture,
- your vehicle must be 3.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Mass or under,
- your vehicle must comply with the applicable NSW vehicle standards,
- you must be a current, financial member of a club affiliated with the ACMC,
- your vehicle can be a replica or an Individually Constructed Vehicle (ICV) that is 30 years of age or older (based on the build completion date),
- The vehicle to be registered must be garaged in NSW,
- You must be a resident of NSW.

Classic vehicles are 30 years of age or older that have certain modifications not permitted under the Historic vehicle scheme (HVS). Vehicles which are eligible to be registered under the HVS can also be registered under the CVS. These modifications may be owner certified or significantly modified. If significantly modified, they must have a valid compliance certificate issued by a licensed certifier.

### **The ACMC processes registrations for these affiliated groups and their members**

- 4WD NSW & ACT Inc. (4WDNSWACT)
- Australian Low Volume & Individually Constructed Vehicle Association (ALVICVA)
- Australian Street Rod Federation Inc. (ASRF)
- Council of ACT Motor Clubs Inc. (CACTMC)
- Australian National Street Machine Association Inc. (ANSMA)
- Drag-Ens Hot Rod Club (DRAGENS)
- Motorcycle Council of NSW (MCCofNSW)

### **APPLICATION** - Allow two weeks turnaround of your paperwork.

1. Complete **Application for Conditional Registration** (TfNSW form 1246).
2. Complete **Classic Vehicle Declaration** (TfNSW form 1835). Make sure you use the full, correct Club Name on the Classic Vehicle Declaration form in section 1 titled "*Club membership details (Primary Club name first)*" **DO NOT COMPLETE SECTION 3.**
3. Obtain a **Blue slip** for the vehicle. Blue slips only last 42 days. The blue slip provider must fill in and sign page three of your "*Application for Conditional Registration form*" in the section titled "*Vehicle Identified by*".
4. Obtain your "**Primary club**" stamp in the box (bottom right of the Classic Vehicle Declaration)
5. If the vehicle is subject to engineered modifications get a copy of the VSCCS Certificate.

#### What you need to send the ACMC:

- The **ORIGINAL** Classic Vehicle Declaration Form (1835) completed and stamped by your club,
- A clear copy of your blue slip, (please remove the brake test before you make the copy),
- A clear copy of your engineer's certificate (if applicable),
- Your contact phone number,
- Your contact email address,
- A printout or email of your payment receipt or a cheque, a money order, or cash,
- An express post envelope if you need it returned quickly (optional).

**NOTE:** TfNSW will not accept emailed documents, so they need to be posted to the ACMC for endorsement. Processing is done at Seven Hills. The ACMC is the Approved Organisation. Maggie and Rachael are the responsible persons to complete Section 3 for you. They will be available on the phone for enquiries or in person to process your paperwork.

#### **Contact:**

PO BOX 328, Seven Hills NSW 1730  
19/195 Prospect Hwy Seven Hills (appointment only)  
**Email:** cvs@acmc.asn.au  
**Mobile:** 0429 311 754 (Maggie)

#### **Payment:**

**Bank:** Commonwealth Bank  
**Account Name:** ACMC CVS  
**BSB:** 062 452  
**Account Number:** 1042 9978



For bank deposit please identify the payment in the reference field with a surname, initials and club or association name/number.

E.g., Jones JR Moonshine

E.g., Jones JR ANSMA 1256

**DO NOT** use your vehicle to identify your payment, it is not unique and could be applied to the incorrect documents. This causes confusion and delays.

**We accept:** Cash or Direct Credit.

### Service NSW

The following must be presented to a Service NSW Service Centre to establish the Conditional Registration:

- Classic Vehicle Declaration approved and signed by the Responsible Person not older than 42 days,
- Current blue slip not older than 42 days,
- Compliance certificate (if required). (VSCCS or Old ECS),
- Vehicle import approval (if the vehicle is imported),
- Application for conditional registration completed by the applicant,
- Proof of registration entitlement (e.g., receipt of purchase),
- Proof of identity (e.g., NSW driver licence),
- The appropriate fee.

Once issued, your new plates must have "Conditional Registration" on them. Please email the new plate number to [cvs@acmc.asn.au](mailto:cvs@acmc.asn.au) with your full name, club name and vehicle details.

**RENEWAL** - Allow two weeks turnaround of your paperwork.

1. Complete **Classic Vehicle Declaration** (TfNSW form 1835). Make sure you use the full, correct Club Name on the Classic Vehicle Declaration form in section 1 titled "*Club membership details (Primary Club name first)*" **DO NOT COMPLETE SECTION 3.**
2. Obtain a **Pink slip** for the vehicle.
3. Obtain your "**Primary club**" stamp in the box (bottom right of the Classic Vehicle Declaration).
4. If the vehicle is subject to engineered modifications get a copy of the VSCCS Certificate.

What you need to send the APMC:

- The **ORIGINAL** Classic Vehicle Declaration Form (1835) completed and stamped by your club,
- A clear copy of your pink slip, (please remove the brake test before you make the copy),
- A clear copy of your registration papers
- A clear copy of your engineer's certificate (if applicable),
- Your contact phone number,
- Your contact email address,
- A printout or email of your payment receipt or a cheque, a money order, or cash,
- An express post envelope if you need it returned quickly (optional).

### Service NSW

The following must be presented to a Service NSW Service Centre to renew Conditional Registration:

- Classic Vehicle Declaration approved and signed by the Responsible Person not older than 42 days,
- Current pink slip,
- Registration papers,
- The appropriate fee.

**NOTE:** TfNSW will not accept online payments for CVS, it must be done at the Service Centre.

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**To the members who celebrated their Birthdays in February.**

**Alex Gatward**

**Sandi Strickland**

**Daniel Pinnington**

**Craig Fitzpatrick**

**Michael Dunstan**

**The Unknowns**

# **A REMINDER**

## **DON'T FEED THE ANIMALS**

There are few things that match the thrill of encountering a wild animal in its natural habitat. It's a rare and unique glimpse into wildlife playing out right in front of you! When you encounter an inquisitive native buddy, your first thought might be to offer them a bit of your organic muesli bar. It seems like a great idea at the time, right?

Unfortunately all of those "Don't feed the animals" signs are there for a reason, and while it might feel good at the time, feeding wildlife can have real and harmful knock-on effects.

But why, what's the big deal ??

### **Human food is not for native animals**

Let's be honest, that chocolate-coated muesli bar in your pack may be OK for you, but it's not good for a wild animal that's not used to processed human food. Losing the balance of their natural diet can make wildlife very sick, as can many of the ingredients in your lunchbox. Animals can quickly become addicted to the convenience of human food and focus on seeking it out instead of eating a balanced diet.

### **They lose their ability to forage and exercise less**

Many native animals are adapted to spending hours foraging for healthy food in native bushland. Throw human food into the mix and they can become lazy, hanging around people all day, forgetting to exercise when they would normally be foraging around.

Animals can become so used to receiving food that they become reliant on handouts instead of foraging for their natural food. This can result in some animals starving despite being surrounded by edible bushland during low season when humans aren't around.

### **They'll ruin your stuff to get it**

Food's my biggest motivator and I'm a well-adjusted, civilised human. Now imagine what a possum will do for a tasty piece of white bread! Feeding the animals gives them a taste of the contents of your camp pantry, making it incredibly difficult to keep your food safe from them.

Determined animals with a taste for human food (and no fear of humans because they've been hand-fed) will often damage tents and cooking equipment to find a morsel.

### **Hand-fed animals can become aggressive**

You're never the only person to offer food to the kangaroo hopping around camp. Wild animals can come to rely on humans for food and can become aggressive when they're not fed; very dangerous and unpleasant. Make sure you're not ruining it for future visitors just so that you can get a little closer to the wildlife.

Looks can be deceiving. Kangaroos can look extremely nice and cuddly, but if you get too close or try to feed them they can become dangerously aggressive very quickly and viciously attack, particularly the large males during mating season or females protecting their joeys.

### **It disrupts the natural order**

Wild animals have a single-minded focus on the next chow-down, so if a popular walk or campsite becomes a reliable food source, animals tend not to leave. This can lead to increased population densities of some species forcing other vulnerable species out and increasing the spread of disease. It can also impact natural breeding cycles and cause birds to stop their natural migration patterns.

### **Their aim isn't perfect: you could lose a finger!**

Hand-feeding goannas might seem like a good way to get close to these magnificent lizards but do you really want your fingers getting that close to the sharp teeth of this poorly sighted, powerful animal? With those razor-sharp claws, you also really don't want these climbing experts to get a fright and mistake you for a tree! Possums may look all cute and innocent too, especially the ones with joeys on their backs, but many people have been bitten by a possum who has mistaken a finger for a piece of fruit.

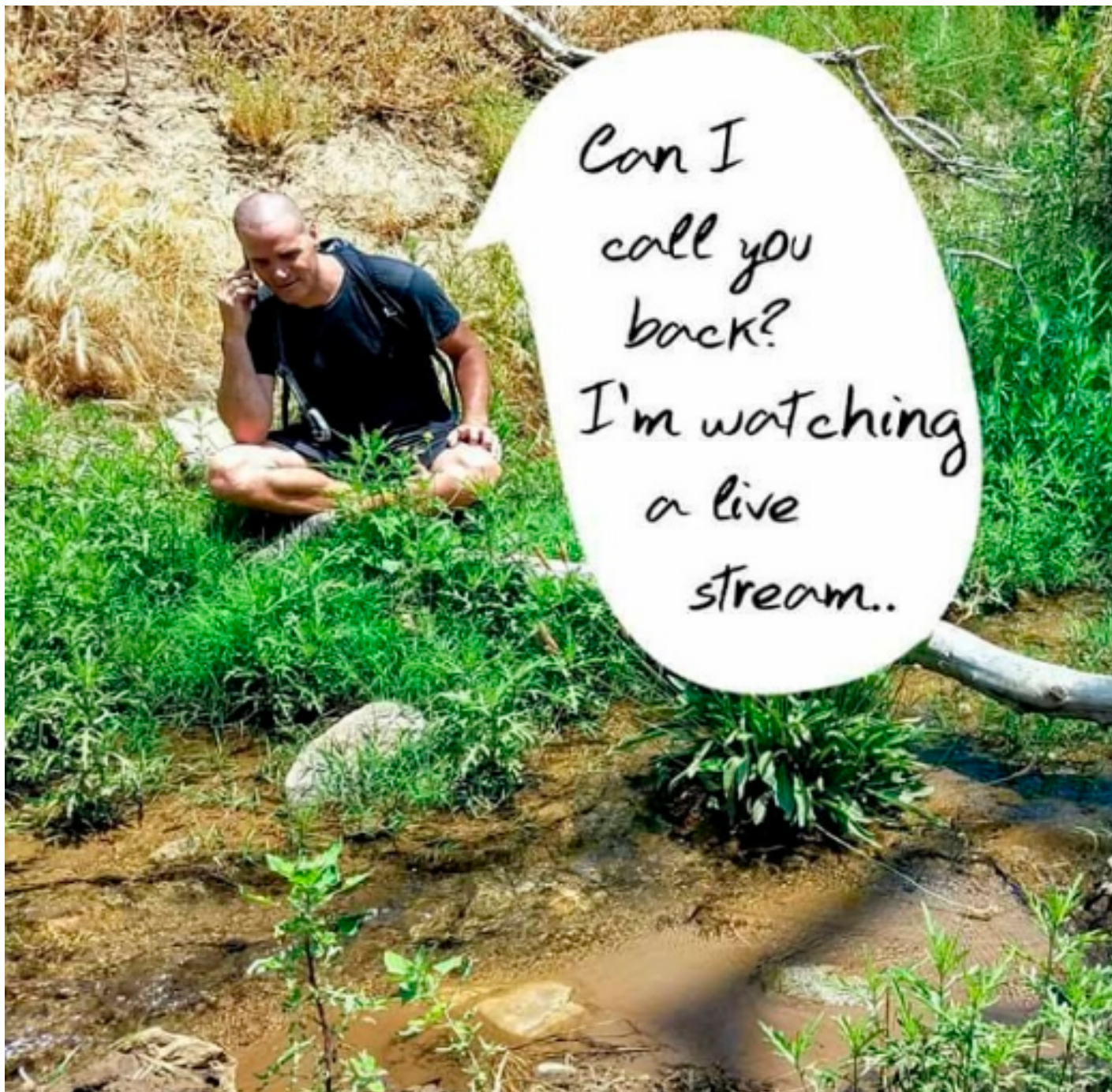
If you want to see wildlife, it's best to visit them in their habitat, rather than encouraging them into ours. So avoid throwing uneaten food into the bushes and giving the animals rotting leftovers from the barbie.

It might sound like a guilt trip but the fact is, feeding native animals is the worst thing you can do for them, despite how cute they are or how much they appear to be enjoying it. National parks are about experiencing the pristine environment in its natural state. So get out there and spot some native animals. And keep your snacks to yourself.

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Until Next Time  
**STAY SAFE**