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Presidents Message

Drive Torque eNews has a new cover page.

The idea was to revitalise and refresh the eNews letter.

It was the idea and achieved by our resident graphics art designer, Iwan.

His design has incorporated the club logo, the magazine title 'Drive Torque' which has been placed against the Lithgow topographic contour lines. The use of a boxer engine pistons image, to reference back to the Subaru Club name.

Iwan has introduced the 12 colour scheme. Assigning a colour from the colour spectrum to each month of the year in the magazine.

The new cover still allows for a different image to be placed in position on the cover. Credit will now be given to the person who captured the cover image in that eNews edition.

The committee is very pleased to see that the club calendar has a good number of trips/events posted. We hope that members will support them by attending where possible. It would be good to see some other members engaging in organising and running trips, to help fill the calendar throughout the year. Help is always there if you need it.

Again a shout out to Jo. Jo has organised some top quality merchandise to help celebrate the clubs 50th Anniversary this year. Rugby Jersey, Long and Short sleeve polo shirts, with club logo and reference to the 50th Anniversary. All merchandise can be viewed on the website and in next months eNews.

Reminder that next months General Meeting is at the Crossroads Hotel. Further Information to follow.

Stephen B

SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

MINUTES OF MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Date -	Tuesday, March 11, 2025	
Venue -	via Zoom	
Meeting Commenced -	8:00 pm	
Attendance -	Michael Hamilton, Bill Twyman, Brett Hampson, David Wellham, Jo Quinn, Stephen Bennett, Craig Fitzpatrick, Iwan Sujono, Alex Gatward	
Apologies -	Kevin, Dave C, Cath & Tom	
Minutes of Previous Meeting -	February Meeting at The Prospect Hotel - 11/2/2025 Accepted - Bill Seconded - Craig	
Business Arising -	Nil	
New Members -	Nil in attendance	
President's Report -	Stephen	Ways to engage / communicate with members - Jo is working on a Club Instagram account Possibility of WhatsApp for Committee members ? Brett will set up a trial What can be seen publicly on our website ? - Avoid trip leader names etc Do we want our current newsletter to be visible ? Committee will discuss at next meeting
Vice President's Report -	Michael	Thanks to Bill for running what to all reports was a very successful day trip, with a changed route due to closures James S has a new Prado 250
Secretary's Report -	Michael	Paul will be resigning as Public Officer Brett has accepted our invitation to take on this role
Treasurer's Report -	Brett	See attached Available funds as at 28/2/2025 = \$7788.75
Membership Sec. Report -	Stephen	3 new members 77 + 9 = 86
Driver Awareness Report -	Michael	Lots of interest in our upcoming weekend 15 or so cars New members (including Lisa) to be invited We need to finalise next driver awareness activities

Trip Convenors' Report	Bill	<p>11 trips on our calendar</p> <p>Bowling will be cancelled</p> <p>27/4 Sunday trip to Mt Airly</p> <p>7/5 Wednesday trip to Mt Airly</p> <p>Ideas - Sheepskin Hut (end of May) Moffet Trail / Bullen Climb</p> <p>Need to check if scope of Lookouts trip is realistic David will talk to John</p>
Delegates' Report -	David	<p>Recent Zoom meeting - Discussion on temporary removal of rear seats Problems with National Parks booking system resulting in more people going to State Forests instead Request for us to comment on National Parks Facebook page re track closures, bookings etc</p> <p>NPWS Booking System - due to be updated in March - Details to follow when available</p>
Webmaster's Report -	(Kevin)	<p>111 registrations on forum 15 private, 8 life, 21 visitors, 67 members</p> <p><i>How To Zooms</i> will be done on a free account</p> <p>Full email list compiled for Jo, including past members etc</p> <p>Attendee lists for Trip Leaders being worked on</p>
Public Relations -	Jo	<p>Samples of clothing have arrived Will go up on website this week Only one order will be done (at the end of May)</p>
Equipment / Merchandising -	Alex	<p>Orders to be in by the 14th for merchandise</p>
Serjeant-at-Arms	Bill	<p>Nil</p>
GENERAL BUSINESS -	Stephen	<p>Some members who we have not heard from for a long time will be contacted</p>
	Craig	<p>Recently did reccie to Mount Vincent Great property for camping (June long weekend?)</p> <p>Issues raised are our new website / forum -</p>
	Bill	<p>Sometimes "Not Attending" seems to be the default</p>
	Jo	<p>"Maybe" causing issues for trip leaders</p>

Stephen Zoom meetings aren't attracting many participants

Craig remarked that Zooms are good for him

We resolved to limit the number of future Zooms

Next Meeting - Tuesday, April 8
Venue - Crossroads Hotel

Close - 9:24 pm

50TH Anniversary Merchandise.
Orders Close 31st May 2025.

Get in Quick
Don't Miss Out

SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

Treasurers Report

Feb-25

Cash Book Balance Brought Forward	\$7,678.08
Plus Income	\$112.06
Less Expenditure	\$1.39
Closing Balance	<u><u>\$7,788.75</u></u>

<u>Income</u> -	Memberships	\$50.00
	Classic Registration fee	\$20.00
	Bank interest	\$0.06
	Clothing	\$42.00
<u>Expenditure</u> -	Paypal fees	1.39

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Account Balance as at 28/2/2025	ANZ	\$7,356.59
<u>Plus</u>	Funds held in Pay Pal as at 28/2/2025	\$137.41
	Cash on Hand	\$294.75
Available Funds as at 28/2/2025		<u><u>\$7,788.75</u></u>



Association News & Updates: March 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 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.

NSW National Parks & Wildlife updates

The petition on National Parks that we supported closed on 21st with around 27,000 signatures, we await response from Government.

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

It looks like Parks are going to be coming under a lot more pressure to be answerable for their actions with so many different groups demonstrating that they have just had enough and starting to question everything they do, and rightly so. They have become so focused on fringe groups and specialty users that they are ignoring everyday families and the general touring and visiting public, it will be interesting to see how this plays out leading up to the elections. Remember question them on everything.

Always worth being involved with National Parks – don't always get everything our way but without involvement we have NO communication. Incorporate other "activities" that we do in NP such as walking, bird watching, fishing, floral appreciation etc which shows our love for bush and being there. 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 FaceBook page – why has an area 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 had a meeting 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 worse 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?

Camp Oven Cook Off – 17 & 18 May 2025 – Tickets available NOW

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 now, tickets cover 3 nights from Friday to Sunday, non-camping tickets are also available. - watch the newsletters for more details. Tickets only available via the benefits website. <https://benefits.4wdnow.com/>

See you at **COCO 2025**.

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 Subarus and similar vehicles are unlikely to be enrolled on these courses.

The content of our Driver Awareness trips are based on these courses but we do not conduct the assessment.

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 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

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.

[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



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.

Does your club ever organise trips into State Forests? Did you know that if you do this then you must apply for a permit? Any organised group entering a State Forest is required to apply for a permit and pay the required fee before entry. This helps them manage the area and to make sure it does not clash with other groups.

In 2012, Association worked with the Forestry Corporation to find a solution to this problem and now the Association pays an annual fee that covers all its members. This was the reason Association started with the vehicle stickers and why it is important to keep them up to date on members cars. Association recommends that you contact the office for the Forest that you plan to use and establish and maintain a relationship with the Ranger for that area. This is a great opportunity to get to know them, and Association have found this to be very beneficial for everybody. If you make a connection with the local Forest office and Ranger, you will be able to send them a quick email to let them know that your club is planning a trip, and this will avoid the need to fill in all of the usual forms required for the general public

Send a quick email and mention – Forest name, Date, Trip duration, Purpose of the trip (camping, training etc), Number of vehicles, Number of people, Club name, Membership of 4WD NSW and ACT Inc. Some Forests are busier than others and a permit form will still need to be done, but if this is the case the Forest office will notify your club. The fee is still waived as a member of 4WD NSW and ACT Inc.

Remember to go to Association website and fill in a trip report after your event, this helps Forestry to know numbers and identify any issues, usually before it becomes a problem.

The form can be found at <https://4wdnow.com/pages/lodge-a-trip-reports-state-forests>

Swap Meets

Macarthur District 4WD Club – 29 March, 9am – 32 Bellfield Ave, Rossmore

Karen Willams – hooray1962@outlook.com or 0412 706 252 if you have any questions.

Toyota Landcruiser Club – 3 May, 8am – Cabramatta High School

Elke Cooper – bushman14@bigpond.com or 0438 068 788 if you have any questions.

Saturday 5 April 2025, 9am – 1pm

Come along & enjoy a fun day out, while helping to keep one of Australia’s most popular beaches beautiful! Registration: 4WD beach access car park at Lavis Lane. Free sausage sizzle and the chance to win some great prizes. Gloves and bags will be provided.

For further information please contact the Anna Bay NPWS office on 4984 8200 RSVP now to: npws.

huntercoast@environment.nsw.gov.au

DRIVER AWARENESS NEWS

With our first Driver Awareness Weekend for 2025 coming up on the 29th and 30th of this month, a very wise man named Bill suggested to me that it would be a good time to remind people to give their vehicles a good inspection before each trip.

What condition are your tyres, and are they inflated correctly?
Have I packed all the supplies I will need for the trip?
Have I checked everything under the bonnet?

You can use the POWER-AS guide to help you remember what to look for under the bonnet ...

- **Petrol/Diesel** – Always be sure to start the trip with a full tank of fuel. This is also time to consider when you last had a full service and when the fuel filter was last changed. Was it recently enough if you are contemplating an extended trip?
- **Oils** – there are several fluid reservoirs under the bonnet and several things to check. All fluid levels should be at their maximum to allow for off road angulations. Check fluids such as engine oil, transmission fluid, brake/clutch fluid, power steering fluid.
- **Water** – check radiator fluid (in both radiator and reservoir bottle – check colour and texture as well as level). Check the windscreen washer bottles (front and rear). Check battery fluid levels (if it is a serviceable battery)
- **Electrical** – check under bonnet wiring that all cables are secure including battery terminals, battery clamp and other potential wiring/electrical systems.
- **Rubber** – check hoses and fan belts – is there any detectable deterioration of these items? Do all rubbers look OK and feel pliable? Are fan belts tensioned correctly? Try and “understand” or remember how your belt winds over each component. If it comes loose, it is useful to remember where it was. Consider drawing a diagram or taking a photo of the belt/pulley configuration.
- **Air** – Air filter – is it new/clean? Has it been recently serviced? Is the air conditioning system working as it should? How is your air compressor and its hose? Will it be of service when needed?
- **Supplies/Spares** – Are you carrying adequate spares as needed? These may include belts, hoses, oils fuses etc as needed to top up/repair above items as required on the track?



We are currently planning additional Driver Awareness Weekends for later in the year. Locations could include the Zig-Zag area, the Watagans, or even camping areas accessible through the 4WD Association, such as The Glen. We are also considering a more challenging Driver Awareness Weekend, aimed primarily for vehicles with low range and high clearance.

If you have any particular requests for Driver Awareness activities, please let David, Bill, Alex or me know, and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

We are here to help you, so let us know what you want.

Michael Hamilton.
For the Driver Awareness team.

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

Weekday Wanderer Royal National Park Day Trip

Wednesday 19th February 2025

Attendies: Jo, John, Kevin, Cath & Tom, Kelly & Chris, Jan & Bill, Leane & Michael, Susan & Stephen

The day commenced with good weather – always a great sign for a good day. 13 Members joined the group for the day out (2 were a little late in arriving – so it would seem they are writing this report). Jo had us meet at the visitors' centre at Audley Weir, the first point of interest. The Royal National Park is the second oldest National Park in the world (which is quite amazing for such a small Nation)- it was originally named the National Park (1879) but changed to the Royal National Park in 1955 after the visit of Queen Elizabeth 2 in 1954. It was Australia's first National Park.

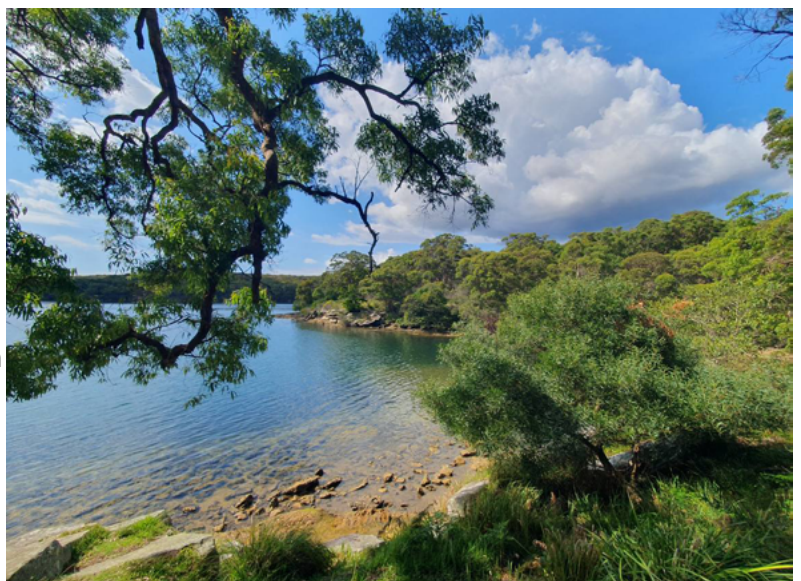
We set off to visit points of interest in the park. The view from Bungoona Lookout was terrific and not too far to walk with quite a number of native trees and shrubs to look out for on our walk. We went on to the Warumbul area, where we had a great view of the water and a lovely pelican posed for us to take pictures – so nice of him.

We then had a lovely morning tea at Wattamolla Beach. Wattamolla Beach is a great area for swimming and picnics and is very crowded on the week-ends with cars having to park up on the main road, I would only visit that area during the week. Nice and quiet with plenty of parking and tables & chairs to rest on. We moved onto the National Falls and the Upper Falls which was an interesting walk to the falls and you could walk behind the falls if you were good on your feet. You did get a good view of the falls by walking a bit through the bush (even I was able to do that).

After the great driving (nice and winding) we settled down at the Audley Weir opposite the boat shed for a nice lunch. The weather was kind to us and we all had a great time. Many thanks to Jo for another great day out with lots of information about our National Park.

Cheers Cath

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More images can be found on the Facebook Page.

Monthly Camp Site Review #5

Name: Bendeela Recreation Reserve

Location: Kangaroo Valley, NSW

Distance From Sydney: 2hrs, 156km's

Date Stayed: December, 2024

Cost: \$6 booking fee No designated or reserved sites – first come first served basis

No. Sites: Maximum 1000 campers per night

Access: Tar access

Caravan/Trailer Friendly: Yes

Amenities: Flush toilets, treated tap water, rubbish bins

To Bring: Power source – all sites unpowered

Phone Service: No

Closest Town: Kangaroo Valley

General Overview: Bendeela is a rustic camping and picnic ground set in natural bushland on the banks of the Kangaroo River arm of Lake Yarrunga (Tallowa Dam), near Kangaroo Valley village. The camping ground is managed by the Sydney Catchment Authority. The camping and picnic grounds are open 24 hours a day, all year round.

Large, grassy open areas for camping. Local wildlife is prolific including kangaroos, wombats & possums. Fishing, swimming & non-powered boating can be enjoyed on the Kangaroo River and there is plenty of bushwalking opportunities in the area.

The main downside to this campground is that there are no fires permitted. No pets are allowed, a maximum of 7 nights stay and there is also a designated alcohol free camping area suitable for families. A great spot to camp but can be extremely packed over the summer months.

Nearby: Kangaroo Valley is a small town in the Shoalhaven Region south of Sydney. Kangaroo River runs through the valley's wildlife-rich rainforests and countryside. Hampden Bridge, a Victorian suspension bridge with castle-like sandstone towers, crosses the river. The area is a mecca for nature enthusiasts with an abundance of waterfalls, bushwalking, mountain biking, horse riding and paddling options.

The village offers some quaint and interesting shops, cafés and restaurants with a mixture of local produce, specialist and antique stores. The area also has its own nursery and a lot of local wineries nearby.

Located in the Shoalhaven region, as you drive towards the coast, a multitude of camping, outdoor recreation and tourist attractions open up.



Gardens of Stone (Maiyingu Marragu) Trip Report

Date of Trip: 9th March 2025

Trip Leader : Bill Twyman

Trip Participants: David Cook, David & Andy Fuser, Joanna Hill, John & Michelle Dziewa, Johnny Lauder,

Our original trip plan today was to explore Mt Airy, Jurassic Park, Genowlan Plateau, however due to an expected weather event National Parks closed that area off, so there was a plan B. With a change of plans we met up at Maccas in Lithgow & discussed a few ideas to include in today's trip. We headed up the Wolgan Rd as far as we could, go to the point of road closure (due to land subsidence) and that view across the valley in the direction of Newnes Hotel & campgrounds never changes or disappoints, the view was as clear as anything. We toyed with the idea of trying to get a trip down the Donkey Steps into the Wolgan Valley but we couldn't raise anyone on UHF ch 20 as the sign said to do.



made it to the lookout for a leg stretch, a walk around & air down the tyres. Again a stunning view into the Wolgan Valley and it's cliff escarpments. Back out onto the main trail again we soon found the overgrown Kangaroo Creek Firetrail and eventually the Beecroft Firetrail, both had a couple of challenging sections but again all got through without incident. We had lunch on the roadside where Beecroft ft met the main trail intersection. After lunch we headed



Back down Wolgan Rd a little and we turned off onto Blackfellows Hand Trail stopping to read the Maiyingu Marragu billboard notices and take photos. Further up the mountain we drove through the eerie "Peaceful Caves" (said to be Woman's Country) where child births once took place. Continuing on up the mountain we found a track leading off to a lookout which started out OK but got rougher and narrower, the ruts got deeper & rock steps got taller, getting too tight to turn around, anyway without incident we all

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for the Bungleboori Campground (or what's left of it), heading to Lost City North Lookout where we found a 2WD Toyota EV plus several other little cars in the carpark. We even came across a Toyota Supra who had pulled over to let us pass. Again the view was somewhat spectacular but the landscape has had a lot of work carried out. Last time we were out there I recall the ruts, wombat holes & chicken tracks, they are all gone, it's like a drive to the supermarket now.

We headed off down the corrugated Old Bells Line of Rd back to the Zig Zag carpark where we all aired up again & said our goodbyes.

It was a good day out with a good group of people. We will get to do plan A again soon.



Weekday Wanderer Lunch at Patonga

Thursday 20th March 2025

Present: John Hocking, Jean & Michael Dunstan, Craig Fitzpatrick

I did the drive from East Lindfield to the Palm Beach in an hour. There was no traffic. I guess everyone was off to work, I was going in the opposite direction. I got to the ferry wharf early so I had a pleasant time watching the exercise activity in the wharf park. At 10.30am I was on the ferry headed for Patonga. The sky was all blue no cloud and there was no wind. The ferry route crosses open water of Broken Bay. This made our ferry rock with the waves especially when going on the lee side of the swell.

By 11.07am I was at Patonga. A short walk led me across the street to the Boat House Hotel. I arrived in the courtyard and there were Michael and Jean Dunstan and Craig Fitzpatrick. It has been a while since we have seen each other so there were many things to talk about.

It was noted Ben Fullagar is still enjoying life in Birdsville. Ben is an ex Subaru Club member. He was actually the Club President before he went bush. Ben is the manager of the hotel there and has worked diligently to improve the hotel and the town. He has recently organised a truck and equipment to help people who get stuck in the remote area. He was reported as giving up drinking and has lost weight.

Another thing to be noted is Craig's new power wheel chair. He has graduated from the walker. The new wheels are powerful so small changes to the joystick are amplified to have him bounce off any nearby wall or table. He needs to slow down. We learnt lots about Craig's refurbished kitchen.

We all settled for barramundi, chips and salad for lunch.

After lunch I needed to drift back along the wharf to the 1.30pm ferry to Palm Beach. This time I rode the upper deck of the ferry which was swell rougher.

Craig, Michael and Jean went back to their cars for the drive north to their homes.

John Hocking



Trip Conveners Report March 2025

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

- Dees Corner 4day Camp March 24th - 28th (mid week)
- Driver Awareness Training weekend March 29th - 30th
(Kanangra Boyd NP) - staying o/night in Oberon
- Animals & Apples - April 9th (mid week)
(Symbio Zoo & Apple Orchard)
- Blue Mnts Lookouts April 16th (mid week)
- Touring the Turon April 19th - 20th (overnight camping)
- Jurassic Park/ Mt Airly (Sunday) April 27th
- Pubs & Pies (extended trip) May 5th - 23rd
- Let's Explore K'gari (Fraser Island) May 12th - 19th
- COCO 2025 - Association weekend event May 17th - 18th
(Mudgee Showground)
- Jurassic Park/ Mt Airly (Wednesday) May 28th (mid week)
- 4WD Adventutre Show Sept 12,13,14th
- Gunning Fireworks display September 13th
- Clubs 50th Anniversary 2025 Oct long weekend 2025

Sgt At Arms Report

Nothing to report

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23	24 Weekday	25 Wanderer	26 Dees	27 Corner	28 Again	29 Driver Awareness Day &/or Weekend Trip-Kanangra Boyd

APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Driver Awareness Day &/or Weekend Trip-Kanangra Boyd	31	1 Committee Meeting	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 General Meeting Crossroads Hotel	9 Weekday Wanderer Animals'n Apples	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Blue Mountains Day Out	17	18	19 Touring The Turon
20 Touring The Turon	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Genowlan Plateau, Jurassic Park, Mt Airly	28	29	30			

MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Pubs & Pies Rd Trip 1 NW NSW	6 Committee Meeting Pubs & Pies Rd Trip 1 NW NSW	7 Pubs & Pies Rd Trip 1 NW NSW	8 Pubs & Pies Rd Trip 1 NW NSW	9 Pubs & Pies Rd Trip 1 NW NSW	10 Pubs & Pies Rd Trip 1 NW NSW
11 Pubs & Pies Rd Trip 1 NW NSW	12 Let's Explore K'gari (Fraser Island) Pubs & Pies Rd Trip 1 NW NSW	13 Let's Explore K'gari (Fraser Island) Pubs & Pies Rd Trip 1 NW NSW General Meeting	14 Let's Explore K'gari (Fraser Island) Pubs & Pies Rd Trip 1 NW NSW	15 Let's Explore K'gari (Fraser Island) Pubs & Pies Rd Trip 1 NW NSW	16 Let's Explore K'gari (Fraser Island) Pubs & Pies Rd Trip 1 NW NSW	17 Let's Explore K'gari (Fraser Island) Pubs & Pies Rd Trip 1 NW NSW Coco 2025 Assoc. Event
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25	26	27	28 Genowlan Plateau, Jurassic Park, Mt Airly	29	30	31

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PAGES

Some more old trip photo's courtesy of Michael Minny.

Wingello New Member Trip. 20th April 2006









HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the members who celebrated their Birthdays in March.

Linda Bloomfield

Katlin Strickland

John Dziewa

Guy Freeman

John Hocking

Paul Williscroft

The Unknowns



Until Next Time
STAY SAFE