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Presidents Message

Hello to all members. I hope everybody is keeping well.

It was a shame that the Mt Airley mid week trip had to be postponed due to NP closures and the Mt Vincent Bush Camp was cancelled due to insufficient attendance. I have heard that the Driver Awareness Weekend (Gardens of Stone) was well attended and a big success. Can not wait to read the trip report and see some photos.

July and August are short of events/trips. If anyone has some ideas and needs help on organising/running an event, contact one of the trip conveners, I am sure they will help.

I would like welcome a new member Milan. Milan is the brother of another recent new member Stan. I believe they both attended the last driver awareness weekend, and would have been given a warm welcome as would all of the other new members that attended.

The AGM is in August and all committee positions become available. The FYI section of the eNews, has pages outlining in detail, what is required in each committee member role. Each position is not a time consuming role, but as it stands now there is a small number of members doing multiple roles. That is why I am urging you to have a good look at what is involved in each position, if you think you can handle what is required and you can bring something to the club, be a paid up financial member, come to the AGM and put your hand up for a position and I am sure you will enjoy it. I must point out, that you must be a financial member to hold a committee position and vote.

A reminder, that membership fees are now due and need to be paid before or on the 30th June 2025. Members that are not financial after the 30th will be excluded from all trips.

In this months eNews, Iwan has put together a step by step procedure, explaining how to pay membership fees. I am sure there will be some members that will find this most helpful and be thankful for this instruction. Thank you Iwan.

Thats it for me this month. If you have any questions, advice, criticisms or you just want to have a chin wag, do not hesitate to contact me.

Bye for now
Stephen B

SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

MINUTES OF JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Date -	Tuesday, June 10, 2025	
Venue -	Rosehill Bowling Club	
Meeting Commenced -	7:45 pm	
Attendance -	Michael H, Jo, Cath, Stephen & Susan B, Stephen P, Kevin, John & Jean, Stephen E, Craig, Alex, Brett, Bill	
Apologies -	Iwan, Sandi & Troy, Ray & Cheryl, Heidi & Brian, Karen & David, Daniel, Nathan, David W, Joanna	
Minutes of Previous Meeting -	May Meeting via Zoom - 13/5/2025 Accepted - Stephen P Seconded - Craig	
Business Arising -	Nil	
New Members -	Nil present	
President's Report -	Stephen	Grady's Riverside Retreat - Details will go up on the website \$18 - \$24 / person / night 10% discount if more than 20 15% discount if more than 40 Cabins available @ \$175 / night for 2 people, plus \$20 / night per additional person Need to check wheelchair accessibility Brett will complete Fair Trading form
Vice President's Report -	Michael H	AGM coming up in August Only financial members can vote for Committee You can pay your membership now online Looking for people to join the Committee
Secretary's Report -	Michael H	Association fees have been paid
Treasurer's Report -	Brett	See attached Available funds as at 31/5/2025 = \$8,659.98
Membership Sec. Report -	Stephen	80 + 9 = 89
Editor's Report -	Stephen	Nil

Driver Awareness Report -	Michael	Some of the more challenging Abercrombie tracks have recently been graded Zig Zag - June 21/22 Abercrombie - July 26/27 - This trip is rated Medium to Hard and is not suitable for new members. Please check with a member of the Driver Awareness team if you are unsure whether this weekend is suitable for you. Suggestion from the floor - We should think about organising another New Members Day
Trip Convenors' Report -	Bill	Bill and Jo reported on the recent 4,000km Pubs and Pies trip
Delegates' Report -	Bill	Reports of biohazard signs being unofficially placed on tracks COCO meeting held recently
Webmaster's Report -	Kevin	126 registrations 94 members / 9 lifers Emails can be sent either to just members or to registered members One request for assistance was to make the website more user-friendly Online sessions - 1st was full / no takers for 2nd E-petition is up on the website New help / how-to articles are up Concern was raised about trip leaders cc-ing (privacy) Alert not sent if a member deletes their RSVP status - Fault report has been lodged
Public Relations -	Jo	50th catering - BBQ Spit Roast - approximately \$38 / head Clothing order deadline has been extended A joint trip with other state clubs is being considered for next year
Equipment / Merchandising -	Alex	Merch has come in Michael to collect JD's order for him

Serjeant-at-Arms	Bill	Misdemeanours on the recent NSW extended Pubs and Pies trip ... Bill - for not bringing a 12v compressor on the trip / as a trip project we were to send Jo one photo each day, not multiple photos per day Jo - for grabbing the wrong bowser nozzle & putting 2L of unleaded in her diesel tank Paul - for asking the difference between a half & a full parmigiana (He was told one is bigger) Stephen - for calling our Broken Hill guest speaker Phillip instead of Paul at the Gin distillery Cherie - for asking what's in a Prawn Twister (Chris replied prawns) Chris - for continually calling Stephen: Bill <i>Offenders should make a gold coin donation to the Serjeant-at-Arms, to be donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service at the end of the year</i>
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GENERAL BUSINESS -	Bill	If a trip has to be cancelled, what procedure should be followed ? - This will need further discussion Emergency contacts not provided by some - Kevin has requested members to update Kevin sends list to trip leader Website banner pics look good
	Brett	Should known past members be allowed to join our private Facebook group ? - Yes, until the end of the year Stephen will send membership list to Brett
	Kevin	Remembers former member Rebecca Richards too

Next Meeting -	Tuesday, July 8
Close -	8:50 pm

SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

Treasurers Report

May-25

Cash Book Balance Brought Forward	\$8,490.37
Plus Income	\$175.06
Less Expenditure	\$5.45
Closing Balance	<u><u>\$8,659.98</u></u>

<u>Income</u> -	Memberships	\$100.00
	Bank interest	\$0.06
	50th Merchandise	\$75.00

<u>Expenditure</u> -	Paypal fees	\$5.45
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Bank Reconciliation

Bank Account Balance as at 31/5/2025	ANZ	\$6,828.12
<u>Plus</u>	Funds held in Pay Pal as at 31/5/2025	\$1,537.11
	Cash on Hand	\$294.75
Available Funds as at 31/5/2025		<u><u>\$8,659.98</u></u>



Association News & Updates: June 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@subaru4wdclub.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 ePetition on Recreational user access to National Parks The ePetition, with 27230 signatures, has received a response from NSW Government. The Government did not support an enquiry. This was debated in NSW Parliament on 8th May, club members from other clubs were present in the gallery. There is a chance that a majority of Upper House members might vote in favour of an enquiry watch this space for when the vote occurs. <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lc/petitions/Pages/tabled-paper-details.aspx?pk=190624>.

Improving camping in NSW national parks: public consultation.

A meeting was held between 4WD NSW and ACT Inc and National Parks (NPWS) to discuss this issue. NPWS were surprised with the concerns raised regarding the fee proposal. Submissions have closed, and we await the outcome. Proposed improvements to camping in New South Wales national parks and reserves were on public exhibition until 25 May 2025. More than 200,000 campers and national park visitors were consulted on proposed changes.

Proposed changes include:

- the introduction of consistent state-wide camping fees
- simplified bookings to deliver fairer camping experiences for national park visitors
- improved management of persistent campground issues, such as people booking space and not cancelling or turning up.

There was a LOT of response and NP now have 28 days to provide a response.

Keep camping affordable for all Australians in NSW National Parks

There is a new ePetition, with over 11,000 signatures already, on NSW Parliament website and it closes on 21 August 2025. Please have a look at this ePetition and consider signing.

Keep camping affordable for all Australians in NSW National Parks

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council, the petitioners of New South Wales state that all Australians should be able to camp in New South Wales national parks, regardless of their financial situation. The petitioners request that the House calls on the NSW Government to fund national parks adequately rather than relying on new end-user fees, to remove the booking system for campgrounds that did not have one before COVID, and to increase the number of campsites commensurate with park visitation.

Here is the link – <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lc/pages/epetitions-list.aspx>

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. 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 – Now it seems that this will just be extension of National Parks by including State Forests, area and borders not agreed, maybe 12 months before a plan of management is available to review.

Bio hazard signage

Bio hazard signage has been used by some Landholders to close public roads. These are freely available but need to be Legal and approved. Association is making enquiries to determine if legitimate and what to do about them.

ACMC/AAAA/ Transport

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

Driver Training Unit

Basic Driver Training course on 27 September. Should you wish to attend please email Delegates for website logon 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 for 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 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.

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 (**This is needed for certification to be issued**) 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. Wear suitable hard-top footwear & weather appropriate clothing.

Registration: Register & pay via the link for the course. 4WD Guidebook will be mailed and a link emailed 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 need a USI number, for a USI number please go to the link and complete the enrolment so you can obtain one. 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.

2025 Sydney 4WD and Adventure Show – Eastern Creek – 6,7,8 September 2025

The club is not planning to have a stand – maybe in 2026. As a club member you can gain free entry for the day, all you need to do is volunteer to work at the show for 2 hours. Tasks include - car parking, front gate scanning tickets, assisting at test track. Did you know the show is wholly owned by the members of 4WD NSW & ACT? Showcasing our clubs and promoting 4WD driving as a legitimate recreation. Supporting the 4wd industry, worth in excess of \$2 Billion to the NSW economy. All the latest products for 4WD driving, caravanning and camping, boating, fishing and more – all in the one place. Plus, HEAPS to see and do! Engel Bush Camp stage, Content creator's area, special guests, Travel stage, 4WD recovery demos, fishing stage, rock crawling action on Tough Dog mountain, and more. Register to volunteer at <https://4wdnow.com/pages/4wd-adventure-show-1>

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

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

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.

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. We have booking for July 25 to 28, 2025. This weekend is an advanced driver awareness but any member can come along to camp and go for a drive on the tracks.

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



Basic Driver Training - 7th July 2025



Basic Driver Training Course

8:00 - 16:00

Walleroo State Forest, Clarence Town NSW, Australia

This training is available to financial members of clubs affiliated with 4WD NSW & ACT ONLY
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[View Event →](#)

<https://4wdnow.com/pages/basic-training-course>

<https://web.powerprorto.com.au/site/vidatek/getabout/wp/enrol/form/12717/getabout>

DRIVER AWARENESS NEWS

UHF RADIO TIPS

Communication between vehicles in a convoy makes for a safer, more interesting trip. We generally use Channel 15, but this may be changed by the trip leader if necessary. Here are a few tips if you are new to UHF radio communication ...

Press the transmit button and wait a second or two before talking, to allow the unit to activate. You may miss sending your first word or two otherwise. When you finish talking, make sure you leave a second or so before releasing the button, so you don't cut off your last words.

Talk across the face of the mic and not directly into it for a clearer transmission. Talk at normal volume and don't blow into the mic when talking. Remember only one radio will be heard at a time, so wait till the channel is clear before trying to talk.

Avoid talking for too long in one go. Holding down the transmit button for extended periods prevents others from talking, and could prevent an important message from coming through.

A UHF radio with an external antenna will generally receive and broadcast further than a hand-held unit. However hand-held units are very useful when you're outside the vehicle giving directions.

It's very important to know which channels are allocated to particular purposes ...

Australian UHF Radio Channel List

Designed to be printed out and stuck on the back of your sun visor.



See video at: <https://youtu.be/BUH2mtwP0j4>

1 Repeater	11 Call channel	21 General	31 Repeater	41 Repeater	51 General	61 Reserved	71 Repeater
2 Repeater	12 General	22 Data	32 Repeater	42 Repeater	52 General	62 Reserved	72 Repeater
3 Repeater	13 General	23 Data	33 Repeater	43 Repeater	53 General	63 Reserved	73 Repeater
4 Repeater	14 General	24 General	34 Repeater	44 Repeater	54 General	64 General	74 Repeater
5 EMERGENCY	15 General	25 General	35 EMERGENCY	45 Repeater	55 General	65 General	75 Repeater
6 Repeater	16 General	26 General	36 Repeater	46 Repeater	56 General	66 General	76 Repeater
7 Repeater	17 General	27 General	37 Repeater	47 Repeater	57 General	67 General	77 Repeater
8 Repeater	18 Caravans	28 General	38 Repeater	48 Repeater	58 General	68 General	78 Repeater
9 General	19 General	29 Pacific / Bruce Hwy	39 General	49 General	59 General	69 General	79 General
10 4x4s	20 General	30 Broadcasts	40 Highway general	50 General	60 General	70 General	80 General
Repeater use only	Use freely	Use for given purpose	EMERGENCY ONLY	NEVER USE			

Repeater use only	Only use these channels if you are using a repeater.
Use freely	Anyone can use any of these channels at any time for any purpose. Pick from these for your private convoy.
Use for given purpose	These are similar to the 'Use freely' channels, but used for public communications for the purposes shown.
NEVER USE	Do NOT use. These channels are reserved for data or future use. Plenty of others.
EMERGENCY ONLY	Emergency only. Monitor, but do not use unless in dire need. Not a reliable means of calling for help, satellite systems are much better.

UHF CB radio is free, and unless you use an encryption device, anyone can hear anything you transmit. It is also short-range and not a reliable method of emergency communications.

Driver Awareness Day & Weekend Trip - Abercrombie River NP - July 26 and 27

Rated Medium (but may be Hard for AWDs)

Not suitable for new members - Please check with a member
of the Driver Awareness team
if you are unsure whether this weekend is suitable for you

Michael Hamilton.
For the Driver Awareness team.
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“As slow as possible ...
Only as fast as necessary.”

Webmaster Update June 2025

Website Activity

Currently there are 122 valid registrations on the website consisting of 89 memberships / 94 Members including 9 Life members. Of the 122 total, 28 registrants are Visitors.

(Total “valid” registrations were incorrectly reported the last few months as they included 4 additional administrative roles)

We have a good number of Views for some Events e.g. the 50th currently has 1,324 views, the fireworks 1,288 and Driver Awareness 585. The website is averaging around 180 user activities per month.

“Show Me the Money” (time to open your wallets / purses)

Preparations have been under way getting ready for the new Membership renewal process. By now, unless renewed already, you should have received an automated renewal reminder. Just a note that as the process caters for a duration in days / months / years rather than a specific date the new expiry date may not initially display 30th June next year so just ignore it. Work has also been undertaken to accept payment for the 50th Anniversary Event and may be active by the time you read this publication.

About Us

As mentioned in the last magazine “we do intend having an “About Us” overview at some point” and this has now been added based on a show pamphlet created by Jo Quinn.

How To Additions

Make a Club Shop Purchase - for Desktop and Smartphone have been added

Rotating Banners

If you have a favourite club pic and would like it displayed in the rotating banners at the top of the website please send to webmaster@subaru4wdclub.com.au – preferably resized to 1000x120 pixels without distortion. If you cannot successfully resize send the pic anyway and we’ll see what can be done, thanks.

Website Feedback

Very little feedback was received because of the emails canvassing to hear about any issues with the website so we can but assume all is good in the ether. If not, assistance is readily available by contacting the webmaster. The one and only suggestion received was from a phone user who wanted us to make the website more user friendly, however, the overall look and feel of the platform chosen for the website would be extremely difficult and costly to change.

Website Familiarisation Sessions

Further Website training sessions via Screenleap will be scheduled on the Events page soon.

John's website tips



HOW TO:

Yearly Membership Payment

There are **3 ways to pay** your membership through “Membership Payment” in the Navigation Bar

You can pay your membership fee by Bank Transfer, Card or PayPal. Access these payment options via “Membership Payment” in the Navigation Bar. Detailed instructions are below and on the following pages.

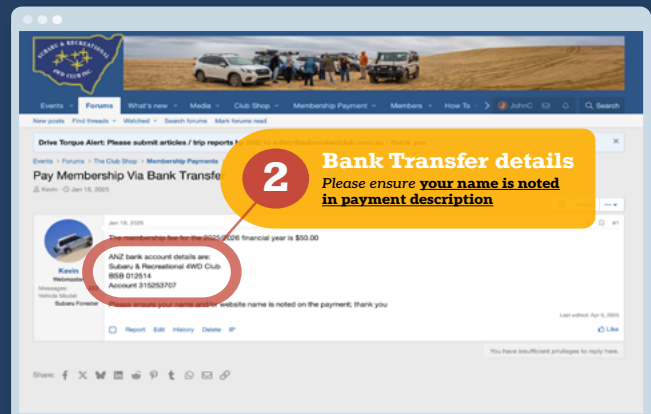
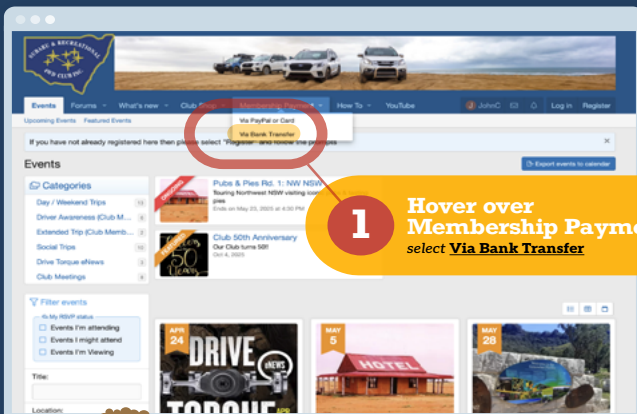
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1. Bank Transfer

2. Card

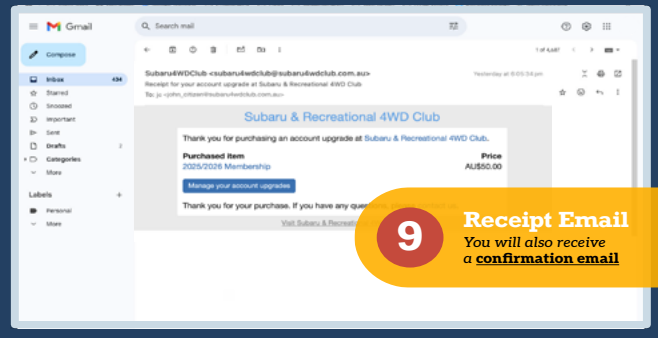
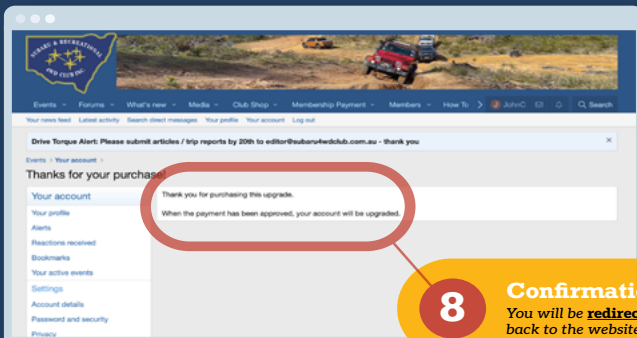
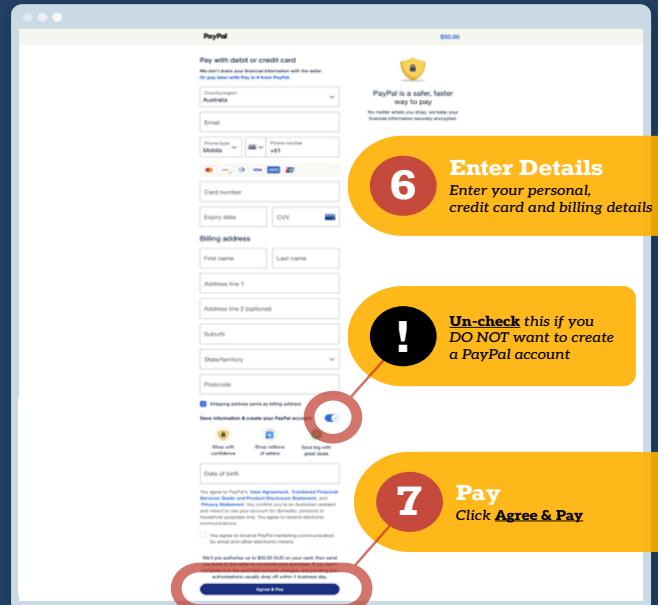
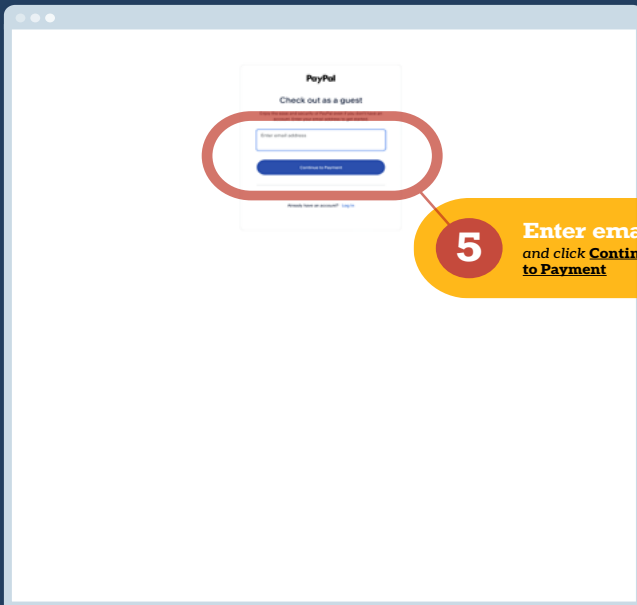
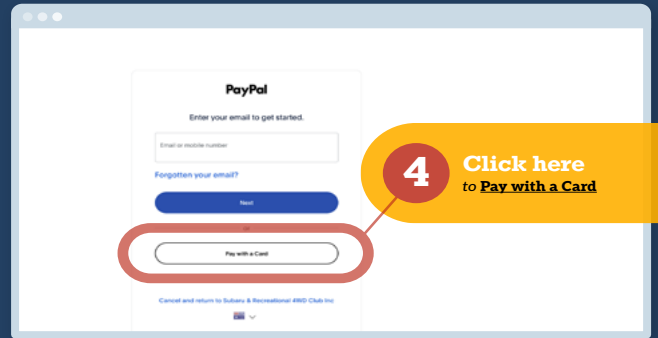
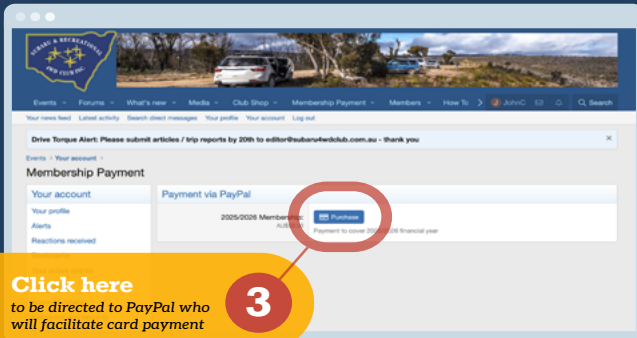
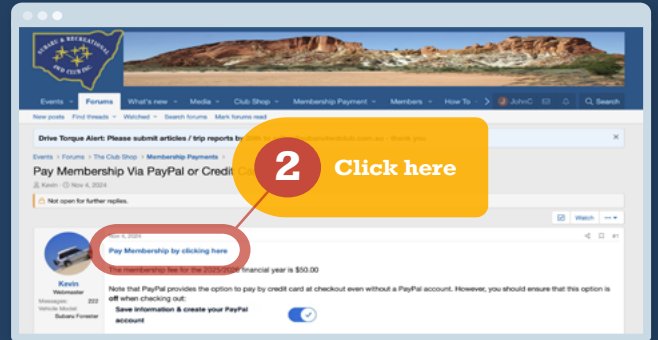
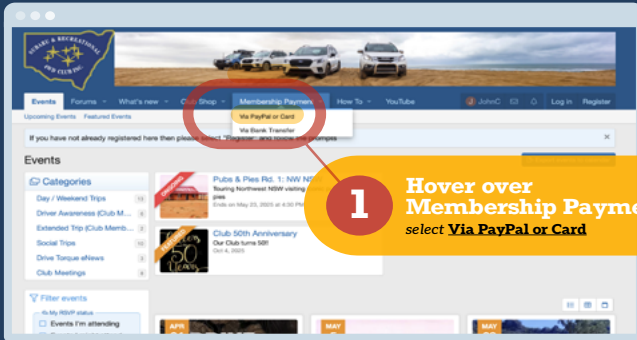
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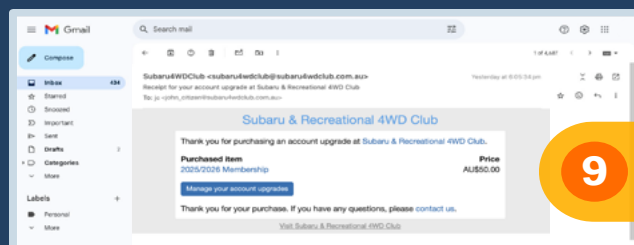
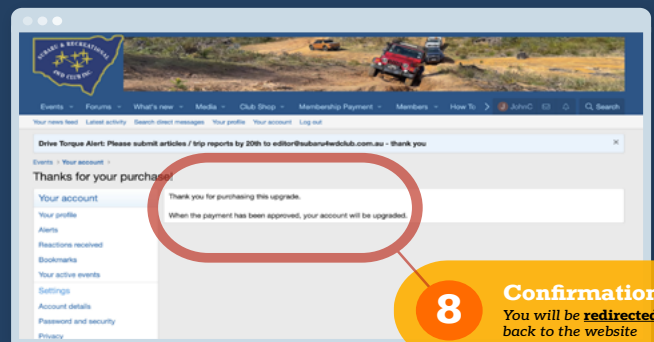
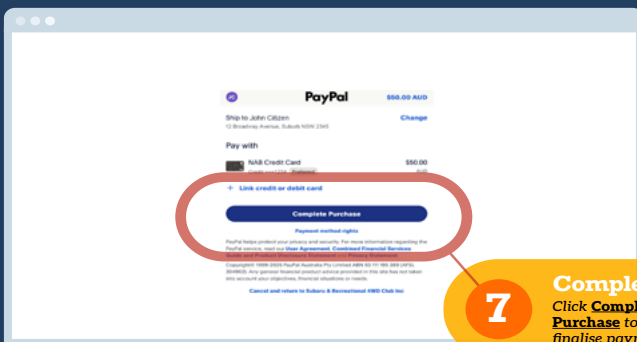
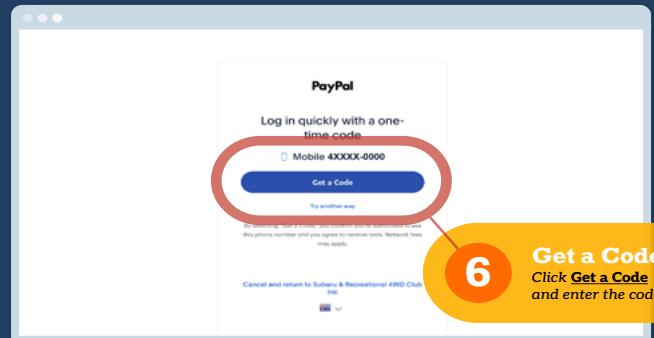
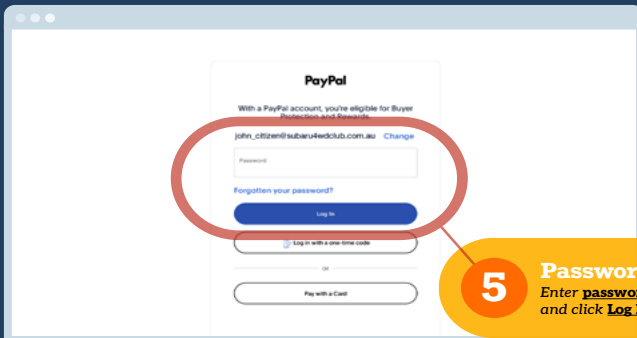
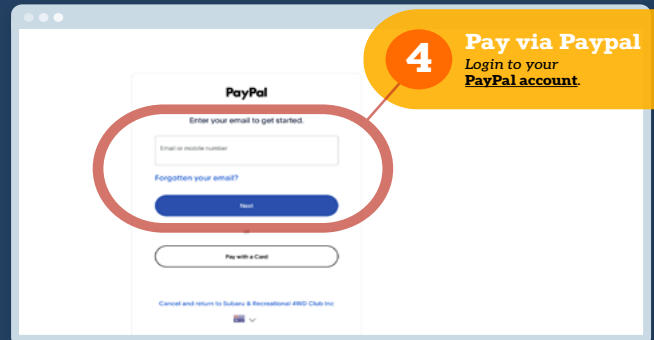
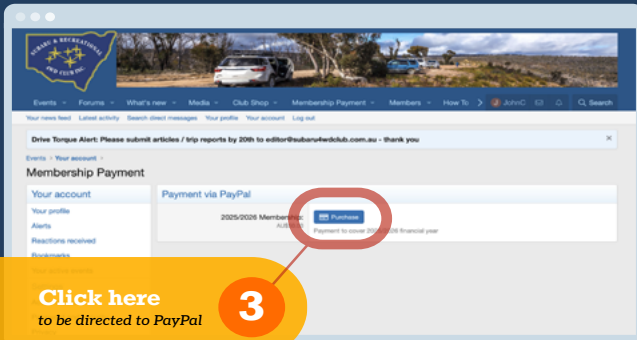
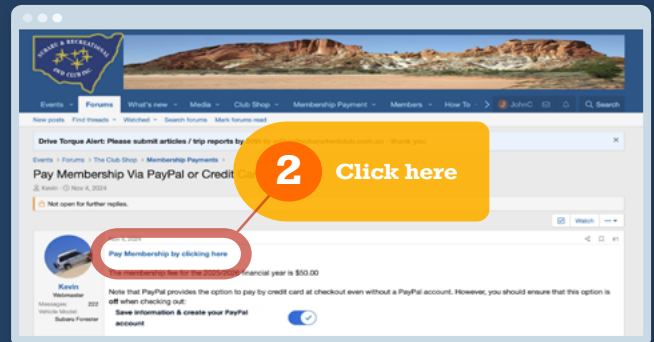


John's email address is john_citizen@subaru4wdclub.com.au. He's always happy to help, so feel free to email him if you have any feedback or a website tip you'd like John to share in the future.

2. Pay with Card



3. Pay via Paypal



Trip Conveners Report June 2025

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

- Driver Awareness Weekend (Abercrombie River NP) July 26-27
- AGM (The Dairy - Western Sydney Parklands, Abbotsbury) August 10th
- 4WD Adventure Show Sept 12,13,14th
- Gunning Fireworks display September 13th
- Clubs 50th Anniversary 2025 Oct long weekend 2025
- Christmas Function (Grady's River Retreat) December 6th & 7th



Sgt At Arms Report

Nothing to report this month

JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Committee Meeting	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 General Meeting Crossroad Hotel	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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AUGUST 2025

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

Monthly Camp Site Review #7

Name: Maisie Thompson Campground

Location: Gooloogong NSW

Distance: From Sydney: 340km's, 4hrs

Date Stayed: May, 2025

Cost: Donation

No. Sites: 8

Access: Tar access

Caravan/Trailer Friendly: Yes

Amenities: Public toilets, showers, picnic tables, dump point, BBQ, water taps & powered sites

To Bring: Firewood

Phone Service: Vodafone Yes, Telstra & Optus No

Closest Town: Gooloogong, bigger town - Cowra

General Overview: What a fantastic campground, perfect for a stopover enroute out West. The town of Gooloogong is not much at all & is centred primarily around the pub – which is across the road from the campground. The amenities were spotless and the free hot showers and powered sites made it a great spot to stop for the night. The fee is a donation and works on an honesty system with a small donation box adjacent to each site.

The campground, and indeed the town itself, was neat tidy and well maintained. The pub, which was probably grand in its heyday, takes up the entire corner block in the town. It is now sadly only operating out of a small portion of the building. But the beers were cold & the food was good. It is also currently up for sale if you are after a sea change!

Nearby: Cowra would be one of the closest major towns with Forbes only a slightly longer distance in the opposite direction.



Date: 5th - 22nd May

Trip Leader: Jo Quinn

Attendees: Jo Quinn, Chris & Kelly Mifsud, Nathan & Cherie Blamire, Paul Campbell, Bill Tyman, Sue & Stephen Bennett

They say a picture tells 1000 words, so the trip report for our Pubs & Pies Tour was done by each participant, each day, as a photo challenge. The rules were simple;

1. Each photo can only be used for 1 challenge
2. 1 photo must be taken each day, by each person
3. Photos must be taken on this trip (not any previous trips)
4. Each challenge needs to be completed
5. Challenges don't need to be done in order
6. All photos to be text to Jo with the challenge, the location & the date

The Challenges were;

- Selfie with a meat pie
- Photo of a mural
- Scenic lake or river photo
- Photo of you with a sculpture
- Photo of you with an emu or camel real, painted or otherwise
- Photo of your vehicle in front of a pub
- Photo of your campsite
- You at the theme night at Packsaddle
- Photo of you with an opal real, painted or otherwise
- Photo of an outback destination road sign
- A group photo of everyone
- A scenic sunset photo
- Photo of you standing in 2 States
- Selfie with Pubs & Pies beer stein
- Photo of you at a bar
- Photo of a thermal pool
- Photo of you & at least 2 others in trip shirts
- Photo of you with your vehicle

Day 10: White Cliffs to Trilby Station



Photo: Cherie
Challenge: Photo of you at a bar



Photo: Nathan
Challenge: Photo of your campsite at a bar

Photo: Bill
Challenge: Scenic sunset photo



Photo: Sue
Challenge: Photo of you with your vehicle

Photo: Kelly
Challenge: Photo of your vehicle in front of a pub



Day 11: Trilby Station



Photo: Paul

Challenge: Scenic lake or river



Photo: Bill

Challenge: Photo of your campsite



Photo: Chris

Challenge: Photo of you at a bar

Photo: Stephen

Challenge: Selfie with a meat pie

Photo: Sue

Challenge: A group photo of everyone



Day 12: Trilby Station to Bourke



Photo: Cherie

Challenge: Selfie with a meat pie

Photo: Chris

Challenge: Photo of you & at least 2 others in trip shirts



Photo: Nathan

Challenge: Photo of you at a bar



Photo: Stephen

Challenge: Photo a mural



Photo: Bill **Challenge:** A group photo of everyone

Day 13: Bourke to Sheepyard Inn

Photo: Chris Challenge: A group photo of everyone



Photo: Sue
Challenge: Scenic sunset photo



Photo: Stephen

Challenge: A photo of you with your vehicle



Photo: Bill & Jo
Challenge: Photo of you with a mural



Day 14: Sheepyard Inn to Goodooga

Photo: Cherie

Challenge: Photo of your campsite



Photo: kelly
Challenge: Photo of you standing in 2 States



Photo: Stephen & Bill

Challenge: Photo of you with an opal, real, painted or otherwise



Photo: Nathan

Challenge: A group photo of everyone



Day 15: Goodooga to Lightning Ridge



Photo: Cherie

Challenge: Photo of you with your vehicle



Photo: Stephen

Challenge: Photo of you & 2 others in trip shirts



Photo: Kelly, Sue & Jo

Challenge: Photo of you with an opal, real, painted or otherwise



Day 16: Lightning Ridge

Photo: Jo

Challenge: Scenic sunset photo



Photo: Stephen

Challenge: Photo of you & at least 2 others in trip shirts



Photo: Cherie & Nathan

Challenge: Photo of you with an opal, real, painted or otherwise



Photo: Chris

Challenge: Photo of a thermal pool



Day 17: Lightning Ridge to Burren Junction



Photo: Paul & Chris



Challenge: Photo of your campsite



Photo: Bill

Challenge: Photo of you & 2 others in trip shirts



Photo: Jo & Cherie

Challenge: Photo of a thermal pool



Day 18: Burren Junction to Mendooran



Photo: Nathan **Challenge:** Photo of a thermal pool

Photo: Cherie
Challenge: Photo of you & 2 others in trip shirts sunset photo



Photo: Jo

Challenge: Selfie with Pubs & Pies beer stein



Photo: Sue & Kelly **Challenge:** Selfie with a meat pie



"Blue Mountains Day Out" trip report.

June 18th 2025

I think it was with great pride that John Hocking showed me around some of the Blue Mountains lookouts today. It was as though John was reminiscing his old days of hiking these hills & valleys of the area, he knew the names of all the mountains, valleys, rivers & creeks. We visited several easy lookouts such as - Evans lookout, Valley View Lookout, Mitchell Ridge Lookout, Hargraves Lookout, Mount Blackheath Lookout, Govetts Leap Lookout, Anvill Rock, Perry's Lookdown and the Wind Eroded Cave, all within the vicinity of Blackheath.

Once the sun came out it turned into a very good day out.

For 2 old blokes we did a hell of a lot of walking & tackled a countless amount of steps.

Thank you John.
Bill Twyman.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION PAGE

NOTICE - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, August 10, 2025

General Meeting and Annual General Meeting - 10am for 11am meeting
Followed by BBQ lunch
The Dairy, Western Sydney Parklands
Enter via Cotswold Road from Cowpasture Road, Abbotsbury

Committee positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be called from members to fill the positions. Nominations can be given at the meeting or emailed to the Secretary prior to the meeting. Proxies in writing to be sent to the Secretary prior to the meeting starting - email accepted. Only current financial members are eligible to vote.

Membership fees are due July 1, 2025.

If our Club is to flourish, we will need some new people to take on some of these roles. We would like to welcome new faces with fresh ideas.

SUBARU AND RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB

COMMITTEE ROLES

All committee members are to be active and financial members of the Club. They should be able to attend (or provide reports to) most Committee and General meetings. They should be able to accept phone calls at a reasonable hour, monitor forums and Facebook and write reports for newsletters.

PRESIDENT

- Provide leadership for, and oversee the running of, the Club
- Chair General and Committee meetings

VICE PRESIDENT

- Assist the President in overseeing the running of the Club, and stand in for the President in their absence
- Engage with members to ensure the Club is benefiting them, encouraging feedback and responding to their enquiries

SECRETARY

- Take minutes of General and Committee meetings
- Manage Club correspondence, lodge compliance documents as required, and answer email, forum and Facebook enquiries from the public

TREASURER

- Monitor the finances of the Club and deliver updates as necessary
- Prepare monthly reports and assist the Public Officer to lodge Annual Statements

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

- Manage membership fee collection
- Keep an up-to-date record of all Club members, and approve access to Facebook and website in conjunction with the Webmaster

TRIP CONVENER(S)

- Assess and approve proposed trips and trip participants
- Encourage Club members to run trips, providing support as necessary

DRIVER AWARENESS OFFICER(S)

- Promote safe driving skills and practices within the Club
- Conduct driver awareness activities throughout each year

NSW 4WD ASSOCIATION DELEGATE(S)

- Attend Quarterly meetings of the 4WD Association of NSW and the ACT, and monthly Regional meetings
- Provide information to our Club members at meetings and in newsletters, and vote on their behalf at Association meetings

WEBMASTER

- Maintain the Club's website, adding new features as necessary
- Ensure all online information is up-to-date

SOCIAL/CATERING

- Arrange catering for special Club events such as the annual Christmas party
- Provide basic catering at BBQs

EDITOR

- Prepare a regular e-Newsletter for Club members, highlighting Club activities
- Co-ordinate any other Club publications, such as Yearbooks

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

- Promote the Club within the 4WD community, designing information packages and advertising materials as required
- Organise guest speakers and/or activities at General meetings

EQUIPMENT AND MERCHANDISE OFFICER

- Control Club property
- Manage Club clothing shop

SERJEANT-AT-ARMS

- Ensure order is maintained during Club meetings
- Bring any indiscretions occurring on trips to everyone's notice (in a gentle, humorous way)



Michael H. (VP)

New Members TuronTrip 29 April 2006

Old Photo Memories courtesy Michael Minny







This year the Subaru & Recreational 4wd Club turns 50! It's a major milestone for any club so we want to celebrate with members old & new.

Come along and catch up with friends, reminisce about all the laughs & fun times, the times things didn't go quite to plan and all the fantastic places we have been over the past 50 years.

When: 3rd - 5th October (Friday, Saturday & Sunday of the long weekend)

Where: Cobbitty Scout Hall, Cut Hill Reserve, Cut Hill Road, Cobbitty (Macarthur region of Sydney)

Time: Main event 2pm Saturday 4th, but come along anytime from Friday morning through until Sunday afternoon

Cost: \$40 per adult \$15 per child

Includes: "Fivies", spit dinner, dessert, 50th Anniversary cake, 2 nights camping (if you choose), a small commemorative gift per person & a large campfire each night

Payment: Online at; <https://subaru4wdclub.com.au/events/club-50th-anniversary.17/> or via direct debit. Payment links follow the event information on our Club website

ANZ bank account details are:

Subaru & Recreational 4WD Club

BSB 012514

Account 315253707

Camping: Camping is next to the Scout Hall (unlimited spots), unpowered, showers & toilets available

50th Anniversary clothing and commemorative branded schnapps are also available to purchase via the same link (but only until mid-August)

Please forward this invite to any ex-members that you know as we try to chase up as many people as possible from the last 50 years. If you have any photos or clothing from years and trips gone by, please let me know so that we can display it over the weekend. Keep an eye on our facebook page as we take some trips down memory lane in the lead up to the event; Subaru & Recreational 4wd Club Inc.

The Subaru & Recreational 4WD Club has been a part of all our lives at some stage, whether it be big or small, so come along & help us celebrate the 50th & catch up with friends - some you may not have seen for years!

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cheers to 50 Years!

Jo Quinn

Subaru & Recreational 4wd Club

Publicity & Social Officer

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G'day Stephen B. Just a friendly reminder that Membership Renewal is due by 30th June

Welcome to the **Subaru and Recreational 4WD Club** Stephen B

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ONGOING

Driver Awareness Day & Weekend Trip - Gardens of Stone SCA - 21-22 June

A Driver Awareness Trip - choose from day or weekend option - Gardens of Stone SCA

Ends on Jun 22, 2025 at 4:30 PM

FEATURED

50 Years

Club 50th Anniversary

Our Club turns 50!!

Oct 4, 2025

Click Here

Come and join us at Cobbitty Scout Hall in the Macarthur region of Sydney to celebrate our Club turning 50!! We will be camping at Cobbitty from Friday 3rd October until Sunday 5th October - across the long weekend, We will be celebrating the 50th with fivies and dinner on Saturday 4th from 2pm Come for the day, stay for one night or stay right across the weekend. Camping available next to the hall.

Please pass this invite to as many ex-members that you know who may be interested in attending.

In the meantime we are also trying to chase up any memorabilia and photos from the past 50 years. If you can help, please let me know or email me at publicity@subaru4wdclub.com.au

50th Anniversary clothing and commemorative memorabilia is available in the Club Shop for pre-order prior to mid-August:

Get your 50th gear here: [50th Anniversary Clothing](#)

It will open up a new page and towards the bottom of the page you will find this.

Get your 50th memorabilia here: [50th Memorabilia](#)

The 50th Anniversary Event fee is \$40.00 per Adult and \$15.00 per Child under 12.

Payment details are available here: [50th Anniversary Event Payment](#)

Click Here



You will be taken to the next page offering you options of how to pay. If you still have problems, you can contact the web master via email or phone. (Available on the second page of this Drive Torque eNews)

Pay via PayPal or Credit Card by clicking / tapping [HERE](#)

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(if you are not logged on here please ensure there is sufficient detail in the PayPal transaction to enable identification)

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A reminder that this event is for past and present club members and their families only.

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ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE



**Short Sleeve
Polo \$45**



Jersey \$75



**Long Sleeve
Polo
\$50**



\$41



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO THE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

Lyn Saddler

Michael J Hamilton

Ross Macbeth

Paul Sistro

The Unknown



Until Next Time
STAY SAFE