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on the driver awareness Garden of
Stone trip

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Presidents Message

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

There were no new members this month. I would like to remind the 30 members that are unfinancial, that membership fees were due at the end of June and if they could attend to this matter A S A P please. This may be an oversight by the member or it maybe that you do not wish to remain a member of this club, if this is true, could you send an email to let us know so we can adjust the records, and if we could be informed of the reason behind the decision so if it was something the club/committee has done or didn't do, we can rectify it for the future.

The AGM is on Sunday 10th August 2025, so the Notice of the Annual General Meeting and The Committee Roles print out, have been republished in this eNews issue, to entice members to volunteer to take up a committee role and bring some new ideas into the club. REMEMBER the club will only be as good as it's members.

I would love to see each and every member at the AGM at
"The Dairy" Western Sydney Parklands, enter Cotswold Road off Cowpasture Road, Abbotsbury.
Please Register on the Website for Catering Purposes.

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, see you at the AGM

Stephen B

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)

SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

MINUTES OF JULY GENERAL MEETING

Date -	Tuesday, July 8, 2025	
Venue -	Crossroads Hotel	
Meeting Commenced -	7:35 pm	
Attendance -	Michael, Stephen B, Bill, Kevin, Jo, Dave C, David W, Daniel, Alex Andrew, Chris & Kelly, Stephen E, Stephen P, John & Jean, Paul, Lisa S	
Apologies -	Brett, Iwan, Nathan, Tom & Cath	
Minutes of Previous Meeting -	June Meeting at Rosehill Bowling Club - 10/6/2025 Accepted - Kevin Seconded - Dave C	
Business Arising -	Nil	
New Members -	Welcome to Lisa Szabo	
President's Report -	Stephen	Christmas at Grady's Riverside Retreat - \$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 Fires - Yes Disabled bathroom - Yes Meetings to alternate between Crossroads / Rosehill Possibility of Zooms in December / January
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 We need new people to bring new ideas
Secretary's Report -	Michael H	Are people interested in news releases from Subaru ? - Yes - New Forester brochure will be posted on Facebook
Treasurer's Report -	(Brett)	See attached Available funds as at 30/6/2025 = \$7,597.68
Membership Sec. Report -	Stephen	80 + 9 = 89 40 Paid / 40 Unpaid Reminders will be sent out NB - Membership total at the end of June 2025 was 90

Editor's Report -	Stephen	Who reads the Newsletter ? - Lots of people including John, who said that he very much looks forward to it each month
Driver Awareness Report -	Michael	Recent weekend was a big success 16 cars 5 new members in attendance According to Lisa, "Alex is awesome". Abercrombie - July 26/27
Trip Convenors' Report -	Bill	Upcoming - Looking at Putty area / Colo Reserve Jo reported on the 2nd half of extended trip
Delegates' Report -	Bill	Is Spanish Steps open ? Driver Training coming up in September
	David	New petition regarding camping fees
Webmaster's Report -	Kevin	Message on website reminding people to pay membership More old magazines have been uploaded 94 registered members / 32 registered visitors Past Member category has been added
Public Relations -	Jo	Jo kept a note of who offered assistance with ...

- I need 15-20 tall star pickets (if anyone can get hold of some that would be great - would prefer if we didn't have to buy them)
- A list of membership numbers each year from 1975-2025 (these should be able to be sourced from the old magazines that Brett has uploaded)
- A list of all Club Presidents from 1975-2025 (these should be able to be sourced from the old magazines that Brett has uploaded)
- A list of the cost of things in 1975 eg; new car, fuel per litre, house prices, bread, milk, new caravan, schooner of beer, meat pie National Parks yearly pass, cost per night in a caravan park etc
- Try to source some marquees & tables (preferably Bunnings style plastic trestle tables) from Club members, probably need about 6-8 marquees & as many tables as possible - who has one/some we can borrow?
- PA System with microphone & speaker
- Projector & screen or substitute for a screen
- A compilation of old videos or DVD's that can be played throughout the event (no sound required)
- Music compilation & speaker
- Firewood
- An ongoing updated list of those who have paid for the event
- A laptop to play photos on a loop from usb stick
- Chase up who has any old Club clothing, memorabilia, trip shirts, hats etc
- Location & collection of any old Club banners
- Who is available to help set up on Friday & Saturday morning
- Helium tank to order, collect & return for approx 200-250 balloons
- Collate 50th anniversary clothing orders & place order with Clever

Thank you everyone & I will give an update on what I am working on & what has been completed so far

Equipment / Merchandising -	Alex	Equipment stored at Mark's place - AGM or pick up ? Banners are needed for the 50th Jeffy's shirt has been re-made
Serjeant-at-Arms	Bill	Bill did not get away with his attempt to re-announce last month's infractions <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>
GENERAL BUSINESS -	Bill	New Members' Trip ? - Driver Awareness Team will look into it Mt Wilson in September ? - Needs to be followed up
	Chris	Defibrillator ? - David will apply next round
Next Meeting -	Sunday, August 10 AGM	
Close -	8:45	

SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

Treasurers Report

Jun-25

Cash Book Balance Brought Forward	\$8,659.98
Plus Income	\$1,540.04
Less Expenditure	\$2,620.34
Closing Balance	<u><u>\$7,579.68</u></u>

<u>Income</u> -	Memberships	\$1,250.00
	Bank interest	\$0.04
	50th Merchandise	\$70.00
	50th attendance fee	\$200.00
	Classic rego fee	\$20.00
<u>Expenditure</u> -	Paypal fees	\$41.12
	Delegate expenses - D. Wellham	\$59.27
	Association Fees	\$1,738.00
	50th expenses - J. Quinn	\$779.45
	ANZ fee - counter payment	\$2.50

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Account Balance as at 30/6/2025	ANZ	\$4,608.94
<u>Plus</u>	Funds held in Pay Pal as at 30/6/2025	\$2,675.99
	Cash on Hand	\$294.75
Available Funds as at 30/6/2025		<u><u>\$7,579.68</u></u>

DRIVER AWARENESS NEWS

Pre-Departure Checks Update

Previously, you may have seen this handout, which gives you a list of things to check before heading out on a trip (or each day on an extended trip) ...

- **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?



Well I think we might need to add **Check your Exhaust Pipe** to the list, and here's why ...

While driving around a cattle property near Mendooran recently, I got stuck in a patch of mud. Unable to go forward, I tried reversing. That didn't work, so after assessing the situation we decided to get another vehicle to give me a gentle tow. It only took a tiny bit of assistance - my wheels regained traction - and I was able to drive myself out.

*We could also have tried traction boards, but that would have been a **very** messy process.*

When I checked my vehicle that night, I noticed than one of my exhaust pipes was completely blocked with mud, from when I reversed in the mud patch. Easy to sort out then, but it would have been much harder if the mud had time to dry out.

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

Michael Hamilton.
For the Driver Awareness team.

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

Webmaster Update July 2025.

Website Activity.

Currently there are 125 valid registrations on the website consisting of 93 individual Members (incl 9 Life members) and 32 registered Visitors.

After all these years James Rickeard has let his registration lapse. For those who remember James, the last I heard was that his interests had changed so no longer interested in any short trips and he was preparing a new off-road caravan for his adventures ahead.

Membership Renewal Process.

The new renewal process seems to work well and approx. 80% of membership renewals have used the web process so far. (The rest were Bank Transfers.)

Upcoming Trips Notifications.

By now members would have received auto-emails via a new feature that triggers when activity occurs in "Upcoming Trips". Should you wish to opt out options are explained in the trip section:

<https://subaru4wdclub.com.au/threads/upcoming-trips-notification-email.237/#post-507>

Platform Upgrade to Xenforo 2.3.7

In addition to the usual fixes and improvements, XenForo 2.3.7 also includes a critical security fix to ensure the security of Passkeys that have been added to your account.

Website Feedback & Support.

Feedback is welcome and assistance is readily available by contacting the webmaster:
webmaster@subaru4wdclub.com.au

Testimonial From A New Member Of Her First Event

Hi Michael,

I'm blown away by the video you created of my first trip out with our club. Your commentary puts a huge smile on my face every time I watch it. It's an awesome reminder of the amazing adrenaline filled weekend I had on my first time out.

I just want to say a huge thank you for all the time and effort you put into filming and creating the video, and for your time spent with me on the weekend. It felt like Alex and you, had me under your wings, I really appreciated that.

I had a wonderful time, and I am extremely grateful that David Wellham and The Driver Awareness Team asked Alex to travel with me in my car. She taught me a lot and got me feeling confident using a lot of the technology in my new Subaru. Well not so new anymore and more importantly, not Alien anymore.

The light scratches I came home with are like a badge of honour. I'd rather me be responsible for them, not other people responsible for 99% of damage to my past vehicles in carparks.

I learnt so much from my experience, and from the Driver Awareness team talks and demonstrations. But, now I need and want to do it all over again.

I loved being out in the bush with club members and learning how to navigate the tracks we came upon and assisting each other. Actually, it was more like everyone assisting me on the weekend, of which I'm very grateful.

It was great to meet other members of the club too and share experiences, I just wish I could remember everyone's names.

Thank You So Much

Kind Regards

Lisa Szabo





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
0409 771 019



ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE





Association News & Updates: July 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.

This month we start with an article from Association President.

4WD NSW& ACT Presidents Report – Craig Thomas

Hi everyone, this newsletter is one of the most important ones I have been part of in the last fifteen years. All these years fighting to be heard and just trying to get a fair go are starting to look like the effort has not been wasted. For so long now National Parks have abused the system and have adopted a don't-care attitude that has been supported by governments on all sides. I am sure that they all mean well but they only look at their patch and not the big picture, unfortunately they are either ignorant or just don't care how their actions are impacting the community.

We finally have an inquiry into public lands and their use.

This isn't just about one forest or one fishing spot. This inquiry will investigate every category of public land and water - from national parks and state forests to marine parks, crown lands, travelling stock routes, and more. It will also cover every form of recreation and cultural activity such as bushwalking, camping, four-wheel-driving, horse riding, spearfishing, fossicking, scientific research, traditional medicine gathering and conservation hunting. For too long, governments have chipped away at public access, locking gates, closing trails, and restricting everyday Aussies from enjoying our own backyard. Since this government came to power, we've seen a disturbing drop in land available for recreational use, especially for hunting in state forests. That ends now.

The terms of reference are extensive and powerful. We'll investigate:

- Why public access is being restricted and whether it's justified
- The social, economic and cultural impacts of those restrictions
- Whether current laws are consistent, fair, and well-managed
- Better models that balance access and conservation

We need to thank Mark Banasiak from the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party for his tireless efforts in getting this enquiry over the line.

This enquiry will only work if everyone puts in a submission, this is your chance to make a difference, do not waste it!

Mark Banasiak will Chair the committee, ensuring this inquiry stays focused and fearless.

This is a major milestone in our long campaign to protect and restore public access rights across NSW.

Okay, what do I write about?Don't over think it, just put down how you would like to see the way public land is created or categorized, how decisions are made about its usage and how it affects you. I know that we do need to protect the environment, but at the same time we are part of that equation, we need space as well.

Crown Lands need to be reviewed as so many parcels of crown land are held in perpetuity for reasons that cannot be justified today, many of these land parcels are over a hundred years old and just don't make any sense in today's world, this does not mean we just get rid of them, we need a better process to categorize them.

State Forests are probably the best managed pieces of land in the state, but we need to make sure that they are managed at “Worlds Best Practice” levels, bottom line we need timber and if we continue to close these forests off from logging then we will then be relying on overseas supplies from countries that have no regard for the environment. Looking after the environment isn’t just looking over your patch, it must be a global approach. Also, there is a belief that all State Forest are National Parks in waiting, this attitude must change.

National Parks, firstly we need to be able to have a classifying system that means something. If we have a classification system that rated areas in parks according to their value it would be a big step forward, not every square millimetre of land should be treated as irreplaceable. They need to get back to the basics and understand what is expected of our National Parks, more people go camping in one weekend than go on their multiple day walks in a year, they acknowledge that the number of people camping has increased but in real terms they have decreased the number of spots available for families. They have a fixation on the thirty-by-thirty program which is thirty percent of the country must be reserved for environmental reasons but are ignoring anything that is not National Parks, and it should be looked at from a national perspective not by state. They need to be open, transparent and answerable for their decisions, which should always be based on facts that can be independently reviewed and not on emotional, political or pure ego driven decisions.

Submissions can be made on the link below.

[Submissions to Select Committee on Access Restrictions to Public Lands and Waterways](#)

On this link there are areas that show Members of Committee, Resolution, Terms of Reference, Timeline, etc and the link for submissions.

Submissions close on 1st August 2025 – there is not very much time to lodge a submission.

NSW National Parks & Wildlife updates

The petition 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. Above is an article from Association President informing us the enquiry is proceeding – please think about writing and lodging a submission. <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lc/petitions/Pages/tabled-paper-details.aspx-?pk=190624>.

Improving camping in NSW national parks: public consultation.

Submissions have closed, there was a LOT of response and NP had 28 days to provide a response and we await the outcome.

More than 200,000 campers and national park visitors were consulted on proposed changes.

Proposed improvements/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.

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. There was a lot more interest than they ever would have expected. NP have realized that they really don’t know what the public want/don’t want in campsites etc such as tables, shade structures etc. The days of “dictatorship” appears to be over and NP now need to have supportive evidence for anything that they want to introduce.

Keep camping affordable for all Australians in NSW National Parks

There is an ePetition, with over 12,000 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. NP have come up with excellent method to count and identify koalas using drones with infrared heat technology. They are sent up between 3am and 6am and can very easily spot to count Koalas using their heat signature as well as drones being sent to individuals to take very clear "white light" images and identify/count Koalas. It will be an interesting 12 months ahead with NP. When it does come together (whatever happens in the GKP area), we need to be able to have a statement of "what we do" in these areas so we know what we want to fight for. For example, we don't want to push for camping areas where we don't camp, but more so push for tracks where we do a lot of driving. So far, everything is looking good from a tracks perspective.

Bio hazard signage

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

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 4WDDriving as a legitimate recreation. Supporting the 4wd industry, worth in excess of \$2 Billion to the NSW economy. All the latest products for 4WDDriving, 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>

Trip Convenors Report - July 2025

With the warmer weather not far around the corner now and also that the days are starting to get longer it's a great time to get out on a trip. Although there are some areas we really want to get to within the Wollemi National Park unfortunately are still closed off due to infrastructure repairs. Your Trip Convenors are working on a few ideas and we would love your to hear "your ideas" for a day or weekend 4WD or roadtrip.

It seems that the same few people are leading all the trips, we need more people to put their hand up to run a trip. It's not difficult and if you're not sure about how to lead a trip or what's involved etc, we can provide trip notes, GPX files, maps and guidance. If you have an idea of a place you'd like to go why not take some club friends along & turn it into a club trip. It does not matter how many others go, because you were going anyway.

Unfortunately, we have had trips where we have chase people to see if they are coming. Please show the courtesy to the trip leader by replying to the information email they send out especially if you are not attending so we can be fair to all members. Somebody could be waiting on a standby list to attend the trip.

Last month's Driver Awareness day to "The Gardens of Stone" was very popular and now we have the July Driver Awareness day to Abercrombie National Park coming up in a couple of weeks so don't forget to register if you'd like to attend this one. I think most of us have booked accommodation in Oberon for this event however if you're a cold weather camper we will be checking out the limited access "locked site" campground called "The Glen" within the Abercrombie National Park.

Coming up we have the Abercrombie NP Driver Awareness, the AGM at Western Sydney Parklands, a camping weekend at a "very restricted access area" of the old deserted mining town of Yerranderie. There is also the 4WD and Adventure Show coming up at Eastern Creek, the Gunning Fireworks display and the Christmas Party at the Grady's Riverside Retreat, near Nowra.

Our all important 50th Anniversary is on the October long weekend at the Cobbitty Scout Hall so don't forget to jump on the website to register and pre order your merchandise and memorabilia. As usual all details are on the club's websit



See you at the

August General Meeting & AGM

"The Dairy" Western Sydney Parklands, enter Cotswold Road off Cowpasture Road, Abbotsbury.
Please Register on the Web Site for Catering Purposes.

JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Driver Awareness Day- Weekend Trip Abercrombie River NP
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3	4	5 Committee Meeting Rosehill Bowling Club	6	7	8	9
10 General Meeting & AGM	11	12	13	14	15	16
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SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	Committee Meeting Cobbitty Scout Hall	3	4	5	6
7	8	General Meeting Rosehill Bowling Club	10	11	12 4WD & Adventure Show	13 4WD & Adventure Show
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PAGES

Spanish Steps

04 June 2006

Old Photo Memories courtesy Michael Minny







2025 Subaru & Recreational 4WD Club Christmas Function 6th & 7th December 2025

Venue this year is Grady's Riverside Retreat 674 Burrier Rd Burrier (Approx. 18 klm West of Nowra) with Camping & Cabin accommodation on the Shoalhaven River. (Approx. 180klm from Parramatta)

Un Powered site costs (Minimum of 2 nights) Friday & Saturday \$24. per night for each adult, \$12 per child. Early arrival & late leaving (Thursday & Monday) \$18 per night for each adult, \$10 per child.

Areas 43 & 44 will be allocated to the club with an overflow area, 19 to 25 if needed. (Refer to the park map below, marked in red) Hot showers & toilets within walking distance. Disable bathroom available.

There are cabins available with varying prices and accommodation numbers. I suggest those wanting a cabin, check out the website to choose and make a booking. (You may want to combine with other members to save costs)

Grady's has offered a 10% discount for 20 or more people attending or 15% discount for 40 or more. When you are making a booking, notify them that you are with the Subaru & Recreational 4WD Club. There will be a 30% deposit required when booking and the remainder paid on arrival. (with discount if eligible)

To book you can phone Alma on 4421-3282 on Saturdays or email info@gradys.com.au stating that you wish to book on these dates, you should include a contact number and they will ring you back to confirm & take a deposit.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO THE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

Susan Bennett

Joanna Hill

Jan Twyman

David Bennett

Mike Bloomfield

Patrick Carmody

Phillip Hamilton

The Unknown



"Keep going, you're well clear of the bollard."

Until Next Time
STAY SAFE