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Presidents Message

Hello, I hope everyone is keeping well.

It has been a quiet month for outings/trips. Just the one Driver Awareness weekend. We will have to wait until next month for the trip report. David is not getting a good response from attendees with their take of the weekend, this includes me. Sorry David, will get onto it ASAP.

Another good Driver Awareness page this month. Thank You Iwan.

There is a page in this issue that a number of people have been waiting quite awhile for. A Serjeant at Arms Gold Shackle Award presentation. Page 14.

The club calendar is still looking empty into the new year, but I am sure that will be rectified after the Christmas/New Year period.

Thats it for me. I will see those who have registered for the Christmas Camp at Grady's Riverside Retreat.

SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB

GENERAL MEETING

Date: 11 November 2025

Venue: Crossroads Hotel

Meeting Open at 8pm

Attendees

Steve Bennett, Michael R Hamilton, Jo Quinn, David Cook, Daniel Sorrasson, Iwan Sujono, Dave Wellham, Craig Fitzpatrick, Nathan Blamire, Michael Carney, Nathan Wellham, Stephen Eakin, Susan Bennett, Daniel Pinnington.

Apologies

Alex Gatward, Kevin McCormack, Brett Hampson, Bill Twyman, Chris & Kelly Mifsud.

Minutes of previous meeting read

Accepted by Dave Cook.

Seconded by Craig Fitzpatrick.

President Report

Big thanks to Dave Wellham for the Abercrombie Weekend.

In response, both Dave Wellham and Michel R Hamilton gave a report on the weekend.

Treasurer Report

\$5901.77

Membership Secretary Report

71 members. 62 registered + 9 Lifers.

Association Report

The associations AGM is this weekend. Will see a change at the head of the table.

Still quite a lot of discussion regarding the Great Koala Park. Devastating the timber industry. Can have bad impact on local businesses with the potential for workers to leave the area. This will flow-on to effect money being generated in the local towns / regions.

Web Master Report

“In the last edition of the magazine”.

Driver Awareness Report

Three (3) trips planned for next year.

28-29 March in Turon area (with opportunity to stay in motel accommodation overnight).

30-31 May – Stockton Beach.

Third trip in July.

Trip Convenor Report & P/R Report

Two (2) Christmas parties on.

Weekend one at Grady's

Weekday on at Shark Island

Mention was made of the possibility of looking at holding an inter-club challenge involving a variety of activities (not all vehicle-based).

Spoke about encouraging people to trip lead.

We will be having a stand at the 4WD Show in October next year.

Sgt at Arms Report

Dave Wellham got the Golden Shackle award for a “Footwear malfunction”. See the explanation in eNews.

General Business

Update on the new shirts / jackets order placed.

The company that manufactured the dud signage on some of the 50th celebration gear have agreed to replace the items.

The December General Meeting will be held at the Christmas Party.

The January General Meeting will be held on Saturday 17th at Rosehill Bowlo and will feature Barefoot Bowls.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

Treasurers Report

Oct-25

Cash Book Balance Brought Forward	\$7,209.31
Plus Income	\$602.05
Less Expenditure	\$1,909.59
Closing Balance	<u><u>\$5,901.77</u></u>

<u>Income</u> -		
	Memberships	\$100.00
	Bank interest	\$0.05
	Merchandise	\$502.00

<u>Expenditure</u> -		
	Paypal fees	\$8.60
	Gift for Jo	\$211.90
	Website costs	\$495.64
	Banners	\$245.64
	50th weekend costs	\$947.81

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Account Balance as at 31/10/2025	ANZ	\$5,360.62
<u>Plus</u>		
	Funds held in Pay Pal as at 31/10/2025	\$246.40
	Cash on Hand	\$294.75
Available Funds as at 31/10/2025		<u><u>\$5,901.77</u></u>



Association News & Updates: November 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.

November Association newsletter report by ex-President

Craig didn't stand for election after 14 years in the role

Hi and welcome to my last Presidents report, which is one thing that I won't miss. It is hard to believe that it has been fourteen years since I started this journey, and what a trip it has been. I have always said the best part of the roll was the people I have met, and I still believe it from the members to industry and even some politicians and everyone else between.

The Association has come such a long way because of the amazing members and incredible committee, when I started, I felt like I was putting my life on the line when I attended any meeting as the members had real issues with the Association and rightly so and with the help of committee and open and transparent polices and a lot of hard work we slowly gained the trust of the membership. We have transformed the Association into a credible force that represents the four-wheel drive community at all levels. The membership has earned the respect of so many it is hard to remember all the gains we have made.

Unfortunately we cannot rest on our laurels and the fight for our rights still goes on, the latest is The Great Koala Park, a park being made for so many reasons and none of them being the Koala, if we don't stand up to this park we will see it being extended all the way to the border. The greens have already started to push for it and will not stop until the whole area is closed to everyone but a minority of selfish individuals who only cater for themselves. The threats are real, and we will need to work with others that we have never worked with to make any difference, if you follow our Facebook, you will see what steps we have taken to make this happen.

On a happier note, we have had a good outcome on Seat Removal and how that is viewed by Transport and the Police, in a real short description, leave the front seats alone, leave any safety belts alone and make sure anything you put in does not affect any passengers.

I will try and thank everyone on the day, but I don't like my chances as I am not eager to end this incredible journey that I have been on. This is an emotional time for me. I would prefer just to not turn up and disappear, but I don't think that is an option. So for now I would just like to make a special thanks to my family, Maggie, Jeff, Nathan and Kelly, this has had a huge impact on their lives with the amount of time it takes from them and even just the financial cost of doing this has been a little overwhelming especially in the beginning when the Association had no money. Their understanding and support have been amazing through the good and the bad, with the worst being threats against Maggie and myself, she never said "just walk away" we both knew that the Association was worth fighting for. I am happy to say that most of the time has been good and when Maggie realised the best way to see more of me was to get involved too, we have never looked back from that point. She has been a fantastic addition to the Association as I am sure everyone will agree. I will do my best to try and thank everyone at the AGM and the list is massive, but I think emotions might win out on the day.

Over all it has been an honour and a privilege to represent you all, you are the Association, not the Committee or the President and hopefully you will all be as proud as I am to be part of the 4WD NSW and ACT Association and its future endeavours, I am sure that with your ongoing support the new committee will reach even greater heights.

Craig Thomas
President

Association November Quarterly & AGM

\$149k in the bank

64 clubs - 3,199 members

New Committee

President: Lee Dunstan – Black Diamond Recreational 4WD Club Inc

Vice President Lands: John Barnsley – Blue Mountains Four Wheel Drive Club Inc

Secretary: Rollanda Rosenstraus – ERA Recreational Club Inc

Treasurer: Tony Ellery – Blue Mountains Four Wheel Drive Club Inc

Vice President Clubs: John Hurcum – Jackaroo Four Wheel Drive Club of Australia Inc

Executive: Anthony Timmins – Bungarribee 4WD Club Inc
Brian Bird – Camping with Families (CWF) 4WD Club Inc

Craig Thomas – ERA Recreational Club Inc

Don Lindsay – Macarthur District 4WD Club Inc

Craig gave a heartfelt “thank you to everyone” speech

Lee Dunstan - new President

Thanked all the outgoing Association committee members for their inputs over the last 12 months, handing out gifts & certificates to all.

Special presentation was made to outgoing President Craig Thomas.

National Parks updates Quarterly meeting

Craig & Lee spoke at length –

Koala Park - Coffs Harbour – Knock on affect of loss of Forestry workers, families, allied industries. All clubs are asked to support the committee in its meetings with Forestry & NPWS, they have a plan. The Timber Industry Unions are contributing in the cost of running meetings.

Shooters and Fishers Party Mark Banasiak has raised enquiry in Parliament about Public Land and putting pressure on the government in support of 4WD clubs

Talked at length about Crown Lands and Aboriginal Land Claim Rights

Gardens of Stone (POM) plan of management not going to plan

Dorriggo Skywalk - State Conservation Area - a new bigger walkway to be built

Encouraged clubs to use NPWS Facebook platform to ask questions about things of interest

Encouraged all clubs to participate in government petitions & submissions

Pushing NPWS to help introduce WAG bags & POO Powder for campers
Privatising of NPWS campground pushback – do not think it will be viable
Yawal Creek walking track heavily overgrown & impassable since closure to 4WD & motor bikes

There was a meeting in Coffs Harbour re “Great Koala Park”. It was a very emotional meeting - took a lot out of those that went. The association is open and listens to both sides of the story but also trying to “keep it real”. The Koala numbers that are being quoted by NP are estimates at best (when you dig deep down into the reports) and are actually outdated numbers. Further to this, these numbers were just after the last bush fires which understandably shows a decline. Since then the numbers have changed. Koalas, like kangaroos have been shown to naturally “boom and bust”. This meeting was born from the Adventure show when we (4WD NSW/ACT) were asked to hold meeting as a “neutral body” - because if industry held it, it could be seen to be “furthering their own cause”. Several key people were in attendance - Shooters Farmers and Fishers minister Mark Basniak, Gurmeh Singh - Deputy leader for National Party (State), Mayor of Coffs Harbour, Iron Man (from QLD), Camp Host from the local area (whose business will be severely affected), Woolgoolga 4x4, several representatives from the Timber industry ie a Union Representative/organiser, one from Timber industry itself, mill owners, Family members of Timber industry etc. In total there were 25-30 people in attendance which was a great representative cross section of the community. We will hold another and all present were keen to return with guests/others with vested interest. NP were not at the meeting (were aware of meeting and were not invited) - and only ASSOC clubs were invited to attend. A non-association club did ask (or try and demand) to attend but we are concerned about their motivation. This meeting was a bit “Controversial” because those in attendance didn’t want to be seen “picking a side” but after a short time warming up to each other, everyone realized they were there for a common cause.

•NSW Premier Chris Minns made the announcement (on Father’s Day)

that the Park will be FULL SIZE and from that date, there would be NO LOGGING for an initial 12 months period. As a result, it will mean that the whole town will be “decimated” overnight because no one will now be able to sell their houses etc. There was “consultation” or opinion sought from locals etc but then all were completely ignored and the statement was made regardless. It was stated that “only 300 jobs would be effected” ie the actual loggers in the area but many more were affected including family members, schools etc. 1250 people did not show up for work on Monday as a result of the statement.

Mayor of Coffs Harbour states that in 18 months time, the Coffs Harbour “bypass” will finish, as will construction for another local infrastructure project. When that finishes, and when this kicks in, there will be a LOT of people vacating the Coffs Harbour Region. She (Mayor) was pleased to see that so many people were there to support for the area.

Although we can be seen as being there to try and gain best access, we are also predominantly there to support sustainability and family and keeping the towns alive because we not only enjoy the local environment but also like to take advantage of ALL the town has to offer - (bakeries, shops, accommodation etc) and changes like this will have a devastating effect on locals

This “announcement” has been pushed as being good for Ecotourism, however the best in NSW is whale watching (which is in the Coffs Harbour region, but nothing goes up into the mountains).

All interested parties at the meeting on the weekend will form a closed FaceBook group and they will concentrate on the things that everyone has in common (and ignore the differences). This was the biggest NP user group get together ever in the country. There may not have been a LOT of people (in numbers) but they represented a wide cross section of user groups. They will share common information on their user pages.

The announcement of the park is said to create a major “carbon offset” - and this park will generate \$600 million initially as a result but as it ages, it will definitely reduce because as it matures it will start emitting carbon. NEW GROWTH is the best carbon “soaker” such as that which you get from seaweed and algae.

ACMC/AAAA/ Transport

Government are proposing to rewrite all ADRs (Australian Design Rules for vehicles).

Federal Government want to streamline vehicle changes laws. They want to standardise “normal changes” like 2” lift and 2” tyres (75mm overall as long as headlights don’t go over), and streamline across states. Likely to take the NSW standard and use this across the country. Looking to also try and help improve engineers certification so that one state can “verify” a home state engineers certificate which would make things a bit easier.

Transport - Removal of back seats - recent sub working group meeting (zoom meeting). All looks positive and looks like we will “get what we have been looking for”. Seats can be removed but you can’t touch safety belts and remaining passengers must have no interferences. (You can take seats out to put drawers in etc but you CANNOT touch the front seats.(You also can’t remove “rods or bars” in floors to do with rear seat clamping brackets)

4WD & Adventure Show – Eastern Creek – 12, 13, 14 September 2025

Big thanks to Brian Bird, and all CWF club members and all in attendance

and helpers at the show. It was a great show and great weather (aside from

the rain in the lead-up days). It all worked VERY smoothly - Attendance

numbers appear to have been up on Fri, Sat and Sunday. Exhibitors were

very pleased - many with some great show specials. The Association team of volunteers worked very hard and assisted in the running of the show. Members from our club that volunteered were Dave Cook, Deanna Blamire, Bill Twyman, Michael Hamilton and David Wellham. The 2026 show will be held at Eastern Creek on 11, 12, 13 September. Nominations will be open for club stands early next year.

Safety label now built-in to plate

Safety label number plates are now available for electric (EV), hybrid (EV), hydrogen (H) vehicles starting 1 September 2025. These plates include a built-in fuel identifier, offering a more durable alternative to adhesive safety labels. NSW is the first state in Australia to introduce a safety label plate, helping emergency services quickly identify an alternative fuel vehicle in a crash or fire. Unlike adhesive labels, the safety label is pressed into the plate like the numbers and letters, making it more durable.

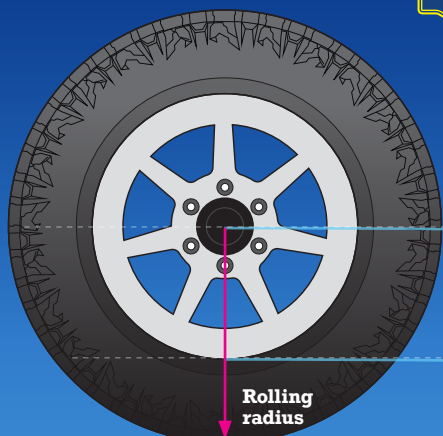


Example of Classic plates with built-in fuel identifier.

There is no requirement to change existing safety labels to a safety label plate. Both options meet compliance requirements under [Schedule 2 of the Road Transport \(Vehicle Registration\) Regulation 2017](#). If a label is damaged, missing or faded, it must be replaced or the plates changed to a safety label plate. Failing to display a safety label may result in a defect notice and/or a fine. Vehicle owners can order or remake General Issue and Regulatory safety label plates at a [Service NSW centre](#) for a fee.

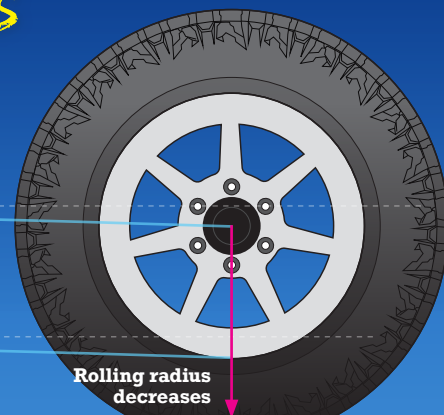
JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.....

Street Pressure



TYRE Pressures

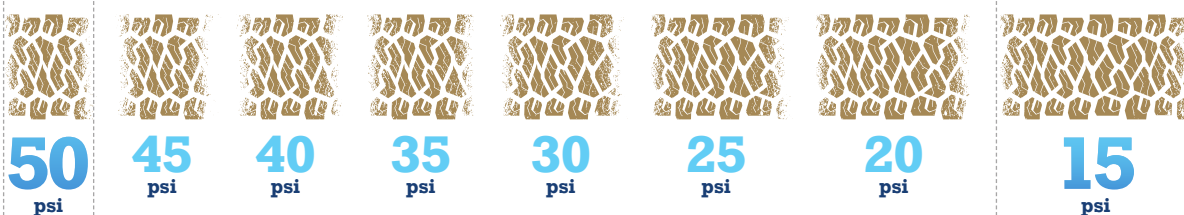
Sand Pressure



We all know to reduce our tyre pressure when driving off road.
But why do we do it?

Ground clearance is directly affected by sidewall height

Sidewall height can decrease by up to 25%



TREAD FOOTPRINT CAN INCREASE BY MORE THAN 200%

Reducing tyre pressure increases the footprint (contact patch) of the tyres.

When we reduce tyre pressure, we have more rubber in contact with the ground.

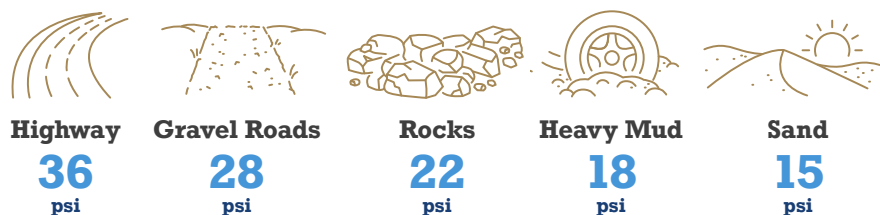
It is interesting to note that the contact patch increase is not linear. A reduction in pressure from 25psi to 15psi has a greater contact patch increase than a reduction from 45psi to 35psi does. This means that a reduction of even 2 or 3psi (such as from 20psi to 17psi) can make a significant increase in footprint.

Tyre pressures are lowered to reduce rolling resistance in soft conditions, and to reduce bounciness which leads to loss of traction. An increase in contact patch helps the tyre wrap around small obstacles such as stones, and provides more grip in low traction conditions.

Other advantages of lower tyre pressures when driving off road include:

1. Less damage caused to tracks
2. Reduced likelihood of tyre damage and punctures
3. Greater comfort for the driver and passengers

It's hard to make general tyre pressure recommendations, because there are so many variables, such as vehicle size, tyre type, track conditions etc, but here's a rough guide...



Don't Forget



- As seen in diagram above, reducing tyre pressure can also decrease ground clearance by the same sidewall height variation.
- When driving with very low tyre pressures, special care needs to be taken because of the greater chance of a tyre coming off a rim.
- To re-inflate your tyres when you get back on the blacktop. Otherwise your tyres will overheat.

And finally...

- Always remember to carry a tyre pressure gauge, and preferably a compressor too.

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Cooper Tires. "Tyre Pressure Guide." <https://coopertires.com.au/general-advice/tyre-pressure-guide>

2025 | Iwan Sujono for Subaru & Recreational 4WD Club Inc.

Webmaster Update November 2025.

Website Activity.

No real change since the October report other than we have two new visitor registrations, one from Western Australia and the other from Victoria.

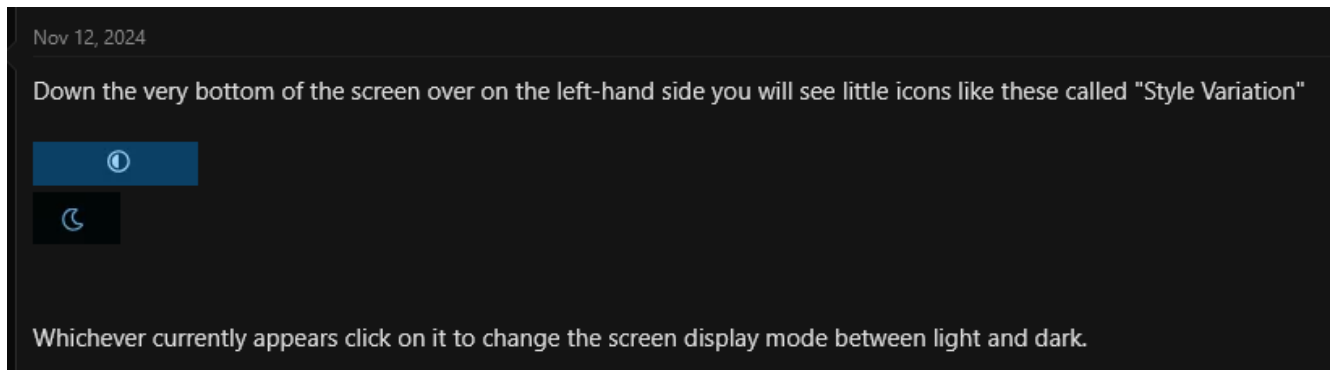
Currently there are 134 valid registrations on the website consisting of 74 individual Members, 29 registered Visitors and 33 past members.

Did you know?

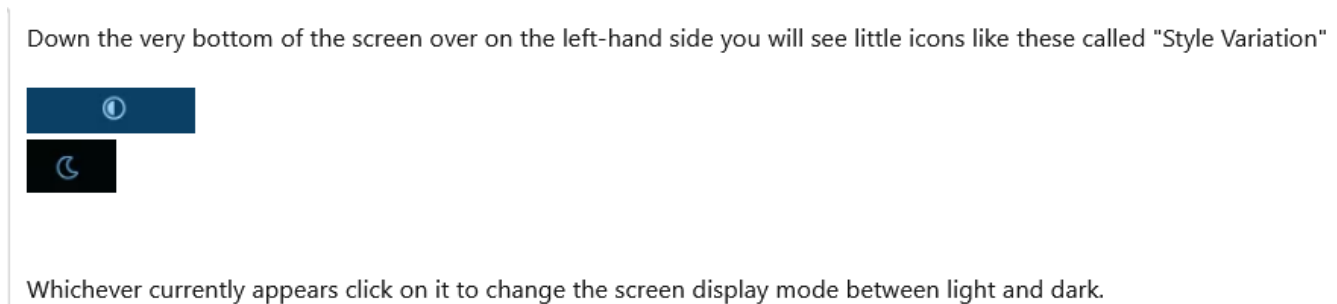
You can switch screen mode between light and dark?

See: <https://subaru4wdclub.com.au/threads/how-to-switch-between-screen-light-dark-options.70/>

Dark Mode:



Light Mode:



Website Feedback & Support.

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

On the personal front, my house in Baulkham Hills has been sold and I will be moving to Goulburn early December. As it's more convenient for house hunting I will be camping in my caravan in Goulburn most of the time until I find a new home.

Cheers

Kevin
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Campfire Recipe

BREAKFAST BURRITOS

The kind of brekky that makes everyone crawl out of the swag early. These [loaded breakfast burritos](#) are packed with eggs, bacon, and cheese — all wrapped up in a warm tortilla and grilled until golden. Perfect for fuelling up before a big day on the tracks.

Some combos just never get old—and bacon, egg, and cheese is one of 'em. This classic camping breakfast burrito delivers everything you need in one toasty, foil-wrapped feed. It's quick to make, easy to pack, and bloody satisfying whether you're cooking for the crew or just fuelling up solo. Wrap it up and toast it over the fire for that golden crunch and melted cheese goodness. No fancy ingredients, no stuffing around—just the kind of brekkie that actually hits the spot when you're waking up in the bush.

Ingredients

- 4 large flour tortillas
- 4 eggs
- 4 rashers of bacon (or 2–3 short-cut pieces), chopped
- ½ cup shredded tasty cheese
- ¼ cup milk (optional, for fluffier eggs)
- salt & pepper, to taste
- oil or butter for cooking
- foil, for wrapping

Instructions

1. **Cook the bacon:**
In a skillet over your campfire or gas stove, fry the bacon until crispy. Set aside on paper towel or a spare plate.
2. **Scramble the eggs:**
In the same pan (save that flavour), lower the heat. Whisk eggs with milk, salt and pepper, and cook until just set.
3. **Build your burritos:**
Lay out the tortillas. Layer each with scrambled eggs, bacon bits, and a generous sprinkle of cheese.
4. **Wrap & toast:**
Fold into burritos, wrap in foil, and place on a campfire grill or hotplate. Toast for 5–8 minutes, turning halfway, until the cheese is melted and the outside is golden.
5. **Serve hot:**
Eat straight from the foil or slice in half and share around with tomato sauce, relish, or a dab of chilli if you're game.



Golden Shackle Presentation – David Wellham

Ladies and gentlemen, it's time once again for that prestigious honour we all secretly hope **not** to receive — **The Golden Shackle Award**.

This month's worthy recipient is none other than our very own **David Wellham** — a man who always likes to start off on the **right** foot ... even if it happens to be on the **wrong** side.

Now, David led a terrific trip over the weekend. Everything ran smoothly, the tracks were perfect, the convoy was tight — it really got off on the **right foot**. Well, *almost*.

Because come Saturday lunchtime, it was discovered that David had spent the morning walking proudly around ... with his **shoes on the wrong feet**.

Now, some might say he was just trying to stay **one step ahead** — others reckon he just didn't want anyone **left** behind. Either way, he certainly made sure the group was on the **right track**, even if *he* wasn't.

Of course, those of us who know David know he's a big believer in the **left-foot braking** technique. But this weekend, he took things a **step** further. He somehow managed to tie himself in knots doing his left-foot braking with his **right** foot — and accelerating with his **left**. It's a miracle we didn't end up back where we started ... but when I think about it ... we did.

And just when we thought he'd finally straightened himself out, at dinner that night it was noticed that his shoes were **still reversed**. Clearly, David likes to keep us guessing whether he's going **forward** ... or just **reversing**.

In the end, the trip was a great success, spirits were high, and no one put a **foot wrong** — except, of course, for David, who put **two feet wrong**.

So, David, in recognition of your outstanding leadership, your commitment to innovation in **footwear alignment**, and your ongoing contributions to the art of left-foot everything, it gives me great pleasure to present you with this month's **Golden Shackle**.

May it remind you to always **look down** before **stepping up** — and to keep one foot in front of the other ... preferably the **right** one this time.





Trip Convener Report

Club Christmas Party	Grady's Riverside Retreat	6 th & 7 th December 2025
Club Mid-Week Wanderers Christmas Party		10 th December 2025
Barefoot Bowls	General Meeting (January)	17 th January 2026
Australia Day Picnic 2026		26 th January 2026
February General Meeting	Crossroads Hotel	19 th February 2026
Case Closed – Investigative Picnic	Bents Basin	25 th February 2026
March General Meeting	Rosehill Bowling Club	10 th March 2026
Abercrombie River NP	Camping at The Glenn	11 th & 12 th April 2026

Details for all trips and meetings can be found on the club web site. Bill Twyman



DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	Christmas 6 Party. Grady's Riverside Retreat
Christmas 7 Party. Grady's Riverside Retreat	8	9	10 Mid-Week Christmas Party Shark Island	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Barefoot Bowls General Meeting Rosehill Bowling Club
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Australia Day Picnic 2026 Bonnie Vale	27	28	29	30	31

FYI PAGE

Scotch Broom control at Barrington Tops

Barrington Tops National Park



Overview

If you enjoy the satisfaction of weeding and bush regeneration, join up for our battle with the formidable Scotch Broom. You'll spend up to 4 days volunteering and camping in Barrington Tops National Park.

Work

Bush regeneration, weed and pest management

When

Polblue:

- Thursday 6 November to Sunday 9 November 2025
- Thursday 19 February to Sunday 22 February 2026

Little Murray:

- Thursday 27 November to Sunday 30 November 2025
- Thursday 29 January to Sunday 1 February 2026

This activity runs for up to 4 days, and you can choose how many days you volunteer within that time frame.

Where

Barrington Tops National Park in North Coast, Country NSW

Accessibility

No wheelchair access

Grade

Medium. You'll be working with secateurs, saws or pole saws (if you're chainsaw-certified).

Please note

You'll camp for free each night near your work area. There are 2 volunteer locations

- Polblue: You can drive to this area in a 2WD vehicle along unsealed roads. You'll stay at Polblue campground and picnic area
- Little Murray: You'll need a 4WD to access this area along unsealed roads. You'll stay at Little Murray campground

Barrington Tops National Park needs your help in its war against Scotch broom. This Weed of National Significance is one of the major weed threats to the alpine and sub-alpine areas of Australia. It's highly invasive, spreads rapidly and can overpower whole ecosystems.

When you volunteer, you'll be based in areas heavily impacted by the 2019-20 bushfires and sub-alpine wetland environments. You'll be giving these habitats and the threatened species that rely on them a chance to recover. Some of the wildlife you'll help are [the broad-toothed rat](#) and [the Polblue eyebright](#).

You'll be doing something great for the environment, in the company of friendly, like-minded people. You'll also get a great education about Barrington Tops, while working alongside NPWS staff. You don't need any specific skills, just a willingness to get in and help. We'll give you all the training that you need.

Bring long-sleeved clothing and wet weather gear. We'll supply the PPE and tools needed for this work.

Find out more



Local alerts

For the latest updates on fires, closures and other alerts in this area, see <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/volunteer-activities/scotch-broom-control-barrington-tops/local-alerts>

Park info

📍 in [Barrington Tops National Park](#) in the [North Coast](#) and [Country NSW](#) regions

🕒 Barrington Tops National Park is always open but may have to close at times due to poor weather or fire danger.

Visitor info

All the practical information you need to know about Scotch Broom control at Barrington Tops.

Getting there and parking

Little Murray campground:

This is in the Barrington Tops precinct of Barrington Tops National Park.

All roads require a 4WD vehicle. Roads are unsealed and may become slippery in wet weather.

From Gloucester:

- Take Thunderbolts Way. This road becomes Scone Road and Barrington Tops Forest Road.
- Turn left into Barrington trail at Barrington trail picnic area located on the left after passing Devils Hole.
- Follow Barrington trail for around 5km to Little Murray campground.

From Scone:

- Take the Hunter Road from Scone
- Turn right on to Moonan Brook Road, then turn left on Barrington Tops Forest Road.
- Turn into Barrington trail, which is on the right 1km past Polblue.
- Follow Barrington trail for around 5km to Little Murray campground

Barrington trail is only open to vehicles from **October 1 to May 31**. At other times, this campground is only accessible by walking or cycling (5km one-way) when the 4WD access trails close. Temporary closures may occur during this period due to weather conditions. Check alerts for current closures.

Polblue campground and picnic area:

This is in the Polblue precinct of Barrington Tops National Park.

You can access this campground in a 2WD vehicle. Roads are unsealed.

From Gloucester:

- Take Thunderbolts Way. This road becomes Scone Road and Barrington Tops Forest Road.
- The campground is located on the left after passing Devils Hole

From Scone:

- Take the Hunter Road from Scone
- Turn right onto Moonan Brook Road, then turn left on Barrington Tops Forest Road.
- Polblue campground and picnic area is located 7km on the right after the Dingo Gate.

P Parking

Little Murray campground:

There's parking at the campground directly next to your campsite.

Poleblue campground and picnic area:

There is an informal parking area at Polblue campground and picnic area.

Maps and downloads

 **Scotch Broom control at Barrington Tops factsheet**

Accessibility

 **Disability access level – no wheelchair access**

Learn more

Scotch Broom control at Barrington Tops is in Barrington Tops National Park. Here are just some of the reasons why this park is special:

World Heritage-listed rainforests



The rainforests in Barrington Tops National Park are part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area; the most extensive strip of diverse rainforest anywhere on earth. The World Heritage Area is a direct window into the past and the future, providing a link to the ancient pre-human world and a stunning and irreplaceable record of life on our planet. You can explore the rainforest on one of the park's many walking tracks, like the Honeysuckle Forest track, the Rocky Crossing walk or the Antarctic Beech Forest track. Listen out for the lyrebird whose mimicking calls ring out through the rainforest.

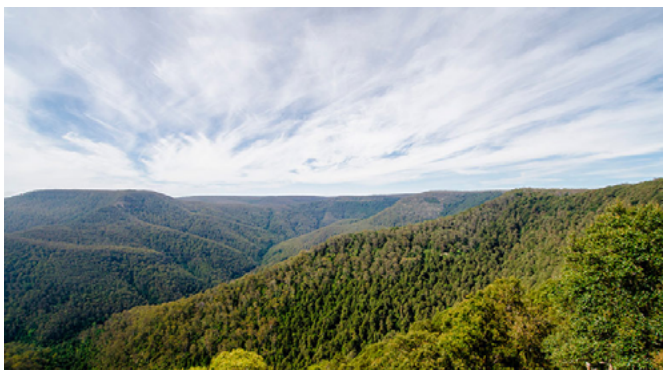
 **Antarctic Beech Forest walking track** Antarctic Beech Forest walking track offers rainforest, cascades, scenic views, and birdwatching in Barrington Tops National Park, near Gloucester.

 **Barrington Tops guided full-day hike** Join Endless Adventure Travel on a full-day guided hike in Barrington Tops National Park. You'll walk 17km through lush ancient rainforest with stunning cascade waterfalls.

 **Careys Peak walking track** Easy Careys Peak walking track offers picnicking, scenic views, birdwatching, and historic heritage in the sub-alpine region of Barrington National Park, near Scone.

 **Cobark Park picnic area** Take a break at Cobark Park picnic area to plan your adventures in the plateau region of Barrington Tops National Park—1 hour from Gloucester.

An ancient landscape



Barrington Tops National Park and the adjoining State Conservation Area are the traditional lands of Biripi, Worimi, Guringai, Geawegal and Wonaruah People. The rainforests of Barrington Tops offered a wealth of resources for Aboriginal people, including many edible fruits, like the native cherry, lilly pilly and figs. Today, the history of Aboriginal people in Barrington Tops is recorded in oral history and in the presence of Aboriginal sites. Barrington Tops National Park protects ancient campsites, scarred trees and sacred ceremonial places.

A dramatic wilderness



Most of Barrington Tops National Park is declared wilderness; large, natural areas of land that, together with their native plants and animal communities, remain essentially unchanged by modern human activity. Wilderness areas in NSW represent the largest, most pristine natural areas within NSW – the last of Australia's wild and untamed places. The edges of the wilderness area of Barrington Tops are easily accessible; some of the most spectacular views in the park are from Careys Peak and Devils Hole and Thunderbolts lookouts. You'll notice the varied textures of the forest below you, with the ranges of the Barrington Wilderness running east and south from the plateau like the fingers of an outstretched hand.

 **Barrington trail** Take the challenge of the Barrington trail, a 4WD trail in Barrington Tops National Park. Open between October and May every year, plan your 4WD camping holiday now.

 **Gloucester Tops circuit** Walk through snow gum woodland and ancient rainforest to lookouts and waterfalls, along the Gloucester Tops circuit. This 8km loop combines 3 popular and scenic walks in Barrington Tops National Park.

 **Majestic Barrington mountain bike tours** Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cycle through Barrington Tops National Park and beyond on this supported mountain bike tour with Aussie Bike or Hike, near Gloucester.

**Rocky Crossing walk**

Rocky Crossing walk along Williams River offers scenic rainforest views, wildlife and birdwatching on a long easy track in Barrington Tops National Park, near Dungog.

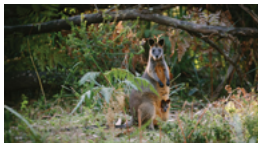
Plants and animals protected in this park

Animals



Superb lyrebird (*Menura novaehollandiae*)

With a complex mimicking call and an elaborate courtship dance to match, the superb lyrebird is one of the most spectacular Australian animals. A bird watching must-see, the superb lyrebird can be found in rainforests and wet woodlands across eastern NSW and Victoria.



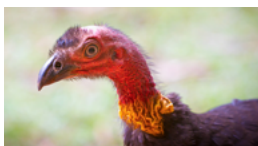
Swamp wallaby (*Wallabia bicolor*)

The swamp wallaby, also known as the black wallaby or black pademelon, lives in the dense understorey of rainforests, woodlands and dry sclerophyll forest along eastern Australia. This unique Australian macropod has a dark black-grey coat with a distinctive light-coloured cheek stripe.



Bare-nosed wombat (*Vombatus ursinus*)

A large, squat marsupial, the Australian bare-nosed wombat is a burrowing mammal found in coastal forests and mountain ranges across NSW and Victoria. The only other remaining species of wombat in NSW, the endangered southern hairy-nosed wombat, was considered extinct until relatively recently.



Australian brush turkey (*Alectura lathami*)

The Australian brush turkey, also known as bush or scrub turkey, can be found in rainforests along eastern NSW. With a striking red head, blue-black plumage and booming call, these distinctive Australian birds are easy to spot while bird watching in several NSW national parks.



Common ringtail possum (*Pseudocheirus peregrinus*)

Commonly found in forests, woodlands and leafy gardens across eastern NSW, the Australian ringtail possum is a tree-dwelling marsupial. With a powerful tail perfectly adapted to grasp objects, it forages in trees for eucalypt leaves, flowers and fruit.



Rufous scrub-bird (*Atrichornis rufescens*)

The vulnerable rufous scrub-bird is a small, ground-foraging bird that lives only in isolated rainforest areas of south-eastern Australia.

Environments in this park



Rainforest environments



Eucalypt forest environments

NPWS Barrington Tops weed control

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/volunteer-activities/scotch-broom-control-barrington-tops?p=1&pdfprint=true>



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TO THOSE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

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Christopher Mifsud

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Until Next Time
STAY SAFE