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Cover Image: From Stephen B's dash cam. It shows part of the down hill run of Little Bald Hill, and you can see the uphill track of Bald Hill in the distance

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Presidents Message

Well another year has gone. I hope this year brings more activities such as day events, weekend trips, extended trips and social events. I would like to encourage all members to be more active within the club in 2026.

The next General Meeting is on the 10th February at the Crossroads Hotel. It would be great to see some of the newer members come along and get to know other members and get involved in the running of the club.

The Committee is currently looking at and modifying the club constitution to bring it in line with legislation. When ready, it will be presented to the members for discussion and feed back. After alterations (if any) it will be put to the members for approval and then voted in/out.

The Committee and I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Stephen B

SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

Treasurers Report

Dec-25

CashBook Balance Brought Forward	\$5,897.08
Plus Income	\$0.41
Less Expenditure	\$0.00
Closing Balance	<u>\$5,897.49</u>

<u>Income</u> -	ANZ Refund	\$0.36
	Bank interest	\$0.05
<u>Expenditure</u> -	Paypal fees	\$0.00
	Merchandise	\$0.00

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Account Balance as at 31/12/2025	ANZ	\$5,296.07
<u>Plus</u>	Funds held in Pay Pal as at 31/12/2025	\$306.67
	Cash on Hand	\$294.75
Available Funds as at 31/12/2025		<u>\$5,897.49</u>

Webmaster Update January 2026.

Website Activity.

Currently there are 146 valid registrations on the website consisting of 75 individual Members, 38 registered Visitors and 33 past members.

New registrations on the website during calendar year 2025 totalled 73. Members 36 and Visitors 37.

There has been little change since the end of last year but there is a rather large refresh of the Event Manager coming soon so once I'm sure it's stable it will be installed. More details to come.

This month I'm working on the Club Shop PayPal payment issue and reviewing then reporting to the Committee on the recent website questionnaire results.

Did you know?

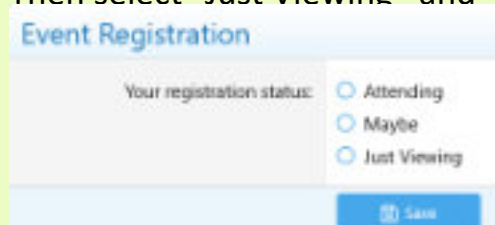
If you are not attending an event/trip you can still view the registered attendees? Sure, you can via the "Just Viewing" registration option. Just select "Events" from the website header menu then select an event in which you have an interest.



In the Event itself click on:

Would you like to participate?
Register now!

Then select "Just Viewing" and "Save":

A screenshot of the 'Event Registration' form. It has a light blue header with the title 'Event Registration'. Below the title, there is a section 'Your registration status:' with three radio button options: 'Attending', 'Maybe', and 'Just Viewing'. The 'Just Viewing' option is selected. At the bottom right of the form is a blue button with a white floppy disk icon and the text 'Save'.

Now you will be able to see the attendees without committing to the Event itself.

Also, a reminder to not use "Maybe" unless you are genuinely interested in attending a trip.

The "Maybe" option has a function associated with it in that a member can express interest in a trip and will be kept up to date with information for that trip when distributed via the Event system.

Keep In mind though that a "Maybe" is considered as not attending a trip and you may miss out on information sent directly from the Trip Leader.

Website Feedback & Support.

Feedback is welcome and assistance is readily available by contacting me:

webmaster@subaru4wdclub.com.au

Cheers

Kevin

Trip Convenor Report

Australia Day Picnic 2026	26 th January
February General Meeting Crossroads Hotel	10 th February
Case Closed – Investigative Picnic Bents Basin	25 th February
March General Meeting Rosehill Bowling Club	10 th March
Easter in the Oxley Wild Rivers Area	3rd to 6th April
Abercrombie River NP Camping at The Glenn	11 th & 12 th April
May be Broke Camp at McNamarra Park Broke	22nd to 24th May
OktoberFest 2026 Olinda	2nd to 6th October

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26 Australia Day Picnic 2026 Bonnie Vale	27	28	29	30	31	

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	General Meeting Crossroads Hotel	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	Case Closed Investigative Picnic	26	27	28

MARCH

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	General Meeting Rosehill Bowling Club	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Bare Foot Bowls Club Meeting

Date of Trip: 17/1/2026

Trip Leader : Stephen Bennett

Trip Participants: Stephen & Susan, Cookie, Jan & Bill Twyman, Karolyn & Mark, Brett, Alex, Hillary, Stephen P, Michael H, Michael C, Kath, Andrew, John & Jean,

Apologise: Ron Brown, Craig Fitzpatrick, Nathan Wellham.

Trip report: Part A Bill Twyman Part B Michael R Hamilton

I write this trip report as a "non bowling participant" at our recent Bare Foot Bowls afternoon at the Rosehill Bowling Club. A majority of us arrived around 3:45pm to find out that the club was temporarily closed due to there being a holdup/ robbery earlier in the morning. Standing in the rain in the carpark we decided to head (across the road) to the Camelia Hotel for some pre bowling drinks, about 4:55 our President Stephen contracted the Bowling Club to ask if they were ready for us to kick off.

The avid bowlers were all setup on their green where we could hear some cheering & cheating going on. So, as us non bowlers sat under the awning sipping margaritas, sampling some of the kitchen's fine snacks and having a good old chin wag, we waited for the bowlers to finish.

The rain soon come back and the bowlers decided to call it a day and retire to the bar and order some dinner.

The 17 of us had a very quick general meeting and enjoyed a lovely meal, fine wines and plenty of conversations. By around 8:30pm we'd all had enough and headed for home to beat the next downpour of rain.



John doing a good job holding the post up



Steve contemplating his next shot

Arriving at Rosehill Bowling Club at around 3:30pm, I was greeted by Dave Cook who, having arrived first, was also the first to learn that the Club had been robbed. In the early hours of the morning, a group of brazen thieves had broken in and made off with an undisclosed amount of cash. NSW Police Forensics were already on scene, which meant the premises were locked down and bowling was, temporarily at least, off the table.

Phones were immediately deployed. I rang our President, who calmly reassured the steadily growing crowd of hopeful bowlers assembling in the car park that the Club would, despite everything, be opening at 5:00pm. As rain continued to fall and morale wavered, we collectively noticed the Camellia Hotel across the road and made the only sensible, adult decision available: to wait it out there, in comfort.

At 5:00pm sharp we crossed back over the road, divided into four teams (five if you count the slackers who unbelievably didn't bowl), and finally got underway.

In one match, the Blue Team (Andrew, Steve P and myself) faced off against the Yellow Team (Susan, Alex and Alex's mum, Hillary). What followed was less a game of bowls and more an emotional rollercoaster played out on damp, unforgiving grass. There were gasps, groans, unsolicited advice, and a truly outrageous shot from Susan that annihilated the Jack and very nearly shattered Blue Team morale. When the final bowl was delivered and history was quietly rewritten, the mighty Blue Team clung heroically to a narrow victory.

In the neighbouring game, the Red Team (Big Mick, Dave C and Stephen B) squared off against the Green Team (Mark and Karolyn Honor, and Brett). Reports from that end of the green suggested scenes of unrestrained joy, questionable tactics, and laughter loud enough to carry across suburbs. Bowls were sent, hopes were raised, and reputations challenged. When order was eventually restored and the score confirmed, the Green Team stood victorious, leaving the Red Team to reflect quietly, and at some length, on what might have been.

With bowls concluded, we regrouped with the slackers and headed inside for dinner, satisfied that despite robbery, rain and general chaos, the evening had somehow been a miraculous success.

Michael

Sporting Correspondent



Michael sending down a BUMPER



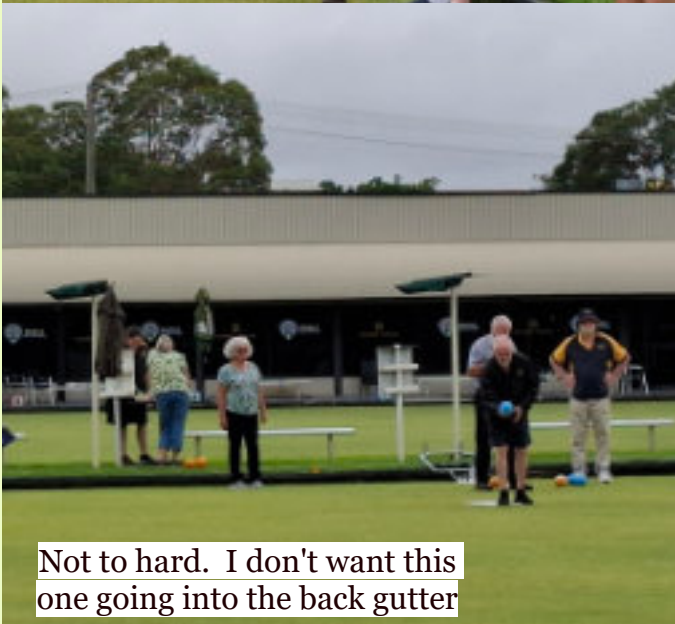
Now that's a winning bowl



Whats our next plan of attack



It's all in the arm swing



Not to hard. I don't want this one going into the back gutter



My power shot



Now this one's a winner



Pack up before the rain hits

Campfire Recipe

Korean Beef Lettuce Wraps



After a long day bouncing along the tracks, everyone's hungry and no one wants to wash a mountain of dishes. That's where Korean Beef Lettuce Wraps shine. Spicy, saucy beef, crunchy veg, and crisp lettuce leaves you can eat straight out of your hand — no plates, no fuss, just big flavour around the camp table.

This one's a ripper for easy camping dinners or a laid-back lunch when you want something fresh but still filling.

INGREDIENTS YOU'LL NEED

Minced beef	Ginger
Sesame oil	Soy sauce
Garlic	Gochujang (Korean chilli paste)
Onion	Brown sugar or honey
Rice vinegar	Cucumber
Butter lettuce (or cos leaves)	Carrot
Kimchi	Green onions

How to Cook Korean Beef Lettuce Wraps

Step 1: Cook the beef

Heat a skillet over medium-high heat with a splash of sesame oil. Add the ground beef, break it up, and cook until nicely browned.



Step 2: Build the flavour

Stir in the garlic, onion, and ginger. Cook until the onion softens and everything smells unreal.



Step 3: Sauce it up

Add soy sauce, gochujang, brown sugar or honey, and rice vinegar. Stir well and let it bubble for a few minutes until sticky and glossy. Sprinkle in sesame seeds and pull it off the heat.



Step 4: Assemble and serve

Spoon the beef into crisp lettuce leaves, top with kimchi, cucumber, carrot, and green onion. Eat straight away while it's hot.



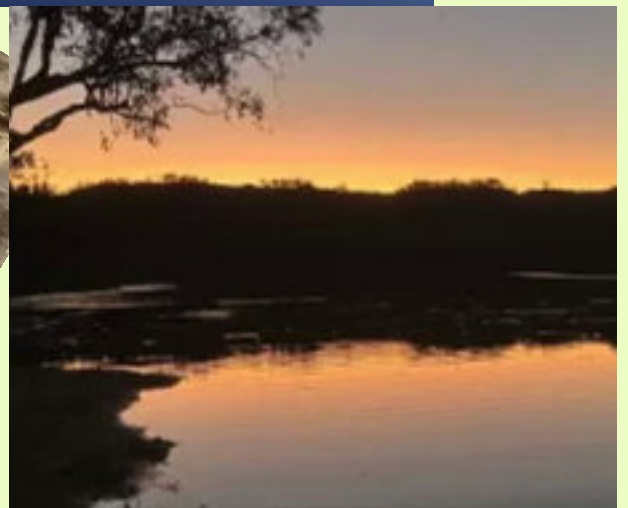
Pro Tips for the Perfect Korean Ground Beef Lettuce Wraps

- Pre-mix the sauce at home and keep it in a sealed jar in the esky. Leftover beef keeps well chilled for the next day.
- Swap beef for chicken, pork, or plant-based mince. Add sliced capsicum or bean sprouts for extra crunch.
- No skillet? Use a BBQ hotplate or even a camp oven lid flipped upside down.

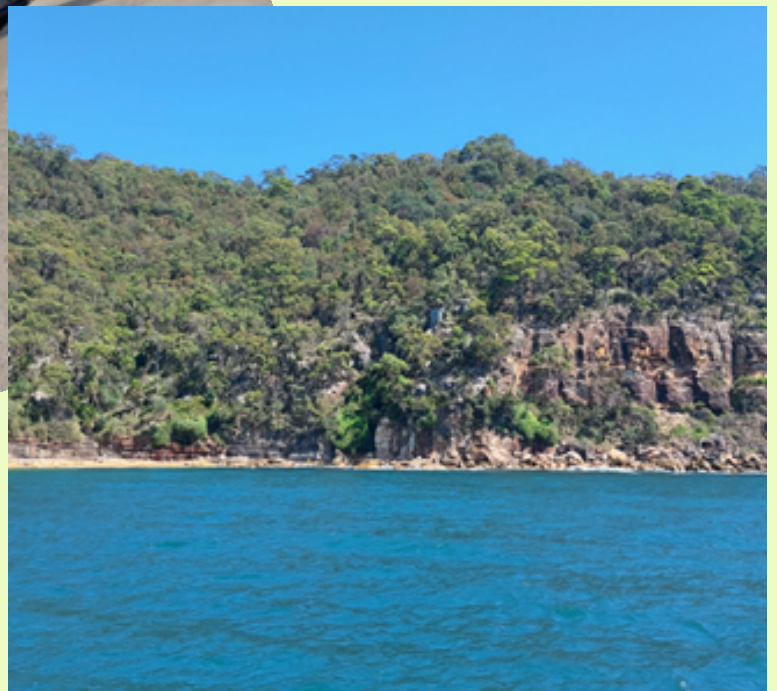
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A pictorial look back at 2025









Driver Awareness in late March 2025 – Oberon and Kanangra-Boyd National Park and a surprise location on Sunday.









Happy Birthday

To Those Celebrating Their Birthdays In January

Karolyn Honor

Leanne Minny

The Unknown



Until Next Time

STAY SAFE