

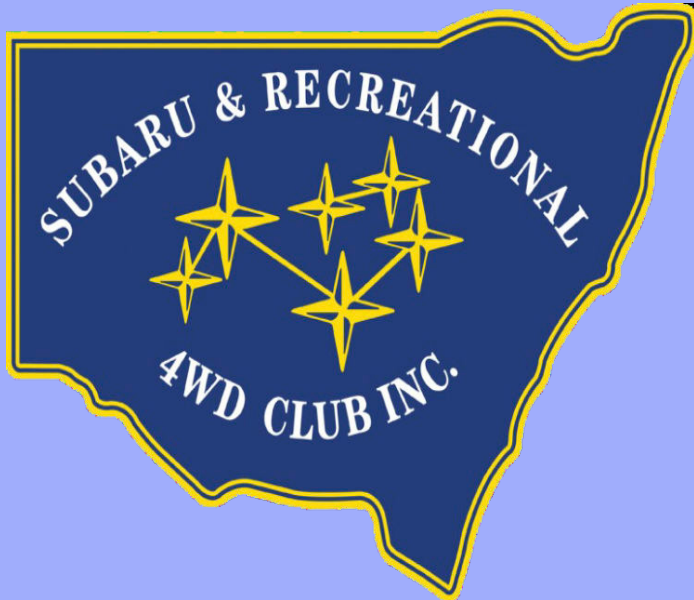


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Presidents Message

Hello everyone,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to two new members. Pablo Morales and Jack Joyce. I am sure all members will make them feel welcome when they first meet at a General Meeting or on a club trip.

The Club Calendar is looking bare at this stage, with just the Driver Awareness day/weekend trip, which I hope the newer members have taken the opportunity to join in and get out and see a part of what the club is about.

Page 11 has another good Driver Awareness page this month. Thank You Iwan and Michael.

The next General Meeting is on the 10th March at Rosehill Bowling Club, Corner James Ruse Drive & Hassall Street, Rosehill. Car park access via Tramway Street off James Ruse Drive. It would be good to see some of the newer members come along and get to know other members and get involved in the running of the club.

Stephen B

**SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB
GENERAL MEETING**

Date: 10th February 2026

Venue: Crossroads Hotel

Meeting Open at 7.30pm

Attendees: Steve Pinnington, Jo Quinn, Nathan & Deanne Blamire, John Hocking, Susan & Stephen Bennett, Dave Cook, Daniel Sorrasson, Jeff Cairns , Michael Carney, Stephen Eakin, Michael Hamilton, Danny Pinnington.

Apologies: Kevin McCormack, Bill Twyman, Alex Gatward, Ray & Cheryl Bonello, Iwan Sujono, Craig Fitzpatrick, Dave Wellham, Chris & Kelly Mifsud.

Minutes of previous meeting read

Accepted by Jo Quinn

Seconded by Dave Cook

President Report

Need more trips

Discussed possible ways to attract more members to the meetings. Possibly guest speakers or some form of entertainment.

Vice President Report

Briefly mentioned the discussion regarding possible changes to the website.

Mention was made of having a more “traditional” front page with tabs to various parts of the site.

Members were generally against having credit card payments as a payment option due to privacy concerns

Made mention of some members looking at other clubs’ websites.

Treasurers Report

\$5713.79

Membership Secretary Report

Two (2) new members. Sixty four (64) members + nine (9) lifers = 73.

This total number differs slightly from the webmasters total of 76.

WebMaster Report

Currently there are 148 valid registrations on the website consisting of 76 individual Members, 39 registered Visitors and 33 past members.

The Club Shop PayPal payments are working again and during that research I have been “checking out” other checkout / payment options for the club shop and membership but nothing tested or recommended yet. If possible, I want to add credit card payment options as well as having PayPal and EFT.

I changed the default Event image to our club logo.

I fixed a couple of parameters in Events and advised the creators accordingly.

Going forward I will still be working on recent website questionnaire results and solutions. This has turned out to be a huge job involving many hours already.

There is a large refresh of the Event manager in version 2.3.9 with an install of the upgrade happening very soon. A slight delay has occurred as it appears a patch version 2.3.9.1 is already in the works.

There is also a huge new release of the Xenforo platform in version 2.3.9 which I am also monitoring and when appropriate I will install it over at offroadsubarus.com before installing on the club website.

I have posted details of the above releases on the website:

<https://subaru4wdclub.com.au/threads/events-manager-upgrades.73/#post-712> <https://subaru4wdclub.com.au/threads/xenforo-upgrade-record.43/#post-699>

The president to approach the webmaster to remove the 50th anniversary schnapps orders from the website.

Driver Awareness Report

Two (2) big driver awareness trips coming up.

First is in the Lithgow area on 28-29 March

Second one is to Stockton Beach at the end of May

Initially spots on these trips will be for new members, with additional spots up-for-grabs for older members if places permit

Trip Convener Report

As mentioned earlier – more trips needed

A few trips coming up.

Driver Awareness added.

Possible extended trip. Details later

Equipment & Merchandising Report

Subaru Australia to be approached with the possibility of getting a new gazebo from them.

General Business

Members present were asked to submit trips that they would like to see being run.

There was a lot of input with a variety of possible destinations for both Saturday, Sunday and Weekday trip.

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm. Next meeting is 10th March at Rosehill Bowlo.

SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

Treasurers Report

Jan-26

Cash Book Balance Brought Forward	\$5,897.49
Plus Income	\$121.01
Less Expenditure	\$304.71
Closing Balance	<u><u>\$5,713.79</u></u>

<u>Income</u> -		
	Memberships	\$100.00
	Classic Rego	\$20.00
	Website testing	\$1.00
	Bank interest	0.01

<u>Expenditure</u> -	Paypal fees	\$4.71
	Hall hire fee 50th	\$300.00

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Account Balance as at 31/1/2026	ANZ	\$4,996.08
<u>Plus</u>		
	Funds held in Pay Pal as at 31/1/2026	\$422.96
	Cash on Hand	\$294.75
Available Funds as at 31/1/2026		<u><u>\$5,713.79</u></u>

Webmaster Update February 2026.

Website Activity.

Currently there are 151 valid registrations on the website consisting of 77 individual Members, 41 registered Visitors and 33 past members.

We've had 9 new registrations on the website since January 1st with one of those becoming a club member.

I have delayed the installation of the large refresh of the Event Manager as there is a patch version on the way so I'll wait for that to be available first.

There is also a huge new release of the Xenforo platform in version 2.3.9 which I will install soon.

Due to privacy concerns the Trip Leader / Organizer registered name will no longer appear on the website Events unless you are logged on:

The old view when not logged on:

The new view when not logged on:

This screenshot shows the 'Event information' section for 'THE OUTBACK' event. It features a collage of four images: a 'DO NOT CROSS - CRIME SCENE' sign, a map, a river scene, and a park area. Below the images, the event title 'THE OUTBACK' is displayed with a star rating. The organizer's name, 'Jo Quinn', is visible next to the event title. The 'Added by' field shows 'JoQuinn'. The 'Views' count is 364, and the 'Last update' date is Nov 9, 2025.

This screenshot shows the updated 'Event information' section for 'THE OUTBACK' event. It features the same collage of four images as the old view. Below the images, the event title 'THE OUTBACK' is displayed with a star rating. The 'Views' count is 358, and the 'Last update' date is Nov 9, 2025. The 'Upcoming events' section is visible at the bottom.

Did you know?

That you can ask questions about an Event? Easy-peasy!

Click/Tap on the Event itself and the header of the event will contain:

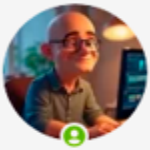
This screenshot shows the header for the 'OKTOBERFEST 2026 at OLINDA' event. The breadcrumb trail is 'Events > Day / Weekend Trips >'. The event title 'OKTOBERFEST 2026 at OLINDA' is prominently displayed, with an 'Active' status badge. Below the title, there are two tabs: 'Event overview' (selected) and 'Discussion'. The event icon shows a glass of beer and the text 'OKTOBERFEST'.

Select "Discussion and it will take you to the discussion thread where you can ask questions, make comments etc:

Events > Forums > Trips and Events > **Upcoming Trips** >

 **OKTOBERFEST 2026 at OLINDA**
Kevin · Dec 23, 2025

Event overview Discussion


Kevin
Webmaster
Messages: 364
Vehicle Model: Subaru Forester

Dec 23, 2025

This thread is for the general discussion of the **OKTOBERFEST 2026 at OLINDA**. Please add to the discussion here.

Fun and games with a pretzel twist

☐ Report Edit Delete Change date

Website Feedback & Support.

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

Cheers

Kevin

Trip Convener Report

March General Meeting	Rosehill Bowling Club	10 th March 2026
Driver Awareness Day & Weekend Trip – Turon River N/P		28-29 March 2026
Easter in the Oxley Wild Rivers Area		3-6 April 2026
Club General Meeting Venue TBA		14 April 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 website. Bill Twyman

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 General Meeting Rosehill Bowling Club	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Driver Awareness Turon River N/P
29 Driver Awareness Turon River N/P	30	31				

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Oxley Wild River	4
5 Oxley Wild River	6	7	8	9	10	11 Camping At The Glenn
12 Camping At The Glenn	13	14 General Meeting Venue TBA	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



remember TO BRING...

When you come along with us on an event,
whether it be a day trip or a weekend away,
**there are certain items
that you should have with you.**



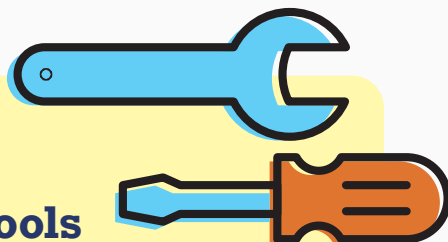
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Vehicle Owner's Manual

2

Basic Tools

(suitable for your vehicle)



Recovery Gear

- Gloves
- Long handled shovel
- Kinetic strap or rope
- Bow shackles to fit your recovery points
- Recovery boards

3



*If you are a new member,
don't worry about buying
new gear before your first trip.
Our Driver Awareness Team will help you
decide what you need, based on your vehicle.*

4

Safety & Survival

- Fire extinguisher
- First aid kit
- Warm clothing/wet weather gear
- Water/food
- Sunscreen/insect repellent



5

Tyre Inflation Gear

- Spare wheel and tyre
- Tyre deflator
- Compressor to re-inflate your tyres
- Jack and base plate

*Remember that your original
jack may not be suitable if your
suspension has been modified.*



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UHF Radio

This can be hand held or fitted permanently in your vehicle. If you are a new member, it may be possible to borrow a hand held radio on your first trip.



*On an extended trip, you will
need to bring additional spare
parts and supplies. This will be
the subject of a future article.*



Straya Day – A Dinkum Bogan Trip Report

Bonnie Vale, Royal National Park

Attendees: Jo, Chris, Kelly, Nathan, Cherie, Lenita, Deanne, Olly, Cath, Tom, Julie, Paul, Taylor, Brett, Fiona, Geoff, Nathan W, Craig

**Straya Day – here's our john dory,
A yarn, a tale, a real true story
Down to Bundeena, up at sparrows fart
Whacked up our banner to set us apart
Park entry fee a coupla bob
Plenty of room for all our mob
Our Aussie flag high up on a pole
No debate on what we supposedly stole**

**A wave to a bloke & the odd "G'Day mate"
A top spot we really did rate
We showed our pride, real true blue
Plenty of time for a stubby or maybe a few
The trip instructions everyone read
A table load of grub, a really good spread
The Bunnings snag with a lash of dead horse,
Jatz, lammo's & Tim Tams of course!**

**We had a Captain Cook, worried about a Noah,
All seemed ok, was a bit of a go-er
But no swimming on our pat Malone,
Mates around just in case with the dog & bone
Luckily not a budgy smuggler to be found,
Reckon even the cockies would've gone to ground!**

**We were all flat out like a lizard drinking
The sun shining, but not as hot or stinking
Heaps 'o room you could've swung a cat,
Others out in the sun swinging a bat
But was a tad of a hike from our marquee,
For those who needed the dunny wanting to pee**

**Love our land under the Southern Cross,
Lets yarn about Pauline being our boss....
"Time to hit the frog & toad?" – yeah, nah....
Calm your farm it's not that far!
We chucked the eskies in the back of the ute,
A cracker of a day – a real beaut!!**

Photos can be viewed on Facebook Page

BACON, EGG, & SPINACH DAMPER



If you love a big brekkie but hate the hassle of cooking everything separately, this Bacon, Egg, and Spinach Damper is your answer! Packed with crispy bacon, fresh spinach, and eggs baked right into the dough, it's a campfire-friendly meal that's fluffy, golden, and packed with protein. This camp oven damper is perfect for mornings in the bush, where you need a hearty, one-pan meal to keep you fueled for the day ahead. Serve it warm with butter or a drizzle of tomato relish, and you've got yourself a true camping classic!

Let's fire up the coals and get baking!

How to Make Bacon, Egg, and Spinach Damper Step 1: Mix the Ingredients

In a large bowl, combine self-raising flour, salt, cooked bacon pieces, and chopped spinach. Stir to evenly distribute the ingredients.

Step 2: Add the Water & Form the Dough

Crack two eggs into a small bowl, lightly beat them, then add them to the dry mix along with the water. Stir until a soft dough forms. If it's too sticky, add a little extra flour.

Step 3: Shape & Top the Damper

Lightly flour your hands, shape the dough into a round loaf, and place it into a greased camp oven.



Step 4: Crack the Eggs on Top

Carefully crack two whole eggs into the indents on the dough. Sprinkle with a little extra and spinach for a delicious, golden-baked finish.

Step 5: Bake Over Hot Coals

Cover the camp oven with the lid, place it over hot coals, and pile a few extra coals on top. Bake for 25–30 minutes, rotating occasionally, until the damper is golden brown, firm to touch, and the eggs are cooked.



Step 6: Cool & Serve

Remove from the oven, let it cool slightly, then slice and serve warm with butter, tomato relish, or a drizzle of hollandaise sauce.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To Those Celebrating Their Birthdays In February

Alex Gatward

Sandi Strickland

Michael Dunstan

Craig Fitzpatrick

Danny Pinnington

The Unknown

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PAGES



Community Event: Worimi Conservation Lands Clean Up Day

7 March 2026

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Worimi Conservation Lands Clean Up Day 7 March 2026

March 7 @ 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

You're invited

Worimi Conservation Lands Clean Up Day 2026

Come along & enjoy a fun day out, while helping to keep one of Australia's most popular beaches beautiful!

Registration is from 9am at the Worimi Conservation Lands 4WD beach access at Lavis Lane.

You must register on the day, which will entitle you to a free sausage sizzle and the chance to win some great prizes.

Gloves and bags will be provided.

Please advise if you don't have a 4WD as transport can be arranged.

Date: Saturday 7 March 2025

Time: 9:00am—1:00pm

Location: Lavis Lane 4WD Carpark, Williamtown

For further information please contact the Anna Bay NPWS office on 4984 8200

RSVP by Sunday 22 February to:
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Upcoming Events

[Clean Up Tomaree NP, Fishermans Bay Area](#)
March 1 @ 8:00 am - 10:30 am

[Successful Community Building](#)
March 3 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[Worimi Conservation Lands Clean Up Day 7 March 2026](#)
March 7 @ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

[WALK: Murrays Beach area](#)
March 8 @ 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

[WALK: Tomaree NP Coastal Walk: One Mile to Anna Bay](#)
March 11 @ 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

[Simplify, Reuse and Reset at Home](#)
March 17 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[Valerie Taylor – An Underwater Life Exhibition](#)
March 18 @ 9:00 am - April 17 @ 3:00 pm

[WALK: March in March for Forests](#)
March 22 @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

[WALK: Ettalong area, Barrenjoey Lighthouse & Box Head \(2 days\)](#)
March 24 @ 8:00 am - March 25 @ 5:00 pm

[WALK: Cooranbong](#)
April 1 @ 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

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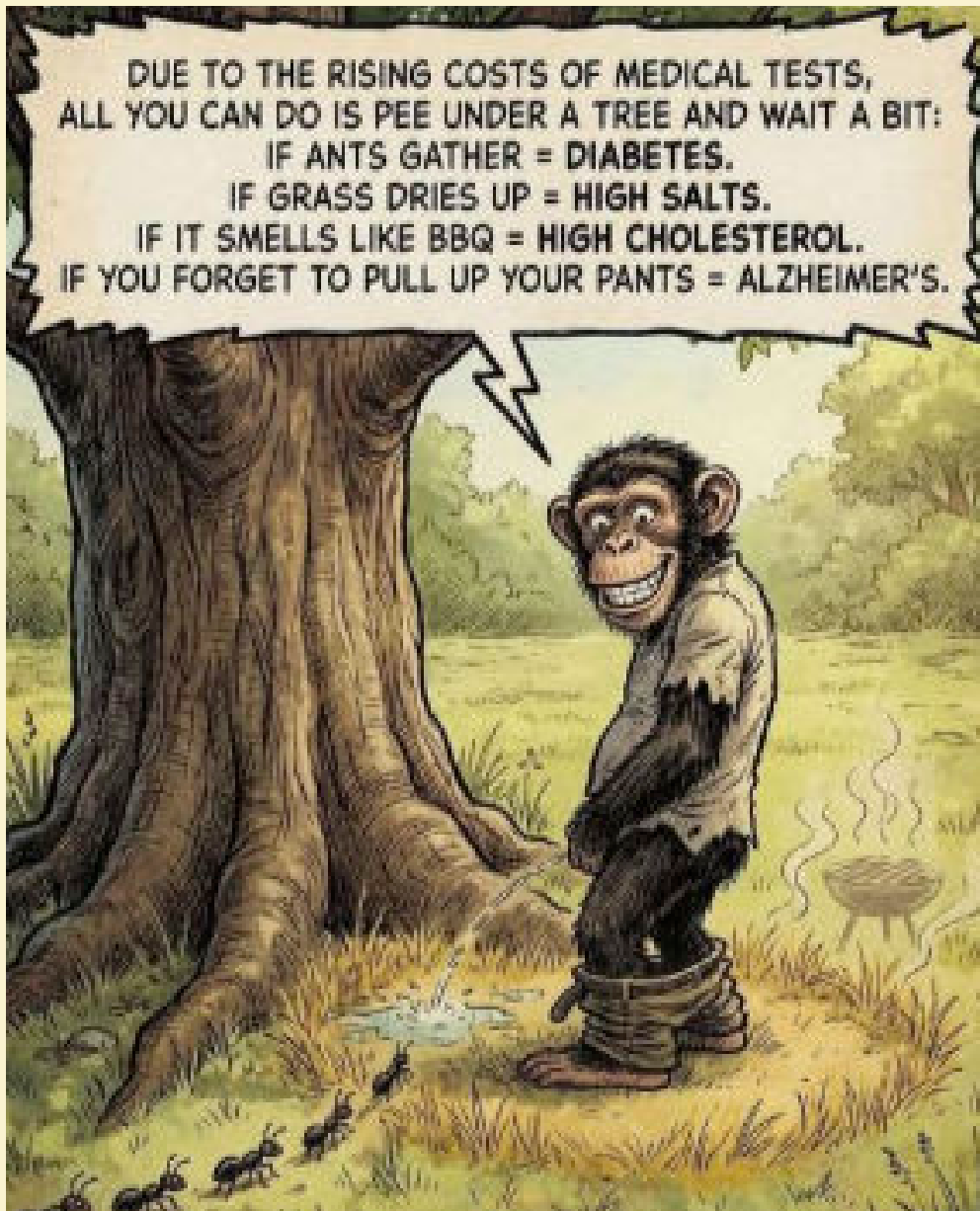
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iceandlaser.com.au

37 Winbourne Rd, Brookvale

A company called "Ice and Laser" who is keen to come out and do club talks about his product. Essentially "sandblasting" but with dry ice.

See attached PDF



Until Next Time

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