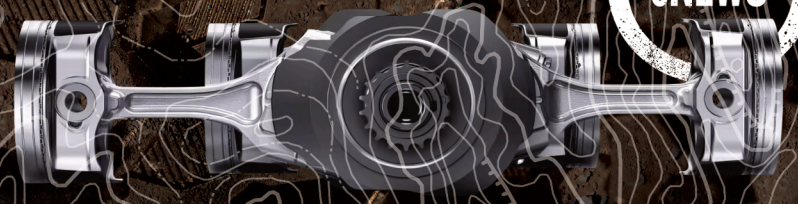


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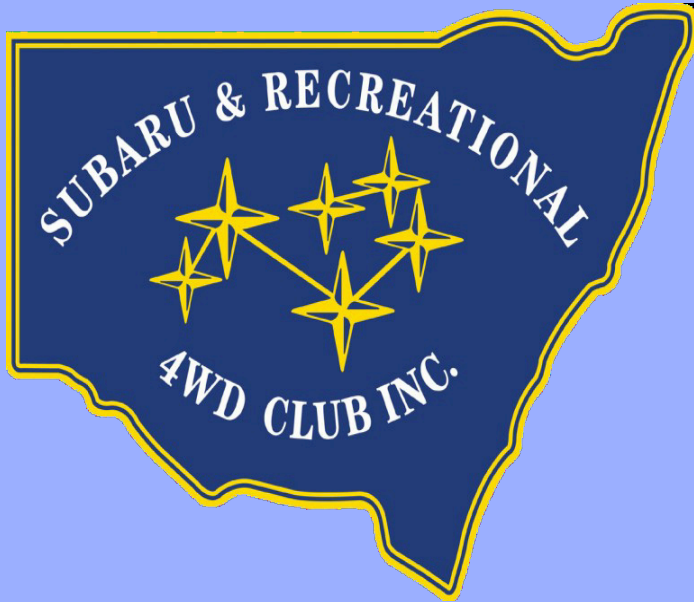
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Presidents Message

Hello Everyone

I would like to welcome a new member, Narelle Schraft, to the club. I am sure all members will make Narelle feel welcome when they first meet at a General Meeting or on a club trip.

In the near future, members will be invited to participate in a poll. You will be asked to answer some questions, which the committee will put together, regarding general meetings. The questions will be focused on finding out what we need to do to encourage members to attend meetings and get involved. The poll will be on the website and facebook. An email will be sent to everyone letting them know when it has been posted and how to access it. I would encourage every member to participate, so we can get as much info as possible.

A reminder that membership fees are due before the end of June, still only \$50.00. Also, the AGM is on the 26th July 2026. I would like to urge you to consider standing for a Committee roll. Don't leave it all up to the faithful few. Remember your club is only as good as it's members.

The committee were thinking of having a club stand at the upcoming 4WD show, which will commence on Friday the 11th to Sunday 13th September 2026 at Eastern Creek. We can only proceed if it has the right amount of volunteers to man the stand for three days. Could anyone who are willing to assist by volunteering, contact me with their information and when they are available. If we dont get enough volunteers we will not go ahead with the club stand.

There are more trips up on the calendar now, so let's support the trip leaders by attending.

June General Meeting will be held at the Rosehill Bowling Club 9th June 2026, James Ruse Dr & Hassall St, Rosehill. Car park entrance Tramway Ave off James Ruse Drive, Rosehill. Dinner & catch up 6:00pm. Meeting 7:30pm.

New members are encouraged to attend as a get to know you. Everyone is welcome.

See you at the meeting

Stephen B

SUBARU & RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC.

Treasurers Report

Apr-26

Cash Book Balance Brought Forward	\$5,975.20
Plus Income	\$200.00
Less Expenditure	\$7.00
Closing Balance	<u><u>\$6,168.20</u></u>

<u>Income</u> -	Memberships	\$200.00
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<u>Expenditure</u> -	Paypal fees	\$7.00
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Bank Reconciliation

Bank Account Balance as at 30/4/2026	ANZ	\$4,977.40
<u>Plus</u>	Funds held in Pay Pal as at 30/4/2026	\$896.05
	Cash on Hand	\$294.75
Available Funds as at 30/4/2026		<u><u>\$6,168.20</u></u>

Trip Convenor Report

May Be Broke	22nd-24th May 2026
Driver Awareness Day Trip- Stockton Beach	30th May 2026
General Meeting Rosehill Bowling Club	9th June 2026
Putty Valley & More Day Trip	13th, 21st & 24th June 2026
EOFY - burn your wood, not your cash	27th-28th June 2026
4WD & Camping Weekend Belanglo S/F	11th-12th July 2026
General Meeting & AGM	26th July 2026
Driver awareness Day/Weekend Trip Kanangra Boyd NP	1st August 2026
4WD & Adventure Show	11th September 2026
OKTOBERFEST 2026 at Olinda	2nd-6th October 2026

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
17	18	19	20	21	22 May Be Broke	23 May Be Broke
24 May Be Broke	25	26	27	28	29	30 Driver Awareness Day Trip Stockton Beach

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 General Meeting Rosehill Bowling Club	10	11	12	13 Puttty Valley & More Day Trip
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Puttty Valley & More Day Trip	22	23	24 Puttty Valley & More Day Trip	25	26	27 EOFY Burn wood not your cash
28 EOFY Burn wood not your cash	29	30				

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 4wd & Camping Weekend Belanglo S/F
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 GENERAL Meeting & AGM The Dairy	27	28	29	30	31	

Webmaster Update May 2026.

Currently there are 157 valid registrations on the website consisting of 81 individual Club Members, 43 registered Visitors and 33 past members. We've had 15 new registrations on the website since January 1st, of those, five have become club members.

Meeting Minutes for 2026 are now available on the website:

<https://subaru4wdclub.com.au/forums/#member-documents.27>

Events Manager RSVP Rebuild

Events Manager v2.3.11 is a major RSVP-focused release. This update rebuilds RSVP around occurrence-aware records, so repeating events can now have separate RSVPs, attendee counts, participant lists, management actions, notifications, and exports for each individual date.

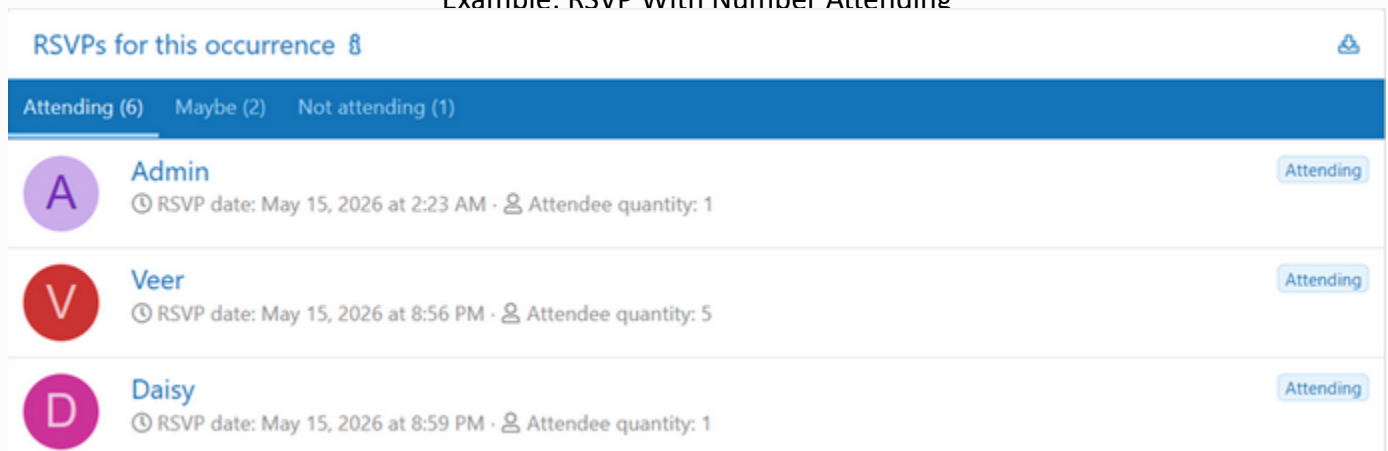
This release also adds organizer/admin RSVP management, number attending support, detailed RSVP participant layouts, manager-only RSVP CSV exports and a clearer attendee notification preview.

This release will be installed once it is proven to be stable. In the meantime you can review the full list of features on our website here: <https://subaru4wdclub.com.au/threads/events-manager-upgrades.73/#post-781>

Guides for using the new RSVP features are published here:

<https://subaru4wdclub.com.au/forums/events-manager.66/>

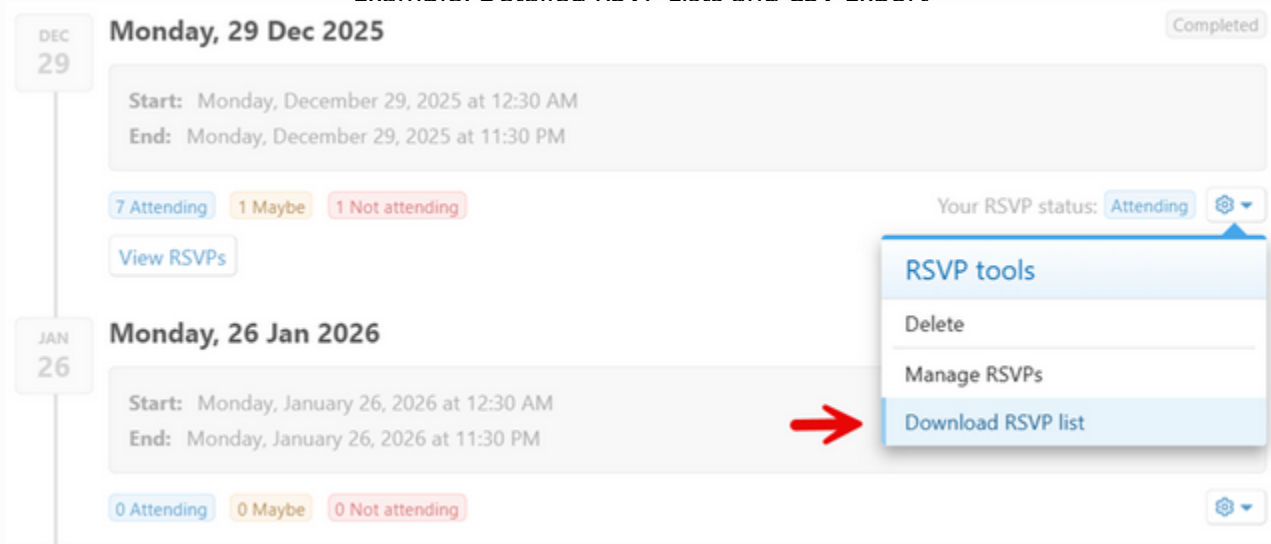
Example: RSVP With Number Attending



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "RSVPs for this occurrence 8". Below the title is a blue bar with three tabs: "Attending (6)", "Maybe (2)", and "Not attending (1)". The "Attending (6)" tab is selected. Below the tabs, there are three entries, each with a circular profile picture, a name, and a status button labeled "Attending".

Name	RSVP date	Attendee quantity	Status
Admin	May 15, 2026 at 2:23 AM	1	Attending
Veer	May 15, 2026 at 8:56 PM	5	Attending
Daisy	May 15, 2026 at 8:59 PM	1	Attending

Example: Detailed RSVP Lists and CSV Export



The screenshot shows a calendar view with two dates: "Monday, 29 Dec 2025" and "Monday, 26 Jan 2026". Each date has a summary box showing the start and end times. Below the summary boxes, there are buttons for "View RSVPs" and "Download RSVP list". A red arrow points to the "Download RSVP list" button. A dropdown menu is open, showing "RSVP tools" with options: "Delete", "Manage RSVPs", and "Download RSVP list".

Monday, 29 Dec 2025
Start: Monday, December 29, 2025 at 12:30 AM
End: Monday, December 29, 2025 at 11:30 PM
7 Attending 1 Maybe 1 Not attending
View RSVPs

Monday, 26 Jan 2026
Start: Monday, January 26, 2026 at 12:30 AM
End: Monday, January 26, 2026 at 11:30 PM
0 Attending 0 Maybe 0 Not attending

Your RSVP status: Attending
RSVP tools
Delete
Manage RSVPs
Download RSVP list

Website Feedback & Support.

Feedback is welcome and assistance is readily available by contacting:

webmaster@subaru4wdclub.com.au

Cheers Kevin

DRIVER AWARENESS NEWS

SAND DRIVING

Our next Driver Awareness weekend will take place at Stockton Beach north of Sydney on May 30 and 31, and not surprisingly, our focus will be on sand driving. We will also cover vehicle recovery using the 'Hierarchy of Recovery'. You will need to bring your own recovery gear and a sense of adventure to learn and understand your vehicle. We will also drive along the beach and in the dunes (depending on which areas are open on the day). You will need to purchase a permit before we hit the sand, currently \$33 for 3 days or \$88 for an annual pass, available **online only** at ...

<https://account.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/worimipermits>

Our plan is **not** to conduct any kinetic (snatch) recoveries, but you still need to have your strap or rope (together with your other recovery gear) in your vehicle - just in case. There is a chance we may have to conduct a non-kinetic (tow) recovery if digging and traction boards aren't enough.

Note for new members - Don't worry about purchasing any recovery gear. We will have all the equipment necessary, and we will advise you on the day about what to purchase for future trips.

WATER CROSSINGS

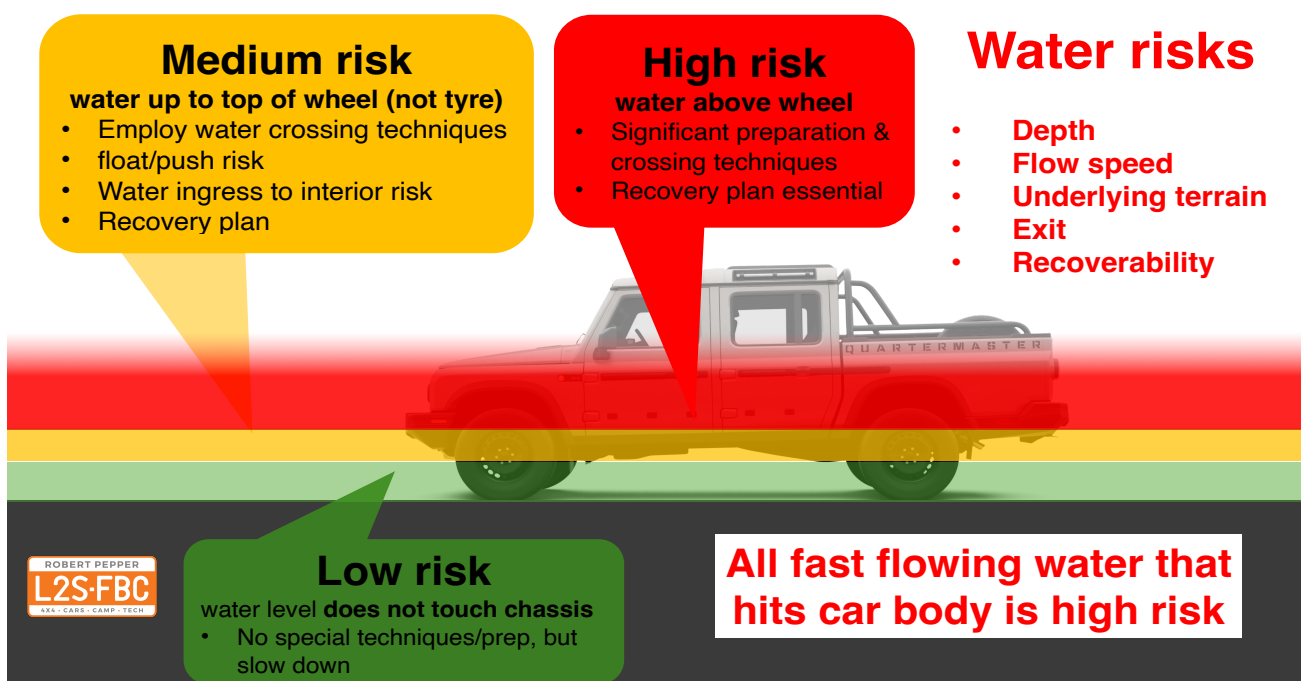
On our Driver Awareness days, we cover safe procedures for doing water crossings.

Water crossings involve risks, which stem from water depth, water flow, underlying terrain, challenging exits, and difficulties with recovery procedures.

Automotive Journalist Robert Pepper is currently working on a way of classifying how risky a water crossing is, based on its depth.

I would be interested to hear any comments you may have on his classification.

Michael Hamilton (DAF Team Member)





Friday 15/05/2026

We arrived at Batlow showgrounds just after 10 and set up, Chris and Kelly turned up about 20 minutes after us. We walked up to the bakery and grabbed a late lunch. Chris and Bernadette arrived while we were at lunch.

Once set up we caught up and socialised for the afternoon and watched the other campers arrive. Unfortunately Johnny could not make it.

So we headed up to the local RSL club and had a "Succulent Chinese meal" together for dinner.

Attendees

Nathan & Cherie trip leaders

Chris & Kelly

Chris & Bernadette

Saturday 16/05/2026

We all got ExCidered for the Day. We walked up the road and got in just on opening time. A bee line was made to the souvenir sales and the traditional "Locally knitted fundraiser Cider Fest" beanies were purchased, our first stop was Daylesford Ciders "Hot spiced cider" and we were off and running, it is all a brilliant blur from that point on. Tasting ciders, more mulled Cider from Cedar Creek affectionately know as hot apple pie with 8% rating and, well, what happens at Cider Fest, stays at Cider Fest.

Very responsible drinks were cut off at 4pm, and the final Band for the afternoon had the crowd in the palm of its hand singing along to some great songs.

Then everyone exited in a orderly fashion and dissipated. We headed back to camp and had fivsies then sat around a campfire for the evening.



Sunday 17/05/2026

After breakfast we headed to the Apple Thief Cider house for morning tea with some delicious apple pie and to watch the local Mayor and Federal Member help the Owners celebrate the first birthday of their new establishment.

We then went to the other local Cider orchard "Crafty Cider and Farm" and just to be sure went through the range again before making our purchases. We also met a couple of the local animals.

We then drove out to the Arboretum and walked the wellness trail and the section of the Snowy Valleys sculpture trail marvelling at what the creative minds can achieve.

Then back to the Apple Thief Cider house for lunch. After a small break back at the now empty camp ground, we made the arduous journey up to the RSL club for another "Succulent Chinese meal" to celebrate the end of a festive weekend.

Unfortunately as we set off to the club a light drizzle set in and continued for the evening so we spent a bit more time at the club trying to wait it out, but that ploy did not work so no campfire was had that evening.

Monday 18/05/2026

The rest of the group went home, after bidding them a farewell we prepared to head back to Cider house for Brunch and then to relax for the rest of the day.



CAMPFIRE COOKING RECIPE

FROM COALS TO BOWLS:THE BEST CHILLI CON CARNE FOR CAMPERS

INGREDIENTS YOU'LL NEED

- Beef mince
- Onion
- Garlic
- Red capsicum
- Green capsicum
- Olive oil or butter
- Tomato paste
- Tinned diced tomatoes
- Red kidney beans
- Beef stock (or stock cube + water)
- Cumin
- Smoked paprika
- Chilli powder
- Ground coriander
- Oregano
- Salt & pepper
- Fresh coriander or parsley (optional)
- Grated cheese, sour cream, tortillas, rice, or damper (to serve)



HOW TO COOK CAMP OVEN CHILLI CON CARNE

STEP 1: HEAT & SAUTE

Place your camp oven over medium coals (or hang it low over the fire). Add a splash of oil or butter. Sauté onion, garlic, and capsicum until softened and smelling great.



STEP 2: BROWN THE MEAT

Add the beef mince. Break it up with a wooden spoon and cook until browned.



STEP 3: SPICE IT UP

Stir in tomato paste, cumin, paprika, chilli powder, coriander, and oregano. Toast for a minute to bring out the flavour.



STEP 4: ADD THE LIQUIDS

Pour in diced tomatoes and beef stock. Stir well and bring to a gentle simmer.



STEP 5: SLOW COOK

Cover and simmer over low coals for 45–60 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add coals on top for even heat. If too thick, add stock. Stir in beans for the last 10–15 minutes.



STEP 6: SERVE IT UP

Dish out steaming bowls topped with cheese, sour cream, and fresh herbs. Serve with tortillas, rice, or damper.



PRO TIPS FOR THE PERFECT CAMP OVEN CHILLI

- **Campfire hack:** Pre-mix your spice blend at home in a jar or zip bag — saves space and time at camp.
- **Gear swap:** No camp oven? Use a deep skillet or heavy pot over the fire.
- **Storage tip:** Store leftovers in an airtight container in the esky — next-day chilli is even better.
- **Variation:** Swap beef for kangaroo mince for a leaner, gamier twist, or try beans-only for a veggie version.



Happy Birthday

To those celebrating their Birthdays in May

Nathan Blamire

Jeffy Cairns

Stuart Cunneen

Brett Hampson

Felix Lie

Stephen Pinnington

Bill Twyman

The Unknowns

**The biggest joke on
mankind is that
computers have started
asking humans to
prove that they are not
robots**



Until Next Time

STAY SAFE