

A white 4WD vehicle, possibly a Toyota Land Cruiser, is shown from a rear perspective on a dirt road. The vehicle is heavily loaded with gear on its roof rack, including a blue cooler, a yellow container, and a long wooden board. Two spare tires are mounted on the rear. The background features a clear blue sky and some greenery.

ACT 4WD CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION

YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Joy McGahey
Vice President	Warren Monsma
Secretary	Kim Townsend
Treasurer	Leonie Neiberding
Trip Coordinator	Catherine Combridge
Newsletter Editor	Scott Townsend

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Public Officer	Noel 'Foss' Walters
Property Officer	Ansis Rieksts
Training Coordinator	John Southwell
Web Master	Chad Broad

CLUB BANK ACCOUNT

BSB	805 022
ACCT	0337 0382

GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7th August at Yowani Golf Club, Northbourne Ave Lyneham.

Come along from 6:30 for dinner, the meeting will commence at 7:30 pm. AGM to follow.

Visitors considering joining the Club are welcome to attend Club meetings. Please contact the Club Secretary before the meeting to confirm your attendance.

EDITORIAL POLICY

This newsletter has a wide circulation and is easily shared. The Editor reserves the right to edit any material submitted for inclusion in the newsletter to ensure that the club and its members and families are seen to be promoting safe and responsible enjoyment of the environment and the pastime of four-wheel driving, or for clarity and readability.

The views and opinions in this newsletter are that of the individual, and do not represent the views and opinions of the club as a whole

LIFE MEMBERS

HONOUR ROLL

Norm and Lesley Syme

Chris & Jan Fenton

Jeff and Jenny
Shepherd

John and Cheryl
Southwell

Peter & Sally Edwards

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President's page – August

The last couple of months have been quite a journey and as such, I've been offline dealing with life. I'm back on track now and look forward to reconnecting with you and having the ability to get into a 4WD and go on a drive without it causing too much discomfort for me.

As you know we have the annual AGM on Tuesday 7 August directly after our monthly meeting. All committee positions will be open for nominations so if you're interested please put your hand up. The committee has organised with Yowani Gold Club to have a bar tab so we can all help celebrate our past years successes, the outgoing and incoming committee members.

I'd like to thank the current committee members for all their hard work over the past year. It has been wonderful working alongside you all and I really appreciate the support you have provided in my first term as President of this wonderful club.

We've had an amazing year with many great club trips, the success of our bi-annual 4WD Spectacular event held in the Queanbeyan showgrounds giving us the ability to donate a significant amount of money to charity. We also had the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) document written and signed by the three founding club Presidents. This document provides a guideline for the 4WD Spectacular events until 2024.

We had our first meeting with representatives from our club, the Land Rover Club and Southern Tablelands club to kick off the 4WD Spectacular for 2020 with a view to keeping the momentum going. The official spectacular committee hasn't been formed yet so if you're interested in joining please let the executive know as soon as possible. There will be many tasks and more hands make light work. Let's make the next event as successful if not more so than this one has been. There have been lots of conversations about what expectations there are on club members to contribute to this event so I'm going to outline here once and for all what they are. If you are not in town during our event then you are able to contribute your time towards working bees or offer to assist the Spectacular committee over the two years the event is being organised. Other 4WD clubs expect their members to contribute a minimum of 2 full days each year to work on their properties as well as volunteering time at the Spectacular and I understand that their club fees are substantially higher than our \$60 per year. In addition, I know there are other 4WD clubs that would be eager to be one of the events founding clubs and be able to raise the sort of money we do.

I've worked out that for us to raise the equivalent amount of money that our club alone raised it would take approximately 72 full days of sausage sizzles. Therefore, volunteering for 2 hours once every 2 years would appear to be the easier option.

I have enjoyed my time as President and I really appreciate the support you have given me during my time in the role. I'd love to see as many of you attend the AGM as possible so we can celebrate our wonderful year together over a drink.

Cheers

Joy

CLUB CLOTHING

The club has a number of shirts, caps and beanies in stock. If you are interested please email your requirements including sizes. I will bring them along to the next meeting for you. Monies will be payable to the club account or direct to the treasurer.

Shirts – all \$43 – all long sleeve – all full button

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITIONS - DESCRIPTION

Should any member of the club be interested in taking up one of the executive committee positions you will see below a brief description of what is entailed in each position.

All positions are open and up for nomination.

President

The President is the head of the club.

The President should chair all meetings.

He/she is responsible for continued promotion of the club activities and correct functioning of the committee.

He/she is responsible for general supervision and operation of the club

The President directs the club in a way which meets the educational growth, and leadership needs of members, he/she should also nurture a harmonious, interaction between members.

Vice President

The Vice President is the elected second executive officer in charge of the club.

The Vice President should perform the Presidents tasks in his absence, for example: chair meetings.

He or She is responsible for planning successful club meetings.

The Vice President, directs planning and organisation for the implementation of club activities.

VP Should be the reporting conduit for New Members and is responsible for their orientation and education of club rules.

Announce the beginning of all meetings

Work with president and committee members to action the objectives of the club.

Liaise with members of the committee & sub committees for the smooth coordination of club activities.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer is responsible to the committee for managing and reporting on the following activities:

Establishing a club budget for the forthcoming 12-24 months.

Reconciliation of the ACT Four Wheel Drive Club bank account.

Development and monitoring of financial procedures.

Preparation and monitoring of the operating budget.

Processing & payments of all invoices and claims on the club.

The treasurer shall keep up to date journals off all monies received and issued.

Production of the end of financial year statements.

Maintenance of the membership list.

Other responsibilities may include counting cash at the bi annual 4wd spectacular, production of badges and club cards for members.

Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for all Club records, correspondence. They are the custodian of the Club Constitution and Bylaws and all other official Club documents.

The Secretary prepares all correspondence and keeps the President and Vice-President advised on any issues that arise from the correspondence.

The Secretary keeps an official record of the Minutes of Club Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings.

The Secretary is third-ranking Club Officer

Produce agendas for committee meetings

Notify authorities of any change to the club's constitution.

Public Officer

Club's key contact for arranging monthly meetings

Arrange prizes and co-ordinate club raffles;

Assist in arranging the Club's social activities

Be the Club Contact in relation to the ACT Associations Incorporation Act.

Activities and Trip Co-ordinator

The Activities and Trip co-ordinator is responsible to the Club for co-ordinating Club trips and social activities and for providing a report to all general meetings.

The trip co-ordinator will:

- Act as the main point of contact for club activities
- Provide a list of trips to the Newsletter Editor
- Email all members the details of upcoming trips.
- Create Facebook Events when logged in as Golden Shackle
- Assist the Public Officer when organising club meeting venues
- Keep a record of trips throughout the year for the committee to consider when awarding the Club Trip perpetual trophy at the Christmas party.

Newsletter Editor Role:

Call for newsletter submissions each month, via the club's distribution list

- President Report
- Secretary – minutes of previous general meeting
- Treasurer – updated membership for newsletter distribution
- Trip Coordinator – updated trip calendar and details
- Club members – trip reports, items for sale, anything they think might be of interest to other members
- Collate the submissions into the newsletter

Website Editor

Website Editor Roles:

- Maintain the club's membership distribution list
- Maintain the club's executive committee distribution list

- Update the trip and training calendars
- Update monthly the front page of website with next meeting information
- Update the Contacts page when changes to the committee
- Allow or decline emails that maybe trying to get through to the distribution lists
- Undertake other website maintenance and updates as required

MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 2018



Meeting Minutes ACT 4WD Club Monthly General Meeting

Meeting time and date	3 July 2018 – 7.30 pm start
Meeting venue	Yowani Golf Club

Welcome

Welcome to our July meeting.
Meeting opened 7.30 pm by Joy McGahey

Minutes of the previous meeting

Moved – Russell Hadley
Seconded – Elliott Morgan

Attendees

Foss Watters	Lynne Staunton
Graeme Harmer	Russell Hadley
Warren Monsma	Leonie & Jason Neiberding
Eliot Morgan	David Combridge & Catherine Combridge
Simon Reinecker	John & Cheryl Southwell
Andrew Rudd	Rob & Kate McKenzie
Peter McCaskill	Scott & Kim Townsend
Greg Finlay	Mark & Joy McGahey

There were two signatures on the Club sign in sheet, But I have no idea as who's they were?

Apologies

Carolyn Watters	Ben & Georgina Earl
Gladys Hilton	Jan & Chris Fenton
Allison Reid	Liz & Gordon Fyfe
Tammy Finlay	Allan McKenzie
Jake Finlay	

Please note:

Visitors are more than welcome to attend a club meeting.

Club training sessions are only open to club members.

Non-club member's attendance on trips is at the trip leader's discretion

New Members packs Peter McCaskill's pack is ready for collection

Committee reports

President report

Joy thanked the club for the lovely flowers sent of behalf of club members following her recent motorbike accident, they were lovely.

Joy spoke to some of the feedback received on the Club expectation for all Members to participate in the spectacular two hours every two years, John Southwell spoke in agreement with Joys comments and those who are quibbling over this see John Southwell.

Treasurer's report

The club has had number of incoming and outgoing for the month. A full breakdown is available from Club treasurer upon request. Club Treasurer spoke to club balances, outgoing and incomings.

Please note: Memberships are due, thank you to those who are depositing funds into the account
 Promo money has come in from the 2018, Executive asking for ideas on how to spend the money,
 Club members to email the executive with their spending suggestions.

Public officers report 2018 Club meeting venues will change over the year! Please ensure that you check the club website for the next club meeting.

Secretary's report

All correspondence/emails have been forwarded on to members via email

Club Birthday

The club's 31st Birthday is coming up and to celebrate! The Southwell are organising a dinner at Woden Lemongrass restaurant on the 21 July, please contact John and Cheryl to RSVP

Trip reports

Greg Tanner spoke to the recent trip down along Clyde Mountain, with no Locked gates, turn arounds or geographical misdirection's.

Upcoming club trips

14 th July Snow trip Fully Booked at this stage anyone still interested let Greg tanner know

19 th August Mud Run

25 th August Junee weekend

General Business:

Action Buses Greg Tanner flagging Action buses changes to timetables, Club Members who use Action are urged to have a look at the proposal and give feedback. Greg will add the link for feedback on the club Facebook page

Newsletter not being received by some club members- Please check their spam

Four Wheel Drive Association Meetings

Joy asking club members who would be interested in attending association club meetings

Kate McKenzie asked for the Association meetings advertised on Facebook and in the club newsletters

2020 4-Wheel Drive Spectacular

All executive and committee positions have been vacated and open for nomination, ACT Wheel Drive Club have a duty to fill one of the following roles Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer.

Please see Warren for further Information.

Our first meeting for the 2020 Spectacular to meet tomorrow night representatives are Mark, Russell & Foss

There will be another two positions at the later part of the year, as well as the exhibition Manager position.

August AGM

The constitution will be sent out in July for approval at the August meeting.

All executive committee positions will be up for nomination in July for voting at August's AGM.

Money to go on the bar at the start of the meeting

Training Report – John & Cheryl Southwell

No date as of yet for chainsaw training

Club Uniform

Please contact Jan Fenton for all your order requirements

Golden Shackle

No nominations received this month

Camo pig

Handed around to collect donations for those not wearing their club badges.

Raffles

1st prize Leonie Neiberding - Meat tray

2nd prize Scott Townsend - bottle of Gin

The next meeting will be held on 7th August and will be followed by the AGM at Yowani

Meeting closed 8.06 pm

TRAINING CALENDER

Chainsaw training. Date to be confirmed.

TRIP REPORTS

Nil

TRIP CALENDAR

Date	Location	Leader
19th Aug 2018	Annual Mud Run	Greg Tanner
25-26th Aug 2018	Junee Monte Cristo & Liquorice Factory – Junee	Catherine Combridge
26 Sept	Cotter Cuisine 2	John Southwell
Sept (Date TBA)	Abercrombie River National Park	Greg Tanner
29 Sept- 1 Oct	Willowglen Challenge	Bryan McGlynn
29 Sept- 21 Oct	A rock and a harsh place	Mark Powell
Aug 2018	Remote Central Aust. – Anne Beadell Hwy returning Gunbarrel Hwy	Geoff Wood
18-20 January 2019	Deddick Fire Trail	John Southwell
May 2019	28 -30 day, 4WD trip in Landdrovers, Europe – Amsterdam – France – Spain	Geoff Wood



Just what you have been waiting for! The Willowglen 4x4 Challenge of 2018

It has taken a while this year but we have finally mustered the energy to do it again. So I am pleased to announce that the 17th TLCC Willowglen 4x4 Challenge will be held over the NSW long weekend from Friday 28th September to Sunday 30th September.

We are looking to find out if we have enough teams up for the 2018 Challenge! Is your club ready?

We are still running the two classes - **TOURING** and **CHALLENGE**, we are still running **with REGISTERED vehicles only** (this is still related to insurance issues) and we will continue to **allow more than one team per club**.

Competition entries will **open on 1 July and close on Friday 17 August!**

As a reminder, a team consists of 4 vehicles - each vehicle has a Driver and navigator, plus a non-competing team manager. The **cost to compete is \$240 per vehicle*** (\$960 per team with four cars). Teams can enter one reserve at the cost of \$240.00. The entry fee allows the Driver, navigator, and their partners plus children under 16 if accompanied by a family adult. This fee also covers the entry of the team manager and their partner. Drivers, navigators and team managers still must be financial members of CCDA.

General entry to the event is \$60 per adults for the weekend and \$30 per day visitor.

We continue to finalise the rules and requirements for competition particularly around event insurance (*This is why we are still to confirm the costs of entry) - so while we do that I thought I would drop you a line and find out where you club is at.

Is your club competing this year? Please reply to this email and let me know!

If you're not the best person to ask about your team competing - Can you let me know who is - I appreciate your help!

Finally if you know another club who might be interested, please forward this email

Look forward to hearing from you!

Regards
Mary Murphy
Challenge Secretary
0488 015 710

Anne Beadell, Dirk Hartog, Kintore, Surveyors Corner

Date: 2018 – August to Sept 2018
Trip Leader: Geoff and Dianne Wood
Trip Grading: Blue to Black
Concept: Meet at Pt Augusta, Coober Pedy, then 7 days across the Anne Beadell Hwy to Laverton – corrugations expected. Across to Steep Pt, then Dirk Hartog Island for a week. North to Shark Bay, Exmouth, Karijini, Rudall Rvr NP. Return north via Kintore, down to Docker Rvr, Surveyors Corner, then back to Coober Pedy/Pt Augusta via Painted Desert/Oodnadatta track.

Camper trailer and family friendly trip. \$500 deposit are being taken now.
 Contact Geoff Wood on email ggwood@bigpond.com.au

**Cape York**

Date: 2019 – June /July
Trip Leader: Geoff and Dianne Wood
Trip Grading: Blue to Black
Concept: Meet at Wilcannia, go north on dirt north Thargomindah, Windorah, Winton to Normanton. Around the western side the gulf as far as we can go, then up to the Cape. Plan to visit Weipa, Chili Beach, Elim Beach, Cooktown. Return trip at your leisure from Cairns.

If interested – contact Geoff Wood on email ggwood@bigpond.com.au



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ESSENTIAL TRIP EQUIPMENT

The following items are the minimum items of safety and recovery equipment required for club trips.
 More information can be found in the Member's Handbook

UHF Radio	First Aid Kit	Shovel
2 Rated Shackles	Tool Kit	Damper (two, to put over winch cable/ snatch strap)
Leather Gloves	Fire Extinguisher	Recovery Pack (straps, shackles, chain, etc)
Snatch Strap	Recovery Points	

CONVOY PROCEDURE

A convoy comprises of a group of vehicles including a trip leader, a 'tail-end Charlie' at the end of the group, and any number of vehicles between the two. The club utilise the following convoy procedure on all club trips to help ensure safety and group cohesion.

- The trip leader will appoint a 'tail-end-Charlie' for each day of the trip.
- The convoy will utilise the normal club radio channel (channel 20), unless decided otherwise
- At the start of the trip, the trip shall check that radio communication is working effectively for all in the convoy. This will generally be a simple on air radio check.
- The trip leader will call directions at each intersection. These are to be acknowledged by the vehicle at the end of the tail of the convoy ('tail-end-Charlie'). Vehicles in mid convoy need not acknowledge.
- Where the intended route may not be obvious, each driver is to wait at the intersection until satisfied that the following driver had identified the proper route. The trip leader will determine which intersections to wait at.
- Tail-end-Charlie is to radio the trip leader once he/she has cleared the intersection.
- When negotiating hazards such as steep grades, maintain sufficient convoy spacing so as not to endanger yourself or the vehicle in front. In particularly hazardous terrain, wait until the vehicle in front has negotiated the hazard before proceeding.
- The trip leader will generally reply on the regular radio acknowledgements from "Charlie" to ensure that the convoy retains radio contact. In larger convoys and particularly in dusty conditions, when vehicle separation distances are likely to increase, radio relay through the convoy may be necessary to maintain contact.
- After negotiating a hazard, wait at a safe distance to ensure that the following vehicle has also negotiated the hazard, and if necessary, provide assistance.
- At the start of the journey, or at any time after stopping, tail-end-Charlie is to identify themselves to the trip leader, and advise the leader once underway.
- The trip leader will advise by radio of any hazards.
- The trip leader will advise by radio of any oncoming vehicles when travelling on single lane roads and tracks.
- The lead driver (generally the trip leader) is to report gates as either open or closed as they are encountered. Gates should be left as they are found. If gates were identified as being closed, a member of the convoy should remain at the gate to prevent the movement of stock through the open gate. Unless directed otherwise, tail-end-Charlie has the responsibility for any necessary gate closures.
- Any driver leaving the convoy must notify the trip leader.







Photo by Tim Elliot



4WD Recreational Track Classification

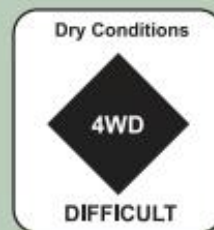
Why is the System Being Developed?

Four Wheel Driving is a popular recreational activity on roads and tracks across Victoria's National Parks and Reserves and State Forests. The classifications will enable visitors to understand the nature of a track before beginning their journey. It will allow them to plan their trip for enjoyment, safety and comfort.

	Easy	Medium	Difficult	Very Difficult
Overview Description	All Wheel Drive and High Range 4WD. Novice Drivers.	Mainly High range 4WD but Low Range required. Some 4WD experience or training required.	Significant Low range 4WD with standard 4WD ground clearance. Should have 4WD driver training.	Low range 4WD with High ground clearance. Experienced Drivers.
Advisory Sign	Green Circle	Blue Square	Black Diamond	Double Black Diamond
				
Expected terrain and track conditions	Mostly unsealed roads with no obstacles and minor gradients.	Tracks with some steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. May have shallow water crossings.	Tracks with frequent steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy track sections. Possible water crossings.	Tracks with frequent very steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. May have difficult river crossings.
Vehicle suitability	All Wheel Drive and High Range 4WD. Can be low clearance with single range and road tyres.	Suitable for medium clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain or road tyres.	Suitable for medium to high clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain tyres.	Suitable for high clearance vehicles with dual range and tyres suitable for the terrain. (Mud Terrain tyres).
Recovery Equipment				Winch/ Recovery equipment required.
Driver Training / Experience	Suitable for novice drivers.	Recommended that drivers have experience or 4WD training. Recommended to be done in groups of vehicles.	Recommended for drivers with reasonable experience or 4WD training. To be done in groups of vehicles.	Drivers with extensive experience and advanced training should only attempt as there are several technical challenges. Recommended to be done in groups of four or more vehicles.
Weather	May be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.



4WD Recreational Track Classification



What is the 4WD Recreational Track Classification?

It is a new classification system for Four Wheel Drive tracks on Public Land across Victoria.

Who is Developing the System?

The Four Wheel Drive Advisory Group and representatives from Parks Victoria, Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and Four Wheel Drive Victoria are working together to develop and implement the system.

How Will it Work?

A standard four level color coded system will indicate the degree of difficulty of 4WD tracks and routes. Pre-visit and targeted information will be made available for four wheel drive visitors via brochures, web-sites and four wheel drive clubs and associations.

What Should Visitors Consider When Using the System?

There will be six criteria used

1. Standard symbols/signage
2. Terrain and track conditions
3. Vehicle suitability
4. Recovery Equipment
5. Driver training and experience
6. Weather variations

Can You Explain the Criteria Further?

1. Standard symbols and signage will be used depicting easy to very difficult tracks
2. The terrain and track conditions will aim to provide a general description of the likely terrain and have limited subjective comments such as boggy or rutted as these can be interpreted differently by individuals
3. The suitability of a vehicle relates to high/low range capability, ground clearance and tyres.
4. The recovery equipment is advisory only and in line with Tourism Adventure Activity Standards and is not mandatory.
5. This is to guide the inexperienced driver that it may be in their best interest to have driver training or further experience before attempting more difficult terrain.
6. Drivers need to be aware of changing weather conditions and how this may affect tracks they are using or planning to use. The tracks will be classified in dry conditions and most medium, difficult and very difficult tracks will become more difficult in wet weather.

When Will Tracks be Classified?

Assessment will be done by accredited assessors on identified touring routes and tracks during the coming months.

Where Can I Get Further Information?

Further information on the project can be obtained by visiting the Parks Victoria website on www.parkweb.vic.gov.au