

# ACT 4WD CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

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# GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION

## YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<b>President</b>	<i>Greg Tanner</i>
<b>Vice President</b>	<i>Warren Monsma</i>
<b>Secretary</b>	<i>Joy McGahey</i>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<i>Richard Wdowik</i>
<b>Trip Coordinator</b>	<i>Catherine Combridge</i>
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	<i>Scott &amp; Kim Townsend</i>

## EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

<b>Public Officer</b>	<i>Noel 'Foss' Walters</i>
<b>Property Officer</b>	<i>Ansis Rieksts</i>
<b>Training Coordinator</b>	<i>John Southwell</i>
<b>Web Master</b>	<i>Mark Woodward</i>

## CLUB BANK ACCOUNT

BSB 805 022  
ACCT 0337 0382

## GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> July at Tradies Club, Woden.

Come along from 6:00 pm to enjoy a schnitzel, the meeting will commence at 7:30 pm.

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

## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Hi everyone, back in the country after a few weeks in Europe - and it's cold!! Which is good, as Warren is heading to Paddy's River Dam for a play in the white stuff.

Committee elections will be happening at the July meeting and any remaining vacant positions will need to be filled in August, prior to the AGM.

We also need volunteers for the Spectacular presentations, and someone to coordinate the display for the club tent.

Don't forget, we need to fill the trip calendar.

Cheers, Greg

## COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

One of the business items at the AGM will be to elect members of the Committee for the next 12-month period.

To assist members in considering nomination for Committee positions, the following notes provided a summary of the Committee positions, what the Committee does and the election process, as described in the Club constitution.

Any queries should be directed to the club secretary.

### WHAT DOES THE COMMITTEE DO?

The Committee controls and manages the affairs of the Club in accordance with the Regulations (ACT Associations Incorporation Act 1991); the Club constitution and any resolution passed by the Club.

### COMMITTEE POSITIONS

#### President

The President is the elected head of the Club. The President chairs all meetings and is responsible for the continued promotion of the Club's activities and the correct functioning of the Committee.

#### Vice President

The Vice President stands in for the President during absences and is responsible for new members' packs.

#### Secretary

The Secretary conducts Club correspondence, maintains correspondence files and records minutes of meetings.

#### Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for all financial matters, maintaining the register of Club members, collection of subscriptions, presenting a monthly statement of accounts and presenting a financial statement at the AGM.

**Activities Coordinator**

The Activities Coordinator (Trip Coordinator) coordinates all Club activities.

**Newsletter Editor**

The Newsletter Editor produces and distributes the Club Newsletter.

**Public Officer**

The Public Officer is appointed by the Committee and must be at least 18 years old and be resident in the ACT. The Public Officer has powers in relation to the Associations Incorporation Act. The Public Officer co-ordinates meeting venues and raffles.

**ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- Any financial Club member may nominate for any Committee position.
- If the member cannot be present at the AGM, then the acceptance of nomination must be in writing (to be presented at the meeting or to the Secretary prior to the meeting).
- If only one person nominates, then that person is taken to be elected.
- If more than one person nominates for a position, then a secret ballot shall be held to determine the successful nominee.

## CLUB CLOTHING

The club has a number of shirts, caps and beanies in stock. If you are interested please email me – [janfenton@activ8.net.au](mailto:janfenton@activ8.net.au) - 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 (not me)

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

- Pink – size 12
- Pink – size 14
- Pink – size 16
- Blue – Med
- Blue- L
- Blue – XL
- Blue – 2XL – 5 available

Caps and beanies \$15 each



## MEETING MINUTES - June 2017

### Monthly General Meeting

<b>Meeting time and date</b>	6 June 2017 – 7.30 pm start
<b>Meeting venue</b>	Tradies Club Woden

#### Welcome

Welcome to our June meeting.

Golden shackle nominations are at the sign in sheet on the table if you want one.

#### Apologies

Richard & Elaine Wdowik

Greg & Diane Tanner

Alan & Sandra Doolan

#### Minutes will be sent out in a separate email this week.

Apologies from Joy McGahey secretary for the oversight of not sending out the minutes in time for the meeting.

#### Visitors

Elliott Baldwin – works at ARB – Drives a 2013 Hilux – Has 5/6 years' experience with 4WD'ing. Trying different clubs to determine which one he would like best.

Daniel Knox – works at ARB – worked at Toyota for 5 years – Drives a 40 series Landcruiser. Has 5/6 years' experience with 4WD'ing.

#### New Member pack

None

#### Committee reports

##### Treasurer's report

Financial Report – May:

Cheque Account

Opening balance (01May17): 12,582.93

Income: 4,440.01

Expenditure: 894.13

Closing balance (31May17): 16,128.81

## Investment Account

Opening & closing balance: 20,270.73

Note: 6 monthly interest due in June

## Secretary's report – Joy McGahey

All correspondence/emails have been issued to members so nothing outstanding.

## Trip reports – Catherine Combridge

The night drive had 10 cars along and a good night was had by all.

Left at 5.30pm from Casuarina Sands. Was finished by 8.30pm.

We will be running another night drive in the near future so keep your eyes on the trip calendar for details.

## Not sure what this trip was called can someone please complete before sending out to members?

1 & 2 October

4 cars booked to participate.

If you want to go to Tarago come along and watch for approximately \$50 for the weekend. 9 courses.

There will be a snow drive later this year. For details go to the club web page.

## Training report – John & Cheryl Southwell

**12-13 August 2017** - Snow & Mud Training – Tumbarumba - John & Cheryl Southwell. 10 vehicles are required. Go out for dinner and fantastic night. There are only two members booked on this training at present. If you're interested in joining contact Cheryl Southwell.

**14 October 2017** - Rocks & Rough Terrain – Lara - Dalgety - John & Cheryl Southwell. This will be a great weekend.

Refer to the club website for all trip information. Email Cheryl Southwell for any information or to book in.

## Clothing update

There is a list of clothing in the newsletter so if you need any clothing email Jan Fenton.

List of available clothes:

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

- Pink – size 12

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- Blue – XL

- Blue – 2XL – 5 available

Caps and beanies \$15 each

**Sub-committee reports:****4WD Spectacular 2018**

Meeting tomorrow night 7 June. Warren will update us on current status at next meeting.

There is a need for someone to cater food for the event.

Please let Warren Monsma if you're interested in taking on this position.

Looking for people to carry out the presentations. This is urgent so please contact the committee.

Noel (Foss) Watters has taken on the rosters for members to cover the event.

**Christmas in July 2017**

Gundillian Hall just outside Braidwood. Hall is heated and has everything we need.

Catered event. RSVP and advise of any dietary requirements. Kids 12 and under are half price. Camping at the hall is free but there are some huts up the road for a cost. Refer to the invitation. No showers at the hall but there is flushing toilets. Fire bins available.

**General business**

Club insurance – The 4WD club has changed insurance companies as there is only one company covering clubs completely. We're awaiting more information on this so when we receive it we will send it out to members.

Insurance/ Affiliation fees \$23.70 (\$19.00 Assc, \$4.70 insurance )

Some talk has occurred about setting up a local 4WD association to focus more on local issues rather than up the coast. Watch this space for more information in the future.

**Golden shackle –**

Michael Stokes received the only nomination for his participation on the night drive, with his first creek crossing he found he couldn't cross the creek and realized it was because his car wasn't in 4WD – nominated by John Southwell.

John Southwell took the shackle on behalf of Michael and will pass it along.

**Committee elections**

Committee elections are due at the August AGM. An email with position descriptions will be emailed shortly. If you're interested in taking on one of the 7 committee positions you should send your nominations to the Secretary by email by the 25 July 2017.

**Positions:**

- President
- Vice president
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Trip Coordinator
- Newsletter editor

If you are nominated and will not be at the next meeting, you will need to confirm your nomination in writing and send a signed copy of nomination to Joy McGahey at the email address below.

Secretary ACT 4WD Club Email: [secretary@act4wdclub.org.au](mailto:secretary@act4wdclub.org.au)

Note: A nomination form was included in the June newsletter.

PO BOX 867 FYSHWICK ACT 2609

[www.act4wdclub.org.au](http://www.act4wdclub.org.au)

UHF Channel 20



### Variety Bash participant Graeme Wong

Hitachi power tools are supporting Graeme Wong with his Variety bash team. If you're interested in buying some tools at a good discounted price please approach Graeme Wong directly. Graeme will send out a list of available tools to the members email list.

The variety bash is starting on 3 August and the drive starts in Sydney ending in Darwin.

### December Christmas party

9 December 2017

John & Cheryl Southwell are overseeing the event. It will involve approximately 3 hours traveling. No powered sites.

The committee agreed to a budget of \$5000.

Need to ratify the budget of \$5000 for the Christmas Party in December with the members tonight.

No objections were made.

Nominated budget - Warren Monsma

Seconded - Tim Elliott

All attendees passed – Budget of \$5000 ratified.

### Country pink elephant

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

### Raffles

Meat tray – Jason Neiberding

Bottle of Baileys – Kate McKenzie

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 4 July 2017** – Tradies Woden.

6pm for a cheap schnitzel and then 7.30pm for the meeting.

**Meeting closed** at 8.05pm

### Attendees

Mark & Joy McGahey	Lynne Staunton	Catherine & David Combridge
Foss & Caroline Watters	Russell Hadley	Jason Neiberding
Warren Monsma	John & Cheryl Southwell	Tyler Neiberding
Graeme & Linda Pigram	Scott & Kim Townsend	Brad O'Dowd
Graeme Wong	Graham Lamb	Rod Marks & Carol Wadd
Helen Lavery	Tim Elliott	Vicki Bennett
Rosemary & Peter Armstrong	Paul & Carolyn Kajewski	David Johnson
Kate & Rob McKenzie	Jed & Rach Cook	Helen Johnson

### Visitors

Eliot Morgan	Daniel Knox	
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### Apologies

Simon and Mel Bryzenski	Brian & Janette McGlynn	Wendy & Greg Murray
Richard & Elaine Wdowik	Geoff & Dianne Wood	Jan & Chris Fenton
Greg Tanner	Leonie Neiberding	Melissa O'Dowd
Noel & Nola Lee	Alan & Sandra Doolan	Alan McKenzie
Clem & Lesley Tozer	Jeff & Sandra Lambert	Richard Synott

## TRAINING CALENDER

When	Course & Where	Trip Leader
12-13 August 2017	Snow & Mud Training - Tumbarumba	John & Cheryl Southwell
14 October 2017	Rocks & Rough Terrain – Lara - Dalgety	John & Cheryl Southwell

### **12-13 August 2017 - Snow/Mud Driving – Tumbarumba**

Training Coordinators: John and Cheryl Southwell

Location: Cabramurra - Tumbarumba

Trip Grading: 2-3 depending on weather

Fuel: Full Tank, fuel available at Adaminaby

Departure time: 8.00am sharp

Maximum No. Vehicles: 10

Comments: We will depart from Lanyon McDonalds at 8.00am, head towards Adaminaby then on to Cabramurra. Theory training in the Snow Hut, hopefully find some snow/mud to drive in. Drive through to Tumbarumba, stay Saturday night and then drive through the Brindabella's home to Canberra. Accommodation available at the Tumbarumba Caravan Park or the Tumbarumba Hotel. You will need to bring your lunch and morning/afternoon tea/refreshments, the location for dinner will be advised closer to the time. If you wish to participate please advise Cheryl at this email address: [cheryl.southwell@act.gov.au](mailto:cheryl.southwell@act.gov.au)

**14 October 2017 – Rock & Rough Terrain at “Lara” Dalgety**

Training Coordinators: John and Cheryl Southwell

Location: “Lara” Dalgety – Our Hosts Jason & Leonie’s Property

Trip Grading: 2-3 – dependant on weather

Fuel: Fuel available at Berridale

Departure time: 5.00pm Sharp Cooma Macca’s

Maximum No. Vehicles: 10

Comments: We will depart from Cooma Macca’s and travel to “Lara” set up camp relax around the fire. 9am Saturday morning start the training, theory first and then practical. It gets pretty cold up there so make sure that you cater for extra bedding and clothes.

Bring your own everything. If you wish to participate please advise Cheryl at this email address: [cheryl.southwell@act.gov.au](mailto:cheryl.southwell@act.gov.au)

Please be aware that these dates are not set in concrete and may have to be changed for various reasons, we will endeavour to advise members of any changes as soon as we do and if you have any queries please don’t hesitate to email me or phone me on

0419 288 964.

Thanks Chezzzz

## TRIP CALENDAR

<i>When</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Trip Leader</i>
<i>8-9 July 2017</i>	<i>Paddy's River Dam</i>	<i>Warren Monsma</i>
<i>15-16 July 2017</i>	<i>Christmas in July, Gundillion Hall via Braidwood</i>	<i>Catherine Combridge &amp; Kim Townsend</i>
<i>July - August 2017</i>	<i>Kimberleys, WA</i>	<i>David Johnson</i>
<i>1-8 August 2017</i>	<i>Fraser Island</i>	<i>Warren Monsma</i>
<i>12-13 August 2017</i>	<i>Snow and Mud Training</i>	<i>Jon and Cheryl Southwell</i>
<i>10 September 2017</i>	<i>Ladies Only High Tea, The Carrington Inn, Bungendore</i>	<i>Catherine Combridge</i>
<i>9 December 2017</i>	<i>A Bush Christmas, Nurenmerenmong NSW</i>	<i>Cheryl &amp; John Southwell</i>
<i>1-31 May 2018</i>	<i>Madigan Line, Simpson Desert</i>	<i>Geoff Wood</i>
<i>Jun-Jul 2018</i>	<i>Central Australia Part 2(Alice Springs/Hay River Track/Simpson/Birdsville/Strezlecki)</i>	<i>Chris &amp; Jan Fenton</i>
<i>July - Sept 2018</i>	<i>Anne Beadell, Dirk Hartog, Kintore, Survuyors Corner</i>	<i>Geoff Wood</i>
<i>May - June 2019</i>	<i>France/Spain</i>	<i>Geoff Wood</i>
<i>July-August 2019</i>	<i>Cape York - via Mitchell River</i>	<i>Geoff Wood</i>
<i>June 2020</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>Geoff Wood</i>

## Ladies Only High Tea

Thought this would be a great opportunity for the ladies to meet and have a relaxing Sunday afternoon. Why not come a little earlier and do a bit of shopping.

When: Sunday 10th September Time: 1pm Where: The Carrington Inn  
21 Malbon Street, Bungendore Cost: \$30 or \$40 see below menu  
(choose and pay on the day)

My Tea \$30

Selection of Large Finger Sandwiches (2)  
Selection of Handmade Carrington Delights (3)  
Scones with Cream & Preserves (2)  
Chefs Finger Fancies (mini-savouries) (2)  
Organic tea selection

Sparkling My Tea \$40

Glass of Sparkling Wine  
Selection of Large Finger Sandwiches (3)  
Selection of Handmade Carrington Delights (4)  
Scones with Cream & Preserves (2)  
Chefs Finger Fancies (mini-savouries) (2)  
Organic tea selection

RSVP: to Catherine at [dcrtcombo@gmail.com](mailto:dcrtcombo@gmail.com)  
By Friday 1st September

## A Bush Christmas

*Saturday 9th December*

*McPherson's Plains Alpine Retreat and  
Caravan Park*

*230 Bradley Drive,*

*Nurenmerenmong, NSW*

*RSVP by 19 November*

*Cheryl - [ulmurra@icloud.com](mailto:ulmurra@icloud.com)*

### *The Party*

*Happy Hour will start at 4:00pm - bring a plate to share and your own drinks.*

*Santa will visit sometime before dinner - parents please bring along a wrapped and labelled present for your child.*

*Christmas dinner will start at 6:30pm - bring your own drinks.*

*Followed by awards, music, dancing and frivolity.*

*Breakfast will be served at 8:30am - bring your own cuppa.*

*Cost is \$10.00 per adult payable to ACT 4WD Club*

*Bank details - BSB: 805022 Account #: 03370382*

*Reference: "family surname" xmas*

#### **Accommodation**

*Camping amenities - shower and toilets, unpowered sites, campfire (in accordance with fireban levels), bring all your camping gear including drinking water.*

*Cost is \$15.00 per site (2ppl), \$7.00 extra per adults and \$5.00 per child.*

*Rooms - 12 rooms are available (beds only, no kitchen facilities)*

*Cost is \$75.00 per room, \$25.00 extra per adult/child*

*Please contact Lizz on 6948 3116 or [mcphersonplains@gmail.com](mailto:mcphersonplains@gmail.com) to make a booking.*

#### **CENTRAL AUSTRALIA PART 1**

Coober Pedy/Anne Beadell/Great Victoria Desert/Canning/Wolfe Ck/Tanamai/Alice Springs Date: mid-May to Mid-June 2018

**Date: mid-May – mid-June 2018**

**Trip Leader: Chris & Jan Fenton**

**Trip Rating: Difficult**

Part 1 - Mid-May to mid-June 2018 (expect about 30 Days from Canberra to Alice Springs plus the make and mend days in Alice Springs). This trip is rated as difficult. Most of the tracks are remote and will be challenging. Off-road trailer suitable but definitely not suitable for standard campers.

Canberra to Coober Pedy then head west for some remote and challenging driving. Plan is to go west on Anne Beadell Hwy to Neale Junction then north onto Connie Sue Hwy to Warburton.

Continue north up Gary Hwy to Gary Junction then slightly west to meet up with the Canning Stock Route at Well 33 (Kunawarritji).

We will then go up the end of the Canning and onto Halls Creek Via Wolfe Creek.

From Halls Creek take the Tanamai Rd to Alice Springs where we will spend almost a week before undertaking part 2 of the trip.

Contacts are Chris & Jan Fenton on one or both email addresses –  
i.e. [janfenton@activ8.net.au](mailto:janfenton@activ8.net.au) or [lonepines@activ8.net.au](mailto:lonepines@activ8.net.au)

## CENTRAL AUSTRALIA PART 2

Alice Springs/Hay River Track/Simpson/Birdsville/Strezlecki

**Date:** June/July 2018

**Trip Leader:** Chris & Jan Fenton

**Trip Rating:** Difficult

From Alice Springs north to the Plenty Hwy, East to Hay River. We will then follow the Hay River track to Poeppel Corner and onto Birdsville via the Simpson. Preference will then be Birdsville to Innamincka via Walkers Crossing then Old Strezlecki and Strezlecki to Lyndhurst. Travel home via Broken Hill and Menindee. Parts of this trip would also be rated as difficult.

Contacts are Chris & Jan Fenton on one or both email addresses [janfenton@activ8.net.au](mailto:janfenton@activ8.net.au) or [lonepines@activ8.net.au](mailto:lonepines@activ8.net.au)

## ANNE BEADELL HWY

**Date:** 2018 – July and August

**Trip Leader:** Geoff and Dianne Wood

**Trip Grading:** Blue to Black

Meet at Pt Augusta, Cooper Pedy, then 7 days across the Anne Beadell Hwy to Laverton – corrugations expected.

Return trip still being discussed, but atm planned Wiluna, Carnegie Stn, Gunbarrel Hwy, Gt Central Rd, Olgas, Uluru.

If you are interested – contact Geoff Wood on email [ggwood@bigpond.com.au](mailto:ggwood@bigpond.com.au)

## CAPE YORK

**Date:** 2018 – July and August

**Trip Leader:** Geoff and Dianne Wood

**Trip Grading:** Blue to Black

Meet at Wilcannia, go north on dirt through Thargomindah, Windorah, Winton to Normanton. Around the western side of the gulf as far as we can go, then up to the Cape. Plan to visit Wiepa, Chili Beach, Elim Beach, Cooktown.

Return trip at your leisure from Cairns.

If you are interested – contact Geoff Wood on email [ggwood@bigpond.com.au](mailto:ggwood@bigpond.com.au)



### Madigan Line (north Simpson desert)

**Date:** 2018 – 1 to 31 May 2018  
**Trip Leader:** Geoff and Dianne Wood  
**Trip Grading:** Black (many sand dunes)  
**Concept:** Meet at Pt Augusta, up to Mt Dare/Old Andado, then follow the Madigan Line east to Eyre Creek. Allowing 10 days to cross (should be less). Down to QAA line and into Birdsville. Return via While Cliffs.

Permits will be required. Family friendly trip. Can bring camper trailer, but I am not.

Contact Geoff Wood on email [ggwood@bigpond.com.au](mailto:ggwood@bigpond.com.au)



### Anne Beadell, Dirk Hartog, Kintore, Surveyors Corner

**Date:** 2018 – 1 July to 3 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](mailto:ggwood@bigpond.com.au)



### France/Spain

**Date:** 2019 – May/June  
**Trip Leader:** Geoff and Dianne Wood  
**Trip Grading:** Blue (Medium)  
**Concept:** Meet at Amsterdam, pick up your 4x4 and head south through Netherlands and Belgium. Into the stunning French Alps and then on to the Spanish Pyrenes. Nights will be in guest houses and B&Bs

If interested – contact Geoff Wood on email [ggwood@bigpond.com.au](mailto:ggwood@bigpond.com.au)





## Cape York

Date: **2019** – July and August  
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 Wiepa, Chili Beach, Elim Beach, Cooktown.  
Return trip at your leisure from Cairns.

If interested – contact Geoff Wood on email [ggwood@bigpond.com.au](mailto:ggwood@bigpond.com.au)



of  
visit

## Russia (east) – Lake Baikal

Date: **2020** – June  
Trip Leader: Geoff and Dianne Wood  
Trip Grading: Blue to Black  
Concept: Meet at Irkutsk (west Russia), pick up (probably) an 80 series L/Cruise and head north around the largest fresh water lake in the world. Approx 15 days. Camping.

Seeking *Expressions of Interest* – contact Geoff on email [ggwood@bigpond.com.au](mailto:ggwood@bigpond.com.au)



## 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	
Snatch Strap	Recovery Points	Recovery Pack (straps, shackles, chain, etc)

## TRIP REPORTS

Poems from members attending the Africa Trip

"Out of Africa"

There once was a place called Africa,  
Where wildlife roamed free and far

But man reduced the wildlife to near extinction  
So, now the present day has less distinction

And tourists flock from near and far,  
To see if Africa is on par.

However, hopefully the future generations will appreciate nature,

And allow Africa to evolve with grace  
and show the world it's finest face.

(Wendy & Greg Murray)

"Namibia"

If you knew Namibia like I know Namibia,  
Oh, oh, oh what a gal.

She's one fine lassie  
with lots of love and sass

She's close to Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe  
and loves her monkeys that swing in the trees.

If you knew Namibia like I know Namibia  
Oh, oh, oh what a gal.

Her challenges are many,  
Desert, delta, mountains and plains,  
Not to mention the many animal reserves with game

So in your heart she'll always stay,  
and we must keep her that way.

(Wendy & Greg Murray)

Under a golden full Namibian moon  
Lovers lay together to spoon  
While enjoying the amorous mood  
Their hopes were suddenly subdued  
An almighty roar  
Sent shivers down deep to their core  
Frozen with fear  
They dared to peer  
Through the mosquito net  
A baboon's eyes they met  
So relieved to sight the baboon  
they were relaxed again very soon  
Another roar and they were frightened once more  
This time a  
It was a lion for sure  
And the lovers were no more.

(The Duggans)

## FOR SALE

Toyota LandCruiser 200 V8 Diesel - \$42,000

2008 model, 225,000KM, Bull bar, snorkel, 2" lift, OME shocks, Diff locks, inbuilt compressor, rear drawers, overhead console, UHF 40CH radio, wired to separate batteries and many outlets, driving lights and spot lights. Contact: Geoff via email [ggwood@bigpond.com.au](mailto:ggwood@bigpond.com.au).

FREE to a good home /4WD vehicle!

We have 9 BF Goodrich All Terrain tyres.

Tyres are radials 275/70R16.

Most of our recent 4WD travel to remote Australia has been as a 'tagalong' where the operator requires 70% tread or 3/4 tread or more.

We rarely use our 4WD around town.

These free tryes are legal but have less than 70% tread. First come, best tyres!

Phone Alan or Sue on 62900490

## 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.



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## 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
<b>Overview Description</b>	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.
<b>Advisory Sign</b>	<b>Green Circle</b>	<b>Blue Square</b>	<b>Black Diamond</b>	<b>Double Black Diamond</b>
<b>Expected terrain and track conditions</b>	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.
<b>Vehicle suitability</b>	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).
<b>Recovery Equipment</b>				Winch/ Recovery equipment required.
<b>Driver Training / Experience</b>	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.
<b>Weather</b>	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](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au)