



"Responsible Four Wheel Driving And Family Touring"



TRACK TORQUE

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Newsletter



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WANGARATTA 4X4 CLUB

Wangaratta Four Wheel Drive Club Committee Members

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Social Co-ordinator	TBC
Web Master	Andrew Brown

WEBSITE: www.wangaratta4x4club.org.au

The Wangaratta 4WD Club has evolved from a few members in 1983, to a membership of over 80. The Club is made up of individuals and families who are interested in responsible Four Wheel Driving. There is no restriction on the make or type of four wheel drive vehicle, and there is always plenty of variety and camaraderie amongst members.

Where we live: Members live all over the North East and beyond, including from Benalla, Beechworth, Corowa, Glenrowan, Milawa, Albury, Wodonga, Wangaratta, Goorambat, Tatong, Langwarrin, Molyullah, Myrtleford, Mount Beauty, Mulwala, Yarrawonga, Stanhope, Violet Town, Melbourne, Rosebud and Overseas (England).



Wangaratta Four Wheel Drive Club is a member of the Victorian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs.

Affiliations: Members of our club are proud to be part of the Adopt a Hut Program and work with Parks Victoria to look after Top Crossing and Lake Cobbler huts.

We are also affiliated with the South Coast Four Wheel Drive Club based at Wollongong, and the Four Wheel Drive Club of WA. Current members of the respective clubs are entitled to Reciprocal Membership.

Membership: Single or family \$100.00 p.a.

General Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, generally at the North East Car Club Rooms, Tarrawingee Recreation Reserve, commencing 8.00pm. There is no meeting in January. Please refer to the club calendar. **Visitors are always most welcome.**

Track Torque: Newsletter Contributions may be forwarded to ...

Editor : Andrew Brown

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Editorial Deadline – Usually 1st of the month. This is your newsletter so be a part of it and send any articles of interest, comments, birthdays, etc, to the editor.

Advertising: \$100.00/yr. Please contact the editor for further details.

Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in the articles in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the editor or of Wangaratta Four Wheel Drive Club Inc. The editor reserves the right to delete any section of any article, or reject any article, which has been sent in for publication in the Newsletter.

Front Cover: The Convoy... we need to do this more...

The Presidents' Page

Hello to all.

At our AGM last month we saw a complete change in the executive of our Club along with some new and old faces on the committee. A big thank you to those that put up their hands, albeit with some arm twisting!

Dave van Zanten is 'job sharing' the President's position with me.

There is a lot to be done over the next few months so please be patient.

Our first task is to get a Trip Calendar out there for you all. At the time of this April Newsletter going to press the Calendar is still a work in progress. Trips will be announced at the April meeting and advertised on our website.

Dave and I would like to thank the retiring executive and committee members for their leadership and hard work over the past few years.

Our congratulations and good wishes go to Andrew Brown and his new wife Charlotte.

Autumn has finally arrived and with the cooler weather we should be able to look forward to spending more time in our bush.

Sue

Editor's Notes: This is a very thin edition. Let's support Sue and Dave over the next few months and fill the newsletter with Trip Reports, Photos and interesting articles that inspire us all...

A very big "thank you" to Paul L'Huillier for all his work setting up and administering the Club's Website during the last few years. Paul is retiring mid April and handing it on to me. Well done Paul.

David Suffield

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(The club shirt should be a dark green with gold embroidery.)



Victorian High Country Huts Association VHCHA

For information about huts please visit the VHCHA website : <http://www.vhcha.org.au>
This site has further information on the Victorian High country huts and activities associated with each area. Our club is a member of this organisation, with (TBA) our representative.

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CLUB CALENDAR 2015



Remember club trips are not set in stone so there will be times when trip dates will be changed to suit members and the weather.

2016 – Trip & Event Calendar

Date	Trip/Event	Location	Rating	Contact	Notes
March					
Tue 8 March	ANNUAL General Meeting	NE Car Clubrooms, Nolan Rd Tarrawingee Recreation Reserve	-----	The Secretary: E: info@wangaratta4x4club.org.au Tel: (03) 5762 8196	7:30pm for a 8pm start.
12-20 March	Buckland & Beyond	Upper Buckland Valley	X	Website: < http://www.bucklandandbeyond.com/ >	This is conducted as a multi-club event under the banner of 4WD Vic.
April					
29, 30 April & 1 May	Albury Caravan, Camping, 4WD, Fish & Boat Show	Albury Showgrounds-Mate St Albury.	-----	Website: < http://www.murrayriver.com.au/event/1613-caravan-camping-4wd-fish-boat-show/ >	
August					
19-21 August	National 4x4 Outdoor Show & Fishing & Boating Expo.	Melbourne Showgrounds	-----	Website: < http://4x4show.com.au/MEL/ >	

*TBA = To Be Announced

Last update: 6/3/2016

Trip Grading

GREEN (X) — *Easy* — Sealed roads or good unsealed tracks with limited 4WD driving expected.

BLUE (X) — *Medium* — Low range may be needed with a snatch recovery possible. Obstacles and hazards should be negotiated by vehicles without assistance, although some assistance may be required.

BLACK (X) — *Difficult* — Steep or rutted terrain. Considerable low range driving. Snatch or winch recoveries may be required. Minimum tyre requirement – All Terrain or better but more aggressive tyres may be specified at the discretion of the trip leader.

Double BLACK (XX) — *Extreme* — Steep, rutted terrain or rock hopping will be encountered. Winch and aggressive tyres are mandatory on all vehicles.

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