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Newsletter



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WANGARATTA 4X4 CLUB

Wangaratta Four Wheel Drive Club Committee Members

Executive-

President	Neville Sonego
Vice President	Mick Maher
Secretary	Sue Abotomey
Treasurer	Irene Ham

Other Committee Members-

4WD Victorian Representative	Noel Ham
Membership Officer	Irene Ham
Merchandise Officer	Chris Sonego
Newsletter editor	Bev Maher
Property Officer	Neville French
Publicity Officer	
Trip Coordinator	Damian O'Connor

Graham Abotomey
Andrew Ammendola

Non-Committee Positions-

Training Coordinator	Dave van Zanten
Sergeant in Arms	-
First Aid Officer	-
Web Master	Andrew Brown

WEBSITE:

www.wangaratta4x4club.org.au

The Wangaratta 4WD Club has evolved from a few members in 1983, to our current membership of over 30 families. 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, Howlong 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 affiliated with Four Wheel Drive Victoria.

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.

Membership: Single or family \$100.00 p.a. **Temporary Membership:** \$15.00 (Three trips)

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 ...

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Editorial Deadline:- 1st of the month

This is your newsletter so be a part of it and send any articles of interest, comments, birthday etc to the editor.

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Report June 2018

What a great night the 35th birthday dinner proved to be. Thanks again to the organisers. The atmosphere during the night was one of quiet respect for the long-term members and very welcoming one for the more recent ones.

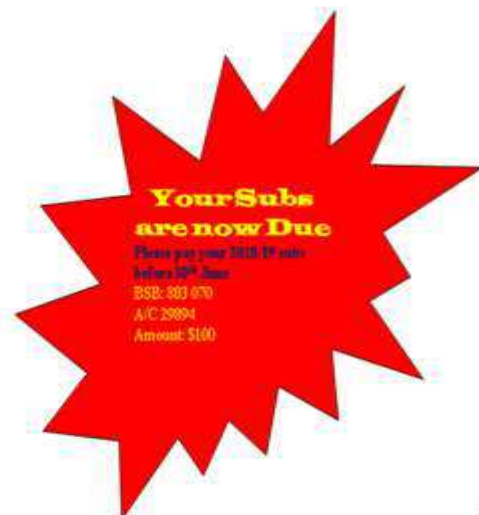
Congratulations to the members who received recognition for their contributions to the club over many years and we look forward to seeing them around the club for many more seasons. Interesting to hear of some of the earlier escapades and what can be achieved with far fewer resources, vehicles and equipment, than we enjoy today. Perhaps it was fortunate that OH&S had not been invented.

Many of the current members talk of the earlier days of camping trips with members and their young children and how those friendships still endure. Perhaps we need to make a concerted effort to try and attract some young families to the club. Any suggestions in this direction would be welcome.

Now that winter has arrived and for those interested in the snow it is a good time to plan a trip and enjoy the season.

Neville Sonogo.

President.



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Minutes of the Wangaratta 4x4 Club Meeting

Date - Tuesday 8th May 2018 **Time** - 8.00pm

Location — North East Car Club rooms, Nolan Road
Tarrawingee Recreation Reserve.

<u>Present</u>	Sue & Graham Abotomey, Neville Sonego, Barry Richardson, Fiona & Dave van Zanten, Sean Strudwick, Manfred Wagner, Damian O'Connor, Robyn & Glenn Norton, Bev & Mick Mike Maher and Monica & Neville French.
<u>Apologies</u>	Virginia & Noel Robinson, John Strang, Barry Richardson, Glenn Norton, Craig Cheetham. Irene & Noel Ham, Jeanette & Allan Wallace, Chris Sonego, Andrew Ammendola and Barry Burns.
<u>Guests</u>	Neville welcomed Dannica Shaw and Rob & Sue Forster
<u>Approval of Minutes May 2017 General Meeting</u>	Moved: Monica French Seconded: Dave van Zanten Carried Carried Moved: Monica French Seconded: Sean Strudwick Carried
<u>Business Arising from Meeting</u>	NIL
<u>Correspondence In</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer Affairs Invoice –\$56.90 – paid by SA • Beryl Strang (Peru) – new member enquiry Dannika Shaw • FWDV – Level 2 1st Aid Sat 25 May 2018, Chainsaw Course 25-27 May • Vic High Country Huts newsletter • Aust Post mail box a/c \$157.00
<u>Correspondence Out</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 Annual Statement Lodgement (internet) • Email to all members re 35th Birthday Dinner – Andrew to put on Website as only had 4 replies • Email 4WDV advising new President & Secretary (reply rec'd) • Email Park Vic (Chris) re Track Clearing in October 2018 <p>“Correspondence be accepted.” Moved: Neville French Seconded: Damien O'Connor Carried</p>
<u>President's Report- May</u>	<p>Thanks to the previous President and committee the Wangaratta 4x4 Club is in a sound position. I will endeavour to see that this continues. Some of the great things that Chris and I have appreciated in the club is the welcome extended to us by all members, the care and attention taken on trips by leaders and participants, the thirst for knowledge of the history of people and places visited and the attitude of members towards responsible 4x4 driving. It makes us proud to say we are members of the Wangaratta 4x4 Club. Over the last 15 years Chris and I have travelled extensively over much of outback NSW, QLD, SA, NT and WA but only recently started to enjoy the High Country. We are lucky to have such a resource at our back door and hopefully there will be many more trips to this great area. Whilst the new committee has just commenced its term of office we will be looking for some members to keep the club ticking over for the months of July and August and possibly September. Myself, along with the VP, secretary, magazine editor and other experienced members will all be participants of the Canning Stock Route trip. Any forward notice of trips for later in the year would make planning less hectic when we all return. I look forward to your support in this area. The 35th birthday celebration of the founding of the club is an occasion for all members to gather and relive some of the past memorable excursions and renew old</p>

	friendships. I am looking forward to enjoying the trips and social occasions in the coming year. Neville Sonego
<u>Treasurer's Report</u>	Treasurer's Report was tabled in Irene's absence. "Treasurer's Report be accepted, and accounts passed for payment." Moved: Sue Abotomey Secoded: Bev Maher Carried Committee to appoint Fiona to WAW a/c signatories. Motion: "Fiona van Zanten to be added to signatories but with access only to High Country & Beyond a/c as newly appointed Treasurer of this Sub-committee." Moved: Sue Abotomey Secoded: Mick Maher Carried
<u>Calendar/Proposed Trips</u>	Calendar: 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAY 19th - Birthday bash will be on Saturday 19th May at the North Eastern Hotel, Spearing St. RSVP to Fiona by 4th May. • May 19th 10.00am -Birthday Bash Day Trip – Murmungee - Neville & Damo • JUNE - Long Weekend- Damo to organise trip to Craig's Hut area – snow possible? • JUNE - Cape York Contact Barry Burns for more information • AUGUST-? Snow Trip
<u>HC&B – Report</u>	Dave reported that the HC&B – Omeo event was very successful and thanked Club members for their assistance. Dargo event 16th to 24th March 2019. The Committee are to talk to at least one other Club with more knowledge of the South Dargo area.
<u>Member News</u>	Committee has formerly moved: "Graeme Price and Howard Wicking be accepted as members of the Wangaratta Four Wheel Drive Club Inc." <u>Moved:</u> Graham Abotomey <u>Secoded:</u> Neville French Carried
<u>Training</u>	*Chainsaw Training 4WDV- late September – Dave Van Zanten *Club Driver training to be held late October but not to conflict with
<u>Merchandise</u>	Merchandise can be purchased from Work Locker – Murphy Street, Wangaratta.
<u>Editor Newsletter</u>	Please get information to Bev by the 1 st of the month. All Trip reports or 4WD related articles gratefully appreciated.
<u>Sergeant at Arms</u>	Has been in recess for a while. Damo has taken on this role again. Thanks Damo!
<u>Trip Reports</u>	Fiona & Dave's CSR Trip is now FULL CSR members met socially at camp on the Murray River, Yarrawonga to discuss what/not to take, etc. Swapping ideas. Great camping spot.
<u>4WDVic</u>	Chainsaw Course- 4WDV- 25 th -27 th May Track Clearing – tba - Graham

<p>General Business</p>	<p>Life Membership – The Committee unanimously decided that Life Membership be awarded for 25 years of service.</p> <p>Motion: “Life Membership be awarded for 25 years of continuous service subject to rules of the Club with regard to ‘leave of absence’. Life Members to be acknowledged with Recognition on Honour Board, Life Membership badge (active couples both to receive). Life members to pay Affiliation fees only, ie Memberships of FWDV and FWDA and Insurance.” Moved: Bev Maher Seconded: Chris Sonego Carried</p> <p>*Club Rules to be amended and advertised to include Life Membership. Committee moved a motion: “Financial Report to be presented to Committee Meeting in hard copy each month. This will then be presented at the monthly General Meeting for the information of members. Financial Report no longer to be printed in Track Torque.” Moved: Bev Maher Seconded: Chris Sonego Carried</p> <p>Club Trailer Registration – to be transferred. Currently registered in Bruce Gooday’s name. Graham Abotomey has volunteered to register the Club trailer in his name. Glenn Norton has volunteered that the Club trailer remain stored at his Plumbing business in Greta Road. Neville French has volunteered to look after the trailer and keep an eye on it’s contents.</p> <p>Honour Board to be updated with 2018 office bearers. Graham Abotomey to organise.</p> <p>First Aid Officer <u>no</u> longer required.</p> <p>Trip Leader and Personal Details forms Damo has copies for members.</p> <p>Club 35th Birthday Weekend Saturday Trip (approx. 6 hours) to Murrungee area. Neville & Monica French to organise. Diner at Northeastern Hotel, Wangaratta. 6.00pm</p>
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Meeting closed at: 8.45pm

Committee will meet at The Northo on 1st May.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th June from 7.30 p.m. Meeting begins at 8.00 p.m.

Our next generation of 4X4 Drivers practicing with their forbees. Way to go Tom and Jackson.

Great to see.....



35TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Some significant Awards presented.
Life memberships- Neville & Monica French, Craig & Kristen Cheatham and Sue & Graham Abotomey

10 plus year Awards-
Noel & Irene Ham, David Jackson, David Robinson, Bruce Gooday and David Blore

Congratulations to all awardees. Thanks to the organisers.

A great night had by all at the Northo Hotel. Well done everyone. Looking forward to the next 35 years!!!!



TRIP REPORTS

Track Torque

35th BIRTHDAY DAY TRIP- MURMUNGEE---GAPSTEAD

By Neville & Monica French

SAT 19th May

Participants-

Nev/Monica French, Bev/Mick Maher, Jason and young Jackson Daven, David Jackson, Barry Burns & his brother Noel Burns, Andrew Ammendola, Damian/Kerry O'Conner with young TOM..

After meeting at Apco Wangaratta, we all left & headed for the Great Alpine Hwy to travel to our designation of the Murmungee- Gapsted area. We turned left on to the dirt at Flagstaff Road. After airing down, we proceeded along Flagstaff Road with lots of great views along the way. When we turned left down Rifle Range Track. Time for low range on the rocky descent back down to the valley. The next track we tackled was Wells Boundary Track with lots of ups & downs. One section I was a bit worried about. It was a short steep rutted, rocky and loose climb but it turned out not to be a problem with everyone making it up without an issue. The last track before lunch was Bridle Track which is a steep track up a ridge to Lady Newton Road. Lunch was consumed at Murmungee lookout with great views. It was mentioned at lunch that the wind was very lazy? Too lazy to go around you. It went through you instead. It was good to get back in the warm cars. We continued up Lady Newton Road. Then turned right into Burgoigee Road then back onto Flagstaff Road again. We continued along this road, bypassing lots of tracks that still need exploring. Just past the top of Rifle Range Track we turned onto West End Track and back into low range to head to Gapsted area. Along this track are some good views of Myrtleford in the distance. We then went down Link Track to Gapsted where Mick, Bev, Barry and Noel left to head home. The rest of us decided to try a couple more tracks. So, we went up Gapsted Track which was a nice steep track that just kept on climbing back up to Flagstaff Road. Then onto Orton's Track which came out near the intersection of Rifle Range & Wells Boundary Track. We left the bush onto Buckland Gap Road to head home.

I hope everybody that went on trip had a good time. Thanks Nev/ Monica





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Date	Trip/Event	Location	Rating	Contact	Notes
JUNE					
5 th June	Committee Meeting	NE Hotel	N/A		7.00 PM start
12 th June	General Meeting	N.E Car Club Clubroom Nolan Rd Tarrawingee	NA	Sec: Sue Abotomey E: : susieabotomey@hotmail. com	7:30 PM for an 8:00PM start
June to September	Kimberley's/CSR			Dave van Zanten	
? June	Cape York trip			Barry Burns	Contact for more information
JULY					
3 rd July	Committee Meeting	NE Hotel	N/A		7.00 PM start
10 th July	General Meeting	N.E Car Club Clubroom Nolan Rd Tarrawingee	NA	Sec: Sue Abotomey E: susieabotomey@hotmail. com	7:30 PM for an 8:00PM start
AUGUST					
6 th August	Committee Meeting	NE Hotel	N/A		7.00 PM start
13 th August	General Meeting	N.E Car Club Clubroom Nolan Rd Tarrawingee	NA	Sec: Sue Abotomey E: susieabotomey@hotmail. com	7:30 PM for an 8:00PM start
SEPTEMBER					
4 TH September	Committee Meeting	NE Hotel	N/A		7.00 PM start
11 th September	General Meeting	N.E Car Club Clubroom Nolan Rd Tarrawingee	NA	Sec: Sue Abotomey susieabotomey@hotmail. com	7:30 PM for an 8:00PM start
OCTOBER					
2 nd October	Committee Meeting	NE Hotel	N/A		7.00 PM start
9 th October	General Meeting	N.E Car Club Clubroom Nolan Rd Tarrawingee	NA	Sec: Sue Abotomey E: susieabotomey@hotmail. com	7:30 PM for an 8:00PM start
Oct/Nov	Proposed track Clearing			Confirmation and more info to follow	

NOVEMBER					
6 th November	Committee Meeting	NE Hotel	N/A		7.00 PM start
13 th November	General Meeting	N.E Car Club Clubroom Nolan Rd Tarrawingee	NA	Sec: Sue Abotomey E: susieabotomey@hotmail.com	7:30 PM for an 8:00PM start
Oct/Nov	Proposed track Clearing			Confirmation and more info to follow	

DECEMBER					
4 th December	Committee Meeting	NE Hotel	N/A		7.00 PM start
11 th December	General Meeting Xmas B-B-Q	N.E Car Club Clubroom Nolan Rd Tarrawingee	NA	Sec: Sue Abotomey E: susieabotomey@hotmail.com	6.30pm BBQ 8:00PM start Meeting

JANUARY- 2019					

FEBRUARY					
5 TH February	Committee Meeting	NE Hotel	N/A		7.00 PM start
12 th February	General Meeting	N.E Car Club Clubroom Nolan Rd Tarrawingee	NA	Sec: Sue Abotomey E: susieabotomey@hotmail.com	7:30 PM for an 8:00PM start

MARCH					
5 th March	Committee Meeting	NE Hotel	N/A		7.00 PM start
12 th March	General Meeting	N.E Car Club Clubroom Nolan Rd Tarrawingee	NA	Sec: Sue Abotomey E: susieabotomey@hotmail.com	7:30 PM for an 8:00PM start
16 th March- 24 th March	HC&B – Dargo Event	Dargo		Website for bookings More details to come	

APRIL					
2 nd April	Committee Meeting	NE Hotel	N/A		7.00 PM start
9 th April	General Meeting	N.E Car Club Clubroom Nolan Rd Tarrawingee	NA	Sec: Sue Abotomey E: susieabotomey@hotmail.com	7:30 PM for an 8:00PM start
19 th April to 22 nd April	? Easter Trip tba				
22 nd April	Simpson Desert Trip			Contact: Graham & SueAbotomey	

MAY					
7 th May	Committee Meeting	NE Hotel	N/A		7.00 PM start
14 th May	General Meeting	N.E Car Club Clubroom Nolan Rd Tarrawingee	NA	Sec: Sue Abotomey E: susieabotomey@hotmail.com	7:30 PM for an 8:00PM start
JUNE					
4 th June	Committee Meeting	NE Hotel	N/A		7.00 PM start
11 th June	General Meeting	N.E Car Club Clubroom Nolan Rd Tarrawingee	NA	Sec: Sue Abotomey E: susieabotomey@hotmail.com	7:30 PM for an 8:00PM start
8 th June to 10 th June	Long Weekend ? Trip tba				

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