



TRACK TORQUE

AUGUST 2018

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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 ...

Editor: Bev Maher

☎ 0419 533 898 : editor@wangarata4x4club.org.au

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.

Advertising: \$100/yr. Please contact the editor for further details.

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Report

August 2018

This month has seen many our members head off to the warmer areas of Northern Australia.

Some will do various trips including Oodnadatta Track, Old Andado, Mt Dare along with some of the Kimberleys and Gibb River Road before all meeting up at Halls Creek in late July to commence the Canning Stock Route.

Our President Neville is part of this group so there will not be a formal Presidents report this month.

We all look forward to some detailed reports of the trip and the regions they visited on the groups return in September/ October.

Bev Maher on behalf of

Neville Sonego

President.

NB. Neville and the Committee extend a huge thanks to all the members who have paid Annual Subs. This allows the Club to fulfil its commitment to 4 WD Victoria on time and without having to draw on savings.

Club Contact Details

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Minutes of the Wangaratta 4x4 Club Meeting

Date - Tuesday 12th July 2018

Time - 8.00pm

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

<u>Present</u>	Bev & Mick Maher, Beryl Strang, Sean Strudwick, Barry Richardson, Bruce Gooday, Monica & Neville French, Craig Cheetham, Manfred Wagner, Narelle Cula. Special welcome to new members Daryl Collier & Jesse Collier (& Harry).
<u>Apologies</u>	Damien O'Connor, Andrew Ammendola, Barry Burns, John Strang, Allan & Jeanette Wallace, Graham & Sue Abotomey, Neville & Chris Sonogo, Glenn & Robyn Norton, Dave & Fiona van Zanten, David Robinson, David Jackson, Irene & Noel Ham.
<u>Guests</u>	Daryl & Jessie Collier.
<u>Approval of Minutes June 2018 General Meeting</u>	Moved: Monica French Seconded: Bev Maher Carried
<u>Business Arising from Meeting</u>	Trailer registration. To be completed immediately, registration to be in the name of Neville French.
<u>Correspondence In</u>	NIL
<u>Correspondence Out</u>	NIL
<u>President's Report- JUNE</u>	As published in July Track Torque
<u>Treasurer's Report</u>	Irene an apology, no report tabled.
<u>Calendar/Proposed Trips</u>	Damien is running a family trip to the snow this Sunday, 15th July. Meeting at APCO at 08.00. Kurt informed the Club that the NE Car Club rooms are booked for the Driver Training weekend, 5/6th October.
<u>HC&B – Report</u>	Dargo event has been confirmed for 16th to 24th March 2019.
<u>Member News</u>	NIL
<u>Training</u>	Proficiency Driver Training Course Friday 5th & Sat 6th October. Theory on Friday evening commencing at 6:30pm then practical driving on Saturday. As an option, if people want to make a weekend of it we could extend that to a camp in the Buckland Valley on the Saturday night and a drive to reinforce some of the skills just learnt on the Sunday. Refer Calendar above.

<u>Merchandise</u>	Merchandise can be purchased from Work Locker – Murphy Street, Wangaratta. Graham showed samples (fabric) for planned LS, UV treated shirts. This will be followed up later in year. Green polo shirts still available from the 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>	Damo apology for this meeting
<u>Trip Reports</u>	Fiona & Dave's CSR/ Kimberley Trip is currently underway. Lots of Trip Reports to follow !!!!!
<u>4WDVic</u>	NIL
<u>General Business</u>	President Mick presented a 10 Year certificate to Bruce Gooday. The Club's August General Meeting will be a social event, dinner at the Milawa Hotel (TBC) at 6.30/7.00 p.m. Details of place, time, RSVP etc to be emailed to all members as soon as possible. Satellite phone: Craig reported that the phone is set up & ready to be used on trips or borrowed by members. Contact Craig for further information!

Meeting closed at: 8.45pm

Next Meeting: Social evening on Tuesday 13th August

As above.



TRIP REPORTS

SNOW TRIP REPORT

Words & Photos by Craig Cheetham

With a cold front moving across Victoria & an upgraded snow forecast promising a big dump, the call was put out on Facebook for a short notice trip from Porepunkah. Three cars fronted for what was to be a great day. Snow started falling all the way down to just 500 metres settling at Beveridge's Station. The aim was to get out to Guy's Hut across the range & it wasn't long before a couple of trees needed to be chopped clear & the winch ran out to recover a newbie. The final drop into the hut & return back out proved to be the biggest challenge of the day with 1/2 a metre of snow requiring several attempts. In all over 80 km of virgin trackless snow to play in.

Apologies to those that didn't hear about the run till after but these days it's a matter of going as it's falling as more often than not it's melted within 48 hours.



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2018/2019 – Trip & Event Calendar

Date	Trip/Event	Location	Rating	Contact	Notes
AUGUST					
6 th August	Committee Meeting	NO COMMITTEE MEETING THIS MONTH	N/A		NIL
14 th August	General Meeting Social Evening	Milawa Hotel Milawa	NA	Assist Sec: Beryl Strang E: bjstrang@live.com.au R.S.V.P: Tuesday 7th	6.30pm for 7.00pm 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	Assist Sec: Beryl Strang E: bjstrang@live.com.au	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
5 th & 6 th October	Proficiency Driver Training			Dave van Zanten More Info to follow	
13 th & 14 th October	Proposed Track Clearing			Graham Abotomey 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					

21 st January	Proposed Club Trip		NA	David Blore More Info to follow	
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	AGM & 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.	7:30 PM for an 8:00PM start

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8 th June to 10 th June	Long Weekend ? Trip tba				



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