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Newsletter

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# TRACK TORQUE



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# WANGARATTA 4X4 CLUB

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<b>WEBSITE:</b> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
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**Editorial Deadline:-** 1<sup>st</sup> of the month  
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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Report February 2019.

Welcome to 2019. Trust that you all had a great Christmas and New Year. I am looking forward to hearing reports of the trips that were planned for January and hope that the weather conditions have not adversely affected these plans to any great extent.

At the time of writing this report it is pleasing to see that we have not had any major fire events in our region and can only hope that this is the case for the rest of the season which should make the autumn months an ideal time for any excursions into the many and varied places in our area.

It has been suggested that occasionally we have a guest speaker at our monthly meetings. The committee members would value your input on this matter. Yes/no, possible speakers/topics etc.

Neville Sonogo.  
President.

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## Minutes of the Wangaratta 4x4 Club Meeting- DECEMBER 2018

**DATE-** Tuesday 11th December 2018, 8.30pm

**PLACE-** Nth East Car Club Rooms, Tarrawingee

<b><u>Present</u></b>	Neville & Chris Sonego, Graham & Sue Abotomey, Barry Richardson, Robyn & Glenn Norton, Sean Strudwick, Neville & Monica French, Beryl Strang, Bev & Michael Maher, Manfred Wagner & Narelle Cula, Bruce Gooday, David & Kay Blore and Craig & Kristen Cheetham.
<b><u>Apologies</u></b>	Damien Kerry & Tom O'Connor, John Strang, Paul Kelly, Jeanette & Allan Wallace, Noel & Irene Ham, Andrew Brown and Andrew Ammendola.
<b><u>Guests</u></b>	Irene Jones (past Club member who will be rejoining.)
<b><u>Approval of Minutes November 2018 General Meeting</u></b>	Moved- Monica French Seconded- David Blore Carried
<b><u>Business Arising from Meeting</u></b>	NIL
<b><u>Correspondence</u></b>	**FWDV: Survey to all affiliated Club members. Email circulated.  **Parks Vic: Graham Abotomey emailed Chris Clarke re condition of Cobbler and Lands Department Huts. Awaiting reply.  Motion: "Correspondence be accepted." Moved: Bev Maher                      Seconded: Beryl Strang Carried
<b><u>President's Report-</u></b>	As published in Track Torque
<b><u>Treasurer's Report</u></b>	No report as Treasurer an apology.  Motion: "Expenses from tonight's Xmas BBQ be paid." Moved: Michael Maher              Seconded: Neville French Carried
<b><u>Calendar/Proposed Trips</u></b>	<b><u>2019 CALENDAR/ TRIPS</u></b>  <b>JANUARY:</b> <b>Wednesday 2nd to Sunday 6th</b> , High Country & Beyond – Dargo. Recce 1 Dargo/Haunted Stream. Details in December Track Torque and Facebook. TL: Noel Ham 0438 641 282



	<p><b>11th to 13th HC&amp;B – Dargo Recce</b> Dargo, Wonnangatta, Lake Buffalo, Myrtleford. Details in December Track Torque and Facebook. TL: Dave &amp; Fiona van Zanten 0400 936 113</p> <p><b>14th to 17th, Butcher Country/Calendonia River region</b> December Track Torque and Facebook for details. TL: David Blore 0407 885 410 <b>CANCELLED -TO BE RE-SCHEDULED</b></p> <p><b>FEBRUARY:</b> Huts maintenance ? – TBC Graham and Damo</p> <p>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>- Committee Meeting 6pm ?</p> <p>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>- General Meeting 8pm Nth East Car Club Rooms ** <b>Note Guest Speaker – Ian Newton ARB Wang.</b></p> <p><b>16th &amp; 17th Gastronomical Tour</b> Details in December Track Torque and Facebook. <b>CANCELLED-TO BE RE-SCHEDULED</b> TL: Dave &amp; Fiona van Zanten 0400 936 113</p> <p><b>MARCH:</b> Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting at North Eastern Hotel, Spearing Street, Wangaratta 6.00pm meal, 6.30/7.00pm meeting.</p> <p>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> AGM &amp; General Meeting 8pm Nth East Car Club Rooms</p> <p><b>Saturday 16th to Sunday 24th HC&amp;B Dargo Event</b> Contact- Noel Ham 0438 641 282</p> <p><b>Friday 22nd March to Friday 12th April (3 weeks) Simpson Desert</b> Details in December Track Torque and Facebook. TL: Graham Abotomey 0427 273 427</p> <p><b>APRIL:</b> Nil at present</p>
<b><u>HC&amp;B – Report</u></b>	NIL
<b><u>Member News</u></b>	Irene Jones (past member) visited this evening and is to re-join at March 2019 AGM.
<b><u>Training</u></b>	NIL

<b><u>Merchandise</u></b>	Merchandise can be purchased from Work Locker – Murphy Street, Wangaratta.
<b><u>Editor Newsletter</u></b>	Please get information to Bev by the 1 <sup>st</sup> of the month at the latest. All Trip reports or 4WD related articles gratefully appreciated.
<b><u>Sergeant at Arms</u></b>	In Recess until 2019.
<b><u>Trip Reports</u></b>	<p>**David Blore reported on a few recent private trips to show overseas guests our area. The Pinnacles and back to Dargo. Billy Goat Bluff was planned the next day and it rained so they went to Paynesville for coffee! The Wonnangatta and Craig's Hut. The Dargo High Plains Road turned to slop after the rain!</p> <p>**Bev Maher reported on their private trip to Strathbogie Ranges – as in Track Torque.</p> <p>**Graham Abotomey gave a rundown on the Huts Run – as in Track Torque</p>
<b><u>4WDVic</u></b>	Refer correspondence
<b><u>General Business</u></b>	<p>**Michael &amp; Bev Maher have organised for Ian Newton, ARB Wangaratta as guest speaker at our February 2019 meeting.</p> <p>**Bev Maher to produce a brief January 2019 Track Torque as a reminder of our 2019 Calendar of Events</p>

Meeting Closed 8.55pm

**Next Meeting:**

February 12<sup>th</sup> at North East car Club Rooms, Tarrawingee  
8.00pm start.

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## MARCH 2019 AGM-

PLEASE NOTE- THE WANGARATTA 4X4 CLUB WILL HOLD ITS AGM ON MARCH 12th 2019 at the NORTH EAST CAR CLUBS ROOMS- TARRAWINGEE AS PER BELOW-

### **Wangaratta Four Wheel Drive Club Inc. Notice of Annual General Meeting 2019**

The AGM of the Wangaratta Four Wheel Drive Club will be held on Tuesday 12th March 2019 in the North East Car Club rooms at Tarrawingee. The meeting will commence at 8.00pm. The election of office bearers for 2019-20 will be held at the AGM.

Members are invited to use the form below to nominate candidates for the various positions. If nominating for one of the six Committee positions, nominees should express a preference for any one, or several, of the tasks listed below the nomination form. The incoming President will allocate tasks to committee members according to expressed preferences and to circumstances from time to time. The position of Sergeant at Arms is determined by a separate process and is not necessarily held by a committee member. The composition of the current committee, and the allocation of tasks to committee members, can be found on the inside cover of the club newsletter. Completed nomination forms should be forwarded or handed to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the AGM. Election to positions will be by a show of hands on the night.

#### **NOMINATION FORM – *please tick one***

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee:</b>	<b>Nominated by:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> President		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vice President		
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary		
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer		
<input type="checkbox"/> Committee (6)		
		<b>Seconded by:</b>

#### **Committee preference – *please tick one***

<input type="checkbox"/> 4WD Vic Regional Rep	<input type="checkbox"/> Editor/Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchandise
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ANYONE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING ANY POSITIONS PLEASE CONTACT EITHER

Neville Sonogo- President [chrisnevsonego@westnet.com.au](mailto:chrisnevsonego@westnet.com.au)

Sue Abotomey- Secretary [susieabotomey@hotmail.com](mailto:susieabotomey@hotmail.com)



## PRE - TRIP REPORTS

### Simpson Desert Trip 2019

Graham & Sue Abotomey- 0427 273 427

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> March (Friday) to 12<sup>th</sup> April (Friday)

We plan to leave Wangaratta around 9am on the Friday and travel to Renmark on the Murray in South Australia. This will take 2 days and then our trip will really begin.

We will travel North through the Danggali Conservation Park to Yunta which is on the Barrier H/way. From Yunta we will continue to travel North West through Balcanoona, Leigh Creek, Maree, William Creek and on to Oodnadatta. (Fuel is available at most towns along the way. But be warned that there is no Telstra mobile available once you leave Yunta until we reach Birdsville. Yes Optus is the only carrier in between.)

From Oodnadatta we will travel to Dalhousie for a swim in the springs. From the springs the Simpson awaits.

We will travel a number of the Simpson's tracks and cross many sand dunes including Big Red on our way to Birdsville where we will stay for a couple of days to have a look around this famous town.

On the road again our travels will take us to Innamincka via Cordillo Downs. We intend to camp on the Cooper at Innamincka for a night before moving a few Kms out of town to the Cullyamurra Waterhole for a couple of nights and yes you can catch fish in the river if you're lucky. We will visit the Burke and Wills Dig Tree before heading south to Cameron Corner, Fort Grey and on to Tibooburra. We will do a loop run up and over the Jump Ups from here before continuing South.

From here it will be a toss of a coin to see which way we head home either through White Cliffs and Wilcannia or Broken Hill. We will make a majority decision upon leaving Tibooburra.

Time frame:

Home to Oodnadatta 8 days.

Oodnadatta to Birdsville 6 days.

Birdsville to Innamincka 2 days.

Innamincka to Tibooburra 2 days.

Tibooburra to Home 4 days.

Total 22 days approx..

**PLEASE CONTACT GRAHAM & SUE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST.**






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High Country and Beyond Inc is affiliated with **Four Wheel Drive Victoria**.

\*Not all trips are suited to camper trailers. Terms and Conditions available on our web site apply for all participants.



## Request from HC&B Team

Hi all

Attached is a list of Event trips requiring Trip Leaders and TEC's. There is full information available on the High Country and Beyond Website.

Please ring Graeme Price on Mob 0438 597 279 asap if you are interested in assisting with Trip Leader or TEC duties and all other information.

Hope to see you at our February General meeting next Tuesday evening.

Regards,  
Sue

Sue Abotomey  
Secretary  
Wangaratta Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.  
0357 273 427 or 0424 914 200

## High Country and Beyond – DARGO 2019

**Please ring Graeme Price on Mob 0438 597 279 if you are interested in assisting with Trip Leader or TEC duties for the following trips:**

**Trip # 1. TEC** for Dave's trip - **Wonnangatta Camper Trailer Trip 3 days**, Sunday 17th - Tuesday 19th March - **PLEASE NOTE** this is the ONLY trip catering for Camper Trailers

**Trip # 2 TEC** Noel and Irene - Country Huts Trip 3 days, Sunday 17th – Tuesday 19th March

**Trip # 11 TEC** Noel and Irene - Talbotville Trip 1 Day, Wednesday 20th March

**Trip # 13 TEC** Noel and Irene -Haunted Stream Trip 2 Day, Thursday 2st – Friday 22nd March

**Trip # 20 Leader and TEC** - Murdering Spur Trip 1 Day, Sunday 17th March

**Trip # 21 Leader and TEC**- Murdering Spur Trip 1 Day, Wednesday 20th March

**Trip # 22 Leader and TEC** -Wonnangatta 1 Day, Saturday 23rd March

HC&B are offering 20% discount to Wang club members that wish to do the event but not lead or TEC.

For those Leading or TEC'ing the cost would be at cost plus 10% for the meals and camping at cost.

For confirmation of pricing please ring Graeme price as per above.

There will be discounted fuel at Dargo store for all participants but at what amount of discount has not been decided yet by the store.



# TRIP REPORTS

NIL FOR FEBRUARY

## Letter from a Club member- RE HEART ATTACK ADVICE

QUOTED as follows-

1. Let's say it's 7.25pm and you're going home (alone of course) after an unusually hard day on the job.
2. You're really tired, upset and frustrated.
- 3 Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to drag out into your arm and up in to your jaw. You are only about five km from the hospital nearest your home.
4. Unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far.
5. You have been trained in CPR, but the guy who taught the course did not tell you how to perform it on yourself.
6. HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN ALONE?

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness.

7. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

8. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.

A Doctor (personal Friend of mine) said that it sounded feasible in his experience.

### ADDIT-

**The above MAY have some benefits in some people depending on what the exact problem is.**

**\*\*\*\*First action at stage #4. –**

**IF YOU HAVE THESE SYMPTOMS - STOP DRIVING!!**

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5 <sup>TH</sup> February	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	NE Hotel	N/A		6.00 PM for Dinner 6.30PM for Meeting
12 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>General Meeting</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>2019- Gastronomical Tour</b>	Meet on Saturday morning at 8:30am at the Howlong Bakery for an 8:45am departure. We will be back home mid afternoon on the Sunday.	Scenic	Dave & Fiona van Zanten dave@dcabs.com.au	<b>CANCELLED- TO BE RE- SCHEDULED</b>
Date tba	Huts Maintenance			Graham & Damo	tba
MARCH – 2019					
5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	NE Hotel	N/A		6.00 PM for Dinner 6.30PM for Meeting
12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>AGM &amp; General Meeting</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> March- 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>HC&amp;B – Dargo Event</b>	Dargo	varied	Website for bookings More details to come	
22 <sup>nd</sup> March- 12 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Simpson Desert Trip</b>	Leave from Wangaratta	Medium - Hard	Contact: Graham & Sue Abotomey- 0427 273 427	As per attached Pre- Trip Report
APRIL- 2019					
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	NE Hotel	N/A		6.00 PM for Dinner 6.30PM for Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>General Meeting</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> April to 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>? Easter Trip tba</b>				
MAY- 2019					
7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	NE Hotel	N/A		6.00 PM for Dinner 6.30PM for Meeting



14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>General Meeting</b>	N.E Car Club Clubroom Nolan Rd Tarrawingee	NA	Sec: Sue Abotomey E: susieabotomey@hotmail.com	7:30 PM for an 8:00PM start
<b>JUNE- 2019</b>					
4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	NE Hotel	N/A		6.00 PM for Dinner 6.30PM for Meeting
11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>General Meeting</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> June to 10 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Long Weekend ? Trip tba</b>				

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