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JULY 2020

Newsletter

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Wangaratta Four Wheel Drive Club

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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 - editor@wangaratta4x4club.org.au

This is your newsletter so be part of it and send in any articles of interest, comments, trips, birthdays etc.

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JULY 2020.

Welcome to the winter of being home for some of us. This is the first time for many seasons that we are not heading north to warmer parts of the country. The partial lockdown of some suburbs in Melbourne is a timely reminder of the dangers of this disease and how we must be vigilant.

The committee will continue to meet via Zoom so if members have any items you wish to put on the agenda you can email them to Secretary Sue, or myself. We will continue to keep members informed of developments as they come to hand. Meanwhile back to chopping wood.

President.

Neville Sonego.

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**WANGARATTA FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB Inc.
GENERAL MEETING**

DUE TO COVID-19 CURRENT SITUATION THE WANGARATTA 4X4 CLUB WILL BE IN RECESS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

*****MEETING UPDATE-from President Neville**

**Our Club will remain in recess for coming month.
No face-to-face meetings at this stage.**

**The Bulletin will continue to be published each month.
If anyone has a report of an older trip or an article of interest, please send through to Editor**



PRE - TRIP REPORTS

NIL DUE TO COVID- 19
BUT- KEEP THINKING & PLANNING

HAPPINESS IS...



planning our next trip.



TRIP REPORTS

MEMORIES-

SKULLS SPRING ROAD NULLAGINE WA

by Bev Maher

Just as short story regarding our trip down Skull Springs Road WA, in a trip we did to the Pilbara in 2017.

We had travelled up the centre via the Sturt Highway turning off to Uluru and Yalata where we stayed for a few days before tackling the Great Central Road across to Western Australia. From Leonora we headed north-west via Sandstone and then north via Meekatharra, Newman and onto Nullagine.

From Nullagine we turned west to travel the loop down Skull Springs Road towards Carrawine Gorge and onto Marble Bar.

The Skull Springs Road was fairly well maintained at the beginning as it was access to a huge mining zone. As we travelled on and beyond the mining region, it soon became very rocky with lots of dips all with high crests and steep exits. In 2017 there was little water about, but during the wet, these areas would have been very hard going to impossible to transverse.

The scenery was magnificent with large craggy mountain ranges on either side. Lots of spinfex around coupled with beautiful wattles just starting to bloom and the amazing Sturt's Desert Pea. Some wildflowers were also to be seen- mostly the purple Mulla Mulla.

The road was at times challenging requiring speeds down to 20-40 kms/ hour. A couple of small river crossings added to the adventure. No other travellers were seen in the entire trip. It was a very remote drive but most picturesque in beautiful countryside and just a wonderful drive.





A trip well worth doing if you are in the area.

If we cannot go travelling perhaps some of these trivia questions will bring back some memories for us all.

TRAVELLING TRIVIA-

1. What is the Aussie train once known as the Afghan Express?
2. Where would you find Granny's Guts, Eggs and Bacon Bay, Stinkhole, Satan's Lair, Trousers Point, Lovely Bottom and Milkshake Hills?
3. Where was Kelly's last stand?
4. What is the world's largest cattle property? Hint- situated in Australia
5. What classic Aussie film was filmed in the Coorong?
6. What Aussie icon sits at Snake Gully?
7. Where are the Brisbane Ranges?
8. What is Kata Tjuta also known as ?
9. What 5 countries of the world are bigger than Australia?
10. What is Australia's oldest chocolate bar and where was it made?
11. Which place in Australia harvest 3 million oysters each year?
12. What is the 4- legged Australian marsupial who smiles for a "selfie" and where does it live?
13. What Aussie town swells from 120 to 6000 for a single event?
14. What Aussie road is the world's biggest war memorial?
15. What amount of Uluru is below ground level? (% or depth)
16. What is the most westerly point on the Australian mainland?
17. What is the largest Australian ecosystem?
18. What is the Opal capital of the world?
19. What is the world's largest rock and where is it?
20. What is the largest waterfall in Australia and where is it?
21. What is the longest road in Australia?
22. What is the world's largest sand island?
23. Where is the only place in the world where 2 World heritage listed sites meet and what are they?
24. What and where are - Meehi, Wimiah and Gunnedoo?

ANSWERS ON LAST PAGE- DON'T PEEK !!!!

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ITEMS OF INTEREST- Thanks Ron1. Here is the story on one of the lost EPIRB in a Tasmanian Tip.

Tasmania's marine safety authority is pushing for a disposal system for old emergency beacons after a false alarm caused a nationally coordinated response over the weekend.

The false alarm was caused by a discarded EPIRB in Tasmania which sent out distress signals from the rubbish tip in Deloraine in the state's north.

The signals were picked up on Saturday but police took some time to locate the device with the help of a tracking aircraft from Victoria and the Tasmanian Police rescue helicopter.

Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST) said it was a national problem that was not uncommon and appeared to be linked to a fee charged for immobilisation.

MAST's manager of recreational boating, Peter Hopkins, said the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) struck a deal with one Hobart battery business to deactivate EPIRBs and dispose of them for free.

But Mr Hopkins told 936 ABC Hobart the company was now charging a \$5 fee and encouraged dealers around the state to strike an arrangement with the business.

"Try and ensure that if people are updating their particular EPIRB to at least be in a situation where they can drop their old one at a dealer when they buy the new one, and hopefully the dealer can strike a deal with this particular company and go from there," he said.

"That's what we're aiming at currently and we're somewhat down the track to making that succeed."

Mr Hopkins said some owners were mistakenly throwing away their beacons based on the expiry date of the registration.

"They must also look at the battery life of their EPIRB and the expiry date because it may well be that it might have an extra couple of years on it," he said.

"We are seeing cases of handing them in with still time to go on their EPIRB."

He said the issue had been a hot topic at meetings of the Australia New Zealand Safe Boating Education Group.

"We've also discussed this with AMSA in respect to maybe some sort of deposit, return-type thing when people are buying a new one that AMSA will cover the cost," Mr Hopkins said.

"To date we haven't had any luck with that but it's still something we're pursuing."

MAST advises boat owners to invest in 408 beacons which are GPS enabled and narrow a search down to one kilometre.

2. Driving on Ice & How to inflate a tyre

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2020 – Trip & Event Calendar

JULY 2020

TUESDAY July 7th	Committee Meeting	ONLINE	N/A	Sec: Sue Abotomey E: susieabotomey@hotmail.com	6.00pm
TUESDAY July 14th	General Meeting	CANCELLED		Sec: Sue Abotomey E: susieabotomey@hotmail.com	7.30pm for 8.00pm start

AUGUST 2020

TUESDAY August 4th	Committee Meeting	TO BE CONFIRMED	N/A	Sec: Sue Abotomey E: susieabotomey@hotmail.com	6.00pm
TUESDAY August 11th	General Meeting	TO BE CONFIRMED		Sec: Sue Abotomey E: susieabotomey@hotmail.com	7.30pm for 8.00pm start

TRIVIA ANSWERS-

1. The Ghan
2. Tasmania
3. Glenrowan
4. Anna Creek Station SA
5. Storm Boy
6. The Dog on the Tuckerbox Statue
7. Victoria
8. The Olgas
9. Russia, Canada, China, USA, Brazil
10. McRoberston's Cherry Ripe in Fitzroy Victoria
11. Bruny Island, Tasmania
12. Quokkas from Rottnest Island
13. Birdsville
14. The Great Ocean Road
15. Uluru- 863 m above ground, 2.5 kms under ground or approx only 35% above
16. Steep Point WA 670 kms north of Perth
17. Great Barrier Reef
18. Coober Pedy
19. Mt Augustus WA
20. Wallaman Falls QLD- 268 metres
21. Eyre Highway- Port Augusta SA to Norseman WA via Nullabor Plain
22. Fraser Island
23. Daintree National Park- Daintree & Great Barrier Reef
24. The Three Sisters in Blue Mountains



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