

“Responsible Four Wheel Driving And Family Touring”



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Newsletter



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WANGARATTA 4X4 CLUB

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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 - editor@wangaratta4x4club.org.au

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

Editorial Deadline: - 1st of the month

Advertising: \$100/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

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President's Report – October 2020.

Hopefully in the next short while we will move to a more open and relaxed stage so it will be possible to enjoy some outings with fellow members. It has been a long time.

Keep your eye on the calendar for club activities as these will proceed, in line with restrictions in place at the time. Club meetings at Tarrawingee will also resume as soon as it is safe to do so.

Continue to study maps and explore ideas so we will be prepared to swing into things when they let us all loose.

Keep safe and hope to be able to gather soon and enjoy your company.

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 NOT BE HOLDING GENERAL MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

We are however encouraging members to think about planning some trips- particularly day trips for when we can get back on the road again. These will need to be under the strict COVID-19 guidelines as per Government regulations for our region at that particular time.



COVID PROTOCOLS

***Everyone has a role to play
in slowing the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19)***

Before you attend any Trips or Attendance Meetings:

- If you are feeling unwell you should stay at home. If you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, you should get tested.*

While you are out with the Wangaratta Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.:

- NO Mask NO Participation!*
- Provide your contact details to the Club and Venue to assist should contact tracing be required.*
- In shared spaces and when moving about be aware of maintaining your physical distance.*
- Wash/ Sanitise your hands regularly*
- Don't share cutlery, plates or glasses*
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.*

When you get home:

- *Dispose of Masks correctly and Wash your hands*

Please Note:

Activities with the Wangaratta Four Wheel Drive Club Inc. will only go ahead in strict accordance with the Victorian Government's COVID regulations at that time and as such may be cancelled or changed at short notice.

Annual Track Clearing Weekend

Saturday/Sunday 17th and 18th October 2020

YES, it's going ahead!

Chris Clark Ranger in Charge Whitfield has advised that Parks Victoria are planning to proceed with the track clearing weekend. We will have to adhere to the COVID protocols current at that time. *Presently numbers are limited to 10!*

<u>Destination:</u>	<i>Mt Cobbler, King Hut and Surrounding areas</i>
<u>Trip Leader:</u>	<i>Graham Abotomey</i>
<u>Contact:</u>	0357 273 427 / 0427 273 427 gsabotomey@hotmail.com
<u>Start Time:</u>	<i>9:00am at Parks Victoria Office Whitfield</i>
<u>Estimated Return:</u>	<i>4:00pm Sunday</i>
<u>Trip Description:</u>	Those with chain saws and appropriate certificate and PPE Gear will assist with the cutting of fallen timbers. Other participants are encouraged to help with the clearing of debris off the tracks. Many hands make light work.
<u>Trip Rating:</u>	Easy/ medium
<u>Tyres:</u>	All Terrain or better
<u>Fuel:</u>	Full tank on departure
<u>Recovery Gear:</u>	Basic required
<u>Equipment:</u>	UHF radio Channel 14, PPE gear, Sturdy gloves
<u>Other:</u>	Tent or Swag. Warm clothing, Rain gear

Emergency Contact: Sue Abotomey 0357273427
Or 0424914200

Parks Victoria normally supply the evening meal on Saturday. Club members to supply all other meals and snacks.



PRE - TRIP REPORTS

The following Trips are currently postponed.
They will be offered when COVID-19 restrictions and Government guidelines allow.
Members will be notified directly.

1. ELDORADO DAY TRIP -

TRIP LEADER: Damian O'Connor

CONTACT DETAILS: 0417 526 175 or email damnkez@people.net.au if interested in this trip

START DATE: tba

MEETING PLACE AND TIME: APEX PARK SHELTER Wangaratta at 10am

Return roughly mid to late afternoon

TRIP RATING: Easy/medium

TYPE OF TREADS: Good all- terrains or Mud terrains, NO ROAD TREADS as they won't be suitable for the terrain

FUEL REQUIREMENTS: Full tank ex Wangaratta

RECOVERY GEAR: Your usual recovery gear, both front and rear recovery points on your vehicle

PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS: bring your lunch, snacks, drinks for the day

MAXIMUM VEHICLES: No more than 10 people to attend.

IT IS IMPERITIVE THAT IF YOU INTEND TO GO ON THE TRIP YOU ADVISE DAMO, SO HE CAN ARRANGE NUMBERS. IF MORE THAN 10 INTERESTED 2 TRIPS WILL BE ORGANISED WITH 2 TRIP LEADERS.

2. GAPSTEAD MURMUNGEE TRIP

Date: tba

Trip leader: Neville French 0448277851



TRIP REPORTS

NIL

2020 – Trip & Event Calendar

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TUESDAY October 6th	Committee Meeting	Zoom	N/A	Sec: Sue Abotomey E: susieabotomey@hotmail.com	6.00pm
TUESDAY October 13th	General Meeting	CANCELLED	N/A	Sec: Sue Abotomey E: susieabotomey@hotmail.com	7.30pm for 8.00pm start
SATURDAY October 17 TH - SUNDAY October 18th	TRACK CLEARING	AS PER NOTES ABOVE		Graham Abotomey 0357 273 427 / 0427 273 427 gsabotomey@hotmail.com	9.00am Whitfield Parks Office

NOVEMBER 2020

TUESDAY November 2nd	Committee Meeting	TO BE CONFIRMED			
TUESDAY November 9th	General Meeting	TO BE CONFIRMED			

DECEMBER 2020

TUESDAY December 1st	Committee Meeting	TO BE CONFIRMED			
TUESDAY November 9th	General Meeting	TO BE CONFIRMED			



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