



4wd Now Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome to NSW & ACT 4wd Association 2017 issue 2 newsletter. Remember if you club has anything there would like to put in the newsletter pleased email me editor@4wdnow.com.

Australia Biggest Morning Tea:

Date: Sunday 2nd April 2017

Event: Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Hosted by Sydney Districts 4x4 Club proudly supported by NSW & ACT 4wd Association is proud to support Cancer Research.

Where: EASTERN CREEK DRAGWAY/4WD TEST TRACK

Time: 9.30 am for 10.00am start

This will be a family day with a BBQ, fun events for the kids while the adults eat and mingle.

Purchase a Day Pass for \$10 and received unlimited driving on 4WD Test Track for the day. Monster Guessing Competition with major prizes some of which include a set of tyres, Grande MK111 12,000lb Winch and Sydney District 4X4 is giving away a two night family stay in a National Park Cabin. BBQ Sausage Sizzle, tea/coffee and cold drinks will be available

Face Painting for the kids plus Bob The Minion will make an appearance BYO Chairs and a cabana if you have one.



RSVP: Please run this event as your Club event/ trip. For catering purposes please RSVP by Saturday 15th March 2017 including club name, trip leader, contact phone number and total number of adults and children attending from your club to Sue Walker.

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Association Quarterly meeting:

Date: Saturday 20th May 2017

Event: Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT Association Quarterly Meeting

Where: Bathurst more info to come

Time: 9.00am

Ten Pin Bowling Night:

Date: Saturday 27th May 2017

Event: Inter Club Ten Pin Bowling Night

Hosted By: MacArthur 4wd Club and Black Diamond 4wd Club

Where: Campbelltown City Bowl, 11 Hollylea Road, Leumeah

Time: Meet at BBQ Galore and camping world for sausage sizzle at 4pm till 6pm all members will receive 20 - 25% off all prices store wide. Address 5C Hollylea Road Leumeah. Head down to Campbelltown City Bowl from 6pm till 10pm Cost \$20.00 per person unlimited bowling. Come along and join in the fun.

President: Craig Thomas

Hi all, I have great news I can now confirm that we have a new insurance scheme for our clubs at nearly half the price of the old one and we get better coverage. The new policy is a single policy that is held by the National Association and covers all affiliated clubs that are paid up.

We will be adding an insurance component to your invoice this year to collect the payment. The new policy also has limited personal accident coverage and is also much more user friendly as in if you are doing something that we all do then we will not have to put in for extra coverage. The Association is also picking up the bill to bring the policy in line with our financial year so that means all financial clubs are now covered until the 30th of June. The national committee has been working hard to get this for all of its members and it is a great example of why it is great to be part of the Association. A quick update on the DTU, we have had our audit and are now waiting to find out how we went, we are also trying to put together a new committee to look after the DTU so watch this space.

Communications Dom Fitzgibbon:

Well as was discussed at the February Quarterly the website got upgraded and whilst we knew there were some teething problems we very quickly discovered that the upgrade has corrupted a number of areas within the back-end of the site. This has affected different users being unable to login or reset their passwords without manual intervention from me. Coupled with an extremely busy March this has been a real problem getting things done in a timely manner.

I am working through things, so you may see small changes here and there, but the main work is being done within the way everything is referenced in the admin area.

There are new modules being put into the website at the moment so the Documents area will be back to what it was before plus with some added functionality (I am doing this myself so I know it's done correctly).

If you find the website has gone off-line this won't be for long as with fixing some things there may be some unforeseen occurrences of things becoming unreachable. I am hoping this isn't the case. If it is out for any period of time then Facebook will be your friend. With any luck all the fixes and updates will be all completed by the May Quarterly.

Finally I understand the Club Updates are taking a while, but we lost a fair bit of data, so if things haven't been updated since you did your changes I do get all the update notices so they will happen in due course.

Lands Nigel Ward:

Mugii Murrum-Ban (Mt Airly)

The negotiations continue regarding access to Mugii Murrum-Ban (Mt Airly) and The Tramway with a meeting this weekend between National Parks and a delegation from the Association. Interestingly enough National Parks and the Association are in agreement on many points. There will be more to come on this in the next 12-18 months with very interesting times ahead for the Association.

With changes in State Government and changes in National Parks this has delayed the adoption of the Plan of Management for this and other Parks in NSW.

Adventure Show Darren Calleia:


A big thank-you to all that came along the Central Gardens last month for the Thank-you day. Everyone that came along had a great time and a big thanks to Triple Diamond 4x4 for hosting the day.

There were a good number of prizes given out (raffle drawer from all volunteers) and those that weren't able to make it had their prizes distributed to them by other club members or friends.

We kick off the 2017 Adventure Show preparations next month with our first meeting for the year of all club delegates etc who wish to be involved. This will be held at **Liverpool Catholic Club on 10th April (from 7.00pm)**. Come along and have your input into this year's show!

Lithgow Project Chris Keys:

As expected a slow start with holiday period and sorting out what approvals are required by land managers. Forestry Corporation is the major land manager involved. We have clarified the approval requirements for signage of the trails on Forests lands and will be done under a specific permit related to this project. The signs will be Association signs placed along a route that follows main tracks that are maintained by Forests. These tracks are essentially 2wd/4WD tracks. The next step is to confirm the location of the signs with Forests and secure approval for the configuration and content of the signs. Once this is completed we can manufacture the signs and arrange installation. At the same time we can start building the tourist maps that show the routes with the intention of making these maps downloadable from a website. We are on track to have this finished by end of June.



Members Articles:

Clean Up Australia Day March 5th


We had a great turn out of members from lots of different clubs we even had a few guests as well that helped to make this a successful day!

The Four Wheel Drive Association NSW & ACT, with members of the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party 4WD Branch NSW 4WD as well as some people that just saw what we were doing and joined in. Even some responsible motor bike riders helped out.

Clubs that were represented are - Nissan Patrol 4WD Club of NSW & ACT, Crossed Up 4x4 Club (Sydney), Sydney District 4x4, Blue Mountains Four Wheel Drive Club, Limited Slip Riff 4wd Club, Lithgow 4x4 Club and Central West 4x4, as well as 4WD NSW & ACT. There were between 55 and 60 people there in total, with all working as 1 team.

A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped out and also a big thank you to Caitlin Knight who organised this event. Places where rubbish was removed were, Bungleboori, Mt Horne off Waratah Ridge Road, Mt Cameron trail, Sunnyside Ridge Road, Blackfellows hands road, Lost city area and 4 cars are to be collected after being moved out of the bush.

The amount of rubbish and garbage {and the types of rubbish} that was picked up leaves me in shock, I just don't understand why people do this, when other groups see this, it gives these other groups ammo to close and gate these and other areas.



Central Coast group's generous donation to Dungog RFS



Donation: Craig Green from the Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club with Calvin Vogeles holding the new blower vac and Brigade Captain Heidi Thornton.

Members of the Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club have been enjoying the natural beauty of Dungog for 20 years.

They have now strengthened their link with the community with a donation of an \$11,000 blower vac for the Dungog Rural Fire Service.

Brigade Captain Heidi Thornton thanked the four wheel drive club members for the generous donation.

"This is fantastic, members will be able to use the light weight blower to assist them when they are on the fire ground," she said.

Craig Green from the club said the group are regular visitors to the area, leasing a property on Main Creek, and try and use local retailers when in town.

"We've always been a community-focused group and our primary objective is to put back in to the community," he said.
