



Press Release

Hunter Region 4WD Clubs help in the Dungog recovery

Over this last weekend, over 20 members from three Hunter Region 4WD Clubs descended on the flood damaged town of Dungog and over the two days were assisting local farmers repair fencing. The event was initiated by the Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club, but was joined by teams from The Gold Eagle 4x4 & Lakes 4x4 Touring Clubs. Not only was time & labour given, but a members truck & excavator formed part of the equipment on hand to handle the difficult conditions.

President of the Central Coast Club, Shane Brodbeck stated that the organising & co-ordinating the help was the easiest part of the week-end, "But the continual heavy rain presented its own challenges over the two days! Club members often travel far & wide and witness firsthand the devastation the elements can deliver so if we can help others we are only too happy to do so."

Property owners Jenni Kennard & Jock Mackay said of the volunteers; "A big thank you! You have all done a magnificent job and cannot believe the generosity of you all, words cannot describe how much we appreciate your help! It's unreal!"



1 Clearing the debris along a fence line.



2 Clearing the access.



3 Line of volunteers vehicles.



4 A few brave souls seek shelter.

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About Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT Inc.

<http://www.4wdnow.com>

Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT Inc works for access to public and private lands for responsible 4WD and AWD touring and camping on behalf of its member clubs. It presents our views to public land managers in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory to keep bush trails and roads open.

We acknowledge that driving off road vehicles requires attention to each vehicle's dynamics in order to safely operate our vehicles on road and to drive sensitively and responsibly off road. We support drivers' rights to properly prepare their vehicles for safe country driving and remote outback touring. Modifications to accomplish any of these activities must comply with regulations for registration of vehicles for use on public roads.

Our clubs provide driver training and this Association is a Registered Training Organisation operating and managing the training and assessment of our drivers. Most clubs have a social and community service strategy and the members enjoy volunteering to help land managers keep our bush clean and healthy for both now and into the future.

We urge anyone visiting the bush to do so with minimal impact at all time.

Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT Inc Codes of Ethics

Obey the laws and regulations for Recreational Vehicles that apply to public lands. Respect the cultural, heritage and environmental values of public and private land by obeying restrictions that may apply.

1. Respect our flora and fauna.
2. Stop and look but never disturb.
3. Keep to formed vehicle tracks.
4. Keep the environment clean.
5. Carry your own and any other rubbish out.
6. Keep your vehicle mechanically sound and clean to reduce the environmental impact.
7. Adopt minimal impact camping and driving practices.
8. Seek permission before driving on private land.
9. Do not disturb livestock or watering points, leave gates as found.
10. Take adequate water, food, fuel, basic spares and a first aid kit on trips.
11. In remote areas travel with another vehicle and have Royal Flying Doctor Service, or equivalent, radio contact.
12. Enjoy your recreation and respect the rights of others.
13. Leave your trip details with a responsible person for essential contacts.