



July 2026
Newsletter

Responsible Four Wheel Driving And Family Touring"



TRACK TORQUE

Amazon Jungle Peru



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WANGARATTA 4X4 CLUB

Wangaratta Four Wheel Drive Club Committee Members

Executive-

President	Gary Jordan
Vice President	Damian O'Connor
Secretary	Mick Knight
Treasurer	Justin Wylie

Other Committee Members-

Newsletter editor	Tom O'Connor
Publicity Officer	tbc
Trip Coordinator	Damian O'Connor
Membership	

Committee-

Craig Cheetham	Kerry O'Connor
Janine Jordan	

Non-Committee Positions-

Training Coordinator	Dave van Zanten
FWDV Representative	
Web Master	Gary Jordan

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:** \$20.00 (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.**

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Editor: Tom O'Connor - damnkeaz@people.net.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.

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow members,

Just a quick note to send our best wishes to the crew heading off on the Anne Beadell Highway trip. Safe travels, enjoy the track, and look after each other out there — it's a serious stretch of country and one of the great Australian outback drives.

Looking forward to hearing all about it and seeing the photos when you're back.
Travel safe,

From Gary Jordan - President

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General meeting minutes from June



Wangaratta 4x4 Club Inc. Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 6/09/2026

Held at: North East Car Club Rooms
Tarrawingee Recreation
Reserve.

Attendance

Present	Apologies
Gary Jordan	Janine
Graham & Sue Abotowey	Craig & Christin Cheetham
Damien & Tom O'Connor	Ron
Justin Wyllie	Mick & Bev
Manfred Wagner	John & Beryl
Mick Knight	Glen & Robyn Norton
Gill Sydes	Kerry O'Connor
Jim Polidano	Nev & Monica French
	Kai & Robyn Knight

General Minutes of Previous Meeting

No minutes due to being at the Wangaratta Club for Birthday social night

Correspondence Incoming: Ron away for 6 weeks.

1. Poly block was the wrong fit, a new pin required and to buy a whole piece.
2. Club trailer looking at tyres, hitch, struts and hinges.
3. Instagram page now available. Tom & Gary have access to it at present. Tell others to take a look. To view the club on web, to be seen by non-members - see Instagram. (wangeratta4x4_club) The 4x4 website is ongoing. Gary is looking into this.
4. Graham completed the 4x4 honorary boards. The bill cost was \$163.90
5. 4x4 permit system in place and required for Mt Skene
6. Murray River Camp Getaway -June 26-28 th Burkes beach No 3 Gary going up Friday afternoon for set up.
7. Members trip, Damo & Tom and Justin briefed about their trip to Cobbler Hut/High Country.
8. Gary & Janine's 's trip, explained about their trip to China and their experiences.
9. Tom is going away overseas shortly.
10. Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Trips Calendar

Trip Name	Dates	Overview
Anne Beadell, Canning, Bungles, etc. James and Kate Knipping	11 July Start	The trip is full. 8 week trip. Being run in conjunction with the AW4WD Club. Have 9 vehicles for Anne Beadell and 6 for Canning Stock Route.
Other side of Dartmouth (West)	TBA, late 2026	Some mining history, Dartmouth dam, Dartmouth wal
Burkes Beach camp out	June 26th/28th	Friday 5.30 pm onwards until Sunday
July day Trip	TBA	Day trip / Eldorado Beechworth Yackandandah Mt Stanley
August Snow trip	TBA	
Plenty of weekends available	Run a trip! If you would like to run a trip but are not sure of how to go about planning a trip talk to one of the committee members.	

Meeting Schedule

Committee Meetings
Tue 7th July, 7pm, Wangaratta Club
Tue 4th August, 7pm, Wangaratta Club
Tue 1st September, 7pm, Wangaratta Club
Tue 6th October, 7pm, Wangaratta Club
Tue 3rd November, 7pm, Wangaratta Club
Tue 1st December, 7pm, Wangaratta Club
No meeting January 2027

General Meetings
Tue 14th July, 7:30 for 8pm, NECC
Tue 11th August, 7:30 for 8pm, NECC
Tue 8th September, 7:30 for 8pm, NECC
Tue 13th October, 7:30 for 8pm, NECC
Tue 10th November, 7:30 for 8pm, NECC
Tue 8th December, 7:30 for 8pm, NECC
No Meeting January 2027

CLUB NEWS

HIGH IMPORTANCE!!

Club Subscriptions Due-

WAW Bank

Wangaratta 4x4 Club

BSB 803070, ACC 29894

Please put Name as Reference



PRE - TRIP REPORTS

1. MYSTERY PUB TOUR PLUS HUT SUNDAY 19/7

Mystery Iconic pub(s) tour with a hut chucked in between, stopping at 2 iconic pubs 1 for lunch and the other for Tea with a visit to a hut chucked in between unlimited vehicles, easy touring,

MEET: at APCO/McDonalds 945am to leave at 10am

FUEL: Full tank ex Wangaratta before leaving

Will need numbers to Damian by end of club meeting Tuesday 14/7 to make bookings on Wednesday 15/7

2. TOM'S MYSTERY TOUR. SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

Tom's Mystery Tour site seeing and a Tour at a TOURIST ATTRACTION Which may incur a Entry Fee - Price TBC.

UNLIMITED Vehicles, easy going trip to enjoy our country.

MEET: at APCO/McDonalds 8:45 am to leave at 9 am

FUEL: Full Tank ex Wangaratta before leaving.

Will Need Numbers by 25th of July.

3. AUGUST SNOW TRIP - TBA

Run a trip! If you would like to run a trip but are not sure of how to go about planning a trip, talk to one of the committee members.



TRIP REPORTS

Bourkes No.3 Campout- By Gary Jordan

– The One Where Nobody Caught Anything.

Rolled out Friday arvo for another mission to Bourkes Beach No. 3, just past Yarrawonga, rolling back in Sunday arvo feeling suitably unproductive and all the better for it. Let's be honest — this wasn't a trip about smashing tracks or ticking off destinations, it was about parking the swags, cracking a few coldies, and putting in some serious hours around the campfire solving the world's problems.

The "fishing expedition" deserves a mention purely for effort. A few keen blokes dragged the boat out chasing dinner and came back with a whole lot of nothing — the fish clearly got the memo and stayed well clear. Lucky the fire crew had it covered, because the food game was strong all weekend. Saturday morning kicked off proper with fresh scones straight off the coals, and Damian once again wheeled out his championship-belt damper Saturday night, no doubt fuelled by the steady stream of drinks being handed his way as "inspiration."

So no fish, no dramas, no dramas full stop really — just a solid weekend of good mates, good fire, and Damian reminding everyone why he's never allowed to bring anything but damper. Bourkes No. 3 delivers again. Same time next trip?



Wangaratta 4x4 club Memory Lane

Some photos from 2022 Eldorado Day Trip



• **2026– Trip & Event Calendar** •

JULY 2026

TUESDAY July 7th	Committee Meeting	Wangaratta Club		6.00 pm
TUESDAY July 14th	GENERAL MEETING	Tarrawingee Club rooms		8.00pm
SATURDAY July 19th	Mystery Pub Tour		As per Information on Pre-Trip Report	

AUGUST 2026

TUESDAY August 4th	Committee Meeting	Wangaratta Club		6.00 pm
TUESDAY August 11th	GENERAL MEETING	Tarrawingee Club Rooms		8.00pm
SATURDAY- August 1st	Tom's Mystery Tour 2026		As per Information on Pre-Trip reports.	

SEPTEMBER 2026

TUESDAY September 1st	Committee Meeting	Wangaratta Club		6.00 pm
TUESDAY September 8th	GENERAL MEETING	Tarrawingee Club Rooms		8.00pm

OCTOBER 2026

TUESDAY October 6th	Committee Meeting	Wangaratta Club		6.00 pm
TUESDAY October 13th	GENERAL MEETING	Tarrawingee Club Rooms		8.00pm

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