



September 2026
Newsletter

Responsible Four Wheel Driving And Family Touring"

TRACK TORQUE

Walla Walla- NSW



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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.com.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.**

TRACK TORQUE: Newsletter Contributions may be forwarded to ...

Editor: Tom O'Connor - tomo88513@gmail.com.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,

I would like to welcome back all of our members who have been away over the past couple of months, enjoying the great Australian outback. It's fantastic to have you all back and hopefully refreshed and ready for plenty more adventures with the club.

We have a busy but exciting few months ahead for our 4WD Club, with plenty of trips, activities and opportunities to get out and enjoy what this great country has to offer.

As we head into the final part of 2026, let's make the most of every opportunity to get out on the tracks, explore new places, enjoy the great outdoors and, most importantly, spend time together as a club.

So, get the 4WDs ready and let's get out there and make some great memories together!

I look forward to seeing everyone on the tracks over the coming months.

From Gary Jordan – President

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CLUB NEWS

10 YEARS OF CLUB MEMBERS

Last General Meeting Bev & Mick got their award for being in the Club for 10 Years, Congratulations on 10 Years! Thanks for everything you both contributed to the club! Bev, your done so many great Years of Newsletter editor and always keeping the club with the news on our Fantastic Newsletter for multiple Years!

Big Congrats – Tom





Wangaratta 4x4 Club Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 11/08/2026

Held at: NECC Rooms Tarrawingee

Attendance

Present:

Gary Jordan	Justin Wyllie	Dave and Fiona
Damian O'Conner	John and Beryl	Craig and Kristan
Mick and Bev	Zac Graham	

Apologies: Manfred, Kerry, Janine,
Neville and Monica, Craig,
Ron, Mick, Sue and
Graham, Gill, James and
Kate, Irene and Noel.

Visitors:
Corne & Paul, Josh

Previous Meeting

Motion moved that minutes of the previous meeting held on [Click or tap to enter a date](#).be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting

Moved:	Seconded:
Motion Mick	Damien

Business Arising From Minutes of Previous Meeting

- 1 Sponsorship possibility to Boys to the Bush to be discussed at next committee meeting
- 2 Request for numbers for track clearing on October 17-18 ([6 members put names forward](#))

Reports

Correspondence	Incoming:	Reminder from 4WD Vic re fees for insurance
	Outgoing:	Nil

Trips Calendar

Trip Name	Dates	Overview
Eldarodo Trip	TBA	Explore Eldorado
Track Clearing	Oct 17-18	Overnight camp at Kings Hut
Jamieson Trip	Nov 13-15	Jamieson and surrounds
Swap Meet	Noc 22	Wangaratta Showgrounds
Christmas Camping Trip	Nov	TBA
Otherside of Dartmouth	TBA	Some mining history, Dartmouth dam, Dartmouth wall
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.	

General Business

- Welcome to Joshua, Corne & Paul
- Mick & Bev 10 year presentation
- Training next year TBA

Trip Reports

- Dave and Fiona Tassie Trip
- Toms Mystery Trip
- Damiens Mystery Trip
- Craig to do a trip report next week.

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Meeting Schedule

Committee Meetings	General Meetings
Tue 6th October, 7pm, Wangaratta Club	Tue 8th September, 7:30 for 8pm, NECC
Tue 3rd November, 7pm, Wangaratta Club	Tue 13th October, 7:30 for 8pm, NECC
Tue 1st December, 7pm, Wangaratta Club	Tue 10th November, 7:30 for 8pm, NECC
No meeting January 2027	Tue 8th December, 7:30 for 8pm, NECC
Tue 2nd February, 7pm, Wangaratta Club	No Meeting January 2027

Meeting Closed: 21:40pm

Harry's & Tom's Peru Presentation information, an event you don't want to Miss!



The poster features a collage of three photographs: a sunset over a body of water, the ancient ruins of Machu Picchu, and two men (Harry and Tom) giving thumbs up in a mountainous landscape. The Wangaratta High School logo is on the left. The title 'TRIP WITH A Purpose - Peru' is in large, stylized green and white letters. Below it, text describes the trip's purpose and encourages attendance. Event details (date, time, location) are in a green box, followed by a 'SAUSAGE SIZZLE BEFORE PRESENTATION!' banner and the phrase 'Everyone Welcome!' with the words 'SUPPORT • ADVENTURE • MEMORIES' at the bottom.

 **WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL**

TRIP WITH A Purpose - Peru

PRESENTED BY HARRY & TOM

From fundraising to beach escapes to exciting city adventures to the wilderness of the jungle, to the Wang High School most memorable trip in recent history!

Join us for our presentation!

 **TUESDAY**
OCTOBER 13TH |  **STARTS AT**
6.30PM |  **TARRAWINGEE**
CAR CLUB ROOMS

 **SAUSAGE SIZZLE BEFORE PRESENTATION!**

Everyone Welcome!

SUPPORT • ADVENTURE • MEMORIES



PRE - TRIP REPORTS

1. Boys from the Bush Fundraising Event- October 10th & 11th More info to come.

WANGARATTA 4X4 CLUB

HELPING WANG CLUB FOR A TRIP TO ELDORADO

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2026
DAY DRIVE TO ELDORADO

- ✓ SCENIC DAY DRIVE
- ✓ GREAT TRACKS
- ✓ GOOD COMPANY
- ✓ ALL 4WD'S WELCOME!

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2026
4WD SHOW N SHINE

- ✓ VEHICLE DISPLAY
- ✓ TROPHIES & PRIZES
- ✓ GREAT FOOD & DRINKS
- ✓ FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

TWO GREAT DAYS - ONE GREAT CAUSE!
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BOYS TO THE BUSH

SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

ALL 4WD'S WELCOME BRING YOUR VEHICLE, YOUR MATES & ENJOY THE WEEKEND!
LET'S GET OUT THERE AND MAKE IT COUNT!

2. Jamison/Mitchell's Gorge- 14th to 15th November



Pre Trip Report Wangaratta 4WD Club

Name of Trip:	Mitchell's Gorge/Jamieson		
Date/s:	14/11/2026	15/11/2026	
	From	To	
Timings: Include where to meet, departure time and return time	Main group meeting @ Howqua Inlet 1000 am Sub group leaving Wangaratta 0830 via Mansfield. TBA		
Trip Details: List things such as Destination, Plan, Expected weather, Sights, Places, Key track names, etc	From Howqua we will head up to the Slate mine then drop down to Mitchell's Flat to explore a hidden Gorge. We'll take the SilvermineTk looking for the Jamieson River twin falls. Camp will be at a private property near Kevington. Sunday a short hike to the rarely seen Cinnabar Hut & mine site before looping back through Jamieson & Mansfield mid afternoon. For those with Friday off, there is the option for an extra night as I will be heading into camp mid morning on the 13th.		
Trip Leader:	Craig	Cheetham	0428538478
	First Name	Surname	Contact Info
Trip Rating: A brief description of likely conditions to be encountered	Medium	The tracks in this area can be quite difficult at times particularly after rain.	
	Select rating then add notes if needed		
Number of Vehicles:	8		
Suitable for: List type of vehicle, whether campers or caravans can be taken, etc.	High clearance 4x4 Unsuitable for any towing.		
Vehicle Requirements:	Tyres	All Terrain	Winch
	Lift	Recommended	Snorkel
All vehicles on club trips are required to have recovery points and carry their own recovery equipment, a snatch strap, shackles and dampener as a minimum. All vehicles require a UHF radio, the trip leader will advise radio channel prior to departure. Trip leader to list other items that may be required for this trip. Things such as snow chains, water blinds, chainsaw, etc.	If it's wet it can be challenging. Minimum good All terrain Tyres There are several creek crossings. If the Goulburn River is deep we will need to detour.		
Fuel and Supplies: Brief description of where fuel and other supplies can be obtained if at all.	70L ex Mansfield Usually fuel/basic food available at Jamieson if needed		
	Fuel required, fuel availability, cater for how many meals, spare parts required, etc		
Trip Specific Info: Food, clothing, prohibited items, fire restrictions, other items to bring, etc	The private property has running water for the hot shower & outdoor baths, composting toilet, fire pit & camp kitchen complete with combustion stove & solar power.		
Permits, Camp fees, etc	Private campsite free.		

Send this completed form to the trip co-ordinator, web site administrator and the newsletter editor.



TRIP REPORTS

Damo's Mystery Pub Tour

We had a fantastic day out on a 4WD club trip, with nine other members joining in for a great day of exploring some of the local sights and hidden gems around the region.

We kicked off the trip from Wangaratta at around 10:00 am, with our first stop being the famous painted water tower at Walla Walla. After taking some time to check out the tower and grab a few photos, we continued on to the Gerogery Hotel for a well-earned lunch.

From Gerogery, we headed towards Indigo Falls, just before Yackandandah, where we stopped to explore the waterfall and enjoy the surrounding bushland. We then made our way into Yackandandah for a relaxing coffee break at the local bakery before getting back on the road.

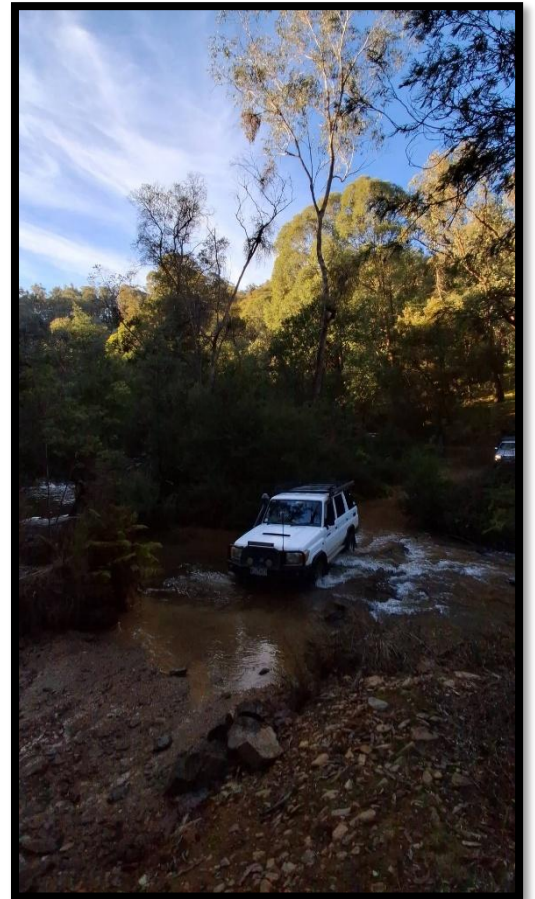
Our next adventure took us to the Underground Hut, followed by a visit to Karrs Reef Gold Mine. Here we had the opportunity to Gold mine ruins

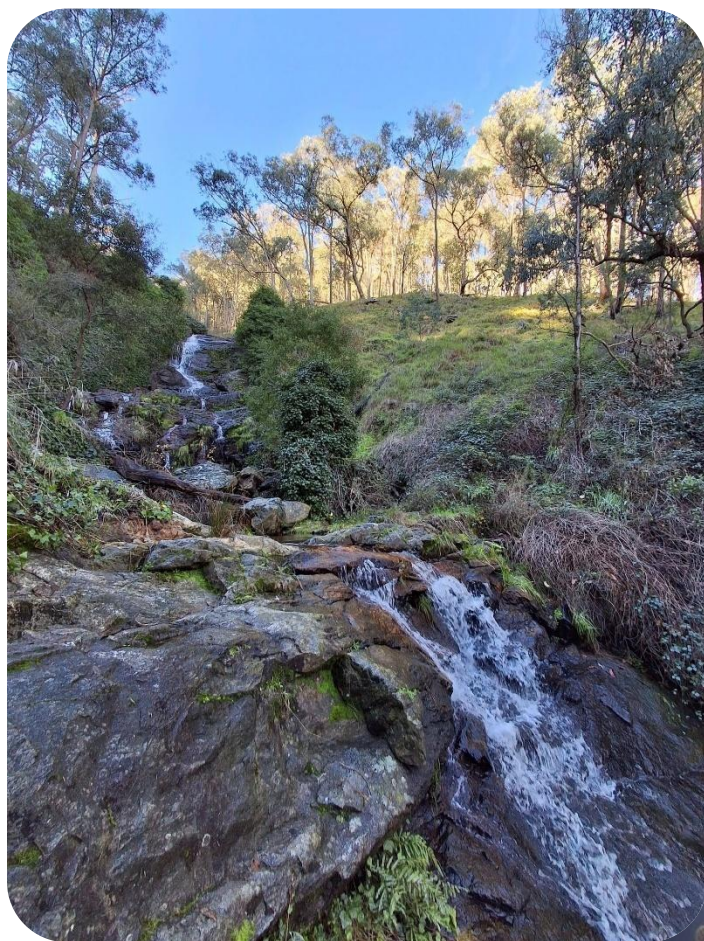
With the afternoon starting to wind down, we continued through to Dederang for our final stop of the day, where we finished things off with pizza for dinner.

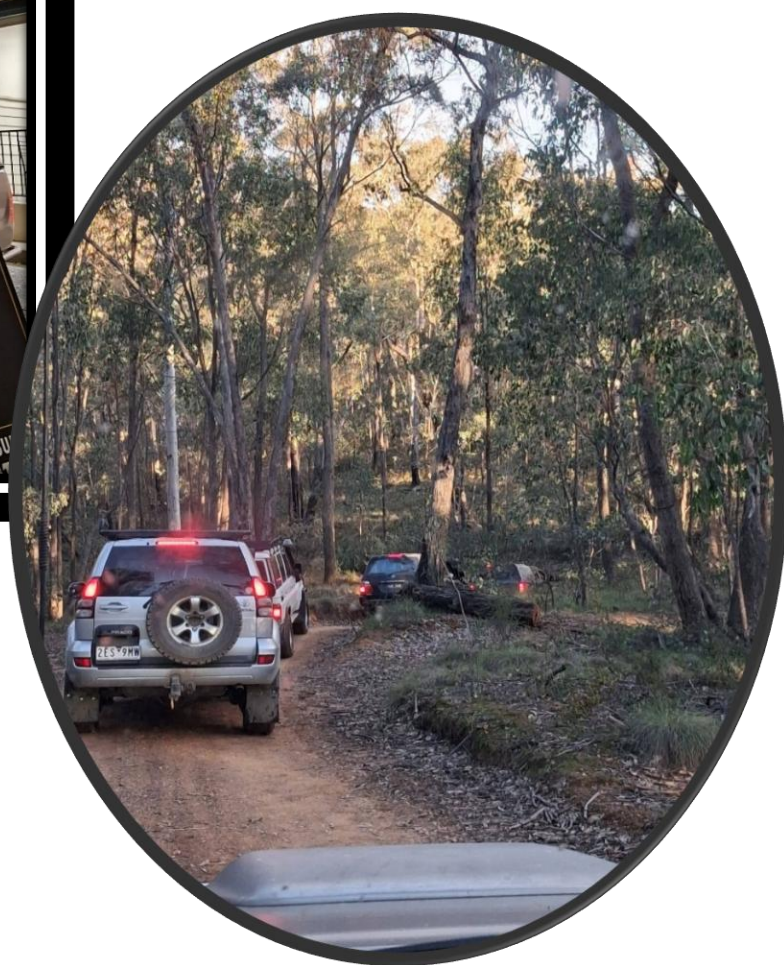
All in all, it was a fantastic day with plenty of driving, exploring, great scenery and good company. A big thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such an enjoyable club trip. We're already looking forward to the next adventure!

See you all out there!

- Damo.







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	Tom & Harry Presentation Start at 6:30-Sausage Sizzle	6.30pm
SAT & SUNDAY 10 TH -11 TH	Boys to the Bush Event		More info to come!	

NOVEMBER 2026

	NO COMMITTEE MEETING ON CUP DAY			
TUESDAY November 10th	GENERAL MEETING	Tarrawingee Club Rooms		8.00pm
November- 14 th – 15 th November – 27 th , 28 th & 29 th	Jamison Camping Weekend Xmas Camp	By Craig Cheetham	See Pre-Trip report in Newsletter Venue - TBC	

DECEMBER 2026

TUESDAY December 1st	Committee Meeting	Wangaratta Club		6.00 pm
TUESDAY December 8th	GENERAL MEETING	Tarrawingee Club Rooms	CLUB'S ANNUAL XMAS BBQ	6.00pm

KEY EVENTS

- Tom & Harry Presentation- Tarrawingee Car Clubrooms @ 6:30PM START. Sausage Sizzle before Presentation.
- Xmas Camp To Be Confirm
- Footgolf get together- TBC 2026
- Boy to the Bush Event- October 10th – 11th
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