



# **Wheels Deep**

## **SEPTEMBER 2025**

**Devonport 4WD Club  
Newsletter**





**Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 4th November  
7:30 pm @ clubrooms  
Cornelius Rd, Sassafras**

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**THIS MONTHS FEATURED TRIPS  
Pinnars \$1000  
Swanston Track**



# Upcoming Events

**TBA**

Invite Trekker Club for a trip

**October 11**

Bellingham and East Coast/Bathurst at  
Club rooms

**November 8/9**

Christmas Dinner Derwent Bridge

**November 14-16**

Trekka Club Christmas Invite to Riverside

**November 28/30**

Sandy Cape

**December 13 Christmas BBQ**

Mark Templars

**TBA**

Driving Event "Tour De Dane"

**TBA**

Club 50th

**Jan 26**

Winifred Weir Weldborough

**Feb 26**

Shakespears and Rocky Cape

**June 6/9/2026**

Finke and Simpson desert

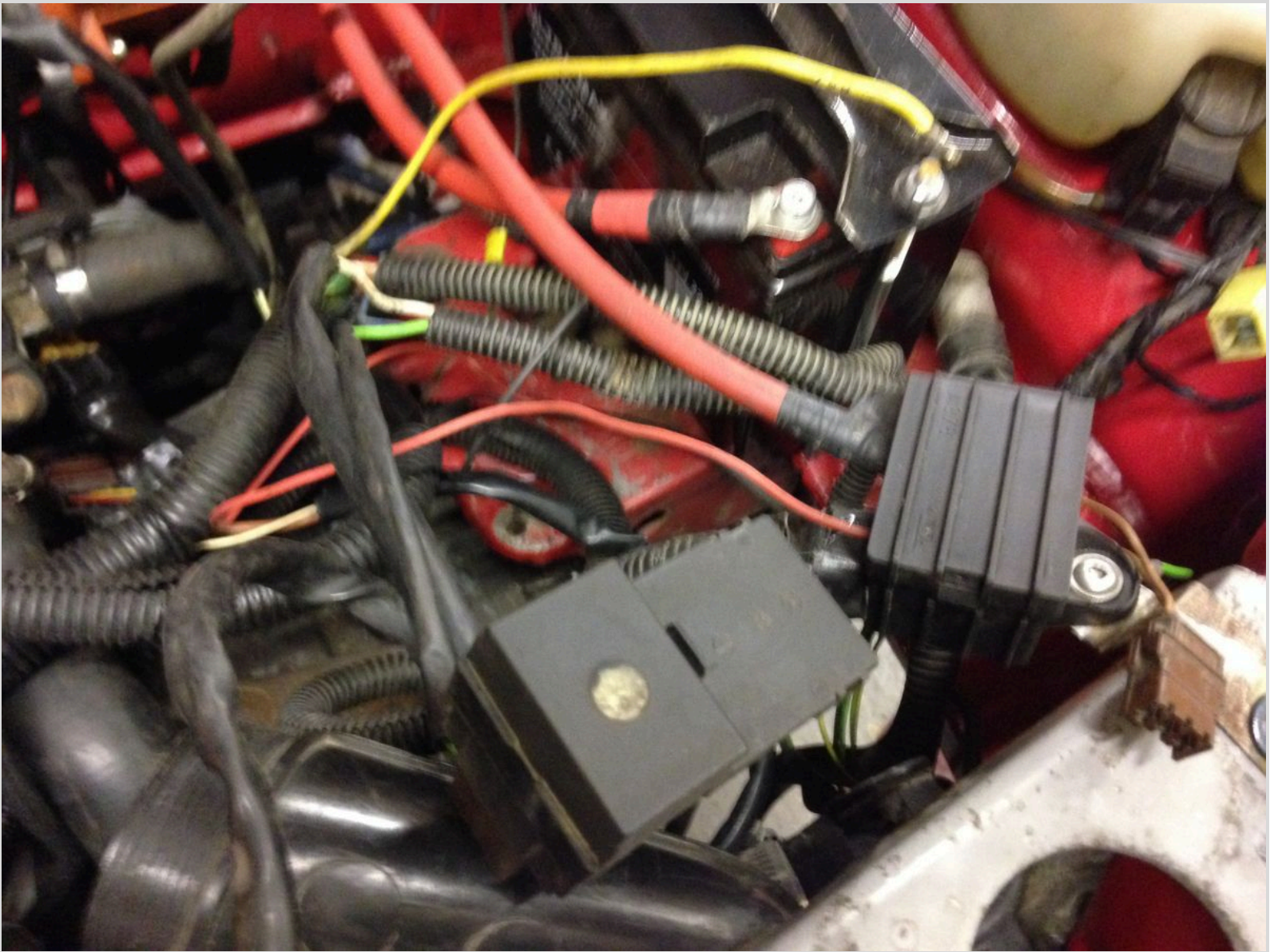


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# Calender Worthy!





# **PINNERS \$1000 VEHICLES + DANE :)**

The group of us left homemakers at 6:30pm on Friday night on route to the Arthur chalet. About 15 minutes in Ryan blew what he thought was a gear box in the 80 series when his 2 Toyotas, tried to overtake 2 Patrols, but turned out to be the rear diff. In a true reflection of what a 4wd family does, Stephen and Pete came and saved him giving Ryan the 300 to tow Dale. Meting Dane and the mighty trailered N70 at Somerset, we continued on to the Chalet.

While the others got lost following Mark's directions and mind you Micheal Kerr had been there since 4pm, we had to cut down a few trees. Anyway we made it to the Camp. Some people were sensible and went to bed at a reasonable hour. Some people would say the others got a bit carried away with a few too many beers. Ryan, Jack, Andrew, Jimmy, Emily and Brett, also some other people we just meet, we were up a bit later than we should have been. Andrew kept saying one more song, one more song turned into a 5:30am bed time. We all definitely felt it after our 2 hour nap (we were all very sluggish and clinging to the swag),











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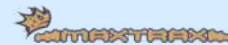
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The next morning we got up around 7:30am, unloaded the cars and ate some breakfast, started to leave the Chalet around 8-8:30am. Driving along the road next minute Jimmy and Brett lost their rear passenger side wheel and by that time Mark realised he had missed the turn. After the wheel was back on, we found the start of the track, starting at 10am. First obstacle was a big bog hole with a chicken track off the side with a bit of winching across the ruts, we all made it through. A few more obstacles along the way including bog holes, winching in tricky parts and trees down. Somewhere between all that we stopped for lunch, Jimmy starting to feel the alcohol catching up to him. We made it through the track in 4 hours. Mark took us right to look at an old bridge that got washed away. Then we went down the left and got held up by a massive log that Dane couldn't let defeat him, the others all walked down to the river and saw old mate waiting for a mate in the river. Unfortunately, we couldn't help him as he was too far away. Then we turned back around all hoping for another 4 hours return back to the hut, but then the shit hit the fan everyone starting to overheat going up this big hill,

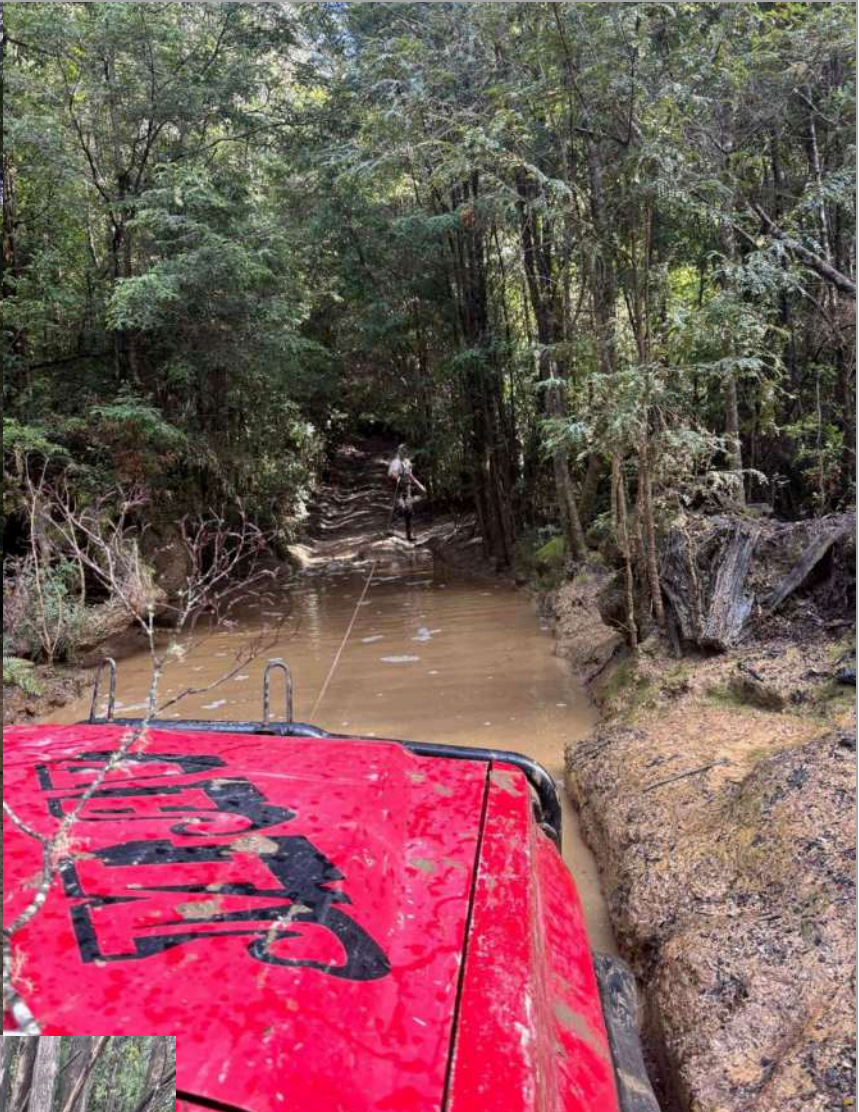












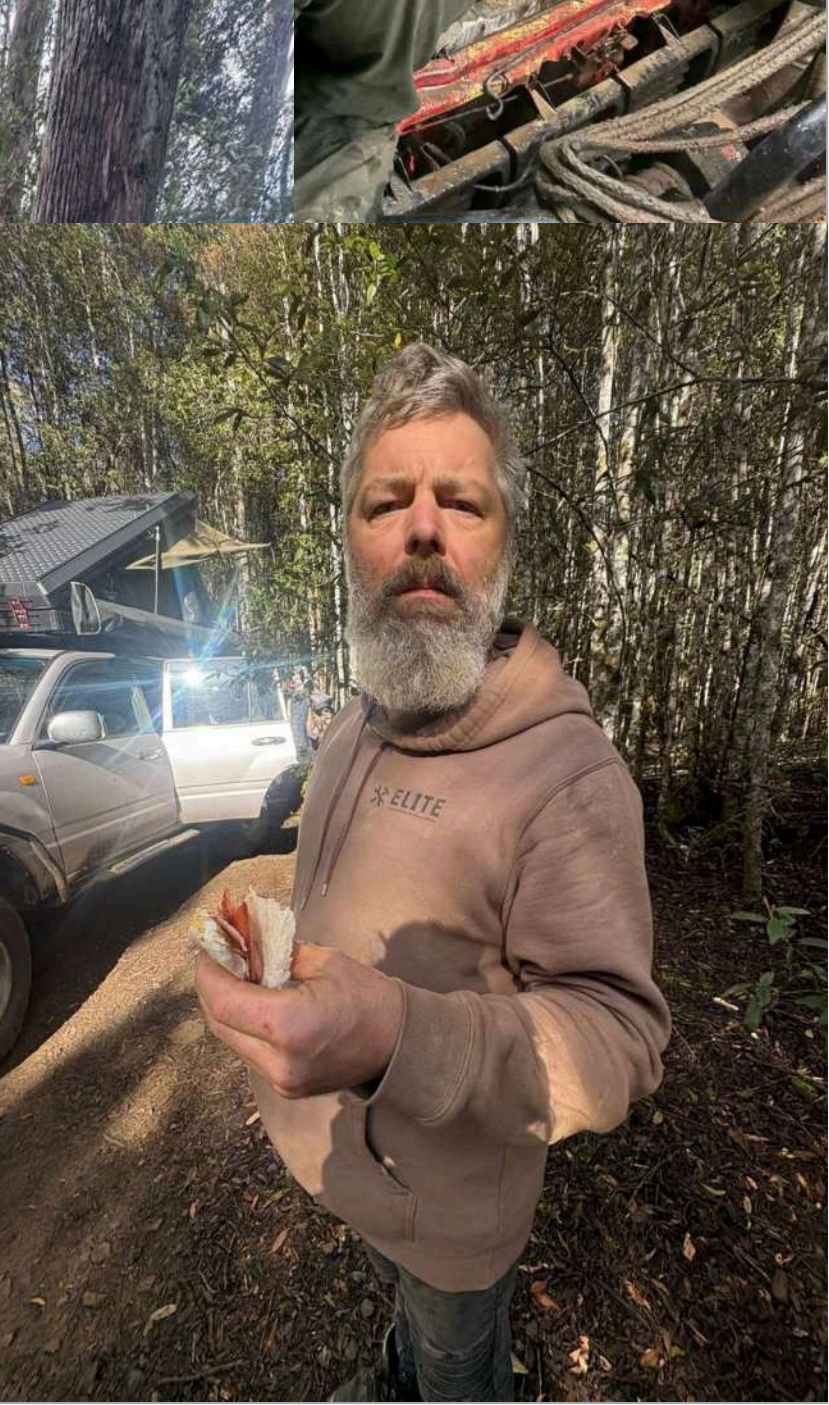




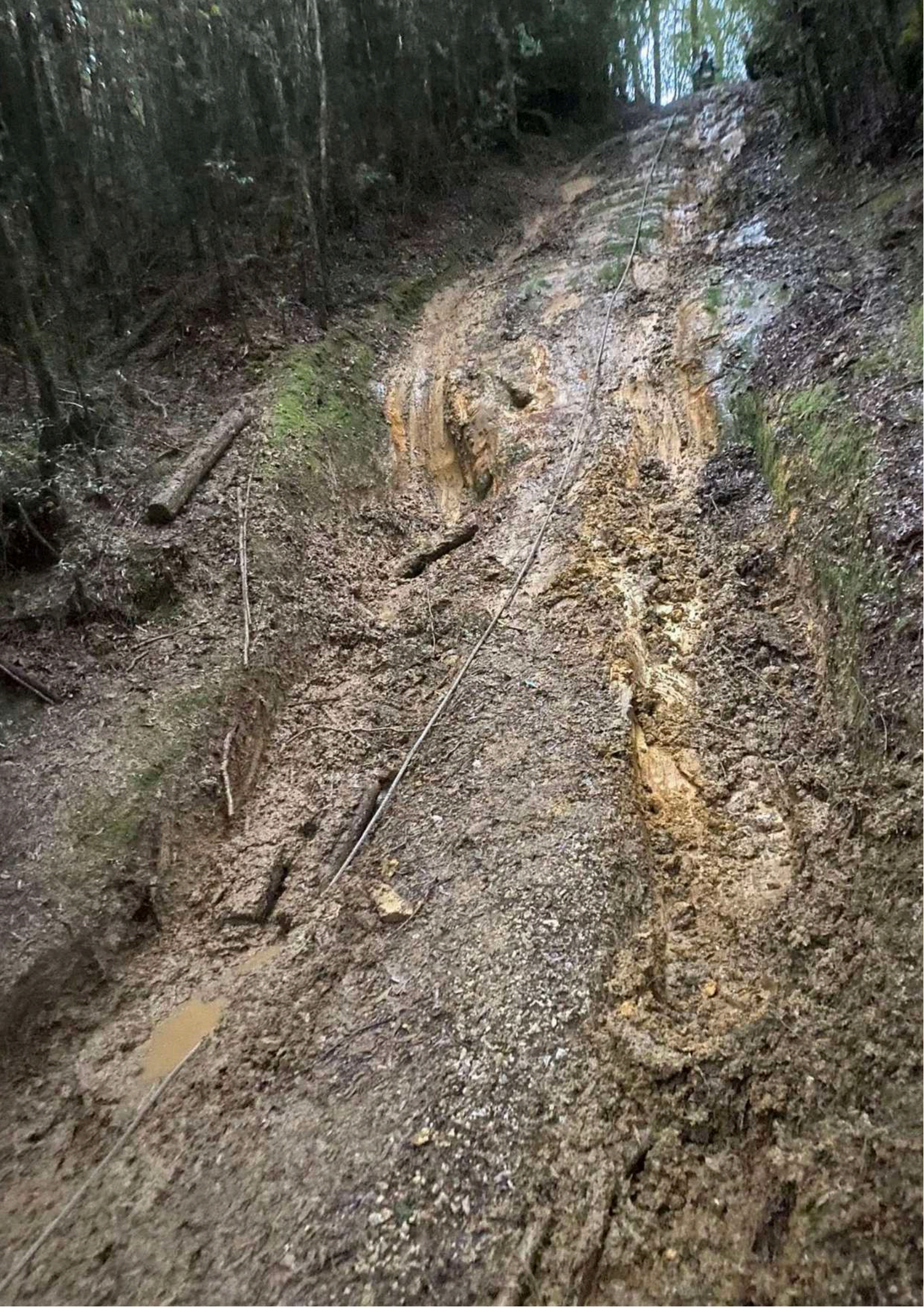






















Ryan blew a clutch while winching out of a bog hole, Warwick and Ryan were playing around with it and couldn't get it to work. Dane starting to tow Ryan There was one part of the track on the way in that two cars used their rear which to let themselves down, while everyone else took the chicken track, we had just returned to this part of the track Mark went up the chicken track all noise. Jimmy went up there as well, Warwick went up the hill winching himself, then Dane had an electrical fault at the bottom of this hill which blew a fusible link in the fuse box. He then changed the alternator and added a coke can to the fusible link, Warick ended up towing Dane up half out of the way and they stopped and checked everything, the struggle was trying to winch Ryan up using two winches. All was going well until Dane's fan belt idler pulley seized. He removed the pulley deemed irreparable Warwick starting to pull Dane. Mark backed back to pull Ryan up the hill, While Warwick was pulling Dane. Warwick blew a radiator hose off in a bog hole then the car stalled and wouldn't start. We had to tighten a few clamps and got it going again. Warwick blew 2 more hose clamps off and ran it that hot it turned itself off.















He finally lost his shit at it and then it kept going like a darling. Dane's car had no cooling system so he couldn't assist on some of the harder tracks and he had no electrical system except for being able to start the motor and turn headlights on. In Warwick's car while towing Dane it was that loud in the car he wouldn't have been able to hear Dane say stop. It got that foggy in the car they couldn't see where they were going, nearly running into Warwick and running over the strap about 8 times and busting a brake line. Got out onto the gravel road after the track and due to Dane's lack of vision it was 1st gear drive running over the track and not knowing whether he was going down hill or up hill.

While all that was happening, Mark and Andrew were towing Dale up out of the track. This was a sight to see! Mav the shorty spent the whole time on 3 wheels, sometimes 2 dragging Dale up the steep hill. We had 5 straps joined together with custom shackles to snatch Dale up the big hill, at one point tearing off the recovery point and making a bridle for the bull bar. Once up the big hill it was back to 1 strap to go through the rest of the track, with winching from both cars in certain spots, at one point pulling Dale through a corner, giving Ryan a sphincter puckering moment as the car was all but on its side and Jack on his lap.



**Long story short, it was a great effort from Mark, Andrew and Jack to get Dale out, they certainly had their work cut out for them while Ryan was pretty much falling asleep in Dale. Once we got out it was an easy drive back to the chalet. It was definitely time to have a feed and a beer!**

**Got back to the hut about midnight Garth and Benny were in bed, Stephen and Morgan were up waiting for us and were ready to party but everyone was keen on bed.**

**Andrew and Mark T packed up as Mark had gravel in his eye so off to A and E we went, Thanks to Steven for loading and towing Mav back.**

**Reflecting on the day.....**

**At 10 pm in the rain, with all the muffins and chocolate gone, craving the steak in your esky back at camp (or Mcdonalds), covered in mud running winches and straps you do actually question how this is fun?**

**Then you read the trip report and remember the trip, the fun and the comradery and know exactly why we do it!**

**Thanks Emily and Ryan for an awesome report!!!**







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**True That!**

**MATE: IS IT VERY DEEP?**

**ME: NA YOU'LL BE RIGHT**



# Swanston Track

Mark and Janet – Patrol  
Kurt and Kimbra – Ranger  
Ashlea, Lewis, Theodore and Ivy - Toyota  
Garth - Patrol  
Simon - Toyota  
Dave - Toyota  
Lyndon - Toyota  
Colin (and Lenny) – Isuzu Dmax  
Miles, Abe and Oscar – Toyota

We started the trip on Friday, with some of us meeting at the Homemaker Centre, ready to leave around 4:30, while others met us at Oatlands.

We made our way to Oatlands where we were welcomed by a windy, cold night. After setting up camp, a few social drinks were enjoyed. We headed off on Saturday at 9:00am, and after a short stop at a shop, we made our way to the Swanston track. We aired down before seeking some bits of mud and some fun little tracks. The winch only came out once when Kurt diffed out. We stopped for morning tea as well as a lunch break. After getting through the track, we headed off to Long Marsh Dam and checked out the ruins of the Convict Probation Station. Our convoy headed off down towards Dolphin Sands where we camped in style for the night, enjoying the luxuries of a kitchen, tv, fire, toilet, shower, spa, and a flying fox for the kids. (Thank you, Paul and Karen.) On Sunday we headed off for a nice drive through the M roads, ending up at Lake Leake Inn for lunch and a drink before making our way to our respective homes.

























## Gear available for member use

Recovery kit x 2  
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**Lift, tyres, winch, diff locks, expect  
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1979	Brian Templar	Neville Rice	Jim Evans	
1980	Bill Templar	Neville Rice	Brian Woodhouse	David Ingram
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1982	Bill Templar	Neville Rice	David Ingram	Brian Imlach
1983	Bill Templar	Bill Rockliff	David Ingram	Brian Imlach
1984	Bill Templar	Bill Rockliff	David Ingram	Brian Imlach
1985	Bill Templar	Brian Templar	David Ingram/Andrew Smith	Ian Lehman
1986	Bill Templar	Brian Templar	David Ingram	Brian Imlach
1987	Bill Templar	Bill Rockliff	Jenny Weeks/Dean Rodgers	Joy Walkden
1988	Bill Templar	Bill Rockliff	Jenny Weeks/Dean Rodgers	Joy Walkden
1989	Bill Templar	Bill Rockliiff	Rachel Mack	Teresa Templar
1990	Mike Cassidy	Bill Rockliiff	Duncan McCreddie	Bill Rockliff
1991				
1992	Brian Imlach	Bill Rockliiff	Michael Donohoe	Scott Rockliff
1993	Brian Imlach	Scott Rockliff	Michael Donohoe	Philip Napier/Maryanne Brown
1994	Brian Imlach	Scott Rockliff	Michael Donohoe	Philip Napier/Maryanne Brown
1995	Scott Rockliff	Michael Donohoe	Janie Gower	Philip Napier/Maryanne Brown
1996	Bill Rockliff	Scott Rockliff	Janie Gower/Maryanne Brown	Philip Napier/Maryanne Brown
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1998	Michael Donohoe	Bill Rockliff	Peter Holman	Scott Rockliff
1999	Philip Napier	Nigel Palmer	Lyndon Kettle	Scott Rockliff
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2002	Peter Cosmetto	Nigel Palmer	Glenn Williams	Lyndon Kettle
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2011	Glenn Williams	Peter Cosmetto	Adrian Woodberry	Lyndon Kettle
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2014	Glenn Williams	Peter Cosmetto	Lani Pike	Lyndon Kettle
2015	Glenn Williams		Lani Stevens	Lyndon Kettle
2016	Lyndon Kettle	Glenn Williams	Lani Stevens	Craig Palmer
2017	Lyndon Kettle		Sarina Reid	Gavin Stebbeings
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2020	Lyndon Kettle	Scott Beecham	Sarina Reid	Michaela Redpath
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2022	Lyndon Kettle	Stephen Holman	Sarina Reid	Michaela Redpath
2023	Lyndon Kettle	Stephen Holman	Mathew Napier	Michaela Redpath
2024	Lyndon Kettle	Stephen Holman	Izobel Wooberry/Garth Allison	Michaela Redpath
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