

# Wheels Deep

**JUNE 2025**

**Devonport 4WD Club  
Newsletter**



**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday 1st July 2025 AGM**  
**7:30 pm @ clubrooms**  
**Cornelius Rd, Sassafras**

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**THIS MONTHS FEATURED TRIP**  
**Penguin beers and Burgers**

# Upcoming Events

**TBA**

Invite Trekker Club for a trip

**September 12-14**

\$1000 Pinners Track

**September 26/28**

Swanston Weekend Camp

**October 5**

Working bee club rooms

**October 11**

Bellingham and East Coast

**October**

Mickael Kellys, recon for Christmas dinner weekend

**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"



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# The Trout's on Tour

A quick update, the Reids were at Kings Canyon, to quote Trout, "The Patrol is a beast and sculls petrol like it's going out of fashion, costs us \$1 a Km but even Serina loves it and is driving right now, don't worry about the cost just have to think about the smiles per miles :)"



# Penguin Beer & Burgers

After a slight mix up with start times we headed off from the Penguin Golf club around 9:30 with 17 vehicles in tow, Dane as the trip leader and a mixture of attendees, from the old faithuls, some visitors, right through to a mother and daughter on their first 4WD experience. Dane had an easy trip planned for the morning, booked in for lunch at Penguin Beer Co. for lunch and then some harder wheeling in the arvo.

We left the Golf club out South Rd, White Hills Rd and then up over the hill, where we had amazing views over the top of the fog towards Black Bluff and Cradle Mountain in one direction and back over Penguin out to the ocean. We dropped back onto Dial Rd before the motocross track and continued on Dial Rd up through the Dial Range around the back of Mt Gnomon, the track is an old gravel road that's had minimum maintenance and is overgrown with fern fronds. Once at the top we headed down the newly sealed road to Ferndene and parked up for a quick walk into Thorsby Tunnel. Dane claimed that his grandmother can do the walk, Garth is now pretty keen to meet Danes grandmother. We walked in past Browning's Tunnel to Thorsby Tunnel and most of us headed into the nearly 100 metre long mine for a look. The mine was an exploratory one, looking for Gold, Silver and copper but it proved to not have much of any.

We drove back up Ironcliffe Road to the carpark and followed it through to Riana, the track became very washed out in parts and proved a challenge for some of the more standard cars. Ironcliffe Rd becomes Cooke's Rd and we pulled onto Pine Rd at Riana and headed back down into Penguin for lunch and a beverage. We met up with a few more members who came along for a lunch catch up.

After lunch we thinned out to 6 vehicles to try some more of the harder tracks, we headed back in the same way with Michael Kerr making it 300 metres off the black top before grenading a cv joint, luckily, he lives less than a kilometre away, returned his car home and jumped in with Lyndon. Dane took us for a bit of a rock crawl around a quarry to test out everyone's vehicles before heading to a nice spot on the Leven River and a cool hillclimb up Purton's Flat Track. It had been drizzling for a while and we couldn't even get up the first and easiest part of the hill, we gave that a miss and decided to follow Dial Creek Rd (or Danes Track) through to Mt Duncan, we left Lyndon's car behind and Simmo waved goodbye at this point. This track had some interesting creek crossings, log bridge and large washouts. Dane was the only person to drive the whole track, Ryan all but put his car on its side, both passenger side wheels were off the ground as it had a little lean on the bank and damaged his right rear quarter and flare, a bit of tricky manoeuvring and a winch and we had Gav up as well. We got to Mt Duncan and followed Ironcliffe Rd back to Danes shed for Pizza.

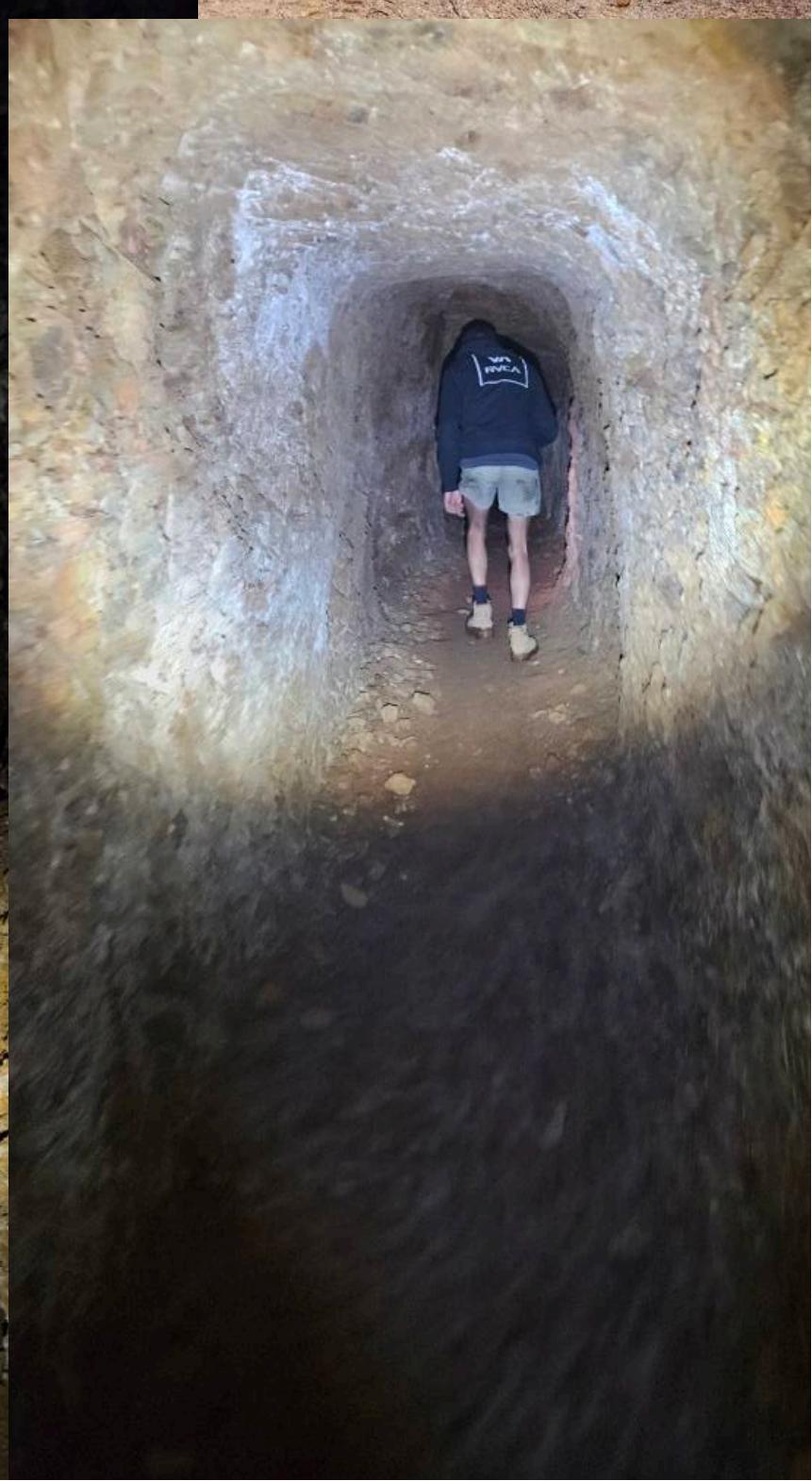
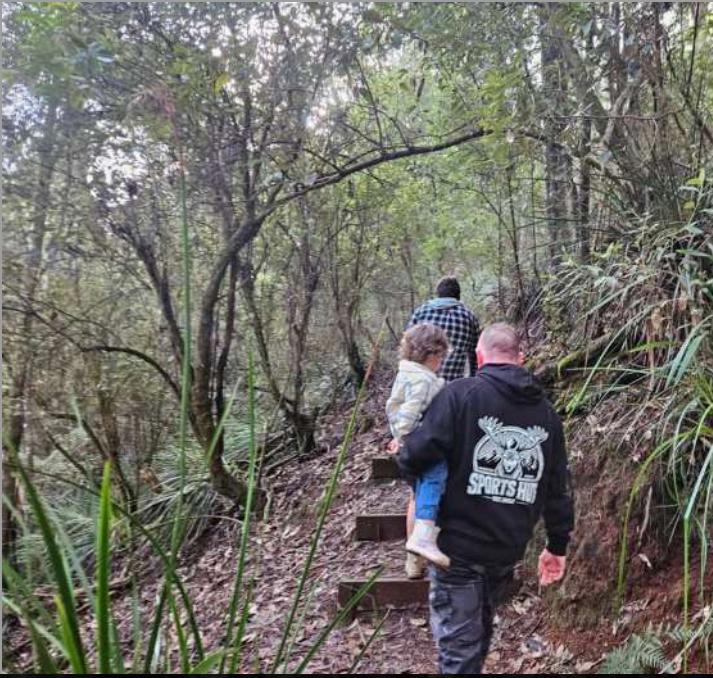
Another great day, Thanks Dane for organising.















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My friends said I wouldn't do  
A burnout right now



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**9 metres x 7 metres plus 4 sides**

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# Club Trip Grading

**Green - Easy trip**

**Suitable for standard vehicles and beginner drivers**

**Blue - Medium**

**Vehicle with moderate lift and tyres**

**Driver with some experience**

**Black - Hard**

**Lift, Tyres, winch, expect scratches**

**Driver advanced experience**

**Double Black Diamond - Extreme.**

**Lift, tyres, winch, diff locks, expect scratches and possible damage**



1978	Gary Hay	Ian Rockliff	Jim Flanigan	Jim Flanigan
1979	Brian Templar	Neville Rice	Jim Evans	
1980	Bill Templar	Neville Rice	Brian Woodhouse	David Ingram
1981	Bill Templar		Brian Woodhouse	David Ingram
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 McCreadie	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
1997	Bill Rockliff	Scott Rockliff	Peter Holman	Scott Rockliff
1998	Michael Donohoe	Bill Rockliff	Peter Holman	Scott Rockliff
1999	Philip Napier	Nigel Palmer	Lyndon Kettle	Scott Rockliff
2000	Philip Napier	Nigel Palmer	Glenn Williams	Scott Rockliff
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2002	Peter Cosmetto	Nigel Palmer	Glenn Williams	Lyndon Kettle
2003	Peter Cosmetto	Darren Mitchell	Glenn Williams	Lyndon Kettle
2004	Peter Cosmetto	Darren Mitchell	Tim Hanson	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
2018	Lyndon Kettle	Scott Beecham	Sarina Reid	Gavin Stebbeings
2019	Lyndon Kettle	Scott Beecham	Sarina Reid	Gavin Stebbeings
2020	Lyndon Kettle	Scott Beecham	Sarina Reid	Michaela Redpath
2021	Lyndon Kettle	Scott Beecham	Sarina Reid	Michaela Redpath
2022	Lyndon Kettle	Stephen Holman	Sarina Reid	Michaela Redpath
2023	Lyndon Kettle	Stephen Holman	Mathew Napier	Michaela Redpath