

Wheels Deep

Devonport 4WD Club Newsletter

March 2020



**Next Meeting
Tuesday March 3rd 2020
7:30 pm @ clubrooms
Cornelius Rd, Sassafras**

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Upcoming Events

**March
7-9**

Sandy Cape

Leaving Friday arvo, 3pm at Homemakers centre.
Lyndon - 0417180910

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Working Bee @ Clubrooms

Starts 10am, Fit heater, fit window security, wash outside and general tidy up. Have a BBQ

**April
10-13**

Easter West Coast Adventure

Thursday night 6pm @ Homemakers, camp at Temma, Balfour Track, meet others @ Balfour Pub. Leave Friday 7am @ Homemakers, meet @ Balfour. Overnight @ Corinna Friday night. Saturday cross the Fatman, Climies Track, stay at Trial Harbour. Sunday Ocean Beach to Strahan, overnight @ Strahan, Monday make way home.

**May
23-24**

Mathinna - Travis Collins Concert

Head up to Mathinna, do some tracks
Go to Travis Collins Concert
Contact the Mathinna Club to get your tickets

**June
6-8**

Southern Trip

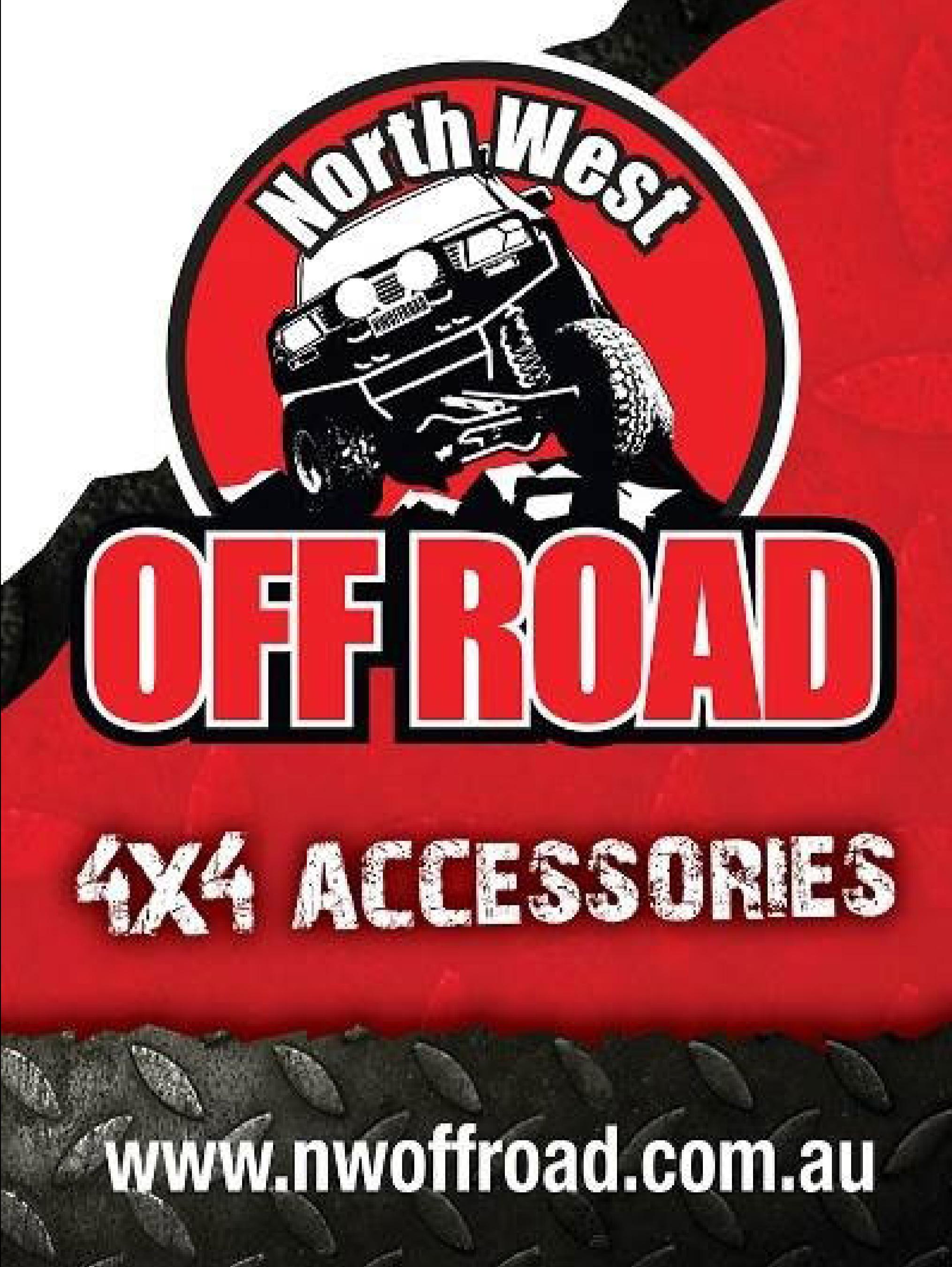
Pelveratta Falls, Jeffries?

**July
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East Coast



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Moina Family Camping Trip

21st - 23rd February 2020



The weekend kicked off to a tremendous start with 12 vehicles participating. Mark was first to arrive on Friday to the beautiful spot by the river he arranged and with a portable toilet for everyone – Thank you. The Berry's rolled in last on Saturday morning, giving them enough time to set up camp before heading off for the day. The adventure started with Mark taking the lead and Leighton as “tail end charlie” leaving at 11am from Moina to Smith’s plains and crossing the Wilmot river. Everyone crossed the river, but unfortunately the Pajero got hooked up on some rocks causing a little bit of carnage, breaking there front dif and transmission pan, but Trout helped them through. After assessing the damage, the Berry's and damaged Pajero took the pussy track, whilst the rest of the group did the hill climb meeting at the top for lunch. Two people had to winch up the hill and six 4WD gave it to her, with one of the new families driving up there like they were in the Kmart carpark.

Now the mission was to get 12 cars to Black Bluff look out and it was about 2pm. The Berry's triton pulled out with Sonia and Lauren heading off with the damaged Pajero and the Prado Family with baby Arthur (who had had enough for the day) and headed back to camp. (For Sonia and Lauren, it wouldn't be a road trip without a quick stop to the white hills distillery for gin and wine tasting, much to the disgust of Erin). Berry jumped in with David and off they set. Daniel took the lead with a few of them making it to the top when there was a radio call from Warrick saying Leighton had some problems (Leighton snapped the pinon on the rear diff), so warrick headed back to help him, but then experienced some of his own troubles snapping his winch rope. Now it was trout to the rescue while warrick fixed his winch. Trout and Leighton removed the rear axles, having to dig the left-hand side of the bank out so the axel could slide out. Trout then hooked onto Warrick who hooked onto Leighton and together they slowly winched Leighton up the hill to a spot where he could turn around. Along the way Mark was having car problems of his own.

After Leighton's assessment it was decided that Warrick and Leighton would head back down the hill to camp. Leighton was driving on his front dif and then about 100m down warrick hit a rock blowing out a tyre and damaging his sidestep. After another 500m down the track Leighton then broke a left-hand CV and that left him in one-wheel drive with a locker in. Another 300m down the track Leighton right hand CV went and luckily in an area where he could roll down to a spot where warrick could get around him and tow him back to camp. On the way back Leighton's brakes boiled conveniently beside a farmer's dam where they could pour water over them to cool down. They headed back to camp through Nietta, Wilmot and Moina, arriving back around 7,30pm.

Now Back to the track:

Trout has joined the rest of the group at the top of Black bluff, where the others went for a walk to Devonport Mine.

They then continued along the end of the track through Middlesex. Before long Mark had lost his steering. The steering column was pulled out, which showed some very impressive bush mechanics, and then put back into the car, to then find that the steering box had come off the chassis. After some more bush mechanics it was enough to get him back on the track and to camp. Once underway it was soon discovered that the track is in need of some major maintenance. The track was well and truly overgrown and as Trout calls it everyone soon had a “textured paint” job. In the thick bush scrub Trout then got a flat tyre and dented rim. Very awkwardly getting out of the car and Trout pushing his butt into the bush to try and make some room he bashed the rim out enough to pump the tyre up.

William and crew had to head back to Devonport and pulled into Camp about 7pm, having a quick bite to eat before heading off. Next was Warrick and Leighton at about 7.30pm after a long towing trip back and Warrick gaining a new nick name from Leighton! “Warrick Hasselhoff” to the rescue. Everyone else pulled in around 9.30pm all cold and hungry for tea.

A big thanks to scotty for adopting Emily and Izzy for the day as well as keeping us very entertained, Sarina for feeding all the kids biscuits, and a huge pat on the back to everyone else that jumped in and helped making sure everyone got back to camp safely, making it a great weekend.

On Sunday camped was packed up at about 2pm with Leighton getting the RACT tow truck back to town, Marks family bringing him a car trailer and the Berry's towing the





Marquee for Hire



Club Marquee for Hire

9 metres x 7 metres plus 4 sides

Financial member private use - \$100

Not for profit club - \$200

Other Hire - \$250

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Electric Chainsaw

Recovery Tracks

Marquee

Hema Maps

Map of Tassie



December 4-7 2019

- We had been in touch with the guys from Hema Maps over the last few months as they were on their way to Tassie to map some of the iconic tracks. They had already been in Tassie for 2 weeks, doing the west coast with Braddon Club and the South with ARB Hobart. We were meeting them at Peron Dunes, St.Helens on Wednesday December 4, but they had a few issues coming up the East Coast and had to head back to Hobart for repairs, we decided to meet up at Derby that night.
- Leighton and myself met up at Nunamara in the afternoon, turned off the sealed road at Myrtle Park and arrived in Derby after dark without having driven on more than a couple of kilometres of black top. We found the Hema Map Patrol (79 dual cab) camped along the river bank in Derby, introduced ourselves to Will and Tim from Hema Maps, repurposed a rubbish bin and had a few beers around the firepot.
- Thursday arrived and so did Trevor, Alison and Rodney from the Northern Explorers club to come for a drive with us for the day. We left Derby, heading up the Derby Jeep Track to Cascade Dam, on to Mt Paris Dam for a look, Rattler Range, Dead Horse Hill, Mt Victoria to the top of the Pyengana Jeep Track. The Jeep track took its toll on the big 79 series ute, giving the under tray toolboxes a workout, a few ratchet straps later and we were back on the road. We headed back to Weldborough and to the start of Emu Rd, where both clubs had been involved in working bees to re-align the road, after the bridge was vandalised to enable only bikes to use it. We drove back around the road to our base camp at Derby and said goodbye to the Northern Explorers. Tim and Will took us out to tea at the Derby pub, turns out you need a booking even on a weekday in Derby now, a few years ago the pub would have been closed by 8pm on a week night, it was pretty cool to see how much the mountain bike trails have done for this little town.

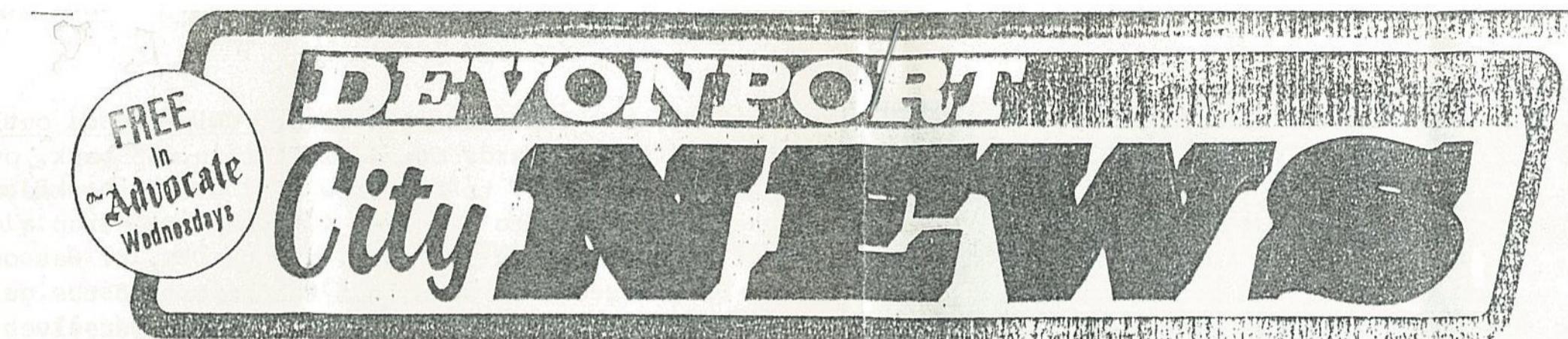


Friday morning we got up, cooked some brekky, went and used the \$2 shower just a short walk and then moved onto vehicle checks before starting the day. Tim and Will were running through their checklist while Leighton and I tried to resecure the under tray toolboxes, we were nearly done when Leighton says “were not going anywhere”, he had just spotted a broken front pin on the rear leaf spring. After a discussion it was decided that myself and Tim would make a trip back to Launceston and pick up some new parts from ARB whilst Leighton and Will pulled the broken pieces out of the vehicle. We got back after lunch and had the Map Patrol back on the road in no time. We had blown a good portion of the day and decided to take just 2 cars and cross Mt Maurice and Ruby Flats Rd off the list. It was late afternoon when we got back to Derby, we swapped the GPS gear into my vehicle, put a roast in the travel buddy, grabbed Leighton’s 60, left the 79 behind and went for a late arvo cruise up to Winiford Weir. When we got to the top we cooked up some pasta and had a nice meal before heading back to camp.

Saturday Morning we packed up camp, said goodbye to Derby and headed via Moorinna, Garabaldi Rd to Pioneer, Old Port Rd to Boobyalla and back to Bridport for some fish n chips. We drove out to the Bridport to Bellingham traverse and it wasn’t long until we found our first bogged vehicle. It was the Parks rangers in their ranger stuck on the last sand dune before you drop into St.Albins Bay. I drove up, around them to get into position to help out, we ended up letting their tyres down some more and they were able to reverse back down the dune and get a better run up but not before we got some photographic evidence. On the beach on the other side of the dune was a Prado with a broken rear diff who needed help to get back across the dune, then we had to hook up the 79 and pull it back over to the beach, Honky White Boy got quite the work out. We went for a play on the dunes, pulled out the boogie board and sent Will down the face of the dune for a bit of fun. A short drive back to Bellingham and our little adventure was over.



From the Archives



11 Stewart St, Devonport — Phone 24 0811 — Wednesday, September 28, 1988

Some good 'clean fun'

If there's one thing that members of the Devonport Four-Wheel-Drive Club object to, it is the description that they are bush-bashers.

They are, they will tell you, responsible motorists who like going off the beaten track whenever the opportunity arises.

And they like doing this in vehicles most suited for such excursions — four-wheel-drives.

Formed 10 years ago with six members, the club now boasts about 50 members and when a rally is organised, can attract as many as 70 participants.

The membership is not, as club secretary Mrs Jennifer Weeks, of Shearwater, will explain, confined to young people wanting to see just what their vehicles are capable of doing.

There are doctors, farmers, carpenters, businessmen and, yes, even housewives, who belong to the club.

The club, formed by Garry Hays and Jim Flanagan had its first meeting on July 4, 1978.

Just over a year later, the club organised its first rally and in subsequent years organised annual mud runs.

In addition to traditional annual rallies like one held just recently along Forestry Commission and private property bush tracks in and around the Devonport, Latrobe and Deloraine municipalities, the club stages day trips and weekend camping trips.

It also, according to Mrs Weeks, organises charity fundraising events.

Once a year it stages the day-night safari and, like recently a day safari to which all members and their families and pets can participate.

The popularity of the club's rallies can be gauged by entrants who will travel from the South and North to participate.

The recent day safari was a good example.

It attracted 68 competitors — a large contingent coming from the Braddon Four-Wheel-Drive Club, of Burnie; several from the South and several more from the North.

Even before the 8.30 a.m. official start from what used to be a car display yard, all manner of four-wheel-drive vehicles with an assortment of drivers and an equal assortment of family members had congregated.

The vehicles were all everyday four-wheel-drives.

Obviously by their absence were the pseudo highly customised or expensive four-wheel-drive vehicles.

Even before the rally officially got under way, club officials had been out early to check that the route was passable.

So enthusiastic was one official to ensure that everything was in order that he and his vehicle got bogged on one section — almost holding up the rally in the process.

This particular rally involved drivers and their navigators, one as young as nine years old, negotiating 46 map sections.

Volunteer official, Rod Roles, of the Ulverstone Four-Wheel-Drive Club who just wanted to do something useful for the day, explained that rallies were just clean fun.

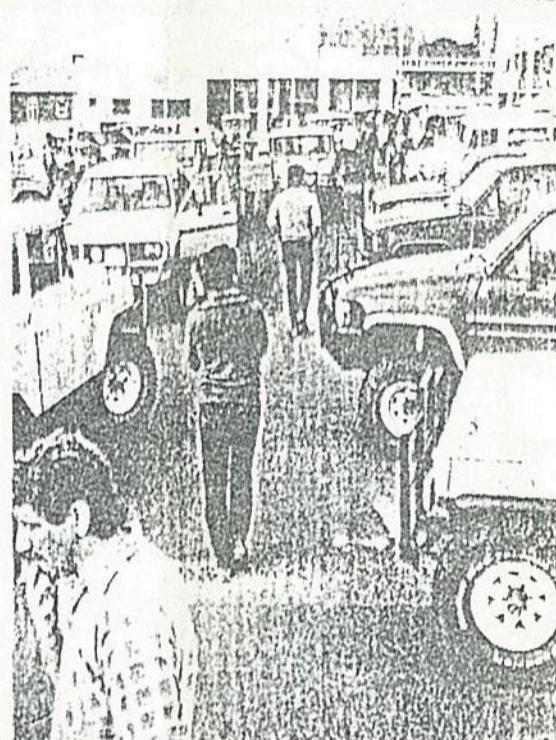
"It's strict though. If we see anyone with a can (of beer) in his vehicle while on the rally, they are immediately disqualified," he said.

"This rally for example, is along Forestry Commission tracks. We work in with the Forestry people.

"We have to tell them what we want to do. They tell us what we can do and where we can go.

"If it had rained overnight, this rally would have been cancelled.

"Don't let some of the sections fool you. It may look easy; it may appear dry. But, you get vehicles over it and before long it can become real greasy."



Club not just made up of a bunch of bush-bashers

By Allan Francis



Devonport four-wheel-drive club officials Robbie Rockliff, Rod Roles and Garry Weeks watch as competitors negotiate a hill climb.

Costs involved in 4x4 driving

Belonging to any recreational organisation can be expensive.

However, that is the penalty one faces, particularly if your recreational activity involves belonging to a four-wheel drive club.

Sure, clubs are more than aware of the spiralling fuel costs and make every attempt to keep expenses down.

Take the recent day safari organised by the Devonport Four-Wheel Drive Club.

The 68 drivers had to come up with \$20 to enter the event.

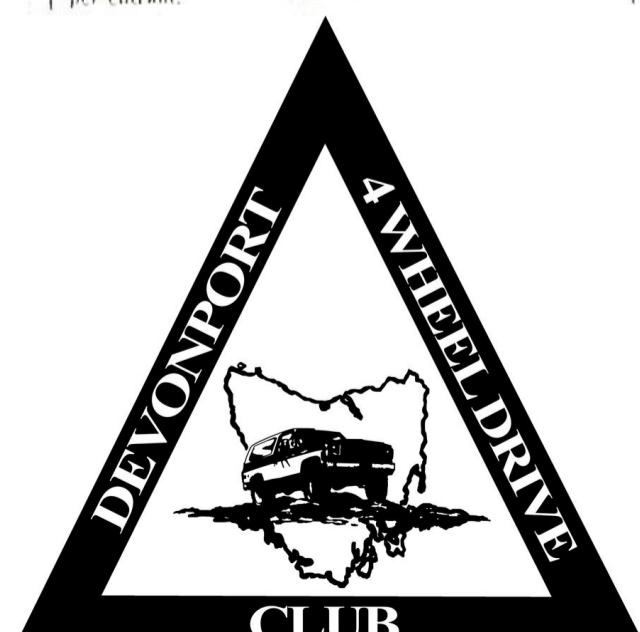
However, as club secretary Mrs Jennifer Weeks pointed out, the entry fee provided all drivers and their passengers with hot soup during the day and a barbecue tea at the end of the day.

And it also covered the costs to the club in staging the event.

However, Mrs Weeks admitted that such an event also involved drivers having to spend at least \$10 on fuel for their vehicles.

But this did not appear to be a drawback, judging by the number of entrants.

All up, the day's activities would have cost about \$60 per entrant.



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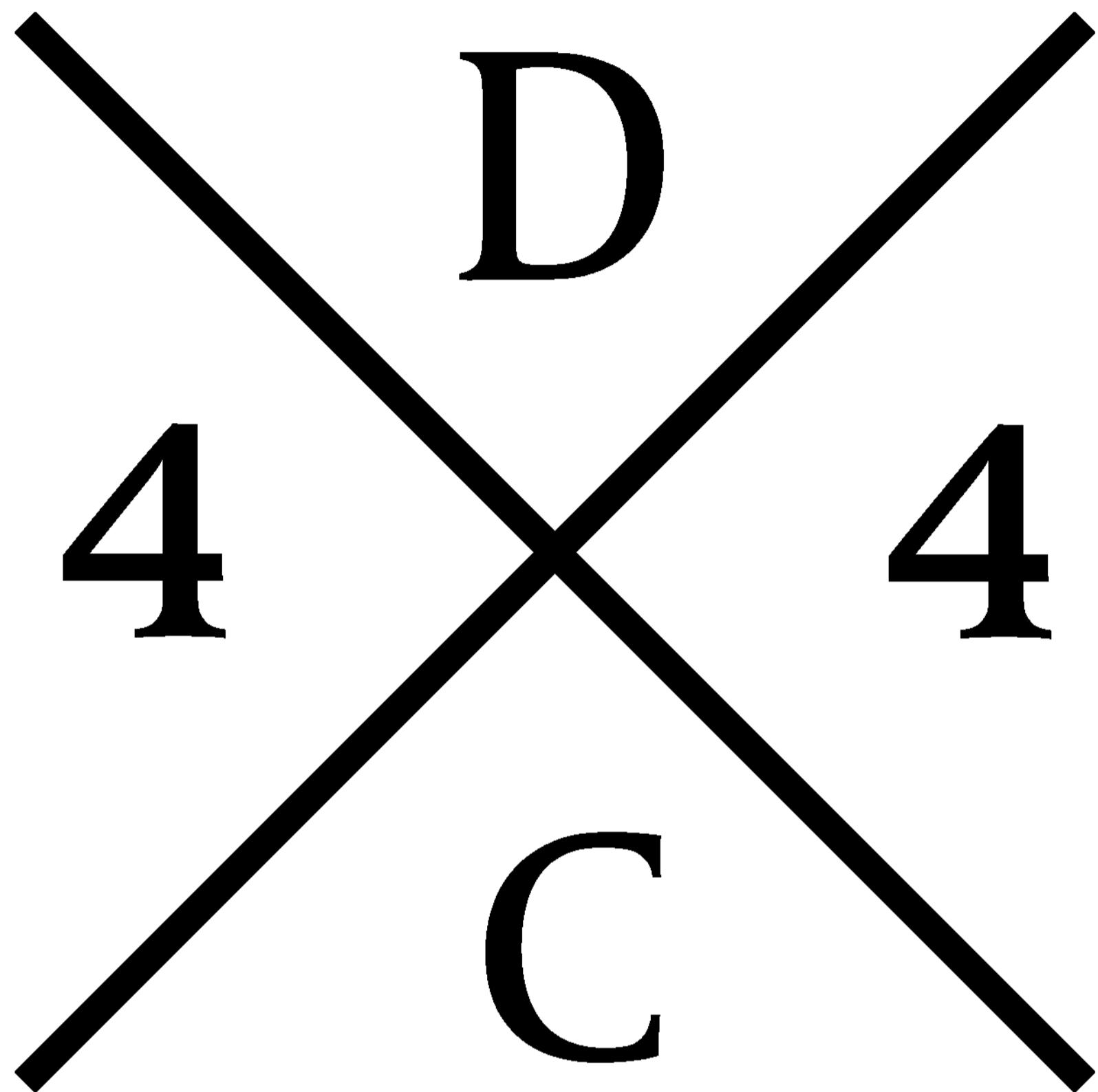
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<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
1978	Gary Hay	Ian Rockliff	Jim Flanigan	Jim Flanigan
1979	Brian Templar	Neville Rice	Jim Evans	
1980	Bill Templar	Neville Rice	Brian Woodhouse	David Ingram
1981	Bill 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
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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
2005	Peter Cosmetto	Greg Turner	Angus Piercey	Lyndon Kettle
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2010	Peter Cosmetto	Scott Rockliff	Richard Picone	Lyndon Kettle
2011	Glenn Williams	Peter Cosmetto	Adrian Woodberry	Lyndon Kettle
2012	Glenn Williams	Peter Cosmetto	Adrian Woodberry	Lyndon Kettle
2013	Glenn Williams	Peter Cosmetto	Robert Kingston	Lyndon Kettle
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
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