

# Wheels Deep

**Devonport 4WD Club  
Newsletter**

**JULY 2025**





**Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 7 October  
7:30 pm @ clubrooms  
Cornelius Rd, Sassafras**

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[www.devonport4wdclub.com.au](http://www.devonport4wdclub.com.au)**

**THIS MONTHS FEATURED TRIP  
Black Bluff and Camping**



**June saw the passing of 3 of our life members,  
Vale**

**David Ingram  
Sheryl Rockliff  
Briam Imlach**



# Upcoming Events

**TBA**

Invite Trekker Club for a trip

**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"

**TBA**

Club 50th

**June 6/9/2026**

Finke and Simpson desert



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# *President's Report*

## *2024 / 2025*



Well, here we are again – another year down, and what a year it's been! I just wanted to take a moment to share a few thoughts as your President and as someone who absolutely loves being part of this awesome club. To put it simply – this club means a lot to me. Over the years, it's become such a big part of my life. What we've built together – the mateship, the laughs, the shared adventures – it's something pretty special, and I don't take it for granted. I look around at our group now and I can honestly say I'm proud of what we've created. We're a club where everyone feels welcome, where we help each other out, where you can be yourself whether you're just starting out or you've been 4WDing for decades. That's not easy to come by.

We have had another amazing year, Fraser Island definitely being a standout, West Coast, East Coast, day trips, camping weekends, Christmas BBQ, Annual Dinner at Marrawah, \$1000 challenge, Waterfalls and Gold, Winch Bingo, Beer N Burger, they have all been great trips with some excellent memories made.

The usual thanks go out, to the club executive, Stephen as Vice President, Izzy and then Garth as secretary, Michaela as treasurer, the committee, and all of the club members in general. A special thanks for all the work Mr. Wilson puts into the club newsletter, I believe this is one of the most important jobs in the club. Also a massive thankyou to our sponsors for their support, our very long time sponsor- North West Off Road, Warehouse Traders, Devonport Auto Electrics, Templar Building, PFD, Lawrence & Hanson,

One thing that really stands out to me is the new generation coming through. It's been unreal seeing more younger members getting involved – bringing their energy, ideas, and passion for getting out on the tracks. It gives me a lot of confidence in the future of the club and makes me excited for what's to come.

Personally, I have now completed 9 years as President, I'd love to see through 10 years – that's the goal. It's been an absolute privilege to serve in this role, and I reckon we've still got a lot of good times ahead. Thank you to each and every one of you for the support, the banter, and for being part of this great little community we've built. Let's keep doing what we do best – getting out there, having a crack, and enjoying the ride together.

# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

**I am sure that I speak on behalf of the entire club when I say right back at ya!**

**It is fantastic to see people putting their hands up for jobs, leading trips, writing trip reports and in Lyndon's case, putting in the hard yards and guiding this club in the right direction.**

**The people make this a great club, but having a personable, dedicated person as our President I am certain has helped us achieve this.**

**Keep up the good work Pres, your efforts are appreciated.**



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has done for Andrew @ Leah**



# Black Bluff & Moina

We had 4 cars meet at Homemakers on Friday night, we headed up to Moina to Overtons property and set up camp, it was wet and cold but wack managed to finally get a good fire going with continued use of the blower. Jimmy rocked up a bit later and we ended up staying up way too late. Lyndon stayed warm and dry in his poncho. The next morning we got going not too much later than planned but that only lasted to the top of the hill, Ryan was having trouble with "Dale's" carby. We mucked around with it for half an hour and Ryan made the call to grab Stephen's car and leave "Dale" behind. Another kilometre up the road and "Frank" also decided not to play the game so he was left on the side of the road, Lyndon jumped in with Mark and Jimmy in with Stephen. We met Dane and Garth at the Kop Rd turnoff, they had also had dramas on the way finding a tree across the road they had to clear but atleast they only had to wait for 1 hour 20 for us to arrive.

Kop Rd was very slippery, a few off camber sections needing some winching, Dane and Wack headed up the steep hill short cut, Wack broke a front leaf spring in the only Thousand dollary left on the trip, luckily he had a spare and he preceded to change it on the side of the track while the rest of us cooked up some lunch. Dane continued up the short cut with about 5 long winch pulls, giving both the winch and Garth a good workout.



We arrived at the start of Black Bluff track mid afternoon, the track was rocky, technical and lots of fun, we got to the top without too much drama but being such a miserable day there was no view to be had. We went for a look at the old mine and turned around to head back down. Ben took the side out of a tyre and had to change it in the snow, not long after Mark clipped a log, bent his rim and let all the wind out. We got to the bottom and Ben noticed his awning was gone but we weren't about to head back up and get it. Stephen and Ben headed back to Moina on the road while Wack, Mark and Dane chose the slippery run back up Kop Rd, we managed to find Bens awning that we thought was on top of black bluff, plenty of winching up out of the river and we arrived back at camp.

Everyone was exhausted and it was cold and wet so we all packed up to head home, you would think this is the end of the story, but the grass hill out of camp was so slippery that we had cars with trailers sliding backwards down it trying to get up, we thought we were there for the night until Mark remembered a track through the bush that had a hard base.

Another great trip, thanks to the Overtons for allowing us on their land, I hope we didn't make too much mess of the grass hill.

























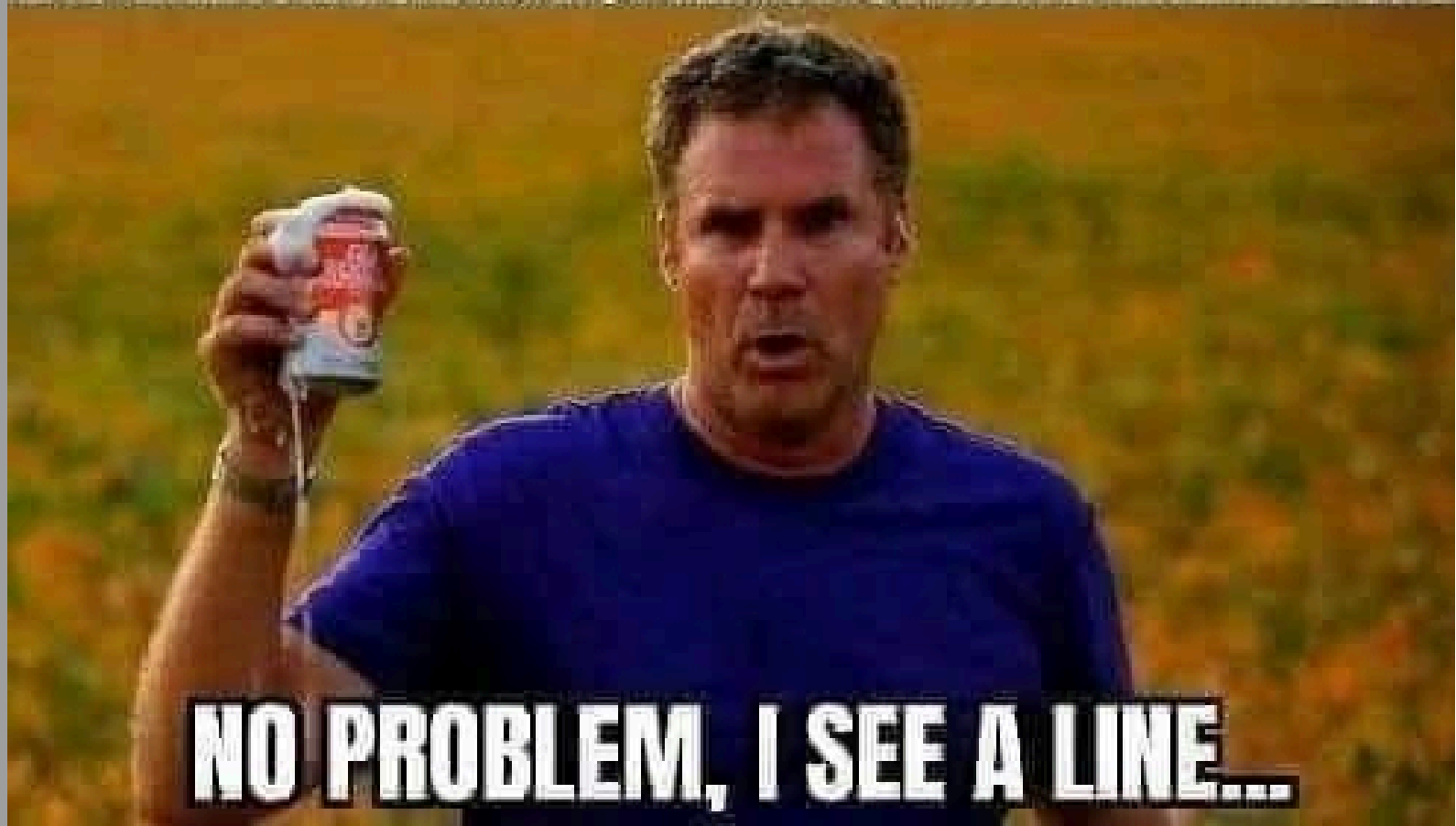






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**Club Marquee for Hire**

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**Not for profit club - \$200**

**Other Hire - \$250**

**\$250 deposit reimbursed on return of marquee in good condition.**





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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**



	President	Vice president	Secretary	Treasurer
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
2005	Peter Cosmetto	Greg Turner	Angus Piercey	Lyndon Kettle
2006	Peter Cosmetto	Greg Turner	Angus Piercey	Lyndon Kettle
2007	Peter Cosmetto	Scott Rockliff	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
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
2024	Lyndon Kettle	Stephen Holman	Izobel Wooberry/Garth Allison	Michaela Redpath
2025	Lyndon Kettle	Stephen Holman	Garth Allison	Michael Kerr