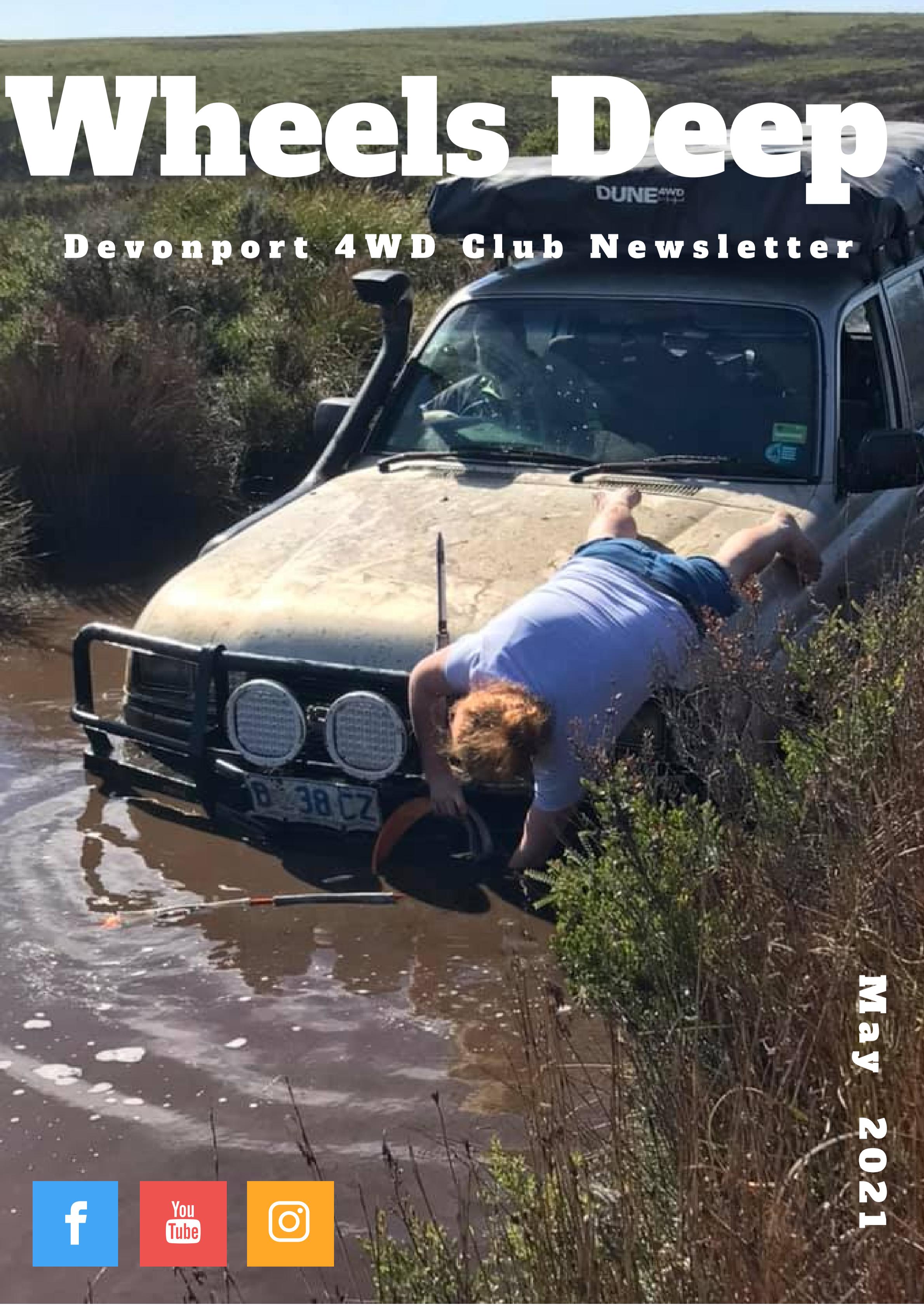


# Wheels Deep

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Devonport 4 WD Club Newsletter



May  
2021



**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday 1st June 2021**  
**7:30 pm @ clubrooms**  
**Cornelius Rd, Sassafras**

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# Upcoming Events

**May**

**22**

## **Shakespears Hills**

Leaving Homemakers at 8am, meeting Kurt & Kimbra at Rocky Cape Tavern 0930. Shakespears Hills and Jaeger Sawmill. Depending how it pans out, tea at the tavern.

Trip Leaders Kurt & Kimbra 0409912168

**May**

**29**

## **Bellingham - Bridport**

Kids Trip (all welcome),  
Leaving 8am from the clubrooms, 0930 from Bellingham carpark.. Daytrip through the dunes, out to Bridport for fish'nchip' lunch and back. Bring your boogie board for the dunes. Call Harper 0438267319

**June**  
**11-14**

## **June Long Weeekend - South**

Camping at Rivers Edge campground, let Lyndon know numbers ASAP, Doing a few of the local tracks.

**July**

**10**

## **Beer n' Burger Trip**

Dazzler Ranges to Beaconsfield and return. Miners Gold Brewery for Beer n Burgers, and then a mine tour. We will need definate numbers to book both. Lyndon 0417180910

**August**  
**??**

## **Snow Trip**

Wingin It snow trip when it snows

**September**

**TBA**

## **GPS Navigational Challenge**

Dazzler Range area



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# News

Club stubby holders are finished, grab yours at the next meeting.

## **Trip Reminders**

Vehicles need good recovery points (not factory tie down points), this is important to ensure vehicles can be recovered if needed and occupants kept safe.

**Corner System**, on a trip, always wait at the turnoff for the next vehicle. This will make sure no one gets lost.

**UHF maintenance**, communication is important for safety, make sure your UHF is in good working order.

## **June Long Weekend**

Camping at Rivers Edge, ring up and book your spot under Devonport 4WD Club and they will try to get us close together.

## **Annual Dinner**

October 23 at The Bunker, Bridport. Camping at the Bridport Caravan park, let them know you're with the 4WD Club and they will try to get us close together



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# Easter 2021

**April 1-5**

13 vehicles met at the Homemakers Centre on Thursday night 6pm, we coddiwomple our way toward Granville Harbour, via Burnie and the Reece Dam to meet up with Caleb and the Rataj's/Spillane who had found us a great campsite just north of Granville, and Kurt & Kimbra arrived also.

## **Day 1 Granville to Pieman Heads return**

We lined all the vehicles up for a quick pic and made our way along the Coast Track with only a few minor holdups, Wack had to MacGyver a rubber seal for his fuel filter out of some rubber hose and Lyndon lost a flare that Jimmy accidentally ran over. We had lunch at the Pieman Heads and caught up with past club members Shane & Susan Marshall for a chat. We returned via the Inland Track, this had a few more challenges, the Chestneys were the first to become victim of the West Coast black mud, followed by Ryan, Matty Hill and Caleb with water in the dizzy, CB and Daniel both doing alternators. We returned to camp, got a fire going and settled in for a few beers while Daniel and Caleb built new alternators out of spares. Oliver and Nick arrived to join the fun and Colin headed home. With Chris on Arthur duty, Lani succumbed to a case of west coast fever, Olly went for a swim at stupid O clock and poor Kimbra didnt get much sleep.



## Day 2 Granville to McQuarie Heads via Climies.

We got under way with a few sore heads around the place and straight into the action. We ended up in 2 groups to keep things moving and met heaps of people on the track which definately slowed progress down. Gav had a few issues with the big 79 getting hung up, Stephen was the only person who decided to drive the waterfall track, CB had a wallow in the mud and the Chestneys got rid of some excessive teeth in their rear diff. Scotty Beechman hooked onto the front of Chris and Lani to take the weight off their rear diff and pulled them all the way through the south half of Climies.

We stopped and had a look at the bridge the club had helped PWS redeck in 2016 as well as the old stamps in the bush nearby. At the Triall Harbour end of the track we did a quick detour and had a look at the Cornwall Mine while only a few made the steep descent down the hill to the remains of the old water wheel at the bottom of the hill.

We regrouped back in Zeehan, said good bye to the Chestneys who decided to try and make it back on their broken diff (which they did). Due to the time of day we decided to skip Henty Dunes and setup camp under the pines at Macquarie Heads. Kurt & Kimbra also said goodbye at this point and a few of us headed into Strahan for a feed, turns out the place was booked out and take away had to do. We got back to camp and settled around the fire to talk about our day and what we were going to do tomorrow. Another past member Tim Pennicott and his wife Anita called in to the camp for a chat and reminisce about old times.



## Day 3 Macquarie Heads to Dundas

We met at the servo in Strahan so that some could grab a coffee, have a shower or get some brekky, we drove to Queenstown and out past Crotty Dam to the start of the Darwin Plateau track where we aired down and started the climb up to Mt Darwin. After having a look around at the fantastic view and a break for lunch we descended back down to Kelly Basin Road and then into the Bird River and the old timber railway bridge over the river. While this is a really easy track it is very cool driving along the old rail line amongst the rainforest. A long haul back out of Crotty had everyone left behind in Marks diesel smog and Wack pulled a wylie manoeuvre on Stephen to take the lead for the petrols and Jimmy made sure no one else could catch the front runners. Back at Queenstown, CB decided the police were after him and hightailed it out of town only to drive past the turnoff to Dundas and wait for us in Zeehan..... while we waited for him at Dundas. We went to the campsite to realise that is just wasnt big enough for all of us, Mark went for a quick scout and found an old quarry that turned out to be a great campsite, plat, no mud, heaps of wood, just a bit hard on pegs. We had the biggest, hottest campfire for the entire trip and even though it rained, most people stayed out in it for the long haul.



## Day 4 Dundas to Home via Ring River

We packed up camp for the final time and had a few more say goodbye when we pulled into the Ring River Track. Once again we separated into 2 groups, the first group had a good run, a couple of winch recoverys, a few tyres to re bead but no big dramas.

The same cant be said for the 2nd group, after a few winch recoverys on the way to the Ring River, Mark blew a turbo on the climb out of the river, this is where everything became interesting. They decided to turn around and head back out the way they had come in with Wack & Stephen hooked together to skull drag Marks dead Patrol back to Roseberry. Both groups arrived back in town at similar times but the 2nd group were covered head to toe in orange mud from all the dilemnas they had dealt with getting back out.

Mark organised a tow truck to get him back home and the rest split off into smaller rousps and make their way home. You would think that this would be the end of the dramas?? Mat's hilux decided to give up a wheel bearing at Waratah and had to have a sleepover at Cozzies neighbours place for a few days.

Massive thanks to Mark Templar for his trip leader duties, Victor who travelled from Queensland for the trip and all the club members who just get in and get it done when it needs to be done, a total of 17 vehicles and 38 people over the easter period.



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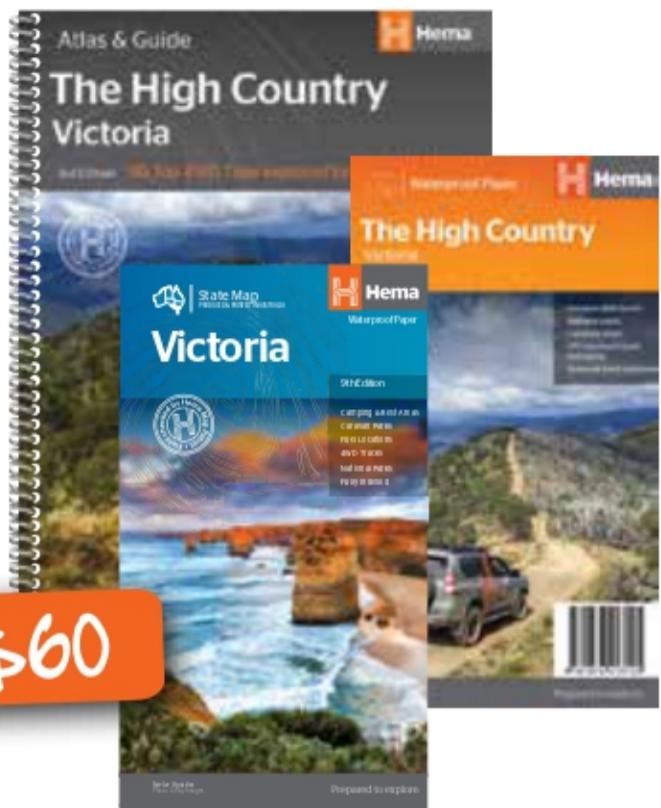
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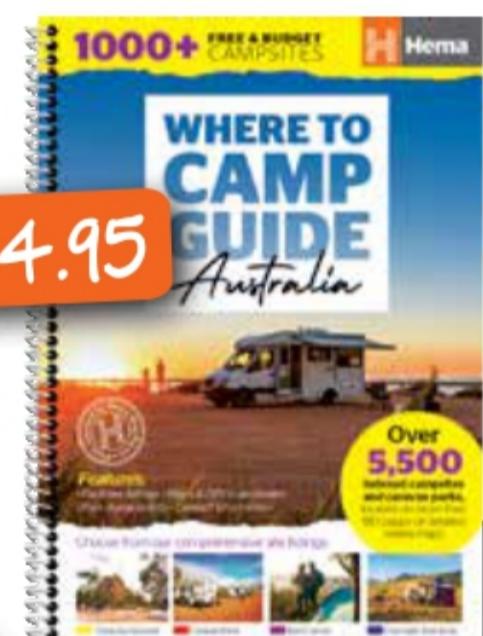
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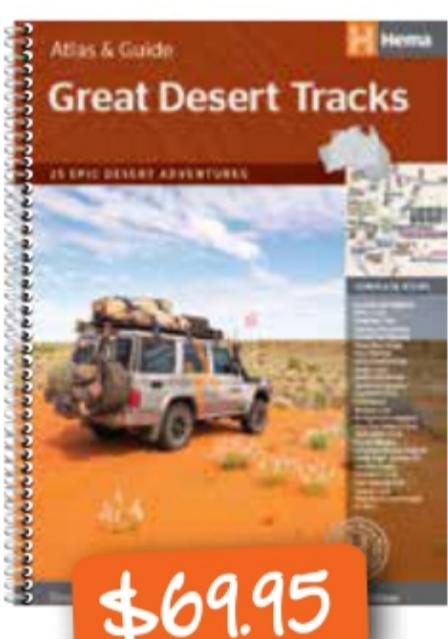
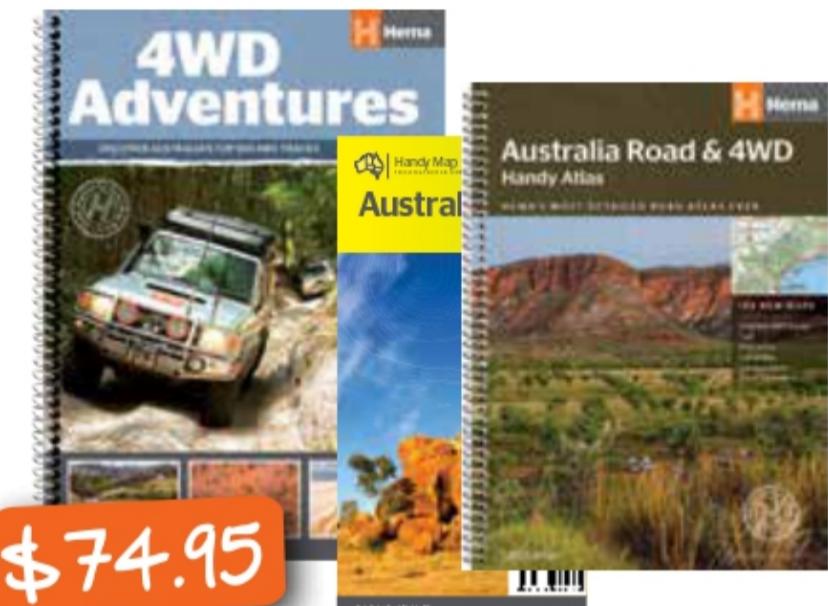
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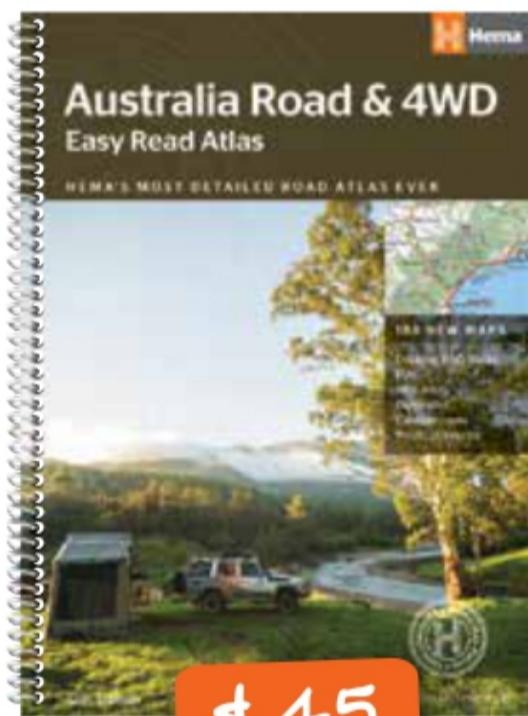


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# From the Archives

## Slip sliding away in Victoria

SUPER-CHARGED four-wheel drive mud racing action will be the name of the game at Dalys Bridge in Victoria this weekend.

Sassafras driver Scott Rockliff can't wait to get into the action, begrudgingly admitting that "the boys" just love playing with their monster-sized toys.

Seven Tasmanian vehicles, including three from Devonport, will meet the challenge from Victoria at Sunday's final round of the Australian Mud Challenge Championships.

"Anything can happen in these events and it's often an achievement just to get through to the final," Scott said.

And he should know having performed well last year to be running second till tail shaft trouble took him out of the final.

Earlier this year Scott experienced greater success and won the King of the Mud title at the Devonport Four-Wheel Drive Club's summer mud run at Latrobe.

Scott will compete in his radical mid-mounted Chev-powered Toyota Hi-Lux.

"The V8 sits behind the drivers' cab to get the weight off the front and achieve better handling with the vehicle."

Scott used to compete in his road vehicle but found that it was becoming too expensive to keep up with the necessary repair work.

Scott's monster features 38-inch tyres but he's ada-



**RARING TO RACE:** Scott Rockliff, of Sassafras, with his mid-mounted Chev-powered Toyota Hi-Lux which he will race at Dalys Bridge in Victoria this weekend.

mant it's all a lot safer than it looks.

"It might look like a monster but we hardly get over 50 km/h and when we do roll we've only got soft mud to deal with."

"Unless there's a fire there is no real danger."

But you really have to wonder about Exeter driver Paul Walters, who will compete at the weekend in an open vehicle.

"He'll use his wipers and will be wearing goggles," Scott attempted to explain.

Scott has been involved in

the sport since he was a youngster.

"It's great fun but it can get expensive when you get serious about the event."

The other competitors from the North-West Coast include Warren Allen, of Spreyton, and father and son

combination Rodney and Lance Lunson, of Forth.

And if they lose at the weekend ...

"We'll issue our own challenge and invite them back home to see how they cope with the Latrobe track," Scott said.

## Devonport 4WD Club Officials

<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
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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
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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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