

# Trail Track 4x4



WHAT IS  
GEOCACHING?



## Arry's Yack Trip



**ARB** 4X4 ACCESSORIES  
**ARB ALBURY  
OPEN DAY**



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## Presidents Report

Well another Christmas has been and gone. I hope you all didn't drink and eat too much and had a great time with the family and friends. We had a gathering down the river for the last meeting and had a great time with about 20 members turning up for tea and a good chat about what is going on.

The beyond Hotham is in this edition and they would like our club to be a part of it, so have a think if you are able to help & I will organize for someone to come and give us a talk about what is happening at the next meeting and what they expect from us.

We have had a few day trips going on and the Tassie trip happening at Easter if anyone else is interested in coming buy a ticket. At the moment we have 4 cars going and a few more interested.

Can't wait for the cooler weather to get here so we can hit the High Country!

All the best

Cheers,

Dan Muller (President)

## Financial report

Balance as at 31st Dec \$3,978.74

Outgoing \$ 0

Incoming

New member \$120.00

Balance as at 30 Jan \$4,098.74



**All member items  
for sale can be  
viewed  
HERE**

## Want to join Trail Track 4x4 Inc?

To become a financial member of Trail Track 4x4 Inc, you need to attend two club events, (either 2 trips, 2 meetings or one of each), and then be approved by the committee.

You can mail your application to **P.O.Box 73, Albury NSW 2640** or hand in to a committee member at a meeting.

Applications will then be approved or rejected by the committee and parties notified by mail.

Membership costs

Club a joining fee of \$50

Annual membership fee of \$70

One membership includes a family, couple or single person aged over 18yrs.

You can download an application form **HERE**

Please read or download the club constitution **HERE** to familiarise yourself with our club rules.

# Trail Track 4X4 General Meeting 16 Dec 2009

General meeting @ Black stump hotel 16-12-2009

Opened @ 7.46pm

Apologies: Pete Chalmers, Anthony & Rachael Price, Glenn Bailey, & Fiona Van Zanten.

Previous Minutes

Motion: Minutes of last meeting to be accepted:

Moved:.....Shirlz

Seconded:

Dan

Carried: YES

Business arising from minutes:....Nil

Incoming Mail:...

Nil

Treasurers Report:

Outgoing expenses:

- Meat for Xmas party.....\$62.90
- Club affiliation fees.....\$544.50
- Santa suit /plates expenses ..\$145.00

Balance .....\$3977.21

Motion: Treasurers report be accepted:

Moved:..... Rob:.....Seconded:.....Steven

Carried:..Yes

General Business:.

Possible meeting in January (Unique Venue).

ARB open day was quite successful about 10-15 members throughout the day.

Christmas part went off without a hitch Very good day (big thanks to all helpers)

Discussed the possibility of out-sourcing marshals for the comp next year, Russell Wise from All Com.

Look for Border Mail sleeper article.

Approach Bunnings for a free BBQ as a fundraiser.

Scouts from the ARB open day would be happy to have a look at catering the comp.

RE: Winton site visit to confirm will be 31 January 2010

Travel Ramp costing???????

Approach other local club to see if their travel ramp is for sale and how much.

Possible trip having Wandin Field day coincide with ARB tour.

Meeting closed:.....8.29pm

## **4WD NSW&ACT Mailout to Club Presidents.**

Dear President, The following information is forwarded to clarify some issues relating to insurance cover in relation to some Club activities. Would you please ensure your Committee/Club are made aware of them.

### CLUB INSURANCE DISCUSSIONS

At the 2009 November General Meeting there were discussions on some aspects of insurance as a result of issues mentioned in my Insurance Report tabled at that meeting. To ensure that there is no confusion arising therefrom I would like to clarify the following;

-DTU Training does not require a specific "event" application providing there are no members of the public involved. However our insurers TCIS require to be advised by email as follows;

- kai@tcis.com.au
- Host Club(s) details
- Nature of event
- Venue
- Date(s)
- No. of trainees
- No. of assessors

-Club training is a normal Club activity and does not require any separate action

-Non Club members participating in Club events such as trips. Our National Insurance policy does not specify the number of "guests" that may attend any given trip as a result of which the issue is open to interpretation by the underwriter in the event of a claim. The policy is meant to cover "Club" trips and if over 50% of attendees are non members then this is clearly not a Club trip. As mentioned in discussions this has been an issue for me in the past and I have used 25% of non member participations as the maximum. Even then the interpretation is open in the event of a claim involving a non member.

-Event Insurance (Public Liability) covers Club run events and participation by a Club in a specific event e.g. local show. It must be applied for prior to the event taking place and we ask that this be done a month ahead of the event where possible. It does not cover participation in commercial competition events. Normal Club events such as Funkanas do not require an application as long as they do not involve members of the public, follow normal Club 4WD activities, have no timed events and are not commercial e.g. entrance fees, prize money. These should be advised to our insurers by email as follows;

- Kai@tcis.com.au
- Club(s) involved
- Venue
- Normal Club activities
- Date(s)
- No. of participants (estimated)
- No. of attendees (estimated)

Cont'd

Participation in Association involved events such as Sydney Region 4WD Expo, Penrith Camping & Recreation Show, Rose Hill Show, Queanbeyan 4WD Show, Jamborees etc do not require individual Club applications as this will be undertaken by the Region(s) involved.

-Voluntary Workers Liability insurance MUST be applied for before the work is undertaken otherwise there is no coverage. Where possible such application should be submitted at least a month before the activity is to take place. All of these applications must be signed off by 4WDNSW-ACT to confirm that the work is sanctioned by the Association. Non member guests participating on behalf of the Club(s) involved are covered whether or not they use their own vehicles. As with Event Insurance Regional events covering more than one Club as detailed above plus Menai Cleanup, Stockton Beach Cleanup, Appin Cleanup, Victorian Bushfire Assistance etc do not require an individual Club application as this will be attended to by the Region involved.

All necessary application forms can be downloaded from the members section of our website. When logged in select "Documents" from the left hand column, when these appear scroll down to "Insurance" and select the relevant document from those listed. You will find other useful information listed here as well. If you or your Club requires any further information you can contact me at [insurance@4wdnsw-act.asn.au](mailto:insurance@4wdnsw-act.asn.au) Please copy me all applications that are lodged.

For those who wish to forward a hard copy please contact me by phone first on 02 9614 1447 as it can take mail up to 3 weeks to arrive if sent to the Association's address.

Thanks & Regards

Ron Owen  
State Insurance Officer

## General meeting 7.30pm

425 Fallon St, North Albury

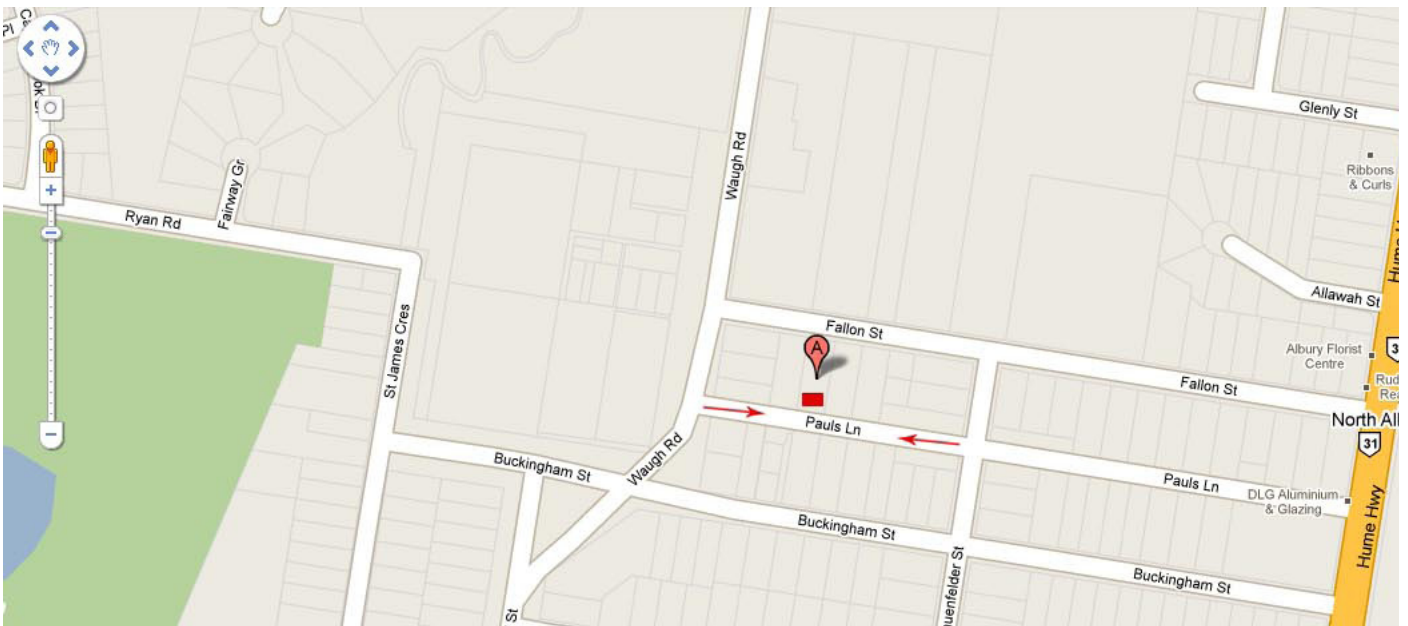
0418 578 545 (Dan)

Bring a chair & drinks.

Entry via the rear lane there is some parking in lane but could park at either end of lane

Look for the large green shed & I'll have the gate open & light on.

Refer to map and photo below..





**ARB** 4X4 ACCESSORIES  
**ARB ALBURY**  
**OPEN DAY**  
SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER 9AM - 3PM





Yes ARB put on a great day!  
I would like to thank all the Trail Track Members that stayed & helped out throughout the day. We had a fair bit of interest in the club with lots of people taking cards and asking questions about joining the club.

Dan



This was a great event run by the boys at ARB!!  
Good to see all your suppliers help out and help make it a successful day. Aiden and I had a good look around this morning and it looked well set up with quite a few people moving through....Nice to see the Action travel ramp set up, its quite impressive and shows quite clearly the benefits of lockers!!!  
Good job guys, hope it was a success!

Luke

# DAY TRIP TO YACK AND UNDER GROUND HUT



We had a great dusty day, thanks to those that came. We had 5 cars in total and had a nice relaxing day (thanks steve100 for leading us around the bush). We started by heading to the underground hut, mind you after Steve (cruiser rush) helped 2 ford sedans get out over the spoon drains. We then made our way through Rocky Point Track to Fletchers Dam for lunch, a swim and skimming rocks. We then took a track and found some mud and got a few hundred scratches and basically made our way back to Yack where we aired up and headed for Allans Flat water hole for another swim. Matt Parker.





# Beyond **HOTHAM** An exceptional 4WD Experience

## **APRIL 8 -18, 2010**

**10 days of challenging 4wd'ing with  
great food, fun and friends!**

### **Beyond Hotham Program Options**

Participants may pick and choose which days/weekends they would like to attend. Our only condition is that you attend one of the weekends if you would like to be part of the mid week overnight trips.

#### Weekends

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

- Thursday evenings will begin with an Official Welcome and Happy Hour.
- The Friday, Saturday and Sunday programs will be made up of a range of day trip tagalongs with our experienced and highly skilled leaders, each tagalong will have a theme and a local identity highly respected for their particular area of expertise. Themes will include hut history, indigenous history, gold discoveries, flora and fauna, first aid, campfire cooking, bird observation, astronomy, geocaching, GPS use, radio protocol etc.
- A Gourmet Dinner under the Stars will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Favourite program items from previous Beyond Hothams will include the Reversing Competition, Nissan test drive vehicles, Night Drive and Women Behind the Wheel, guided walks, winching workshop and tyre talk will be repeated each weekend in 2010.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 12noon.** Monster Gourmet Farewell Brunch and Presentation of prizes including the prize draw of a set of BFGoodrich tyres for one lucky person who registers by April 2, 2010

#### Midweek 4WD and AWD Explore

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

The weekday program will be filled with a selection of one night and two night overnight trips, tagalong style and a range of self guided day trip options to Falls Creek ( the Great Alpine Loop), Omeo (All around Omeo) and Dargo (Day out in Dargo).

Beyond Hotham evenings throughout the program will begin with Happy Hour every night and then optional dinners including BBQ, spit roast, pizza and Gourmet Dinner Under the Stars. Live music and film nights will be added to our program.

We are fortunate to have the support of Parks Victoria, Nissan Australia and Victoria Police (as trip leaders) as well as Gapsted Wines, BFGoodrich Tyres. There are more exciting partnerships to come.

Prizes for Beyond Hotham 2010 will include a set of tyres, holidays and other valuable off road accessories. Each person that registers will receive a well packed Welcome Pack in addition to the opportunity to win a range of valuable prizes generously donated by our sponsors. The BFGoodrich tyres will be the prize for one lucky person that registers by April 2, 2010.

Please bookmark our website [www.beyondhotham.com.au](http://www.beyondhotham.com.au) and closer to Christmas there will be a complete detailed program and a downloadable registration form.

If you have friends that would value this unique 4WD experience, please feel free to forward this fantastic opportunity on to them.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any suggestions or would like further information.

Many thanks, Annie 03 5759 3550 [beyondhotham@mthotham.com.au](mailto:beyondhotham@mthotham.com.au)

STOP PRESS: Mr 4x4 himself, **Pat Callinan** from 4x4 Adventures will be a participant in a Nissan Patrol. Come along and meet him.



**HOTHAM**  
Mount Hotham Resort Management

# Future trips and events

## General Meeting - February

The next general meeting to be held February 17th, at 425 Fallon St, North Albury

0418 578 545 (Dan)

Bring a chair & drinks.

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Refer to map and photo on page 8

## Tassie 2010

March / April school holidays

Will be maybe thinking of doing the West coast again for at least a week then maybe into the high lands for some fishing or going shopping for the girls.

Trip Leader : Dan Muller

Contact Details : 0418578545

Destination : Tasmania

Date: Leave on 4th April, return on 16th April

More details to come..

For more information and to post your interest click [HERE](#)

## Geehi Trip

Date :6th 7th & 8th of November

Leave : 6.00pm from the Stump

Trip Leader : Dan Muller

Contact Details : 0418578545

Destination : Geehi camping area

Max Number of vehicles : No limit

Trip Rating : D & C

A - Extreme

B - Hard

C - Medium

D - Easy

E - Social

Vehicle Requirements :Basic Recovery Gear

Class of Trip : 1 & 3

1 - 4x4's

2 - Bikes

3 - Fishing

Trip Description : Leave Friday after work about 6.00pm head up to Geehi & make camp. Saturday go up to Davies High Plains then onto Mt Pinnibar & make our way back to Geehi. Sunday head for home after lunch & be home by 4pm a nice relaxing weekend

Approx Distance :500 - 600kms

Fuel : All the way

For more information and to post your interest click [HERE](#)

**Postponed**



# WHAT IS GEOCACHING?

[www.geocaching.com.au](http://www.geocaching.com.au)

Geocaching is a loosely organised individual sport relying on satellite technology to show you where latitude and longitude coordinates are within a few metres. Geocachers set off to find coordinates that they have gotten from websites such as this one and when they get there they are rewarded with a find. They use a hand-held GPS device, about the size of a mobile phone, to find their quarry. The search can take from a few minutes to a few hours.

What do they find? More often than not, a lunch box containing a log book, maybe some swappable goodies, and a pencil. Geocachers write a log in the book about their hunt, they may swap something they have for something in the box, always making sure their swap is fair, and replace the container exactly as they found it. The containers vary and may be as small as a film canister or as large as a 44 gallon drum.

But caching (a word of French origin meaning 'to hide' pronounced "kha-shing" (rhymes with stashing) – not "cay-shing".) is about a lot more than Plastic Boxes – it's all about getting out and seeing things you wouldn't otherwise have seen. Some are puzzle based, some take you through several steps before you get to the final point. There are lots of variations and only a few rules.

After finding a geocache, finds are logged on the internet as well so that other finders and the cache owner can see what is going on with their cache. Photographs can be logged as well, adding to the wealth of information and a personal history that geocachers are creating.

We discovered geocaching purely by chance, as Rick downloaded the application onto his iphone. We use the iphone's built in GPS to find the geocaches which makes finding them much easier. We haven't tried using our GPS yet, but Dan tells me that it is harder to work it all out that way. These geocaches are spread all over the world, with approximately 800,000 and growing. There are heaps around Albury and surrounding areas. Check out the website at the top, it's quite fun, once you get the hang of it..

Thinking we might do a Geocaching club trip soon!

Shirley Leeder  
Editor

February

Josh & Alhanna Delarue 3rd  
 Moya Steinert 9th  
 Mick Erlewein 15th  
 Sally Whitwell 18th  
 Tina Cixti 21st

March

Rick Brewster 2nd  
 Jackson White 7th  
 Rachel Lewis 9th  
 Charlotte Shepherd 13th  
 Leonie Stanley 18th  
 Donna Tyler 21st  
 Jodee Brew 24th  
 Sheridan Jones 25th  
 David Fearne 27th  
 Dave Van Zanten 28th

Happy Birthday

From all of us at Trail Track 4x4 Inc

Welcome to our newest members..

Members

Forum Name

MERCHANDISE



T Shirts \$15  
 Hoodie \$45  
 Window Stickers \$5



Polos \$20  
 Stubby Holders \$10



Vest \$35  
 Logo Stickers \$2



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