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Trail Track 4x4 Inc.
Committee 2009/2010

- President** Dan Muller
- Vice President** Tristan Steinert
- Secretary** Glenn Webb
- Treasurer** Brendan Jones
- Editor** Shirley Leeder

General Committee Members

- Adam Panozzo
- Pete Chalmers
- Rob Leonard
- Damian Berry
- Luke Mitchell
- Steven Shepherd
- Mathew Parker

If you'd like to fill a committee position, or nominate someone else to do so, there's a nomination form on page 5—fill that out and you're on your way!

Financial Report



Balance as at end April
 \$3,447.45

Incoming
 26th May \$30.00 trip prize
 26th May \$280.00 memberships

Outgoing
 Nil

President's Report

Welcome to Winter, and the chance to get out camping and exploring the bush without the heat of Summer and the flies. Time to rug up, get the thermals out and plan a trip into the bush with some mates.

July sees our club celebrate it's 1st Birthday. This time last year, a few of us had a vision of a few people coming along to our first meeting, and we were blown away with around 70 people turning up. Our club has around 50 members which is more than I had hoped for. Memberships for 2010/2011 are now due, so please print out a copy of the membership renewal form, and come along to the meeting to pay your membership fee. In July, we will be holding our AGM, where all committee positions become vacant, so please consider nominating yourself (or someone else) for a position on the committee.

Our AGM will also be our first birthday celebration, details will be available soon, so it'd be great to see you there.

Cheers!

Dan Muller



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Nomination of self/other to Executive Committee

I, _____
 of _____
 _____ (address)

Nominate _____
 For election to the position of _____

 (signature) (date) (m'ship number)

Nomination seconded by _____
 of _____
 _____ (address)

 (signature) (date) (m'ship number)

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 I, _____
 of _____
 _____ (address)
 Accept the nomination for the position of _____

 (signature) (date) (m'ship number)

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New membership application/renewal form

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Two club functions attended:
(Only applies if new member)

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Please circle

I apply to join the Trail Track 4x4 Club. **OR** I apply to renew my membership

I agree to be bound by the constitution of the club and any further rules as decreed by the committee. I agree to indemnify Trail Track 4x4 Club Inc, it's committee and members of any liability in the case of any accident, incident, damage or injury.

I agree that at all times when part of any activity organised by, or sanctioned by, the Trail Track 4x4 Club I will obey all laws and follow the Tread Lightly Code for four wheel driving and camping.

Joining fee is a one off fee, a yearly membership fee as set by the committee will be payable to renew membership at the end of each financial year. Membership is from 1 July to 30 June the following year. Membership is for a single person, a couple or a family including children up to the age of 18.

Family Details:

<u>Partner</u>	<u>DoB</u>
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Admin Use Only

New Member / Renewal. Committee - Approved / Rejected Date:

Card Issued: Membership No: Joining Fee: \$ Membership fee: \$

Trail Track 4X4 General Meeting 21st April 2010

General meeting @ SS&A club
Opened @ 7.50pm

Apologies :Trudy ,Tristan , Pete Chalmers ,

Minutes from last meeting to be accepted :
Moved : Matt Delarue
Seconded : Leigh
Carried : Yes

Tressures Report : April: \$3977.85

\$530.00 used to purchase two sets of Max Trax,
Balance at the end of the month of April \$3447.45.

Business Arising from minutes:

Mark Peterson said via phone call that our outstanding moneys owing from the national 4x4 show would be paid ,as soon as I resent the invoice.

Scott Thompson is looking into the mount pinnabar closer.

Kids trip to bright was successful arrived at 12 to about 3.30 had a great time with 4 trucks going.

Once again a big thanks to Rick and Shirlz for the magazine production.

Bi-Monthly trip voucher was drawn and Matt Delarue won the first \$30 trip voucher.

Matt Parker was informed that activities such as carpet bowls , Pool , Darts , and club general Facilities were available to use by the club for activities/ functions.

Business arising accepted.

Moved : Matt
Seconded : Jonesy
Carried : Yes

Correspondence:

Invoice from SS&A was received for room rental but was reversed.

Insurance renewals were sent out to us.

General Business:

Russell Gawthorpe has offered to upgrade our website in exchange for magazine and forum advertising space.

Dan reminded us that at the AGM all positions will be made open/vacant on the committee and called for nominations.

AGM to be advertised in newspaper , SS&A club newsletter , and our magazine.

SS&A club indicated we keep records to show attendance and remind all members of committee become financial members of the club as per agreement, and members and their families had meals before meetings.

Meeting closed @ 8.30pm.

Future trips

Snow Trip 3rd/4th July

Destination : Mt Saffaras / Mt Pinnabar
Club Trip / Forum Trip : Club Trip
Max Number of vehicles : 15

Trip Rating : C or B depending on snow depth .

Vehicle Requirements : Front & rear recovery points & minimum of a snatch strap & good tyres .

Trip Description : Leave the Stump at 9.00am & head to Corryong for fuel & last toilet stop if needed. Will do all the normal tracks if they are still open. Will be an very cruisey weekend unless people want to do in a day. We might even try & do Saffarass in reverse

Approx Distance : 500km

[More info HERE](#)

ARB Factory Tour 24th July

Trip Leader : Dan Muller
Destination : ARB Factory Tour
42-44 Garden St Kilsyth Melbourne

Max Number of People : 15 if there is more interest we may be able to get another tour guide but for the moment 15 is it first in best dressed.

Trip Description : Leave Wodonga at 6.00am sharp Saturday morning & head to Melbourne via the highway. The tour starts at 9.30am sharp for those of you who have partners that would like to come but not do the tour Michelle & Mackenzy will be going shopping while the tour is on & you would be more than welcome to join her. Maybe a nice counter lunch at a pup some where then head home. If there was enough interest we may be able to camp the night & go for a drive in Toolangi. Post up your thoughts. I have done this once before & would highly recommend doing the tour as it will give you an insight into how much work goes into there products.

Approx Distance : 650km

[More info HERE](#)

Snow Trip 7th/8th August

Trip Leader : Dan Muller
Destination : Mt Pinnabar or maybe some where else if I can find snow

Max Number of vehicles : 15

Trip Rating : C or B depending on snow depth

Vehicle Requirements : Front & rear recovery points & minimum of a snatch strap & good tyres

Trip Description : Leave the Stump at 8.30am & head to Corryong for fuel & last toilet stop if needed. Will do all the normal tracks if they are still open. Could also be somewhere differant as well but time will see
Approx Distance : 500km

[More info HERE](#)

Snow Trip 28th/29th August

Date : 28th & 29th of August
Trip Leader : Dan Muller
Destination : Mt Pinnabar

Max Number of vehicles : 15

Trip Rating : C or B depending on snow depth

Vehicle Requirements : Front & rear recovery points & minimum of a snatch strap & good tyres

Trip Description : Leave the Stump at 8.30am & head to Corryong for fuel & last toilet stop if needed. Will do all the normal tracks if they are still open

Approx Distance : 500km

[More info HERE](#)

Chasing Waterfalls

Well, an eventful weekend! Day one had it all... snow, bushwalking, bit of snow driving, some nice tracks, some red clay, some recovery and some night driving!

We ended up with four vehicles. Victor in a Triton, Glenn in a 100 series and Steve and Ned in another 100 series and us in our GU. The Howlong Bakery was the start point and we stocked up with few last minute supplies before we left at 8:45.

We headed through Chiltern, dodged a suicidal Koala that ran onto the road and on to Beechworth, Myrtleford and we even managed to make it to Mt Hotham intact, even with a couple of idiots on the road, particularly one guy in a Territory who liked to travel at 100Km/h and overtake on blind sections of road when the road was posted at 40 and covered in snow and ice.

We turned onto Dinner Plain Tk and stopped to check out Carmichael Falls. The sign said a 700m walk which didn't sound bad but with ice and snow on the track and with some light snow falling it seemed a lot longer than what the signpost wanted us to believe.

We let the tyres down and continued along Dinner Plain Tk. Driving through virgin snow is a different experience. Snow depth was about 10cm and worked to hide many things along the track. We were not in a hurry and took it easy making sure

we were safe and not doing damage to the tracks as in a couple of areas there was a fair bit of soft surface underneath the snow.

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We left there about 2:30 and figured we had a bit over an hour of driving to get to the next waterfall and decided we would setup camp there for the night with plenty of time to get some firewood and get setup before dark. All was going to plan until about 9Km into Messmate Spur Tk we turned down a hill which was reasonably steep and then found that the gravel



turned to clay about half way down. The track had a slight crossgrade and became very slippery. A little sliding was happening and at the next bend I stopped and walked the next section which was very steep and all red clay, it had about 1m of crossfall across the width of the track and had an erosion gully near the bottom about knee deep over the RHS which led straight into a tree trunk that protruded onto the track. In the dry it would be interesting, in the wet there is no way we would get through. The decision was made to reverse up. Glenn had come roughly half way down the track behind us and had just got onto the slippery clay. The only gravel on the road was what had washed down from higher up and made it look like there was a gravel surface but it was just a light surface covering. With 2 lockers engaged, Glenn could not get any traction to reverse up the hill and because of the cross fall just slid sideways. Victor ran out the winch cable, we added extension straps and managed to get Glenn back onto the track where he found traction and was able to reverse up the track.

I wish it was so simple for ours. We needed a second extension strap and had to move Victor a little down the track and we had to connect his car to Steve's in order to anchor it. There were not a lot of trees around unfortunately. When we commenced winching the Patrol up the hill we also ended up over the RHS of the track into the bush and the really soft stuff. Because of the curve in the track the winch was not behind us so it was pulling us a bit to the right as it pulled us up the hill.

Once we got far enough up we added a snatch hook into the setup to change the winching angle. It helped a little but not enough.

It took a couple of hours, lots of different winching setup combinations and a lot of hard work from everyone before we were up the top and able to drive away. By this time it was very dark and about 6pm. The decision was made to get back to Berrigun Rd, head south toward Dargo until we found somewhere to camp. Steve led us out along Mess-mate Spur Tk and Glenn led the way south.

The last 20Km or so our clutch was slipping, the further we went the worse it got and I was beginning to wonder if we would make a campground or end up stuck on the side of the road. After struggling to get up a bit of hill I was about to call it quits when we arrived at the campground. An old fallen tree was found and converted into firewood, everyone setup camp and had dinner. We pulled out the NRMA



card and rang for help on Sunday morning. They arranged recovery of the Patrol and us by the RACV. We said farewell to everyone, gave them a couple of maps and chainsaw and let them go have a good weekend while we waited for the truck to collect us.



The NRMA paid for a taxi and put us in a motel in Bairnsdale overnight and arranged train and bus tickets to get us home. We would have had a hire car but all car rental companies in Bairnsdale were closed Sunday and Monday. Either Tuesday or Wednesday they will have the Patrol delivered home as well. They were great to deal with and made what could have been a big hassle into a very easy solution but it is a very slow trip all the way to Bairnsdale in truck with Patrol on the back.

Will have to wait and see what everyone else writes about the rest of the 4wding part of the weekend! Hope all was good and lots of fun was had!

Happy Birthday

From all of us at Trail Track 4x4!

June

Josh Brewster	3rd
Oskar White	4th
Kirstin Bullen	5th
James Boyd	5th
Sammy Delarue	6th
Claudia Bailey	8th
Georgia Lukins	9th
Noah Brewster	10th
Victor Hormaechea	11th
Dean McIvor	12th
Glen Bailey	18th
Dionne Tommas-Scammell	19th
Levi Jacob	23rd
Amy Tommas-Scammell	30th

July

Max McGuinness	2nd
Soren Braybrook	8th
Taylah Leeder	10th
Nicolas Hurcum	17th
Dane Arthur	20th
Brian Tyler	21st
Rebecca Bardy	26th

Welcome to our newest members!

Member	Forum Name
Trevor & Sharyn Taylor	
Tony Graham & Heather Weule	Draughty & Skits

Kid's Page!

Little Lost Friend

One of Pooh's friends has gone missing. Connect the dots and help the "Super Sleuths" find out what kind of animal it is.

Snowflakes

The Hundred Acre Wood is a magical place in the wintertime when it snows. They say no two snowflakes are the same. Can you find the two snowflakes below that ARE the same?

To The North Pole

Tigger, Pooh and Darby have to help Santa find his magic toy sack and get it to the North Pole in time for Christmas. Follow the maze and help the gang get from the Hundred Acre Wood to the North Pole in time!



May Camping Fishing Trip



Trail Track 4x4

Show your support for Trail Track 4x4 with our promotional products!



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\$45.00



Stubbie Holders
\$10.00




T-Shirts
\$15.00


Vest - \$35.00
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