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SOUTHERN TRAILS

NEXT CLUB MEETING

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Deakin Football Club
3 Grose Street

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WANTED - 16 INCH SIX STUD RIMS FOR THE HILUX AT TALOOGEE

The club's 1986 Hilux is in need of some new shoes but options for Light Truck tyres for 15 inch size rims are limited and somewhat on the expensive side.

If anyone has some 6x139.7 stud, center bore 106.2mm, positive 35 (+/-20) offset, 16 inch rims, or knows of someone who does, that could be donated to the club, please contact:

Peter Reynolds (Property Coordinator)
property@st4wdc.com.au

PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hi Everyone,

It was my pleasure this month to award Life Membership to Michael Patrick. Michael has been an integral part of the Southern Tablelands 4WD Club in Karratha, who is currently on a trip around Australia. As you all know there is a significant drought currently affecting the Eastern States. To assist farmer's currently struggling to feed their livestock, the committee has decided to donate \$500 to Buy A Bale – Making A Difference To Australian Farming Families. It was also decided that all takings from raffle would also be donated, which thanks to generous contributions of those at the meeting has raised another \$503. This is a fantastic outcome and enough money to purchase 50 small bales of hay or 10 large ones.

This month's General Meeting had another fantastic turnout, with a good number of new members and visitors coming by to see what we are all about. Visitors included Paul, from the Red Dog 4WD Club in Karratha, who is currently on a trip around Australia. As you all know there is a significant drought currently affecting the Eastern States. To assist farmer's currently struggling to feed their livestock, the committee has decided to donate \$500 to Buy A Bale – Making A Difference To Australian Farming Families. It was also decided that all takings from raffle would also be donated, which thanks to generous contributions of those at the meeting has raised another \$503. This is a fantastic outcome and enough money to purchase 50 small bales of hay or 10 large ones.

The Significant Trips Sub-Committee has put up 3 trips to gain expressions of interest for the 2019 trip to Cape York. The idea behind these is to determine who would like to travel to the start

point of the Cape York trip independently, who would like to travel in a convoy from Canberra and last who is interested in going on the trip itself. Please note that September 2019 is not a firm date at this stage, and may change depending on planning requirements. If you have any questions about the trip, you can contact Alex Szabo by email stsc@st4wdc.com.au.

Don't forget that Social Club is providing a camp oven dinner on the Saturday night at this month's Working Bee. If you haven't put your name down already, please do so ASAP for catering purposes. At the Working Bee, we will be starting work on cutting in new campsites in the home paddock, to make it more suitable for those with caravans and camper trailers and starting work on cutting in a new track down by Hole-In-Wall

Regards,

Matthew Maddigan

Club President

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

INFORMATION ON CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

New members

There have been five new memberships for the month of May. The new memberships were:

- **BRAD MILLER AND BELINDA O'CONNOR**
FORD RANGER
- **TONY GODWIN AND ANNWYN GODWIN**
PRADO 150

Please say hello to our new members and visitors if you are at the Club meeting - if you see a new face, make them welcome and say G'day.

Welcome to the Club all.

New memberships numbers are currently very high with a total of 41 new memberships so far this year.

Lynne Donaldson

Membership Secretary

Membership Renewal

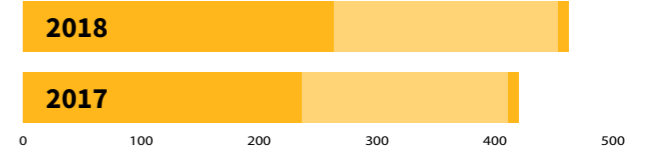
Many thanks to all those members who have already paid their membership fees for 2018. **We still have 46 memberships unpaid.**

Current Membership compared to 2017

At 31 July 2017 we had **236** Full members, **9** Life members, and **175** family members for a total of **420** members compared with a total of **465** this year

At the same time last year, we had **17** new members for the year compared to **42** this year

The number of members who had not renewed as at May 2017 was **39** compared to **46** this year.



Please feel free to contact me regarding any membership matters you may have either by email, phone or grab me at the meeting.

Please note that I will be away for 3 months commencing in June and Lynne Donaldson has generously agreed to fill in during that time.

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Stickers and Certificates

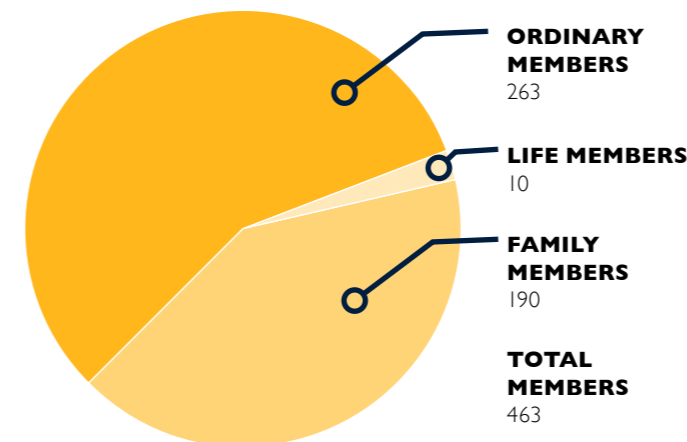
I still have a large number of training certificates for people to collect. For new members don't forget to get your club sticker from me.

NEW CLUB BANK DETAILS

The Club's new bank provider is "Bank Australia" and our bank details now are:

Bank: Bank Australia
Account Name: ST4WDC
BSB Number: 313 140
Account Number: 1213 0617

Members should use these account details in all transactions with the club, including for membership fees and clothing purchases when using direct deposit. Members who use Internet Banking and Mobile Banking please update your "PAYEE Listing" for ST4WDC with the new details.



MEMBERSHIP GIFT CERTIFICATES

These certificates are a great way to give the gift of membership to friends and family and are available for both current member's Annual Membership Fee (Cost/Value \$100) or for new members for their Joining fee and Annual Membership Fee (Cost/Value \$330).

If you would like to give a gift of ST4WDC Membership please contact:
Membership Secretary
membership@st4wdc.com.au.



CLUB CLOTHING

Clothing Item	Cost
Polo Shirts	\$35.00
Chambery Shirts	\$45.00
Jackets	\$110.00
Hoodies	\$45.00
Rugby Tops	\$50.00
Caps	\$15.00
Bucket Hats	\$15.00
Beanies	\$20.00
Name Badges	\$10.00



Here are examples of the club clothing options. To order talk to Marie McDonald at the meeting to order for pickup at the following monthly meeting.



BUSH SKILLS WEEKEND

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

TALOOGEE PARK 29 SEPTEMBER TO 1 OCTOBER 2018

This is a relaxed weekend socialising with members of our club and invited clubs, driving the tracks, happy hour as well as informative bush and 4WD related demonstrations and talks.

To make it a successful event we are looking for volunteers who can deliver or assist with the following demonstrations and activities.



- JACK DEMONSTRATIONS
- TYRE INFLATORS/DEFLATORS
- BEAD BREAKING
- GPS TALK
- BUSH TOILET SETUPS
- CAMP OVEN AND BUSH COOKING
- VEHICLE AND CAMP SETUPS (WALKAROUND)
- COMMUNICATIONS
- CHAINSAW MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY
- RECOVERY GEAR/SOFT SHACKLES/WINCHING DEMONSTRATIONS
- LED DRIVING LIGHTS
- SOLAR POWER /DUAL BATTERY SETUP / FRIDGES
- DRIVING THE TRACKS
- CAMPER TRAILERS - WEIGHTS, PACKING AND TOWING

We are also looking for suggestions for additional demos and activities.

If you can help out or have suggestions please contact:

Jim Anderson
 e-mail treasurer@st4wdc.com
 mob. 0408283496

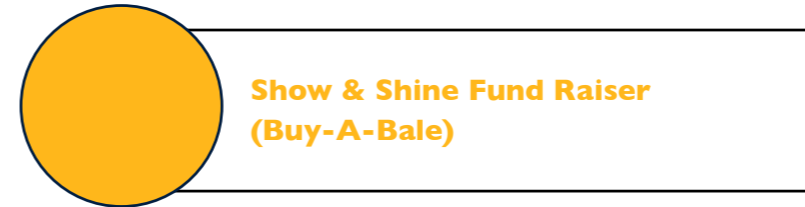
UPCOMING TRIPS

DON'T MISS OUT — NOMINATE ONLINE

START DATE	END DATE	ACTIVITY	TYPE	LEADER
25/Aug/18	26/Aug/18	Talooge Park Muster	Muster	Jim Anderson
8/Sep/18	8/Sep/18	Walk around Lake Burley Griffin	Social	Andrea Szabo
8/Sep/18	9/Sep/18	Chain Saw Awareness Training	Workshop	Neil Ellison
13/Sep/18	16/Sep/18	"Safe One" Basic Driver Training at Talooge Park	Training	Joe Briguglio
22/Sep/18	22/Sep/18	Show & Shine Fund Raiser (Buy-A-Bale)	Social	Matt Maddigan
23/Sep/18	23/Sep/18	Brindabella Ramble	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
28/Sep/18	1/Oct/18	Willowglen 4x4 Challenge 2018	Gradel	Dan Donaldson
29/Sep/18	1/Oct/18	Bush Skills Weekend	Grade 3	Jim Anderson
12/Oct/18	14/Oct/18	Queanbeyan SES Landsearch Exercise	Event	Matt Maddigan
13/Oct/18	13/Oct/18	Weston Park get together and lunch	Social	Lynne Donaldson
17/Oct/18	17/Oct/18	Basic Training 4WD Vehicle Evaluation	Training	Peter Butterfield
20/Oct/18	21/Oct/18	Explore The Tracks of Abercrombie River National Park	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
20/Oct/18	21/Oct/18	Talooge Park Muster	Muster	Peter Reynolds
27/Oct/18	28/Oct/18	ARB Fyshwick Open Day	Social	Matt Maddigan
28/Oct/18	28/Oct/18	Bush Walk	Grade 1	Helen Sutton
1/Nov/18	4/Nov/18	"Safe One" Basic Driver Training at Talooge Park	Training	Joe Briguglio
11/Nov/18	11/Nov/18	Brindabella Ramble	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
17/Nov/18	23/Nov/18	Victorian High Country Ramble Vers 3	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
18/Nov/18	24/Nov/18	Fraser Island	Grade 3	Scott Grogan
1/Dec/18	2/Dec/18	Talooge Park Muster	Muster	Peter Reynolds
1/Dec/18	2/Dec/18	End of Year Celebration	Social	Lynne Donaldson

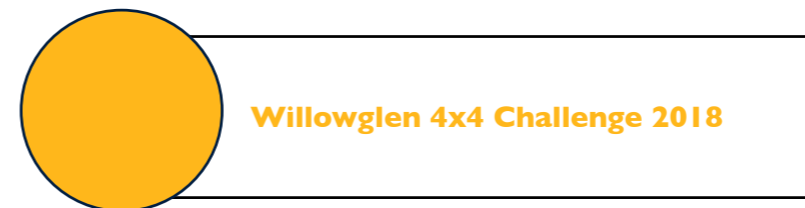
START DATE	END DATE	ACTIVITY	TYPE	LEADER
7/Dec/18	9/Dec/18	Vic High Country Friday Night Dash v2	Grade 3	Stuart Watts
22/Jun/19	23/Jun/19	OziExplorer Nav X	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
16/Sep/19	29/Sep/19	Cape York placeholder for EOIs	Grade 3	Matt Maddigan
30/Sep/19	13/Oct/19	Getting home from Cape York placeholder	Grade 3	Matt Maddigan

TRIP SPOTLIGHT



Show & Shine Fund Raiser (Buy-A-Bale)

To raise money for Buy A Bale Of Hay - Making A Difference For Australian Farmers we are running a Show & Shine at ARB Fyshwick. All money raised from this event will be donated. If you are interested in entering a vehicle, please email: showandshine@st4wdc.com.au



Willowglen 4x4 Challenge 2018

Willowglen 4x4 Challenge is an exciting 4WD event held annually over the NSW October Long Weekend. The event is hosted by the Toyota Land Cruiser Club of Australia, and regarded as the premier 4WD competition in NSW.



ARB Fyshwick Open Day

ARB Fyshwick are having an open day and have invited us to have a stall their. If you are interested in volunteering to help man the tent, please nominate. Details of the open day itself can be found on Facebook at the below link. facebook.com/events/2057512874508303/

TRIP REPORTS



DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL?

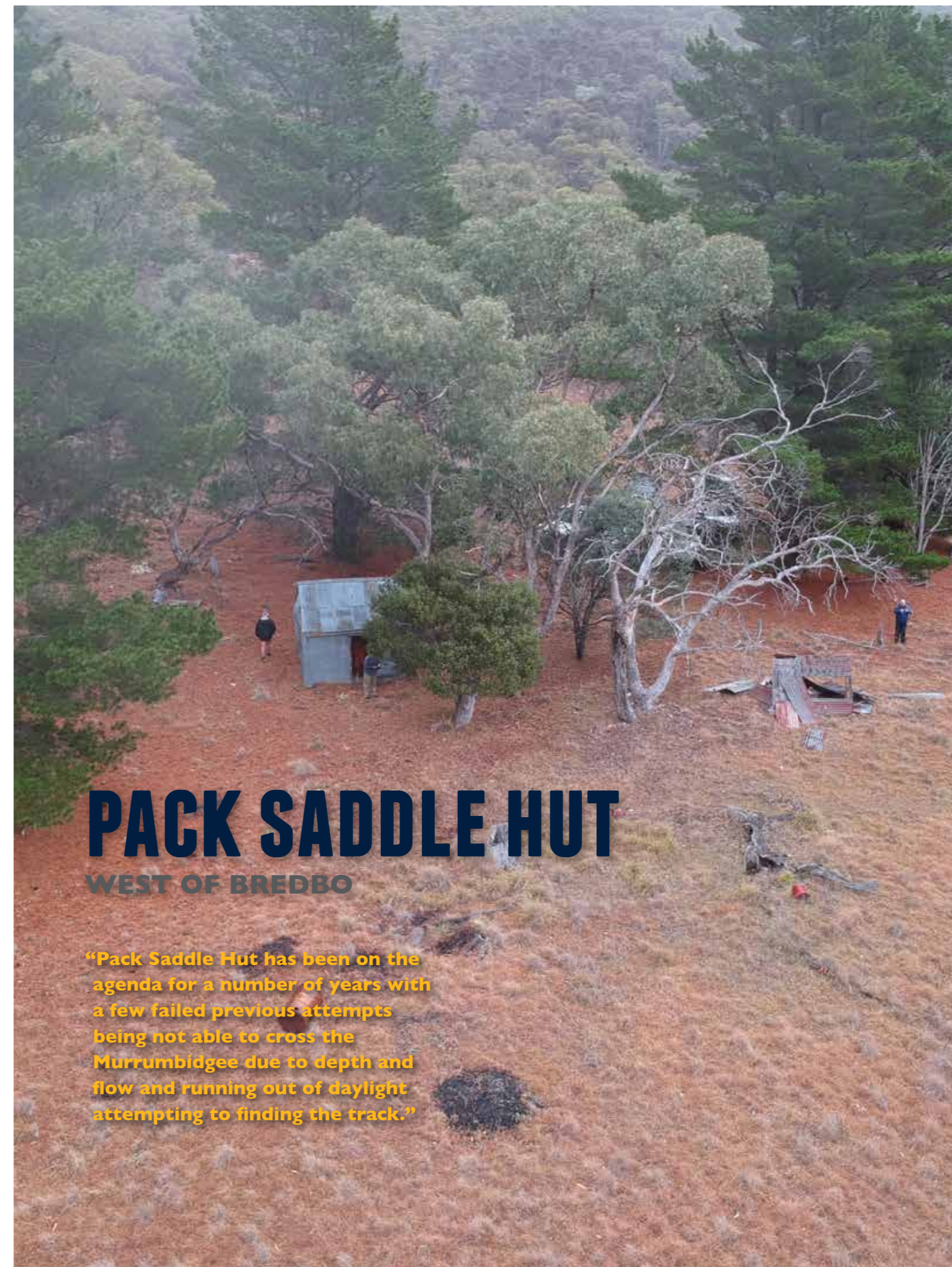
Please email items for the ST4WD Club monthly newsletter or hand it to the 2018 Publications person at the monthly meeting.

Cut off for Items for the Newsletter is now the last Friday in each month. Anything received after that date will be placed in the following months newsletter.

Michael Jackson-Rand
2018 Publications Coordinator
publications@st4wdc.com.au

Please make sure you supply your images separately to the word document and then reference them in text. Word destroys image quality and I want your adventures to look the way you saw them when you were there.

PACK SADDLE HUT
Glen Watts



PACK SADDLE HUT

WEST OF BREDBO

“Pack Saddle Hut has been on the agenda for a number of years with a few failed previous attempts being not able to cross the Murrumbidgee due to depth and flow and running out of daylight attempting to finding the track.”



Airing down at the Bredbo river the day started with a cold miserable drizzle but everybody was excited for the day ahead the anticipation was awesome, the drive to the first hut was non-eventful and seeing it in person was great,

Then Scotty pulled out his mini drone and amazed us all with the views he could get, then engaging stunt mode and seeing us all step back in terror as he flew toward us a great pace was a good laugh,

Onwards to some more tracks I don't know the name of and through a dodgy fence and following some vague wheel tracks we came to a fairly undriven descent followed by a steep ascent that hadn't been driven in at least 12 months we walked further and further and came to the realisation that a lot of track building was required so the decision was made to backtrack and try and find the missing hut from the other direction, a few turnarounds as we located clearings and breaks in the trees had us at Poveys hut for lunch seeing the history was awe inspiring, and the rubbish left by previous campers too was disappointing

Onwards down the track and down a slippery descent into a gully and out the other side has some of us scabbling for traction,

Finally making our way through the scrub and clearing the fallen trees we herd the call over the radio we've found it.

Cheers all round and this hut was by far the best, a quick check of the GPS showed we were not all that far from the hut going the other way as the crow flies only about 4-500m but the track there was eroded severely

Another weekend is necessary to complete the full loop.

Michael (Pelican)

Pack Saddle Hut has been on the agenda for a number of years with a few failed previous attempts being not able to cross the Murrumbidgee due to depth and flow and running out of daylight attempting to find the track.

This day was not going to beat us the river was down and I now had some idea of the track in from the bottom and GPS coordinates from the start of the top track.

After crossing the river, we made it through the paddocks and a break in the fence where the track diminished rapidly. After two hours we decided to give the bottom track a miss as we knew that most of the vehicles would require winching through the gully due to the softness of the bolder strewn track. Having eight vehicles and seeing the track was degrading further this was not an option for the day.

A quick turn around saw us at Goat Shooters for a quick morning tea prior to driving to Poveys for lunch.

Lunch finished it was off to relocate the track to Pack Saddle from the top, the afternoon was filled with a lot of walking and clearing and picking our lines and way through the timber. The scrub was so thick in places you just had to turn up the music to drown out the scratching of the sides of the trucks.

4 hours and four kilometres later we had found "Pack Saddle Station" sounding grand it was not, a small typical 3 by 3 hut with a fire place at one end though quite impressive under the strand of Oaks. MISSION ACOMPLISHED

The way out was a lot quicker now being able to follow the crumb trail out using Ozie, however the last pinch caught out a few with two tyres, a steering arm and two rims finding a hidden rock. Scotty had great pleasure recovering Pelican who found a way to get hung up on the invisible rock.

Cold and tired it was a quick trip back out and over the river for a welcoming beer and feed at the Bredbo pub.

A great day and thanks to, Chris, Pelican, Simon B, Simon M, Tony, Scotty and Jake for sharing in the adventure.

Glen Watts



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WHATEVER YOUR ADVENTURE



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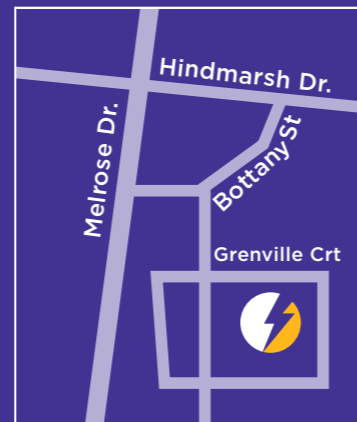
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