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**G.R.O.R.C. SQUAWK**



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## Welcome to the September 2025 edition of the GRORC Squawk.

### In this month's edition:

Linda and I will be traveling for a few months and in my absence Joe Caruana has again agreed to help me and the club by taking over the reigns of editor for the next two editions of the newsletter. ie: October and November editions. Please email Joe directly with all submissions at [jcz750@gmail.com](mailto:jcz750@gmail.com) by the 20th of the month. Please note Larry's future trip to Dunn's Swamp has been canceled for the time being.

Check out the Simpson desert report written by Rod. Sounds like an interesting and challenging trip at times.

Club meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, excluding January. If the 1st Tuesday is a public holiday, then the meeting will run on the following Tuesday. Starting at 7.30pm at the Sutherland Multipurpose Centre, 123 Flora St, Sutherland.

Any member that has information, reports and articles for inclusion in the newsletter, please use the following guidelines when submitting them and email to Joe at [jcz750@gmail.com](mailto:jcz750@gmail.com)

Minimum:

1. A4 print quality PDFs, with any images embedded in the document.
2. Use narrow margins only.
3. 12 point fonts.
4. Please minimise the number of pages of content. For example if a document runs onto a new page by a line or two, please reformat in order to have content completed at bottom of previous page.

Using the above guidelines will go a long way to securing the prestigious annual editor's award ! :)

Please don't forget to support our club sponsors. Check out their advertisements, if they are a fit for your needs

### Photos Photos Photos!

I particularly need good quality, well composed, vertical images to use on the front page of the newsletter. As you would be aware, the front cover usually includes one or more of the club members' vehicles set within a nice backdrop. Upload any images from club trips you may have, to the club's website. Tag them with the location and date and on which club trip they were taken. Any and all club photos are welcome.

Cheers  
Greg Coggiola,  
Grorc editor



Recent photos from the Simpson desert trip. The left hand one being the backside of Big Red

# Club Meetings, Magazine, Social Media & Website Information

## **Club Meetings**

**When:** 7:30 pm 1st Tuesday of the month. Except for public holidays where it will take place on the following Tuesday.

**Where:** Sutherland Multi-Purpose Centre, 123 Flora St, Sutherland

## **Membership Fees:**

Joining Fee & Club Familiarisation Weekend \$110

Join after 1st November \$95

Annual Renewal \$50

Country Membership \$50

Senior Membership\* \$25 \*over 80 years of age & 10 years continuous membership

Membership applications can be found on the clubs website, [www.grorc.com](http://www.grorc.com) or from our membership coordinator Bob Groombridge.

**Magazine Submission Deadline:** All submissions need to reach the editor by the 20th of the month to ensure inclusion in the following month's magazine. Email your submissions to Greg at [greggrorc@gmail.com](mailto:greggrorc@gmail.com).

• Please send as a *PDF file* and ensure the PDF has any images correctly placed prior to sending to the editor. Material in the magazine cannot be reproduced without express permission from the editor

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## **Club links.**

Our club has a long and exciting history of more than 40 years. We have extensive information relating to 4WD driving and camping on both the clubs website and facebook group. If you are looking to plan a trip or just after some more information on the club and our members. These are two good places to visit.

The Club's Website is [grorc.com](http://grorc.com) If you do not have access to the members areas of the website, contact Neil our webmaster at [webmaster@grorc.com](mailto:webmaster@grorc.com)

The club's Facebook group is here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/490911054321319>

Club Defibrillator Familiarisation <https://grorc.com/health.php>

Club Hats and Beanies and other merchandise: <https://grorc.com/merchandise.php>

# SYDNEY 4WD & ADVENTURE SHOW Brought To You By 4WD NSW & ACT Association

Show Dates: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of September.

Our Club will be running a club stand at the show. We would love for you to assist us represent our club at the show. It is not hard, you will be with others from the club, you will have presentation material to help when questioned by potential new members.

All Club volunteers are recommended to also volunteer to help our 4WD NSW & ACT Association with performing duties to assist with the running of the show. Helping the association takes about 2 hours of your time. If you sign up to help the association, you will be provided with free entry to the show and food for your help on the day you volunteer. You can volunteer for multiple days.

We try to manage enough people at our stand so that you will get enough time to also see the show exhibits.

On Saturday evening the association arranges a thank you get together at the show for the Volunteers, which includes Dinner and drinks.

Volunteering for the association can be done here.

<https://4wdnow.com/pages/4wd-adventure-show-1>

Please contact David Jarrett on [David.Jarrett.GRORC@gmail.com](mailto:David.Jarrett.GRORC@gmail.com) for more information and to sign up for our club stand or add your name to the list sheet when at the club's general meeting.

More information on the show can be found at.

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## Simpson Desert Report

### Report: Rod

Crew: Lauri, Rod and Les

16 days, cut short due to some vehicle problems

6229klms

890 litres diesel

My cruiser averaged 14.3 lt/100ave cost of diesel, \$2.40lt

cheapest Nyngan 1.79

dearest Finke 2.95

averaged 390kl per day for total distance travelled.



### DAY1

pretty boring, home to Nyngan.

where I met Les and Laurie at the campsite, at the weir north of Nyngan just off the barrier hwy.

a free camping ground operated by the council, toilets, fire pits and firewood. views of the weir, pelicans and numerous birdlife.

### DAY2

Nyngan to Broken hill

the Barrier Hwy should be renamed the GOAT Hwy, all the way from Nyngan to Wilcannia every 300mtrs mobs of goats either side with a large array of roadkill ( mostly Roos).

a stop at Cobar for morning tea, then continued on to Wilcannia for lunch.

arrived at Broken Hill around 400pm, to a cold and rain threatening sky.

set up our camp, cooked in the camp kitchen.

### DAY3

woke up to wet things. it had rained that night 22mm



#### Broken Hill to Craddick

We refueled in town and made our destination Yunta, a late breakfast.

We attempted the road to Arkaroola from Yunta to avoid the quarantine station, 5 km off the bitumen we were sliding and driving sideways in a forward motion.

We returned to the safety of the bitumen, and the quarantine station.

We camped at the Craddick hotel, free behind, only needing to buy a beer.

We had the best seats in the house, in front of the fire and near the bar.

Biggest beef schnitzel I have ever had, and the price of a round of drinks is reasonable.

#### DAY 4

##### Craddick to Farina

We departed camp around 9:00 am and continued into Hawker where we refueled vehicles.

At this point I had lost my speedo input to the dash ??????

Arrived in Farina, had some lunch (their famous pies and desserts).

Ventured into the campgrounds and set up camp.

I had a look at the speedo drive unit, could not see any problems,

and said I would change it in Coober Pedy

our 1st night with a fire.

because it was a good reason to have a fire.

#### DAY 5

##### Farina to Coober Pedy

Bloody heavy corrugations all the way to William Creek

so much so that the fuel filter on the 80 series had rattled loose.

The cruiser came to a complete stop, my worst fears.

A look under the bonnet, a quick reconnection of the filter and prime up the pump, away again into William Creek for a hard and most earned drink.

Continued on into Coober Pedy, arriving around 3:00 pm.

A hotel room with all the mods, and a queen size bed for Les and Laurie.

something we have noticed these last days, a lack of wildlife to be seen from the road, the odd birds but not much more

#### DAY6

a rest day,

some washing.

some sightseeing, shopping and a chance for some photos like the tourists that came off the ghan train.

While the washing was being done I replaced the speedo drive unit on the 80 and made damn sure the fuel filter was / is tight.

i tested the new unit, still not working ??????

We dined at two different locations whilst in town,

quality and quantity of food excellent but the cost of drinks approaching the \$30 mark for a round.

#### DAY7

refuelled in town

Coober Pedy to Mt Dare via the painted desert/hills.

Whilst on the detour road, we dropped our tyre pressures, that is certainly helping bloody corrugated all the way there.

took a stack of photos on the way.

We stopped at oodnadatta for lunch.

very warm for this time of year and FLIES heaps.

it was to be the start of the flies.

arrived around 430pm, a quick beer and booked in,

the campsite was \$25 per vehicle and a round of drinks near \$30

set up camp, cooked our neals in our camp, ventured over to roadhouse later for some drinks and for Laurie to catch up with the owners.

i said to the lads, i can smell rain,

we had a cool night with no rain.

#### DAY8

Mt dare to Old Andado via finke

we refuelled our vehicles and also our reserve jerry cans.

we travelled onto and into lamberts centre, NT, the geographical centre of australia.

some photos, then out to finke.

we found the 24hr bowzers, card operated, we all topped up.

onward to old andado station where we camped the night. we aired down to accommodate the next day's driving conditions.

The station has had better days, the toilets closed, a steel can 300mts from camp and a tin cladding around this the only facilities here.

A clear night above us but clouds behind us to the south.

I said to the guys, I can smell rain.

#### DAY9

Old Andado to START the nadigan line

2 other groups in front of us, we are moving well for the day.

Again we see tracks of animals but no animals.

unknown distance for me as speedo not working but plenty of corrugations and bumps.

We arrived at camp 8.

set up camp and with the threat of rain Les and i set up our awnings.

fire tonite, great stars and company.

Laurie has found a problem with the jackaroo.

Both Les and I woke up during the night to howling winds which had our awnings flapping in the breeze, a quick fix (roll up and sort out in the morning)

and an hour later it started to rain, then it stopped.

The speedo in the cruiser had decided to work.



#### DAY10

We broke camp and left site around 830.

we caught up with a tour operator,

leader with trailer, 3 motorhome bodies on 2 hiluxs and 1 ranger, prado, ranger and tail end charlie, a troopy with long ( over drawbar camper trailer) in front of us.on the radio he said that the group in front of him was digging up the track!!!

45 mins later at camp 11 we were able to get around.

6klms

still very heavy corrugations and bumps all the way to camp 16

camp 16 was our camp this nt.

beautiful sunset and sunrise.

fire tonite, i can smell rain !!!

#### DAY11

camp 16 to hopefully Eyre Creek

the conditions have improved from camp 16.

great scenery, great drive (H2---H4) 3RD EVEN TO 5TH gear

made eyre creek well ahead of time.

again still short of wildlife, did see birds.

set up camp, prepped vehicle for the river crossing for tomorrow.

took photos.

Les and Laurie had their celebration VIKING CUTLET each for making it to eyre creek.

a fire was had, some more conversation and planning completed.



## DAY12

Eyre Creek to Birdsville

GROUP HUG again

we all completed the river crossing with no effects.

I did get my shoes wet from the wake of Les's patrol when I was filming him.

All I could do was laugh, as did Laurie.

800mm the depth of the crossing.

photos

120kl to Birdsville, all good easy driving.

massive water on the approach to Big Red, the deviation track was required to get to Big Red and then we continued on to Little Red for our departure from the Simpson Desert.

Aired up and drove into Birdsville.

The trip leader said to the pub 1st

we did, we had a round each (\$38.50) then onto the bakery.

we missed them by that much.

onto the campground, booked in, set up camp.

washed clothes in the laundry, showered, made ourselves feel better again.

That night we cooked in the camp kitchen and consumed our beers around our fire in camp.

## DAY13

Birdsville to Windorah

we broke camp and refuelled, then onto the bakery for our Birdsville pie.

Betoota our next stop.

a beer and pie for some photos and shopping.

dusty as from Birdsville and blowing a HOT breeze, that breeze and heat continued all the way to Windorah.

We pulled up at the pub, grabbed a round (\$36.50).

We decided that the threat of rain would close, so we grabbed the last room within the complex, as we booked in, Les had received something on the Simpson Facebook page, THE SIMPSON DESERT CLOSED FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

We had another group hug.

Friday night football

beer in front of the screen and a great meal with great company.

The rump I ordered covered the plate and overlapped.

## DAY14

Windorah to Thargomindah

just bitumen and boring views all the way to Quilpie

Here we refuelled and went for lunch.

continued to Toompine, beer, no indication that roads may be closed ahead of us.

As we drove into Thargomindah the sign said Hungerford Road was closed.

it had dumped here yesterday,

what was a dust bowl now a deep muddy campground.

\$25 for the night, all of us. I found a dryish spot.

camp set up, over to the camp kitchen,

meals cooked, washed up, cleaned up, early night.



#### DAY15

Thargomindah to Byrock

we backtracked to cunnamulla where we had our late breakfast.

regrouped.

continued onto bourke (now back in nsw).

boring and again not that much wildlife,

but we have now seen roos and emus.

we keep driving, Byrock is our site, we are done for the day.

We order a round of drinks (\$22.50)

We paid for our accommodation, the last available, as we do not like the look of the clouds.

A great little place to stay

the evening meal, all of us lamb loin chops, vegs \$25 and drinks that did not break the bank.

#### DAY16

Byrock to Homel

I filled up in byrock, the lads refueled in nyngan, nearly 15cents cheaper.

we continued onto dubbo.

our lunch break.

a great cafe, full of people and vibe.

Here we had our last group hug.

I left for the golden hwy and the lads left via wellington, bathurst for home

I arrived at 630pm , 750kl for the day.

the boys about 730pm,

a great trip

madigan line wonderful.

the timing, excellent

the company, outstanding

a note to all

laurie's jackaroo had a broken chassis at the steering box,

we have been limping home from camp 8 all the way.

hwy driving at 85kl per hour, and still a great trip.

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group hug

GOLDEN SHOVEL no one



## WHAT'S YOUR TOWING AND LOAD CARRYING SCENARIO?



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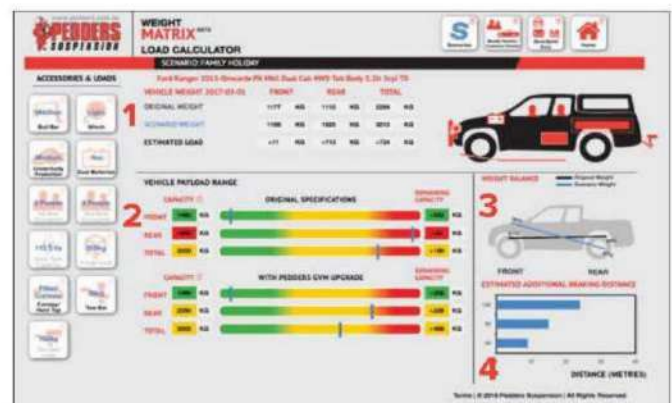
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# GRORC Calendar

Contact the person noted as the trip leader for more information on the listed trip.

If you are interested in doing trip not listed here, contact the Club Trip Coordinator [jbrobertsydney@gmail.com](mailto:jbrobertsydney@gmail.com)

Date(s)	Activity	Leader / Information
<b>September 2025</b>		
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	General Meeting	Multi-Purpose Centre, 123 Flora St, Sutherland, 7:30pm
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	4WD Show	Trip Leader: David Jarret 0407 265 629 Eastern Creek, Back Gate
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> & Sund 21 <sup>th</sup>	Kanangra Boyd National Park	JB Robert 0468993079 Moved from August.
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	Astronomy Trip - 7pm social event	Trip Leader: Michael Lennon 0417249645 \$15 per person to Michael Lennon please see trip sheet
<b>October 2025</b>		
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting	Multi-Purpose Centre, 123 Flora St, Sutherland, 7:30pm
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	4WD Familiarisation	Trip Leaders: JB Robert & John Lawrence Contact: 0468 993 079 or 0406 694 281
31 <sup>th</sup> to 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Nov	Fishing Trip	Trip Leaders: Stuart Pennycuik Contact: 0409 927 529
<b>November 2025</b>		
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting	Multi-Purpose Centre, 123 Flora St, Sutherland, 7:30pm
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	Zoom meeting at 7:30pm
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	(FYI Only) 4WD Association Quarterly Meeting & AGM	Our Association Delegates are: David Jarret, Ian Little or Stuart Pennycuik
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee – Funkhana Setup	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov to Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Funkhana & GRORC Christmas Party	Trip Leader: TBD / Committee Contacts: Greg Goggiola 0412 905 271 or Emanuel Van Gastel: 0427 284 136
<b>December 2025</b>		
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	General Meeting	Multi-Purpose Centre, 123 Flora St, Sutherland, 7:30pm
<del>To Be Advised</del>	<del>Dunns Swamp (Ganguddy NP)</del>	<del>Trip Leader: Larry Howarth Contact: 0408 623 221 or 9527 3642 or rallyeon@hotmail.com</del>
<b>January 2026</b>		

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Date(s)	Activity	Leader / Information
<b>February 2026</b>		
Tue 3rd	General Meeting	Multi-Purpose Centre, 123 Flora St, Sutherland, 7:30pm
<b>March 2026</b>		
Tue 3rd	General Meeting	Multi-Purpose Centre, 123 Flora St, Sutherland, 7:30pm
<b>April 2026</b>		
Tue 7th	General Meeting	Multi-Purpose Centre, 123 Flora St, Sutherland, 7:30pm
<b>May 2026</b>		
Tue 5th	AGM	Multi-Purpose Centre, 123 Flora St, Sutherland, 7:30pm
Tue 5th	General Meeting	Multi-Purpose Centre, 123 Flora St, Sutherland, 7:30pm
Sun 25th to Sat 13th June	Simpson Desert	Trip Leader: John & Carol Lawrence Contact: 0406 694 281
<b>June 2026</b>		
Tue 2nd	General Meeting	Multi-Purpose Centre, 123 Flora St, Sutherland, 7:30pm

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# Upcoming Trip Information



## 4WD Show

<b>Trip Dates</b>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
<b>Trip Leaders</b>	David Jarret
<b>Contact</b>	0407 265 629
<b>Meeting Time</b>	Multiple
<b>Meeting Place</b>	TBD
<b>Amenities</b>	Toilet, Tank Water
<b>Description</b>	Come and be a volunteer for the Show!!! and enjoy a stroll on the showground (and spend too much on the new 4x4 gimmick)

## Kanangra Boyd

<b>Trip Dates</b>	Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st September 2025 (Date Moved from August hoping to have Cave to Cave reopen)
<b>Trip Leaders</b>	JB Robert
<b>Contact</b>	0468 993 079
<b>Meeting Time</b>	9am
<b>Meeting Place</b>	Millionth acres rest area
<b>Amenities</b>	Camping with Toilet
<b>Description</b>	We will venture in the Kanangra boyd national park on the Saturday then move to Yerrandrie where we will aim to camp. Intermediate for now only a handful of water crossings

## Astronomy Night (Social)

<b>Trip Dates</b>	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
<b>Trip Leaders</b>	Michae Lennon
<b>Contact</b>	0407 265 629
<b>Meeting Time</b>	6.30pm
<b>Meeting Place</b>	Green Point Observatory
<b>Amenities</b>	
<b>Description</b>	Visits usually consist of an entertaining and informative visual presentation plus an observatory tour and the opportunity to observe the night sky through the society's telescopes (weather permitting). Cost will be <b>\$15 per head</b> and we need a minimum of 16 and a maximum of 30 people Payment to Michael Lennon please see trip sheet for bank account details

# Upcoming Trip Information



## Funkhana & GRORC Christmas Party

<b>Trip Dates</b>	Fri 28th November to Monday 1st December
<b>Trip Leaders</b>	Greg Goggiola & Emanuel Van Gastel
<b>Contact</b>	0412 905 271 (Greg) 0427 284 136 (Emanuel)
<b>Meeting Time</b>	From Midday on Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday is setup day – help will be appreciated!)
<b>Meeting Place</b>	At the property (which is near Oberon)
<b>Grade</b>	Social
<b>Description</b>	Join the club for an event that encompasses both our Christmas Party and Funkhana. The event will be held on private property near Oberon. An email with a map and directions to the property will be sent to all persons with their name on the trip list just prior to the event.

## Dunns Swamp (Ganguddy National Park)

<del><b>Trip Dates</b></del>	<del>To Be Advised</del>
<del><b>Trip Leaders</b></del>	<del>Larry Howarth</del>
<del><b>Contact</b></del>	<del>0408 623 221 or 9527 3642 or email "rallyeon@hotmail.com"</del>
<del><b>Meeting Time</b></del>	<del>Arrive at your leisure</del>
<del><b>Meeting Place</b></del>	<del>Ganguddy Dunns Swamp Campground</del>
<del><b>Grade</b></del>	<del>Easy</del>
<del><b>Costs</b></del>	<del>Larry to Advise details before booking</del>
<del><b>Booking</b></del>	<del>Larry to Advise details before booking</del>
<del><b>Amenities</b></del>	<del>Pit Toilets, Fire Pits</del>
<del><b>Schedule</b></del>	<del>Thursday onwards – arrive at your leisure Sunday – 6pm Pub Dinner at Rylstone Hotel</del>
<del><b>Things to Do</b></del>	<del>Canoeing, bushwalking, swimming, mountain bike riding</del>



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# TREASURER'S REPORT

## GEORGES RIVER OVERLANDING & RECREATION CLUB INC.

### Income & Expenditure Report for the month ending 31 July 2025

	July	YTD
<b>Income</b>		
Advertising Income	\$560.00	\$760.00
Clothing Sales	\$128.50	\$128.50
Interest Received		0
Membership Renewals 2026		\$1,240.00
New Membership (incl Driver Training)		\$440.00
Raffle	\$54.00	\$302.00
Tea Money		0
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>\$742.50</b>	<b>\$2,870.50</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
4x4 Association Affiliation & Insurance		\$1,232.00
Annual Return Fee		\$56.00
Canteen Supplies		\$37.00
Club Equipment	\$176.39	\$176.39
Donation - RFDS		0
Funkhana Expenses		0
Membership Badges	\$171.60	\$1,082.40
Post Office Box		0
Printing & Stationery		\$8.49
Raffle Prizes & Tickets		\$186.38
Rent Hall		\$260.40
Satellite Phone	\$55.00	\$220.00
Xmas Meeting Costs		0
<b>Expenses Total</b>	<b>\$402.99</b>	<b>\$3,259.06</b>
<b>Total Net Income</b>	<b>\$339.51</b>	<b>-\$388.56</b>

Cash On Hand	<b>\$182.50</b>
Bank Account	<b>\$7,223.98</b>
Term Deposit – Maturity 13/9/2025 at 3.8%	<b>\$9,235.60</b>

#### Notes

1. Accounting is performed on a cash basis.
2. Due to our date of formation, the GRORC financial year is from 1 April to 31 March and cannot be changed due to legislative restrictions. Thus, the full figures for the club's financial year are shown in the right hand column above.
3. Web Hosting fees paid in 2022 year were for the next FOUR years.
4. Hall rent has been paid to December 2025.

## Committee Representatives 2025 - 2026

President	Michael Lennon	0417 249 645
Vice President	Peter Kemp	0419 449 036
Vice President	Suzanne Van Meeteren	0452 044 520
Secretary	Sue Constable	0413 327 312
Treasurer	Larry Howarth	0408623 221
Trip & Events Coordinator	JB Robert	0468 993 079
Editor	Greg Coggiola	0412 905 271
Advertising Officer	Linda Coggiola	0407 925 455
Auditor	Michelle Robinson	0423 053 614
Driver Awareness Coordinator	John Lawrence	0406 694 281
Driver Awareness Coordinator	JB Robert	0468 993 079
4WD Delegate	David Jarrett	0407 265 629
4WD Delegate	Ian Little	0410 556 385
4WD Delegate	Stuart Pennycuick	0409 927 529
Insurance Officer	Tony Melville	0419 741 541
Librarian	Suzanne Van Meeteren	0452 044 520
Membership Coordinator	Bob Groombridge	02 9520 0162
Webmaster	Neil Ricketts	0439 684 509
Public Officer	Peter Roberts	0429 999 087
Quartermaster	Ian Little	0410 556 385
Raffle	Val Ricketts	0439 684 509
Supper	Lynne Phillips	0409 541 458
Welfare Officer	Lesley Groombridge	02 9520 0162
Welfare Officer	Julie Van Gastel	0409 541 458

# GEORGES RIVER OVERLANDING AND RECREATION CLUB INC.

## MEDICAL EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

### Personal Responsibility:

Every club member on a 4WD trip is expected to carry in their vehicle a Basic First Aid kit, plus their own personal medications. Plenty of information about first aid kits is available online, eg:

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/first-aid-kits>.

Critical information that could be required in the event of a medical emergency includes Contact Information for each member – phone numbers, emergency contact person, etc. This is already documented in the Club's Membership Contact List. In addition, members should carry a note of any serious medical conditions and allergies, medical care plans, and treating doctors' contact details - ie anything that might affect treatment given. Every member should carry this medical information in their vehicle glove box. As a courtesy, members should advise the Trip Leader if they have any medical condition that might become an issue during a trip.

Every club member is encouraged to complete a recognised First Aid Course with CPR. It is recommended that members also complete a Course that applies to medical emergencies in remote areas. These Courses are available through the 4WD Association NSW/ACT (see <https://4wdnow.com/pages/first-aid-training>) as well as other recognised training bodies, such as St John's Ambulance.

### Club Trips – Action Plan:

At the beginning of each Club Trip, the Trip Leader will brief members on who will be in charge in the event of a medical emergency and who will be their back up in the event that the nominated person becomes incapacitated. The person in charge could be the Trip Leader, or this could be delegated to another member on the trip.

If the Club's defibrillator is being carried on the trip, members will be advised where the defibrillator is located.



## CLUB DEFIBRILLATOR FAMILIARISATION

The Club owns a defibrillator, which will be available for all club trips, with preference being given to the more remote of any trips that may be on at the same time. When not being used on 4WD trips, the defibrillator will be available for club meetings and social events, such as the Christmas Party. When not in use, the defibrillator will be held by the Quartermaster.


The committee recommends that all members access the **Defib Shop** website: (<https://www.defibshop.com.au/zoll-aed-glance-video/>) and view the 3-minute videos outlining how to use the defibrillator. It is very straightforward and if you are in the unfortunate position where you may have to use it, the device will talk you through the process.

The Australian Resuscitation Council states that “any attempt at resuscitation is better than no attempt at all.”

The infographic is titled "Resuscitation Action Plan" and is set against a red background. It lists eight steps in a vertical sequence, each with a letter in a black box, a question or instruction in a white box, and a corresponding illustration in a white box to the right. The steps are: 1. Dangers? (Illustration: person lying on back, head tilted back). 2. Responsive? (Illustration: hand holding a mobile phone to the ear). 3. Send for help - Call 000 (Illustration: hand holding a mobile phone). 4. Open Airway (Illustration: hand tilting head back). 5. Normal Breathing? (Illustration: hand checking for breath). 6. Start CPR (100 compressions per minute) (Illustration: hands performing chest compressions). 7. Attach Defibrillator (AED) as soon as available and follow its prompts (Illustration: person using an AED). 8. Continue CPR until responsiveness or normal breathing returns (Illustration: person lying on back, head tilted back). At the bottom, there is a logo for Defibshop with the tagline "...because seconds count" and the phone number 1300 729 575. The website address www.defibshop.com.au is also present.

**Resuscitation Action Plan**

- D** Dangers?
- R** Responsive?
- S** Send for help - Call 000
- A** Open Airway
- B** Normal Breathing?
- C** Start CPR  
100 compressions per minute
- D** Attach Defibrillator (AED)  
as soon as available and follow its prompts
- !** Continue CPR until responsiveness or normal breathing returns

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The club acknowledges the financial assistance given by the **NSW Government Office of Sport** in purchasing this equipment.

# meeting places

unless otherwise stated

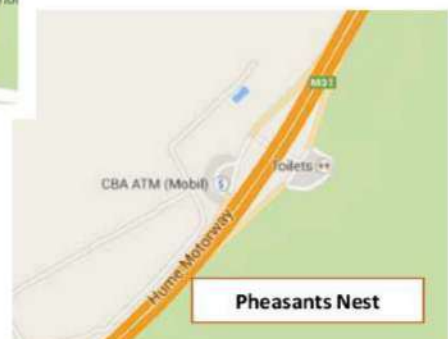
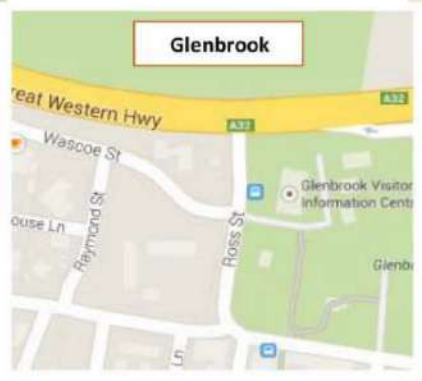
<b>Deerubbun Reserve:</b>	The reserve adjoins the freeway at Mooney Mooney. After crossing the Hawkesbury River, take the first left exit off the Sydney-Newcastle Freeway (northbound) at the Brooklyn, Mooney, Mooney sign, then left again to the Reserve.
<b>Glenbrook:</b>	Glenbrook Visitor Information Centre Great Western Highway, Glenbrook
<b>Heathcote:</b>	Heathcote McDonalds ***** Location change for meeting place ***** Princes Highway, Heathcote
<b>Pheasants Nest:</b>	Pheasants Nest Mobil Service Station F5 Freeway (Southbound), Pheasants Nest
<b>Windsor:</b>	Windsor McDonalds ***** NEW meeting place ***** Cnr Windsor Road and Groves Avenue

<p><b>If you have indicated you wish to go on a trip:</b> PLEASE BE IN CONTACT WITH THE TRIP LEADER DURING THE WEEK PRIOR TO THE ACTIVITY FOR LAST MINUTE DETAILS.</p>	<p><b>If you are DELAYED getting to the meeting place:</b> CONTACT THE TRIP LEADER (have the GRORC contact list with you). WAITING TIME IS ONLY 15 MINUTES FOR LATE COMERS.</p>
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<p><b>If you don't have your name on the trip list:</b> NOT A PROBLEM Just a phone call to the Trip Leader is all that is required.</p>	<p><b>As you approach the meeting place:</b> turn on your radio to: CHANNEL 10 (UHF)</p>
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**REMEMBER: The LAST TO ARRIVE writes the trip report!!!**

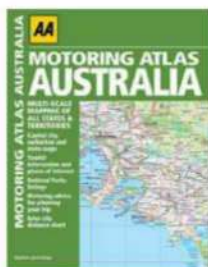
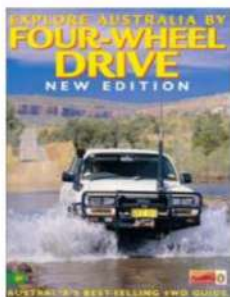
For club trip classifications and requirements for trips please refer to the website:  
[www.grorc.com/calendar.php](http://www.grorc.com/calendar.php)



**g.r.o.r.c. library**

If you wish to borrow any books from the GRORC library, please contact Suzanne Van Meeteren on 0452 044 520

- 1 Camping in Tasmania
- 2 Four-wheel Driving 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition
- 3 Indigenous Australia
- 4 Outback Touring by Ross McLelland
- 5 The Digital Photos Pocketbook Encyclopaedia
- 6 CD – Photos of the Kimberley
- 7 CD – Campground
- 8 CD – On Tour in Capricorn Country
- 9 Lonely Planet – Australia
- 10 Photos of Club Trips
- 11 CD – Driver Familiarization
- 12 Budget Camps and Stops
- 13 Motoring Atlas of Australia
- 14 (VCR Tape) The Australian High Country
- 15 (VCR Tape) Big Red to the Beach



- 16 4WD Escapes
- 17 Explore Australia by Four Wheel Drive
- 18 Outback Australia
- 19 Four-Wheel Driving
- 20 4x4 Easter Trip = 4x4 Boys Live Yarwal
- 21 G.R.O.R.C. 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
- 22 Explore Australia Coast
- 23 Discover Australia by 4WD
- 24 Australia Eastern Outback
- 25 (VCR) Victorian High Country 1991-1992
- 26 (VCR) Cape York Trip
- 27 Len Beadell – Bush Bashers
- 28 Len Beadell – Blast the Bush
- 29 Len Beadell – Beating About the Bush
- 30 Len Beadell – Too Long in the Bush

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**Georges River Overlanding & Recreational Club INC**  
**505th General Meeting - Tuesday 5 August 2025**  
**Minutes**

**1. MEETING OPENED:** 7. 35 pm by Lesley Groombridge, Acting President

**2. ATTENDEES:** As per attendance sheet

**3. APOLOGIES:** Michael Lennon; Larry Howarth; Peter and Joelle Kemp; Adrian and Suzanne Van Meeteren; Bob Groombridge; Andrew O'Neill; Greg and Linda Coggiola; Phillips Nicholls; Claire Linklater

**4. VISITORS / NEW MEMBERS:**

Name	Vehicle	Knowledge of GRORC
Daniel Galea	300 Series Landcruiser	Member of Club 4x4 in Baulkham Hills

**5. ACCEPTING MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**Accepted by:** Anthony Leondis

**Seconded by:** Ken Dick

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

None

**7. RAFFLES PRIZES:**

1 x \$20 Bunnings Voucher

1L Bottle of Port

3 Piece Carabiner Set plus Gorilla Tape

**8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

None

**9. SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

\* Mail in the PO Box – Telstra Account received and handed to club treasurer

\* 4WD GSR August Monthly Meeting minutes – distributed to all members

\* 4WD NSW & ACT Association July Meeting Minutes - distributed to all members

\* Certificate of Currency for our Voluntary Workers Personal Accident Insurance and our Public & Products Liability Insurance – received from the NSW and ACT 4WD Association. A copy of each kept on file and distributed to all Committee Members

\* 4WD NSW & ACT Association was collecting information from Club members on what we do when we travel through or to the Coffs Harbour area. David Jarrett sent the responses from Club members to the Association

**10. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

\* Monthly transactions were detailed by the acting Treasurer. Details are contained in the monthly newsletter.

**11. MEMBERSHIP:**

\* The Membership Coordinator advised that we have 58 fully paid-up members, plus 1 honorary member and 9 Friends of GRORC.

## **12. 4WD DELEGATE'S REPORT:**

- \* The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August, and will include the voting on acceptance of 2 new clubs into the Association
- \* A Sydney Red Cross First Aid Course may be available but a minimum number of 20 required to enable it to go ahead.
- \* The next driving training course will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> September

## **13. EDITOR'S REPORT:**

- \* Greg will be producing the September newsletter and will need all submissions by the 19th August. The following newsletters for October and November will be finalised and distributed by Joe Caruana. All submissions for the October and November editions need to be directed to Joe at [jcz750@gmail.com](mailto:jcz750@gmail.com).

## **14. QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT:**

- \* The satellite phone and defibrillator is still with Lauri Vallak.

## **15. TRIPS & EVENT CO-ORDINATORS' REPORT:**

### Past trips;

- \* Simpson Desert co-ordinated by Lauri Vallak with the goal to cross the Simpson Desert. The group managed to cross the Madigan Line and reach camp 19, but Camps 20 and 21 were underwater due all the rain they had, so they decided to follow the dog fence. However, the desert was also closed after Camp 25 due water. The group had also planned to come home via Lightning Ridge but unfortunately the chassis on Lauri's Jackaroo broke in 2 places so they decided to head home at a much slower pace.

### Upcoming Trips;

- \* Kanangra NP 23 August led by JB
- \* 4WD Adventure Show September 12-14 coordinated by David Jarrett
- \* GyMEA Astronomy visit 29 September coordinated by Michael Lennon – the sign-on sheet has details of Michaels bank account for prior payment.
- \* Tabourie Lake fishing trip 31 October coordinated by by Stuart Pennycuick – all participants to make their own booking per the details on the sign-on sheet.
- \* Golf Weekend December TBC coordinated by Larry Howarth
- \* Dunns Swamp December TBC coordinated by Larry Howarth
- \* Funkhana/Christmas party November 28 – December 01
- \* Simpson Desert 25 May to 13 June 2026 coordinated by by John & Carol Lawrence

A detailed list of upcoming trips and events is in the latest issue of the GRORC Newsletter, and on GRORC's website.

## **16. DRIVER AWARENESS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

- \* Two new members require driver awareness training which will occur in October.
- \* JB is developing mapping training for members

## **17. ADVERTISING OFFICER'S REPORT:**

- \* Nil

## **18. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

### **\* Suspected scam details.**

Several Association members had received scam emails regarding hotel bookings for the Sydney 4WD and Adventure show. The Association is aware of this issue.

### **\* First Aid Training**

The NSW and ACT 4WD Association was looking to organise a First Aid Course in Sydney. To make the cost viable (@110 pp) we would need 20 members to attend. However, as an alternate solution, our Club Secretary will approach Craig from the Sydney 4WD Association, who is a trainer for the Red Cross, to attend one of our Club Meetings and give our members a Snakebite course. However, as this training will be free no training certificates will be provided.

### **\* GRORC Whatsapp group**

David Jarett had been approached by a new member about the club having a GRORC Whatsapp group. It was agreed that further discussions will occur at the next Committee meeting.

### **\* Expressions of Thanks.**

Peter Roberts and Manny had received a letter of thanks for the Letter of Support they had sent to Merlene Soltau. Jim and Merlene Soltau were life members of GRORC and attended their last GRORC meeting in October 1998 before moving to Forster.

### **\* Member Welfare.**

Lesley reported that Bob had damaged his back after living heavy equipment on his own at home. He was in a great deal of pain.

### **\* Club Uniforms.**

Lesley advised that she had the last 6 Club Caps at \$17 each, and 1 Club badge at \$5. The continuing availability of Club clothing is to be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

### **\* Club Badges.**

Please see Julie Van Gastel if you have not yet received your Club badges.

**19. GOLDEN SHOVEL NOMINATIONS:** The Golden Shovel is currently with Les Smith.

## **20. RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS:**

1L Bottle of Port – Van and Nori

1 x \$20 Bunnings Voucher – Lauri Vallak

3 Piece Carabiner Set plus Gorilla Tape – Michele Smith

## **21. NEXT GENERAL MEETINGS:**

In the Hall at the Sutherland Multi-Purpose Centre, 123 Flora Street, Sutherland at 7.30 pm.

\* Tuesday 2 September

\* Tuesday 7 October

## **22. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Via ZOOM, starting 7:30 pm - TBC.

\* Tuesday 12 August 2025

\* Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**23. NEXT AGM:** Tuesday 5 May 2026, in the Hall at the Sutherland Multi-Purpose Centre, 123 Flora Street, Sutherland at 7.30 pm, followed by the General Monthly Meeting.

**24. MEETING CLOSED:** 8.15 pm



**Georges River Overlanding & Recreational Club INC**  
**Committee Zoom Meeting – 12 August 2025**  
**Minutes**

**1. MEETING OPENED:** 7.34 pm by President – Michael Lennon

**2A. ATTENDEES:** Lesley Groombridge, Sue Constable, Larry Howarth, David Jarrett, Stuart Pennycuick, Julie Van Gastel, Lynne Phillips, JB Robert, Tony Melville, Suzanne Van Meeteren and Ian Little.

**2B. APOLOGIES:** Greg and Linda Coggiola, Michelle Robertson, Peter Kemp and Bob Groombridge.

**3. ACCEPTING MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Proposed: JB Robert

Seconded: Stuart Pennycuick

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING:**

**\* QUARTERMASTERS STORE (Ian Little)**

Due to the large items in the Club quartermaster store, several of which have never been used, a review of the contents of the quartermasters store was carried out and recorded by Ian during this meeting. Those items either old or unused are to be disposed of by offering to Club members as raffle prizes, or for sale at the upcoming 4WD Adventure show. As a result of this review, a new 80 Channel handheld radio is to be purchased by the Club and held in the Quartermasters store to replace the older 40 Channel handhelds.

**ACTION:**

\* Ian to provide an updated list of Club quartermaster store items.

\* David to enquire if we are able to sell the unused items at the 4WD Adventure show.

\* Michael and David to source a new 80 Channel handheld radio, possibly from one of the suppliers at the 4WD Adventure show.

**5. ITEMS RAISED IN PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETINGS:** None

**6. GRORC WhatsApp Group (David Jarrett)**

David Jarrett had been approached by a new member about the club having a WhatsApp group. During the August club meeting this week there was an over whelming response of approval for this suggestion. However, after a review by the Committee it was decided that such a large WhatsApp group would be burdensome and with no real benefit considering all Club information is available on our Facebook page and email is our official method of communication. It was noted however, that a WhatsApp group was beneficial during previous club trips, and it is up to individual trip leaders if they wanted a WhatsApp group for the benefit of the participants for the duration of that trip.

**7. CLUB LOGO BRANDED APPAREL**

At the August Club meeting, Lesley advised that she had the last 6 Club caps and Club badge for sale. As it has taken about 6 years to sell the last of the caps and beanies, it was discussed whether it is viable to continue to order and supply Club apparel. Although most members have already purchased the caps/beanies ongoing supply may be required for new members.

It could also be possible for members to purchase their own Bisley wear/polo shirts and the Club can arrange to have the GRORC logo embroidered onto them.

**ACTION:** Lesley to find out the minimum order and cost of the Club caps and beanie's, and the cost to

have individual shirts embroidered with the GRORC logo.

#### **8. CLUB VHS TAPE TO VIDEO CONVERSION (Ian Little)**

Ian has converted the VHS Tapes from the library store into video files.

**ACTION:** Ian is to bring his laptop to the next Club meetings when members can download the video files onto their own USB stick.

#### **9. FIRST AID TRAINING (Sue)**

Craig from the Sydney 4WD Association is available to come to our Club and provide snake bite training. A thankyou gift is to be given to Craig, and one of the raffle prizes on the night could be a snake bite bandage.

**ACTION:**

- \* Sue to co-ordinate with Craig to attend a future Club meeting.
- \* David to speak to Craig at the 4WD Adventure Show to determine a suitable thankyou gift.

#### **10. RFDS ANNUAL DONATION (Larry)**

Larry proposed an annual donation of \$100 to the RFDS. Feedback at previous Club meetings suggested that this amount of money was in fact too low, therefore it was decided to put this donation to vote at the next Club meeting. It was also discussed whether future charitable donations can be made by the Committee or should such decisions go to the Club for approval.

**ACTION:**

- \* A donation to the RFDS for either \$250 or \$500 to be put to vote at the September Club meeting.
- \* Can charitable donations be made by the Committee or do they need Club approval, to be discussed at the next Club meeting.

#### **11. CLUB POLICY FOR MEMBERS VIDEOS/PHOTOGRAPHS (John Lawrence)**

One of the new members took video footage at the Driver Familiarisation Event and made an 8 minute video, which she appears to have published on YouTube. The GRORC facebook page has a private membership so generally there are no such issues, but the concern is around footage that is published in the public domain.

It was agreed that we should create a Club Policy on the taking and dissemination of videos taken at Club Events such as Club trips, driver awareness and meetings and what publishing constraints might be imposed - such as audience, consent from people who appear (or whose car/number plate appears). As other 4WD Clubs must have experienced this issue, advice will also be sourced from the 4WD Association.

**ACTION:**

- \* Michael to speak with Maggie Thomas (4WD Association) to obtain further advice.
- \* JB to draft a suitable Policy for further discussion.

#### **12. COMBINED FUNKANA/CHRISTMAS PARTY**

As Greg is away traveling for 8 weeks, Emanuel confirmed that everything is still on track for the Funkana/Christmas Party in November on Greg's brothers property. Based on feedback from the previous year, it was agreed to hire a double Lavatory as the property can accommodate it.

As per the previous years, the combined Funkana/Christmas party will be held in November but the awards will be presented during the end of year December Club meeting.

Kathy Bown, recently resigned from the Club, was an integral part of the organising including co-ordination of the awards. A replacement volunteer will be required.

**ACTION:**

- \* Larry to book a double lavatory for the Funkana/Christmas Party weekend.
- \* Volunteers to assist with the award presentation and planning to be requested at the September Club meeting.
- \* Michael to invite "Friends of GRORC", including Mark and Kathy Bown, to the end of year December club meeting.

**13. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING – Via Zoom commencing 7:30pm**

Tuesday 11 November

**14. MEETING CLOSED:** 8.40 p.m.