



ACT JeepTrAction Newsletter  
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**CLUB XMAS PARTY + ARAUEN TO THE CLYDE TRIP**





*Merry Christmas*



## Presidents note...



Hi Jeeples, with the year winding down & the Festive season in full swing, I would like to thank you everyone who recently attended our Xmas Party Event weekend held out at Bungendore Showground's. The event was run over the weekend incorporating camping, wheeling & a big Xmas Party BBQ dinner.

It was great to see so many families get involved over the weekend weather it was camping for the weekend, or joining us for the drive on Saturday, or just making it along for the BBQ dinner on Saturday night. For a small club we had over 40 people attend the dinner which was an excellent turnout. We also welcomed Brett Quodling & family, from Jeep City who helped sponsored the event as well, which was greatly appreciated. We also organised some wonderful lucky door prizes which were well received, along with some nice prizes & treats especially for the kids.

The 2 nights that we spent in camp at showground's were very enjoyable as we spent time musing around the camp fire & catching up with everyone, along with sharing some refreshing drinks. Come Saturday when we rallied the troops to head out on drives the majority of people headed out to Tallaganda Nation Park, lead by Marek to head over some familiar trails used for Camp Bungendore back in 2015. We soon discovered that the big hill climb had been graded & instead of it being a real challenge with its ruts, it was just a case of a series of steep ascents, even the first tricky hill climb had been graded & was just another steep ascent. After that initial disappointment we continued on our way & covered some familiar trails making our way around the bottom of Main Range trail until we came up to the big bog hole.

While most people choose to do the alternative route which was no chicken track, Andrew felt that he needed to take on the bog hole again! Needless to say we all watched & felt a real sense of "deja-vu" as he attempted to drive through. Even his newly appointed 35's didn't give him the lift & traction that he needed to claw his way out, hence he had to winch himself out. On the move again we opted to head out the back way, but it wasn't before too long Andrew's Jeep started to have overheating issues, did I mention "deja-vu". After cooling his vehicle down we took our time to return to the campsite where we were greeted by other members turning up for the nights festivities.

It was a great day out on the trails & it was certainly great to get out as a club & wheel together, & for those who had not done these trails beforehand they too also found it a great experience. A big thankyou goes out Marek who lead us out on the trails on Saturday into Tallagandra NP. With Saturday night in full swing back at the dinning hall at Bungers it was great to have Steve, Mandy's partner get his guitar out for us & do a live performance of some classic songs.

This helped provide some great entertainment as dinner was being cooked. It was so great to see so many club members get involved & help out in different areas throughout the night as well. However it would be very remise of me not mention a special thanks to Lyn, Claire, Mandy & Jenny who helped setup the hall & with the catering, to Lloyd, Chris, Gav & Maree who organised the BBQ-ing well done guys, to Steve who kept us entertained all night with his guitar, you're dead-set rock star Steve & to everyone who helped clean-up the facility! Plus a huge thankyou goes out to Jeepcity for sponsoring the night & of course the support of Bungendore Showground Trust for the venue!

Hence following this page you will find lots of photos from the weekend which were captured by various club members & highlight what a good weekend we all had! Towards the back pages of this newsletter I've also included an article submitted by Troy Rollan on his Joint Club trip that he ran earlier in the year from Araluen to the Clyde, thanks Troy!

Plus the most up to date copy of 2016 Schedule of Events calendar has been added for your reference. Don't forget Jeeples to submit your nominations for the 2015 Club Awards. This can be done via an email to [president@actjeepraction.com](mailto:president@actjeepraction.com) Categories this year include Club Person of the Year, Best Trip/Event Leader, Multimedia Post of the Year & 4 Recovery Awards. Please get your votes in asap please so we have enough time to get the trophies organised.

I would like to wish all of our members, their families & sponsors a very merry Christmas & a safe & enjoyable New Year's break. For those of us that are travelling further afield please take care on the road & allow plenty of time to get to your destinations. We all have club stickers on our Jeeps, so please remember good driving skills will represent our club & what we stand for.

Regards Paul.

## Club Sponsors...

**Rolfe Motors**  
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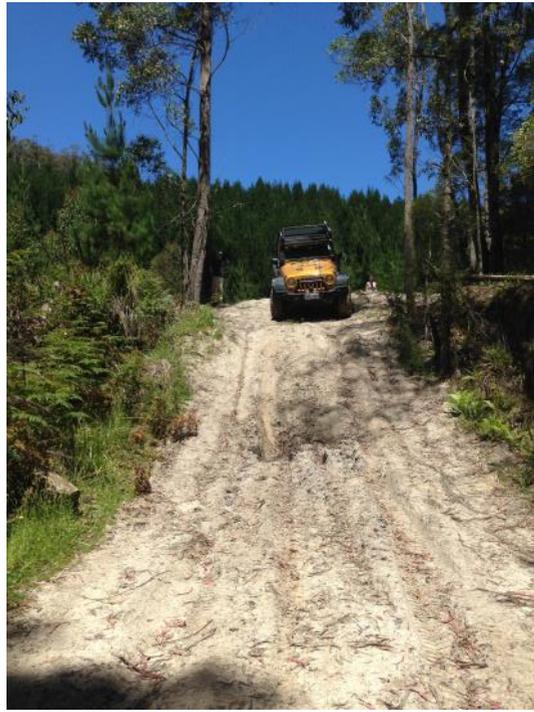
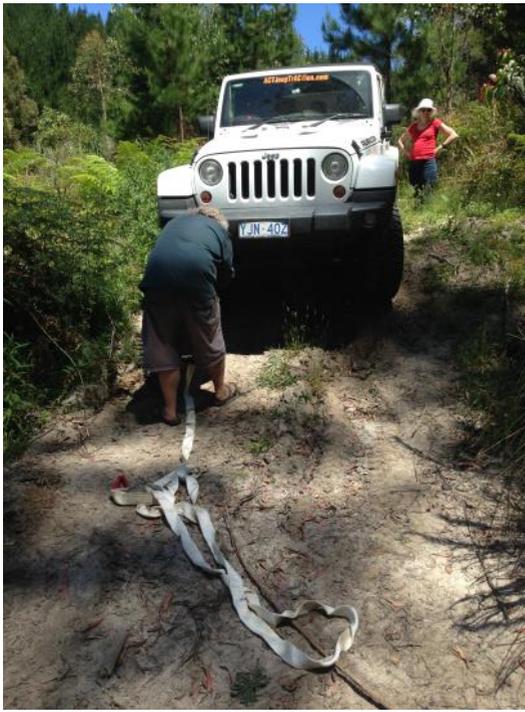
2016 Club XMAS Party — on the Trails at Tallaganda













## **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

From everyone at Soft Tops Online we wish you and your family a happy and safe Christmas. We thank you for your support throughout 2015 and we look forward to doing it all again in the New Year. See below for the latest offers and information.

### **CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES**

Our office will be closed from 2pm on Wednesday 23rd December, 2015 to 8am on Monday 4th January, 2016.

To ensure you get your stocked (indent items not included) order before Christmas please place your order by COB Friday December 18, 2015.

### **ITEMS IN STOCK INCLUDE...**



**Trek Top NX**



**Element Doors**



**Fabric Door Skins**

### **CLEANING KIT GIFT FOR ORDERS OVER \$500**

Every Bestop order over \$500 comes with a complimentary cleaning kit. Kits includes Bestop Fabric Cleaner, Bestop Protectant and the Bestop Vinyl and Soft Top Window Cleaner. Please note that the Bestop Protectant is not to be used on cloth tops. But hurry this offer ends COB Tuesday December 22, 2015.

#### **Conditions**

- Special applies to orders that total over \$500 AUD
- This special is valid until December 22, 2015
- Prices inclusive of GST and delivery
- Offer applies while stocks last, no rain-checks apply



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# 2016 Club XMAS Party — The Party, Bungendore Showgrounds Dinning Hall





## 2016 Club XMAS Party — Around the Campsite





**Jeep Action subscribers are invited to attend**

# **CAMP COFFS 2016**

**Nana Glen Sports and Equestrian Centre**

- AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST ANNUAL JEEP EVENT
- FIVE DAYS OF JEEP FUN
- ON-SITE CATERING
- NIGHTLY TRIP MEETINGS AND PRIZES
- GRADED TRIPS TO SUIT ALL JEEPS

## **REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!**

<b>Pricing:</b>	<b>Until December 31</b>	<b>\$95</b>
	<b>Jan 1 – Feb 29</b>	<b>\$110</b>
	<b>March 1 – March 23</b>	<b>\$125</b>

**Children (16 years and under) Free**

**Registrations available at [www.jeepaction.com.au](http://www.jeepaction.com.au)**

**camp**  
JEEP ACTION MAGAZINE  
**COFFS**  
**EASTER 2016**  
**THURSDAY 24TH MARCH**  
**TO TUESDAY 29TH MARCH**

**Camp Coffs 2016 Programme**

<b>Thursday 24th March</b>	<b>Camp open. Arrive, set up, meet and greet</b>
<b>Friday 25th</b>	<b>Trips – Placid, Moderate, Moderate +, Hard</b>
<b>Saturday 26th</b>	<b>Trips – Placid, Moderate, Moderate +, Hard</b>
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	<b>Trips – Placid, Moderate, Moderate +, Hard</b>
<b>Monday 28th</b>	<b>Group Activities</b>
<b>Tuesday 29th</b>	<b>Camp closes – depart</b>

**Showers and toilets on site. No powered sites, generators OK**

## Club Schedule of Events 2016 - DRAFT

Date	Day	Event Details	Organiser
16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sat – Sun	Club Trip –Yalwal Trip Details TBA	Paul Simmons
30 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Sat – Sun	Club Stall - Queanbeyan 4WD Spectacular	Club Committee
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Monday	Club Social BBQ – Bilski's Residence – 6pm	Club Committee
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sat	Club Sponsor Event - "Show n Shine", BBQ, Prizes - Rolfe Jeep	Club Committee
19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Fri - Sun	Club Weekend Trip – Post man's track, Candello/Nimmitabel region	Troy Rollan
March Date TBA	TBA	Club Day Trip – Trip Details TBA	Marek Bilski
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday	Club General meeting + Annual General meeting – Awards nite Eastlake Football club. (7pm - Oxley St, Manuka).	Club Committee
24 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Thur - Tues	Club Trip - Camp Coffs Event (Nana Glen) Easter Time.	Club Committee
School Holidays Term 1, 11 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> April. ANZAC Day Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April			
April Date TBA	TBA	Club Day Trip – Trip Details TBA	Dan/Dave
11 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday	Club Social BBQ – Newman's Residence – 6pm	Club Committee
May Date TBA	TBA	Club Day Trip – Trip Details TBA	Paul Hannelly
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Saturday	Club Recovery Training Day. Bungendore Shwgrds/Sand Mines	Club Committee
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday	General meeting - Eastlake club. (7pm - Oxley St, Manuka).	Club Committee
11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Fri - Mon	Classic not Plastic – Nabiac Showground Great Lakes	JC NSW
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday	General meeting - Eastlake club. (7pm - Oxley St, Manuka).	Club Committee
School Holidays Term 2, 4 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> July			
July Date TBA	TBA	Club Day Trip – Trip Details TBA	Andrew Slattery
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday	General meeting - Eastlake club. (7pm - Oxley St, Manuka).	Club Committee
Aug Date TBA	TBA	Club Day Trip – Trip Details TBA	Paul Simmons
8 <sup>th</sup> August	Monday	General meeting - Eastlake club. (7pm - Oxley St, Manuka).	Club Committee
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Monday	General meeting - Eastlake club. (7pm - Oxley St, Manuka).	Club Committee
School Holidays Term 3, 26 <sup>th</sup> September – 7 <sup>th</sup> October			
1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Sat - Sun	Club Annual Trip - Jeep 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show - Victoria	Paul Simmons
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday	General meeting - Eastlake club. (7pm - Oxley St, Manuka).	Club Committee
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Monday	Club Social BBQ – Rollan's Residence – 6pm	Club Committee
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday	Christmas party – Venue details TBC.	Club Committee
School Holidays Term 4, 19 <sup>th</sup> December – 27 <sup>th</sup> January			

*\*Please note the above dates are subject to change, please check general meeting minutes, Facebook & future newsletters for up- dates. Inclusion of additional events & info will be up- dated as soon as possible..*

## Club Joint Trip — Araluen to the Clyde, 29 August 2015 by Troy Rollan

A joint trip between the ACT Jeep Traction club and the ACT All Terrain club was devised to re-establish an old relationship and to have some fun on the trails. The trip was to traverse the mountain range between Araluen Dry Creek area and the Misty mountain road on the Clyde. A recce was completed the weekend before to ensure the track was clear but the track was reasonably uneventful and it was feared that it may have been a little tame – only offering a few rocky steep sections and subdued creek crossings. However during the week between the recce and the trip – there was considerable rain in the area which certainly improved the drive.

On an overcast morning the groups gathered at Queanbeyan McDonalds at 8am and the rest of the group were picked up at Bungendore, then group headed for Araluen stopping only briefly in Braidwood. There were approximately 11 vehicles in the convoy between both clubs with healthy sledging of vehicles on both sides. With all other vehicle type owners eventually conceding that Jeep (specifically wranglers) were in fact the superior off road weapon.



We aired down at Araluen and the storm clouds and light intermittent rain threatened the trip but all remained committed. After a few bolts on a Jeep JK supercharger were nipped up we headed off for the turn into the mountain range. There were initial steep climbs – steep enough to just have enough traction to do the climb without spin. On this track there were also a number of switchbacks and

rocky down hill sections but no issues were encountered by the party. We had lunch at a flat section before the final creek run. The creek sections were up due to the rain which greatly improved the interest factor with a number of crossings being at tyre height or above and reasonably fast flowing. There were number of sections that required us to drive up the creeks, which served no other issue for vehicles other one jeep throwing a supercharger belt with water in the engine bay, which was easily put back on.

The trip concluded at a civilised time in the afternoon (around 4pm) with a leisurely run out Misty Mountain road, and the convoy airing up just prior to getting back onto the Kings Highway.

A Good day had by all with no dramas – look forward to doing another Joint run next year.





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