

Cowarra “slightly harder than usual **short drive**” Sunday June 29th

NB: weather dependent. Significant rain will turn this into a no question Grade 5 with the potential for damage. It will mean a reschedule.

This is a shortened version of the weather cancelled trip from back in December. Bago is still too wet.

- Cowarra. More about the drive, less about the destination.
- Trip Leader – Wayne Waddington
- Please register your attendance to appleblue@aapt.net.au **Maximum of 5 vehicles** not including myself.
- Meet at Cowarra Dam Picnic area **0930** (see map page 2). No less than half a tank. Distance is not much but some of the angles are. There’s no fuel at the meeting area but there are toilets. I’m expecting we’ll be finished before 2 pm.
- Trip Grading Level 4. Having said that, there is one spot where you’ll almost certainly winch. Not dangerous or that hard, but moderate rutted slope that’s a bit scrabbly. Nowhere near a “real Grade 5” obstacle. I’ve tested this with another club member who felt it should be left in as great experience for a winch newbie with no potential for damage or danger. Not a beginners drive but not silly either. You will need a minimum 2” lift, All Terrains and a winch. You’ll need some experience with careful wheel placement and confidence in your 4wdrive. I’m experienced with this level of trip and beyond but I’m not an instructor. However, everyone is encouraged to seek assistance if you’re unsure of any segment and I’ll be happy to provide guidance. Building experience and having fun with your fourbie is the purpose of the day. Expect steep climbs and descents, washed out tracks and several small mud holes. **Bush pinstriping is highly likely.** The lantana has gone crazy over the wet months.
- Bring sturdy footwear, water, recovery gear and we may be able to squeeze in a morning tea. There are no facilities on this trip so please make sure you bring everything to be self-sufficient (that’s code for a shovel and toilet paper).
- The “slightly harder than usual” starts immediately. We’ll drive the dirt from the Dam to Burrawan Forest road and after a look at some tracks in the Quarry, continue on the dirt to Bago road where the drive will end. If anyone hasn’t been to the spectacular Rollover road lookout, I’m happy to lead you up there as an add on. That’s a Grade 2/3 short drive.
- Any questions, call me on **9630 0838**. I’m in a mobile hole so this is the best number Business or After Hours. On the day, I’m on 0491 625 118. Don’t use this number any other time, it’s too hit and miss. You can text but it’s pot luck that I’ll receive it at home.

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Drive west on the Oxley Hwy from the Donut and turn left to King Creek rd. Then left to Sarahs Crescent and right to Forest Oak rd. All turns are signposted “Cowarra Dam”. Follow the road and it will end at the Picnic area.

