

Following a very successful inaugural event in 2016, Buckland and Beyond, organisers are taking you to one the High Country's best kept secrets a little further east along the Great Alpine Rd to Omeo, East Gippsland.



The experienced committee and Trip Leaders of this not-for-profit Multiclub event have the support of the Wangaratta Four Wheel Drive club, a member of Four Wheel Drive Victoria (FWDV), and is open to new members as well as visitors from other states.



# High Country and Beyond Omeo:25th March - 2nd April 2017

This new event is still designed to provide new and experienced four-wheel drivers with a true High Country experience. It will be based alongside the beautiful Livingstone Creek at Omeo Caravan Park, East Gippsland, with a number of 1-3 days trips offered during this amazing 9 day adventure.

Omeo and its surrounding iconic High Country towns are full of folklore and local history from early explorers, mountain cattlemen and the gold mining era to historic huts and ghost towns. It offers Four Wheel drive experiences along tracks rated Easy to Double Black with spellbinding vistas.

## **Organisation**:

Dates for this year are in between the long weekend in March and the end of school holidays in Victoria.

This event aims to support some of the isolated rural towns and businesses in an area where we love to travel through but don't often stop to support those who are willing support us when it is needed.

This will be a camp only event where participants will camp in their own tents, caravans or camper trailers and are required to be self-contained. They will participate in a range of exciting events



designed to give them an experience that many would never have had previously.

The events include escorted 1-3 day tours to different parts of the region for predominantly four wheel drive vehicles. It will also include tours to local wineries, gourmet food venues and the regions historic sites and attractions. These activities will showcase the best East Gippsland has to offer in an educational way, to live the Wangaratta club motto "Responsible Four Wheel driving and Family Touring and the FWDV mantra of 'Driving in a Sustainable Environment'.

### The Site at Omeo

A peaceful section of the Omeo caravan park has been provided for exclusive use by High Country and Beyond participants. The camping area runs alongside the beautiful Livingston Creek. Powered sites, caravans or cabins are available at an extra cost by inquiring directly -<u>http://www.omeocaravanpark.com.au</u> or speak to Sandi and Lou on 0351 591351.

The township is only a short walking distance away or drive in to stock up for your overnight trips and refuel. Omeo is very well serviced with an excellent garage, engineering works, well stocked General store, hospital and some wonderful stores and coffee shops.

Mobile reception is available in the town. Organisers will have a number of satellite phones for emergency use for the outlying areas without reception

#### **Program**:

Visit the Website <u>www.highcountryandbeyond.com.au</u> for a comprehensive program which includes trips to areas such as Cassillis, Suggan Buggan, Moscow Villa and the Iconic Davies plain Tk and many more.

Due to popular demand the exclusive Shannonvale trip will be on the program again this year. We will also revisit some of the popular areas around Mt Hotham such as Dog's Grave, Blue Rag, Talbotville and Dargo.



### Booking.

This year we offer a 3 day sampler (25th - 28th March for \$195) and a Standard 9 day event (25th March – 2nd April for \$295). The popular get-together BBQ will be provided on Saturday and Tuesday nights and a Grand Finale Dinner in the Sports Venue will be offered to all on the final Saturday night. Caravan Park camping fees (BYO Tent or Camper Trailer/caravan) and BBQs are included in the total cost. Please note that daily meals are not included in your registration unless otherwise stated in the program.

Booking is online, and payment can be made by Check or Direct Credit. Visit the website for a full list and all details.

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## So what are you waiting for?

Come join us in 2017 and you will have memories that will last a lifetime.