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MACKAY & DISTRICT 4WD CLUB Inc. ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS (05-05-04)

ACTIVITIES

 (a) The Trip Leader should remind all drivers before moving off, that convoy procedure should be followed. Participants on trips will obey the Trip Leader's instructions at all times regarding speed, position in convoy, convoy procedure and route to be taken on or off roads and tracks. The Trip Leader's instructions will not be deviated from except in the case of discussion by all members on the trip and a ma-

jority vote on the proposed deviation by those members present

Prior to the start of a trip, the Leader must:

- i. Arrange suitable rendezvous during the trip at which all vehicles stop. These are based on either time or distance.
- ii. Inform the driver of the last vehicle that he/she is the last vehicle in the convoy.
- Check with drivers of vehicles that all basic essential equipment is carried in or on each vehicle. Refer Clauses 4 and 5.
- iv. Check with drivers that any specially requested equipment is carried in or on vehicles.
- (b) The lead vehicle will stop at any turn-off or intersection at which doubt may exist as to the correct direction. It will wait for the following vehicle before moving off in the correct direction. Each successive vehicle will then wait for the following vehicle before moving off. By this means, all will follow the lead vehicle and a message can also be sent in both directions along the convoy. At other times it is the responsibility of any preceding vehicle to keep the vehicle following in sight.
- (c) No vehicle in convoy will pass another vehicle in convoy without the Trip Leader's instructions, unless under exceptional circumstances, whilst the convoy is moving.
- (d) When travelling in convoy on main roads, the distance between any vehicle should not be less than six (6) vehicle lengths, to assist overtaking traffic.
- (e) Avoid driving too close to the vehicle in front on bush tracks, where ratio changing and braking could be a problem.
- (f) Persons leaving Association convoy or group MUST notify the trip leader and if possible, give details of their intentions.
- No unofficial competitions or displays of "Four wheel driving" shall take place during Association trips without permission of Property Owner and/or Trip Leader. [Refer Clause 1 (a) paragraph 3].
- 3) Vehicles must be registered, maintained and in a good roadworthy condition. The Association reserves the right to demand a Safety Certificate from an authorized Inspection Station designated by the Association, at the Member's expense. All drivers shall hold a current Drivers License.
- 4) Every 4WD vehicle on Association trips and/or 4WD activity must be fitted with front and rear towing points.
- 5) Every 4WD vehicle must carry basic recovery gear and First Aid Kit on Association activities.
- Permission must be obtained from property owners before travelling on their property. Permits required MUST BE OBTAINED for Forestry and National Parks.

- 7) No animals will be brought on Association trips.
- 8) Fuel tanks must be filled prior to the departure time of the trip.
- 9) Fire-arms prohibited on all Association trips and activities.
- At Association functions, members are expected to follow verbal instructions and visual signs erected by the organizers. Association members are responsible for their visitors.
- (a) Bushfire regulations shall be obeyed at all times.(b) Camp and billy fires must be totally extinguished by water, and/or covered with earth.
- 12) Before breaking camp members will clear the site of all litter and rubbish deposited during their stay, and carry it with them away from the camp area to a designated rubbish dump or receptacle.
- 13) When crossing private property and crown land under lease, gates, clip-rails and property will be left as found, or as instructed by the Trip Leader. Where gates are to be opened/closed, the first vehicle behind the Trip Leader will pull over and open the gate and after the convoy passes this vehicle will close same and fall into convoy in front of Tail End Charlie. This rotation procedure will be repeated for each gate open/closure.
- 14) No member of the Association will at any time knowingly give information of any kind to any person, who is not a member of the Association, which may assist that person to gain access to areas which the Association visits on Association activities where those areas are "off the beaten track", or not general knowledge.
- 15) The wearing of **seatbelts** is mandatory. Riding on vehicle bonnets and tailgates is prohibited.
- 16) (a) Fauna will not be disturbed. Fishing excepted where permitted.

(b) Flora of any description is not to be removed under any circumstances whilst on Association activities.

- 17) Motorcycles to be excluded from attending Association outings and field days. Property owner has discretionary powers
- 18) No person shall exceed the legal alcohol limit when driving in any Association activity. Nor shall any person consume such alcohol while driving in any Association activity.
- 19) Tracks and roads should not be deviated from. This is particularly relevant where Parthenium, Giant Rats Tail or other noxious weed is present. Where required by property owner, appropriate vehicle washdown shall take place. Any damage caused to tracks and roads will be repaired where required and/or where practicable.
- 20) It is mandatory for members of M&D4WDC, if when visiting or traversing official club properties to pursue 4WD activity and on other than a current M&D4WDC event, to register their name and the date in the Activities Book.

ADMINISTRATION

- Any elected Association Member is disallowed from holding the same Official Committee Member position, after having served three consecutive terms of office in that same role.
- 2) The appointed <u>Committee Member</u> term extends to 6 months overall, with the <u>Assistant Committee Member</u> whose term of 3 months is included in the 6 months term assumes voting rights after 3 months when the <u>Committee Member</u> retires and the new <u>Assistant</u> is appointed.

Management Committee



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

GENERAL MEETING held at North Mackay Bowls Club on 13th October.

MEETING OPENED:- at 7.40pm by President Steve Johnson

ATTENDANCE:-

As per the attendance book.

VISITORS: -

Jake, Josh and Scott Head.

APOLOGIES: -

Nil

GUEST SPEAKERS: Camping World's Alan Binks presented Engel Fridge Prize and John Kleidon spoke on H.I.D. lighting and hand held H.I.D.'s. Good prices for members

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Secretary Arthur Nayler read the minutes of the previous General meeting on Monday 11 September 2008, be confirmed as per the magazine.

SECRETARY FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards:-

- 1. Australia Post Statement Invoice.
- 2. Australia Post unpaid charge.
- 3. NQBE Invoice.
- 4. NQBE Statement
- 5. Commonwealth Bank Statement and Cheque book.
- 6. Traction Action monthly magazines for Sept and Oct 2008.
- 7. Receipt from Qld Assoc 4wd clubs for our club membership.
- 8. Qld Assoc 4wd clubs minutes of meeting and a Committee position form to send back.
- 9. Return to sender. Our magazine didn't make it to Bryce and Leanne Simpson.
- 10. Burdekin 4wd Club newsletter for October.
- 11. Letter from Cancer Council thanking us for our donations and asking us to consider leaving a Bequest in our wills.
- 12. Letter from Evakool with a promotion for 4wd clubs only. They make fridges , freezers and solar panels.
- 13. Junk mail.

Outwards:-

- 1. Committee Position Form to Qld Assoc 4wd clubs.
- 2. Letter of thanks to Jon Hans at Off Road Auto for his Advertising in our magazine.

The Secretary moved that the Incoming correspondence be received and the Outgoing correspondence be confirmed.

Moved.... Arthur....SecondedTerry.... CarriedAll.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Derek read details of report

Opening Balance	\$ 4054.94
Total deposits	\$ 1494.13
Total withdrawals	\$ 534.00
Closing Balance	\$ 5014.07

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COMMITTEE MEETING BUSINESS

The Secretary gave a synopsis of the Committee meeting held on Wed 10/09.

GENERAL BUSINESS:-

- 1. The 10th Birthday celebration was a huge success with lots of members attending. Thank you to all those who helped to cook and everyone else for turning up for the occasion.
- 2. John Kleidon talked on H.I.D Lighting and hand held H.I.D's. Good prices for members.
- 3. Letter to Jon Hams. Thanking him for his advertising in our magazine.
- 4. Graham Ransley is still looking for numbers to make up to 10 to do the Driver Training.
- 5. Graham Ransley also has a Towing Course coming up for Camper trailers and Caravans.



ACTIVITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- 1. Carmila beach trip was nice. Had a bit of a cleanup and some fishing off the boat.
- 10th Birthday. Excellent party. Bit embarrassing for some. Not mentioning any names STEVE.
 Fines – Steve and Michelle laughing too much at 2 in the morning. He he he.
 Staggy for the pi##ed comment of the month " Keep the tracks open man!"
 Dave Christensen for breaking the hand rail. Kelvin and Nat and everyone else for being very drunk.
- Denham Range wonderful views Fines – Lance for filling the form out wrong. Angie for copying him. Geoff for being too cheeky. Nita missed the turn off. Charlie too busy day-dreaming to be Tail-end Charlie

DRIVER AWARENESS REPORT: Ian

- 1. Lance and Maddy passed both.
- 2. Michael Toft did also.
- 3. Pete Takagaki still to do practical

FUTURE TRIPS:-

- 19th Oct Pink ribbon Breakfast @ The Harbour
- 2. 23rd Oct. Extended Holiday Trip Planning Meeting.
- 3. 25th n 26th Oct. Chopper Creek
- 4. 2nd Nov. Eungella Day trip
- 5. 8th n 9th Nov. Sandy Shores.
- 6. 16th Nov. Gumby Gumby day trip
- 7. 29th n 30th Nov. Camp Kanga Xmas Party.

Voted In:-

Scott and Sonia Head

RAFFLE:- Congratulations to 1st Prize Michelle Fridge stand 2nd Prize Geoff Kettle

NEXT General MeetingMon 10 NovNext Committee MeetingWed 5 NovAt Derek's ResidenceWed 5 Nov

MEETING CLOSED:- 8.40pm by President Steve Johnson.

CLUB AT THE "SHOW & SHINE" DAY SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER









FOR SALE: Green1998 Mitsubishi Triton 3 litre V6 petrol RWC, 5 speed Manual Club Cab, Rego to June 2009 excellent condition, \$13,000 ono. Pete 0412 901 780

Mackay & District 4WD Club Celebrated its' 10th Birthday on Saturday 27th September 08





+ Engel Extras Pack

WINNER was Mark & Kerry FITZMAURICE





CLUB CAMPGROUND 10TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS







SETTLING IN





SETTING UP





THE FESTIVITIES



THE RECOVERY







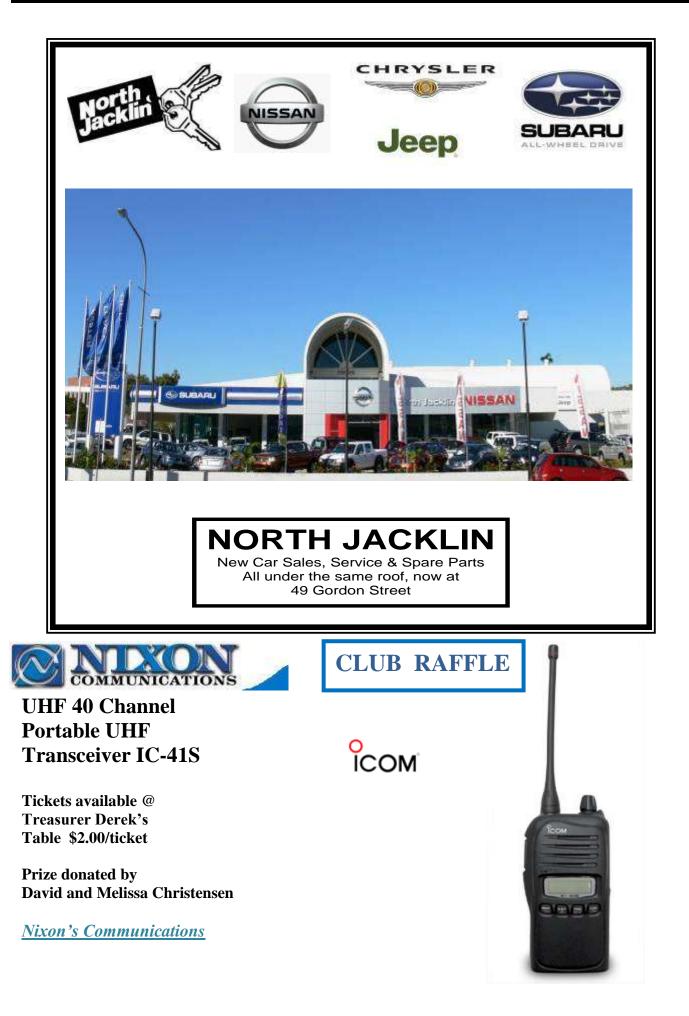


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Denham Range Eungella. 12/10/2008.

On Sunday the 12th we gathered at Horseland to plan our day trip. Geoff and Nita were nominated Trip Leaders, and Angie had the pleasurable job of being the Fines person of the day. Maddy and Lance were told that this report needed to be written by greenhorns.

At approx 8am we headed off also with Nita and Geoff in front, followed by Angie and Tony, Paul and grandson Jarrid, and Lance and Maddy. We then progressed to inherit our tail end Charlie somewhere around Pleystowe, and by strange coincidence his name is "Charlie."



We got a call from our fear less leader around Finch Hatton saying that there was a snake on the road and did anybody run it over. By the time we spotted it must have shrunk to about 60cm's long and greenish.

In amongst radio chit chatter the boys through off at us girls for admiring the scenery and gorgeous Jacarandas. One comment came from an unknown male stating, "They should be all chopped down."

On the way up the range we had a limited view because we were virtually in the clouds. We arrived at the top for an emergency pit stop before heading off again. We progressed to Crediton where locals Pam and Lawrie joined us.

After a few extra kilometres, and a little

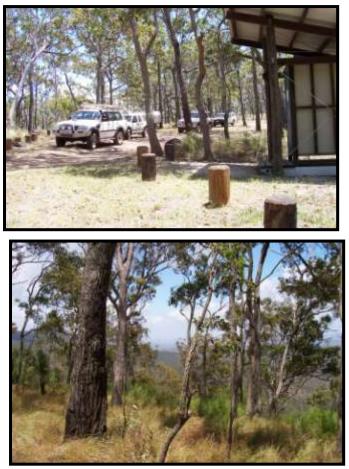
chitchat, we eventually found the Hazel Wood Gorge turn off and we went in and had a look.

What a glorious view.



Absolutely Awesome. We all enjoyed a quick smoko before heading off to the Denham Range.

Our fearless leaders took us around the loop road, stopping once again to enjoy another view at the Denham Range camping ground. After another gasbag we then made our way to the Crediton/Mia Mia Rd for the trip down.





By this time food was again on our minds and we stopped for lunch at approx 1pm to check out a frill neck lizard in a tree, and it was decided that we should eat. (Not the lizard). Luckily there was no traffic at all as we had taken over the whole road. A couple of the Girls took over driving from the boys. The boys noted how rough it is to be passenger. Once again we admired the bush scenery, and sharing the track with a wild pig and bullocks.



We stopped at the Teemburra creek crossing



for a bit more of R & R.

Then we drove the last leg of the trip to The Pinnacle Pub for ice creams and drinks and the official end for the day.

A great big THANKS to all who joined us on the day.

By Lance and Maddy.

Chopper Creek 25 – 26 October 2008

Only three vehicles assembled at Horseland on Saturday morning for the overnight trip south to Chopper Creek. Several people had withdrawn – one apparently because he wanted to watch Indy on the TV. Those present agreed that a trip to the bush had far more appeal than watching TV. A short stop at Sarina to buy a paper for the property owner and then another short stop at Blue Mountain Road to wait for Laurie & Pam who had come via Eton from their property at Crediton. Kelvin & Natalie, with the only trailer led the way and it wasn't too long before we turned off at the Tierrawoomba Road and got to some gravel – karma. Mobile signal had long since disappeared, the city stress was gradually winding down – it was good to be in the country. There were lots of new born calves, including a couple of "nurseries" where there were one or two cows looking after 5 or 6 calves.

The property owner advised that there was a bush fire up in the range, but it shouldn't bother us. He was also adamant that no vehicles had been driven in giant ratstail grass areas. This tough noxious weed outgrows favourable pasture, is less palatable and if eaten by cattle wears their teeth out very quickly. We left the homestead and got to the first of many gates on the long slow drive in. It was pretty dry and dusty, although some of the grass still had a tinge of green. With only four vehicles, most of the gate opening and closing was done by the two in the middle, but for expediency and where there wasn't a lot of room, the gates were opened by leader Kel and closed by tail end Bruce.



It was quite warm by the time we got to the camping area by the waterhole. A quick scout along the hot sandy river bed and everyone decided to set up camp under the trees. There were 4 canoes among 7 people and it wasn't long before these were in the water and being paddled around. Kel had brought a whole pile of pine from packing cases – it was poked in every nook and cranny on his trailer. Bruce had stopped along the way to pick up some decent hardwood to cook on.

After a relaxing afternoon of canoeing, swimming and resting, happy hour arrived, so the group assembled around the fire, exchanging snacks. It was almost beer o'clock, but one young couple hadn't brought any alcoholic drinks. Kel and Nat had had a humdinger the night before and couldn't face another drop. Dennis and Marie got stuck into some red wine, Laurie enjoyed his beer with a dash, Pam was into her rum and coke while Bruce had a few beers. Gradually people drifted off to cook – most on gas, but Bruce had his camp oven and various metalliferous gadgets on the fire. With Kel & Nat not drinking, the night was somewhat quiet and a relatively early night was had by all. The night was clear and it got quite cool, particularly for the one who was in a swag under his awning. The previous night's curry came in handy by providing sufficient flatulence to warm up the sleeping bag.

There were some early risers and some late on the Sunday morning, the fire was stoked up and the billy boiled for morning coffee. A couple of frying pans were out on the fire for a cooked breakfast, with much discussion on how best to cook bacon and eggs. There was no agreement, as some like their bacon crispy and eggs hard, while others like the bacon just cooked with soft centre eggs. Whichever way, all enjoyed their dish.

Once the washing up was done, some went off paddling, while others just sat around and chatted. Kel and Bruce decided to do a bit of lantana clearing – this to be a goal for each camp to progressively clear a little bit. Two big bushes came out with a winch, with smaller bushes being pulled out relatively easily by hand. Out came the cane knives to hack the lantana into manageable pieces and sequentially put on the fire. Initially the green sticks didn't burn, but with a bit of persistence about 10 bushes went up in smoke. A swim to cool down and clean up was followed by a quick lunch, pack up of camp and a nice leisurely drive home.







FINES FOR CHOPPER CREEK

25TH OCTOBER

Kelvin and Natalie– Having to ask if anyone had a spare toilet roll as they had forgotten to pack theirs when one was offered and I noticed Kelvin gladly burning a rough looking piece of cardboard with a very relieved look on his face.

Ian McDonald – For deciding that watching the Indy Car Races was more important than going camping.

Kelvin – As well as forgetting the toilet roll he also forgot the other trip essential. His GPS! Fortunately others were able to assist.

Bruce – For indulging in some exotic curried stew at the camp and then complaining that he could not stand his own farts in his swag. They did keep him warm though.

Marie – For getting people's names wrong all weekend. Kelvin was almost getting used to being called Gavin but then Bruce became Brian...for some reason?

Sorry I wont be there to present these but Holidays take priority.

Regards Dennis Boland and Marie

NOTE: Parents and Guardians

Please be responsible and supervise your children on all organized club trips and functions



COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OPENED: - 7.15pm Wednesday 3rd October 08 at Johnson's.

ATTENDANCE: - Angie, Terry, Kelvin, Steve, Mal, Ian M, Ian S, & Derek.

APOLOGIES: - Arthur & Terry.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:-

Resolved that the minutes of the previous Committee Meeting was confirmed as per magazine.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:- Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:-

For period 03/09/08 to 08/10/08

Inwards

- 1. Aust Post Statement
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BUSINESS ARISING FROM TREASURER'S REPORT:-

- 1. \$170 proceeds from the 10th birthday party.
- 2. Tracey to find out more about payments to Aust Post.

GENERAL BUSINESS:-

- 1. Kelvin spoke on an "Extended Holiday Trip Planning Meeting" for people interested in going for longer holidays to eg. Cape York. Kimberleys etc.
- Navigational Run info: 8am breakfast, 10am leave for Nav Run (2 – 2.5 hours drive), 12.30 – 1.00pm Lunch (at destination) There will be toilets there but no BBQ.
- 3. The club is donating \$300 to C.Q.Rescue.
- 4. Thanks to David Christensen for helping fix the website.
- 5. Thanks to Leigh-Ann Turner for the sausages at the 10th Birthday celebrations.
- 6. Michelle please put a reminder in Magazine for parents to be responsible for their kids at meetings and on trips.
- 7. Advertisements welcome in Magazine. Any thing for sale or rent or wanted to buy.
- 8. BYO BBQ Social event held every year needs to be changed from the McNicols to somewhere else. Staggy's was a suggestion.
- 9. Camping World's Alan Binks may come to our General Meeting on Monday night.

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR:- Kelvin

- 1. Carmilla Beach always popular had about 12 camps.
- 2. 10th Birthday party at the Club Camp Grounds.-Fantastic week end. 64 Adults and 15 kids. Mark Fitzmaurice won the fridge

Upcoming Trips:-

- 1. 11th and 12th Oct. Denham Range.
- 2. 18th or 19th Oct. Pink ribbon breakfast and Navigation run.
- 3. 23rd Oct. 7.30pm. Extended Holiday Trip planning meeting.
- 4. 25th and 26th Oct. Chopper Creek Camp.
- 5. 2nd Nov. Eungella Day trip. Bush walk and late lunch at Pinnacle Pub.
- 6. 9th Nov. Sandy Shores.

DRIVER AWARENESS OFFICER: Ian.

- 1. Michael Toft passed theory and practical.
- 2. Maddy and Lance also passed both.

MEETING CLOSED:- 8.05pm



Pink Ribbon Day Breakfast









Sunday 19 October 2008 Yet another successfull Pink Ribbon Day Breakfast was organized by Kelvin and Natalie Followed by a Navigation Run which concluded at Jack Badger Park, Mia Mia Winners this year were The Christensen's



WELCOME

The Clubs Newest Member : Emma Leigh Van Kerckhof

- Born 8 October :
- 3800g :

Daughter of Derek & Jeanette and Sister to Mark (22 months)







SEP-NOV 08

Sat-Sun 08-09 Nov Sandy Shores Camp Grade: 2-3 Trip Leader: Required

Meet at T&I Pumps @ 7:45 for 8:00 departure.Good fishing, swimming or canoeing by a running stream.Needs to get no worse than grade 1.5 for those who wish to relax, or up to 3 for the more adventurous.Requirements:Basic recovery gear, full tank of fuel, drinking water, first aid kit. Camping gearTRAILERS OKTHIS PROPERTY WILL BE SUBMERGED IN FIVE YEARS - NEW DAM SITE

Monday 10th Nov Club Meeting North Mackay Bowls Club 7:30pm

Sun 16 Nov Gumby Gumby day trip

Grade: to 3 Trip Leader: Kelvin

Meet at **T&I Pumps** @ **7.45** for **8.00** departure. We proceed to Nebo and head west for an easy drive to two stations, one grazing the other mining. Extreme points of interest with good scenery and views available after a small walk up a range. Approx 55,000 acres in all. This will become a camp eventually. Bring a picnic lunch and drinking water, first aid and basic recovery gear.

Sat Sun 29-30 Nov Camp Kanga Christmas Break Up Camp Trip Leaders: Committee MOW or can arrange convoy groups.

Nestled away in its bushland setting near Lake Proserpine, Camp Kanga is the ideal location to enjoy the beauty of the Whitsundays. Situated 24kms NW of Proserpine Township and 1.5kms from Lake Proserpine, locally known as the Peter Faust Dam. There are clean, comfortable rooms and spacious camp sites serviced by communal ablution blocks with hot and cold showers and sewered toilets, free gas BBQ, camp kitchen. The dam is stocked with Barramundi, Sootie Grunter, Saratoga and Red Claw. Go water skiing, canoeing or sailing at Lake Proserpine or swim in our beautiful water hole behind the camp.

Games for kids, Santa will arrive on the Saturday night. BYO BRING YOUR OWN meals. **Requirements:** camping gear, water, first aid, fishing gear, canoes, boats, water activities gear and The Best

Christmas Cheer.







Sat Sun 06-07 Dec CLUB CAMP GROUND Grade: to 5 Trip Leader: Committee

Have a Play / Campoven Cookout & Camp. Working Bee?

Generally **MOW** or can arrange to go in convoy. This is a combined activity weekend of <u>play</u>, <u>camping</u> and possibly do a little work around the place. Members should <u>notify</u> their intentions but we can be flexible with arrivals to site. YOU MUST SIGN IN BEFORE COMMENCING <u>ANY ACTIVITY</u>.

Bring along your favourite camp oven recipe. We will cook and share with others till we've had our fill. Food could be prepared (i.e. cut up) at home.

Requirements: Camp gear if stopping over, camp oven, chair, table, plates etc and of course your esky. FULL recovery gear, full tank of fuel, drinking water, first aid kit



Wed 10 Dec CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR

Trip Leader: Committee

Trip leaves at 6.15 pm from The Lagoons car park, please meet @ 6.00pm so as to leave promptly at 6.15pm.

A leisurely drive around town checking out the Christmas lights, and a possible stop off for a nightcap at Coffee Club or McCafe.

Sat 20 Dec BYO EVERYTHING SOCIAL BBQ @ STAGG / TURNER RESIDENCE.

(MOW - MAKE YOU OWN WAY)

Leaders: Ian & Tracy

WHERE: 4 Maude St Mirani. 6.00pm. BYO camp table / chairs etc and what you want to cook, camping gear if staying overnight. Ian & Tracy will supply barby to cook on, tea, coffee, and Chrissie cake. We hope to organise a movie and slide show of past activities. No need to worry about driving home as you can camp on spare allotment beside house or on riverbank.

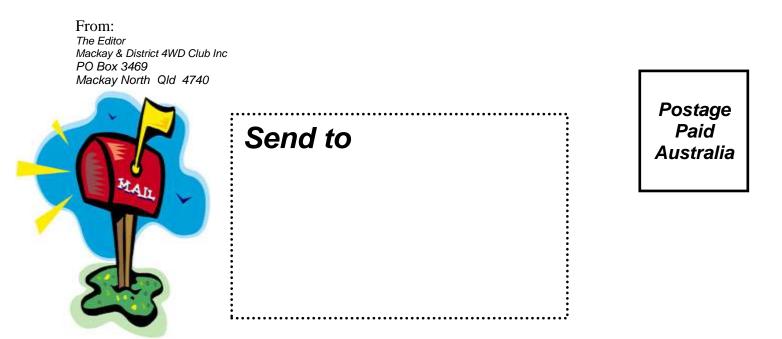


Please Note: Thursday evening is the final notice to attend a trip

Names in trip book for all activities please Contact [Kelvin on 0437232113 / <u>kelvinnayler@optusnet.com.au</u>] or [lan on 4951 1259] *Thursday evening before the trip.* Further information on some of these trips can be found on our Web site <u>www.mackay4wdclub.com</u>



E-mail: enquiries@mackay4wdclub.com



Make the Club Meeting night a social night out!!! Join some of our members and enjoy a pre-meeting meal

> From 6.00 pm Meals from \$12.50 @ North Mackay Bowls Club

<u>Before the Meeting</u> This is a good way for all members, including new members to socialize & get to know each other.