

Club Magazine

Around the Tracks



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Bowls Club

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

ACTIVITIES

- 1) (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 majority 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.
 - iii. 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.
- 2) 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 road-worthy 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.
 - 6) **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.
 - 10) At Association functions, members are expected to follow verbal instructions and visual signs erected by the organizers. Association members are responsible for their visitors.
 - 11) (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

- 1) 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 Committee Member term extends to 6 months overall, with the Assistant Committee Member whose term of 3 months is included in the 6 months term assumes voting rights after 3 months when the Committee Member retires and the new Assistant is appointed.

Management Committee

EUNGELLA DAM CAMP

Sat / Sun 05-06 September 09

Story by Alan Lovett

To all those that didn't do the Eungella trip - you missed a great weekend. A small but intrepid party made up of Alan, Helen, Lachlan & Nathan Lovett + Kevin & Joyce Ball & Granddaughter Jacinta set off from Mackay on Saturday morning "Eungella bound". The day was sunny, the forecast was promising and so the trip west was filled with high hopes. Arriving at the dam at approx 0900, the campsites were abundant with only a few other campers present. A choice location was selected, with water views, & reasonably close proximity to the amenities (not too close though) the camps were established. After set-up, the kids, armed with fishing rods, hit the dam and soon found out the water was just the right temp. for swimming - result - no fish for tea. While all of this was going on, the "grown ups" settled in for some serious R & R. Helens snores could soon be heard reverberating from the double swag, Joyce was busy with Jacinta so Kev & Alan settled in to deck chairs in the shade & did their best to keep dehydration at bay.



Early afternoon soon came around & a shiny Nissan ute doing laps of the area revealed none other than Jumbo Carne, keen to do some relaxing as well. An additional camp was setup & all present kicked back for the evening. A magnificent (almost full) moon lit up the surrounds like daylight so sitting round a roaring campfire having a few quiet drinks & the kids toasting marshmallows brought to mind the old saying of " I wonder what the poor people are doing?". All of the relaxing soon took its toll with beds being looked for by about 8.30 pm.



A cool Sunday morning soon came around & although a little windy, it still looked like shaping up to be a great day. A leisurely breakfast while taking in the magnificent views of a 90% full dam was enjoyed by all. The packup of camps was done with a lot less enthusiasm than the previous day's setup with nobody really wanting to leave. Kev was doing battle with his freestanding shower tent, you know the ones that are super easy to erect & almost impossible to fold up!!!! Looks like it was going home strapped to the top of the camper. Alan stepped in to give it a go with as much success as Kev had & soon agreed that strapped to the camper was the best idea. Along comes Helen to give it a go - what hope did she have if Kev & Alan couldn't do it ? Five minutes later the tent was folded & in the bag - lucky fluke (Alan will never hear the end of it)



Although there wasn't much 4 wheel driving going on during the weekend the social

aspect was just another part of what the club is all about - like minded people getting together & seeing some of the Oz countryside. New friends were made & old friends company enjoyed again with plans to do it all again as soon as possible.

pink ribbon | Breakfast

for breast cancer research

PINK RIBBON DAY

A huge thank you to all that supported our Pink Ribbon Day. It was a huge success with the funds raised so far just above \$300!! Most of the guys did us women proud by wearing pink. Congratulations to Wendy for guessing the number of lollies in the jar and to the Christensen's AGAIN for winning the navigation run. A Great Big Thank you to Crusty for organizing a challenging but fantastic navigation run.





FOR SALE

Open Sky Roof Top Tent

Tent and Privacy Apron (which hasn't been used and is still in the box)
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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

GENERAL MEETING held at North Mackay Bowls Club on 12th October 2009.

Meeting opened at: - 7.35pm by President Steve

ATTENDANCE:

As per the attendance book.

APOLOGIES:

Michael Ward-Grodd, Derek VK, Dave & Melissa Christensen, Peter Takagaki, Ted Springis, Nev Barker, Marlene Reilly, Terry Devery, Cheryl Oakley

Visitors: Dustin Lacey

Previous Minutes:

Resolved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 14.09.09 is confirmed as per magazine.

Moved by Jeanette; Seconded by Mal;
Carried by All.

Secretary for Correspondence:

Inwards:-

1. CQ Rescue Annual Report & Request for donations
2. 4WD Assoc Qld – Membership Receipt
3. 4WD Assoc Qld – Newsletter
4. Mky Landrover Club Sept Newsletter
5. Qld Cancer council – supporter survey & request for donation
6. Burdekin 4WD Club newsletter
7. Aust Post letter on new mailing policy
8. Enquiry letter from Dian Quadrio regarding joining club
9. Enquiry letter from Sara & Adam Taylor regarding joining club
10. Letter from Michael Ward-Grodd regarding campfire safety – children

Outwards:-

1. Reply email to Rodney Carruthers with club info
2. Reply email to Diane Quadrio with club info
3. Reply email to Sara & Adam Taylor with club info

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

Moved by Alan: Seconded by Jumbo:
Carried by All.

Business arising: Nil

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Fay read details of report

Opening Balance	\$ 5918.15
Total deposits	\$ 570.40
Total withdrawals	\$ 1457.72
Closing Balance	\$ 5030.83

Accounts passed for payment

1. Bank Fees
2. NQBE for magazine printing.
- 3 Aust Post (newsletter postage)

Business arising from the treasurer's report:

Nil. Moved by Michelle: Seconded by Wendy:
Carried by All

Committee Meeting Business

The Secretary gave a synopsis of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday night

General Business

1. Club to donate \$50 fuel voucher as prize for Navigation Run
2. Calls for a prize buyer – Crusty volunteered
3. Email from Michael W-G on campfire safety at club campgrounds – discussion
4. Club generator needs a service – Ian MacDonald to organize
5. Anybody interested in digital photographic scrapbooking, see Natalie Nayler.
6. The new style club stickers & windscreen stickers are available for purchase.
7. Calls for a helper to assist Jeanette to organize nibbles, tea / coffee – Sandie volunteered.
8. Calls for formation of a sub- committee to organize the club Christmas party (set up venue, decorations, organize games etc) Anyone interested to please contact a club committee member
9. Distribution of club flyers to businesses around town – the Nayler (snr's) to recommence doing this.
10. Ian Stagg to participate in the "MOVEMBER" campaign again this year – calls for all club members to support Staggy once again & reminder that all donations over \$2 are tax deductible

11. Dave C to show Kelvin how to put the monthly trip proposals onto the club web site & to give further instruction to Sonia & Wendy on maintaining the web site.
12. Bruce W raised concern over number of club trips cancelled as result of no trip leader being available. Discussion followed & a number of suggestions were put forward - keep a register of people that have led previous trips, appoint an "apprentice trip leader" when on recce trips, information sessions (at meetings) on what is involved in being the designated trip leader. A further proposal was put forward to run day trips for people interested in being trip leader & talking to property owners. (Possible to visit 3 properties in one day ie. Sandy Shores, Emu Gullies & Chopper Ck.) Kelvin to arrange in early 2010.
13. Reminder that Kelvin must be notified by Thursday night prior to weekend camp trips if attending & by Friday night prior if going on a Sunday day run.
14. People needed to form subcommittee for xmas party – not a lot involved so please assist if you can.

Activities Coordinator:

1. Assistant activities coordinator, Michael Ward-Grodd, gave a run-down on activities for the past month.
2. Information relayed to club members that if there is no designated trip leader on a proposed club outing, then trip is not covered by relevant insurances.
3. Bulldozer Hill trip (30 Aug) cancelled as nil members familiar with the area available to act as trip leader.
4. Call to all members to actively participate in club outings & if familiar with an area proposed for an outing to volunteer as trip leader.

Proposed Future Trips:

As per handout

1. Upcoming trip activities as per latest Activities Calendar Sept. / Oct. '09
2. Hazelwood Gorge trip (19-20 Sept), interest shown from members, trip leader needed.
3. Sporting Wheelies weekend at club campground (26-27 Sept), call for members to support this great weekend.

4. Boulder Ck day trip (4 Oct), President Steve to lead trip, record your names if interested in coming along.
5. Squeaky Windmill trip (10-11 Oct) to Gumby Gumby Stn, trip leader & more names needed.
6. Pink Ribbon Brekky / Games Day (25 Oct). Come along for a fun day, started off with a big brekky in park near the Mackay surf club, games & a Navigation Run. Trip leaders Kelvin & Natalie would love to see heaps of support on this day, all proceeds raised go to a great cause – Breast Cancer Research.

Driver Awareness Officer:

Kelvin gave a report on previous trips:

1. Sporting Wheelies Weekend at Club Campground – a good turnout with 13 vehicles present
2. Squeaky Windmill day trip - cancelled
3. Boulder Ck day trip - cancelled

FUTURE TRIPS: -

1. 25 Oct - Pink Ribbon Day BBQ & Navigation Run - \$50 fuel voucher prize
2. 30-31 Oct Halloween Club Campground – Dress up in a spooky, scary or fun costume and have some fun.
3. 8 Nov – Dennison Ck Day Trip – a challenging trip through some scenic country.
4. 14-15 Nov Chopper Ck campout – travel through some excellent but rugged cattle country.
5. 28 – 29 Nov Christmas party at Kinchant Dam, come along & have some fun

DRIVER AWARENESS REPORT:-

1. Paul W reports that 4 new members have progressed through various stages of theory & practical training.

RAFFLE:

Congratulations to:-

- 1st prize Natalie – 12V shower
2nd prize Helena W – 3 man tent

Next Committee Meeting on 4 November @
The Johnsons

Next General Meeting on 9 November

Meeting Closed: 8.40pm

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OPENED:

7.15pm Wednesday 07.10.09 at The Lovett's Residence

ATTENDANCE:

Alan, Fay, Kelvin, Steve & Michelle

APOLOGIES: Nil received

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Resolved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 14.09.09 be confirmed as per magazine. Moved by Alan, Seconded by Fay.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Cheque for \$1053 being for 4WD Association m'ship has gone through.

Correspondence: 15.09.09 to 12.10.09

Inwards:-

11. CQ Rescue Annual Report & Request for donations
12. 4WD Assoc Qld – Membership Receipt
13. 4WD Assoc Qld – Newsletter
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Business arising from the treasurer's report:

Accounts to pass for payment

1. Aust Post for postage of newsletter
2. NQBE for printing of magazine

Moved- Fay & Seconded by Alan - Carried

General Business:

1. Updating club membership list so that club cards can be issued.
2. Need addresses for Geoff & Kathy BAYLEY + Des & Karen SEARLE
3. Paul & Gina Wheeler not joining this year taking a break.
4. Will need a new prizes buyer for the meeting raffles
5. Review of advertising in magazine – check on payments for these
6. Review of magazine mail outs – decided to stop sending to ARB, CNS & Gladstone 4WD Club as there has been nothing received from either for some time.
7. Distributors needed for club flyers to various Mackay Businesses.
8. Subcommittee to help organize the Xmas Party

Activities Coordinator:

Trip Report

2. Sporting Wheelies Weekend at Club Campground – a good turnout with 13 vehicles present
3. Squeaky Windmill Camp (10 – 11 Oct)
4. Boulder Ck day trip

Future Trips

1. 25.10.09 – Pink Ribbon Breakfast / Games Day / Nav Run (club to put up a \$50 fuel voucher prize)
2. 31.10 – 01.11.09 – Halloween W'end at club campground / Campoven cookout / Working Bee
3. 08.11.09 – Denison Ck Day Trip
4. 14 – 15 Nov – Chopper Ck camp weekend
5. 28-29 / 11 – Xmas Party at Kinchant Dam

Driver Awareness Officer: Nil reported

Meeting Closed: 8.15pm

Activities Calendar

OCT NOV 09

Members please advise if you might like to make any changes/additions.



SAT SUN 31-01 OCT/NOV

HALLOWEEN AT THE CAMPGROUNDS

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

Grade: to 5

Halloween actually falls on a Saturday this year so what better excuse for a party. Dress up in a spooky, scary or fun costume and lets have some fun. MOW.

This can be a combined activity weekend of play, camping and possibly do a little work around the place. Members should **notify** their intentions but we can be flexible with arrivals to site. YOU MUST SIGN IN BEFORE COMMENCING ANY

ACTIVITY. Bring along your favourite spookyish nibblies and some "tricks or treats" for the kids. Prize for best dressed (both yourself and camp) **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 4 NOV COMMITTEE MEETING @ 7PM @ THE JOHNSON'S RESIDENCE

SUN 8 NOV DENISON CREEK CAMP (10 VEHICLE LIMIT) Trip Leader: Required Grade: to 4

Meet at Horseland @ 7:45 for 8:00am departure. Many CHALLENGING tracks for good 4Wding. Easy drive to site through spectacularly scenic cattle country but tracks can be quite demanding. Rain can affect the venue so keep in touch. . **Previous Grade 3 trip experience required.** **Requirements:** **FULL** recovery gear, full tank of fuel, drinking water, first aid kit.

MON 9 NOV MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING 7.30PM NORTH MACKAY BOWLS CLUB



SAT SUN 14-15 NOV CHOPPER CREEK CAMP

Trip Leader: Required

Grade: 3

Meet at Horsland @ 7.45 for 8.00 departure. Travel through some excellent but rugged cattle country. If we have rain this trip may not eventuate. We need to be aware of KEEPING TO THE TRACKS as the property owners are very conscious of spreading noxious weeds.

Requirements. Basic recovery gear, full tank of fuel, drinking water, first aid kit. Camping gear for weekend. Grade can easily change with rain. An excellent year round waterhole provides fishing, canoeing & swimming.



**SAT SUN 5-6 DEC
4WD CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Trip Leader: Committee

Grade: 2

MOW. (Make own Way) KINCHANT DAM.

Fun day Saturday of games and Christmas Partying. Saturday night we can all eat up the kiosk and possible visit from SANTA. Easy day Sunday enjoying everyone's company. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children aged between 4-14

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

Names in trip book for all activities please

Contact [Kelvin on 0437232113 / kelvinnayler@optusnet.com.au] or
[Michael Ward-Grodd on 49552978 Ward-grodd@bigpond.com]

Further information on some of these trips can be found on our Web site
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Join some of our members and enjoy a pre-meeting meal***

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

Before the Meeting

***This is a good way for all members, including
new members to socialize & get to know each other.***