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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



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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OPENED:

7.35pm Wednesday 09.06.10 at Steve & Sandy's Residence

ATTENDANCE:

Alan, Fay, Steve J, Steve W, Paul & Terry

APOLOGIES: Michael Ward-Grodd & Kelvin

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Resolved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 15/05/2010 be confirmed as per magazine. Moved by Steve W, Seconded by Fay, Carried by All

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:-

- Reply to Naomi Savage at Hamilton Is declining request to provide 4WD excursions.
- Records to be checked to see who has done driver awareness training.
- Suggestion to slow down the approval time for new members to join ie. Not on night of first meeting.
- Info rec'd from national 4WD body regarding AWD vehicles.
- Learner drivers can drive on trips as long as they are under supervision of members who have done driver awareness

CORRESPONDENCE: 16/05/10 to 9/06/2010

Inwards:-

- Letter from Associations Corp.
- Burdekin 4WD Club April newsletter
- Mky Landrover club April newsletter
- TCIS club insurance renewal application
- Mky meeting & events planning guide
- Traction Action May newsletter
- 4WD Cruisin mag – Apr / May
- Email Mt Coolon trip
- Email from Andrew & Sarah Thomason club membership paid
- Email from Mal Morley clubs listing in MRC Community Directory & controversial password ??? (Nissan)
- Email from Dave & Melissa C activities calendar uploaded to club website
- Email from 4WD Qld re AWD vehicles
- Email from Aust National 4WD Assoc AWD vehicles
- Email from Steve J re AGM on 12th July – all positions declared vacant on night

Outwards:

- Email to ANFWDA re AWD vehicles
- Email to 4WD Qld re AWD vehicles
- Letter to Office of Fair Trading with payment for clubs annual association registration
- Letter to TCIS with payment for clubs annual insurance

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer read details of report.

Opening Balance	\$ 4631.13
Total deposits	\$ 996.90
Total withdrawals	\$ 1151.15
Bank Acc charges	\$ 10.00
Closing Balance	\$ 4466.88

ACCOUNTS PASSED FOR PAYMENT

- Kable – awards night \$448.16
- Aust Post \$47.52
- NQBE \$81.50
- Office of Fair Trading \$41.00
- TCIS – annual insurance \$527.00

Moved by Fay, Seconded by Steve J, Carried by All

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT:-

- Club books to go to auditor
- Discussed all accounts for payment

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Discussed limiting AWD vehicles to Grade 2 trips
- Trip sheets to record whether vehicles have "Low Range" or are "All Wheel Drive"
- L Plate drivers restricted to Grade 3 trips & must be supervised by club member that has done driver awareness.

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR:

- Chopper Ck trip leader required
- Upcoming planned trips listed in the May – July calendar

FUTURE TRIPS:

- As per the emailed May to July calendar

DRIVER AWARENESS OFFICER: Nil

MEETING CLOSED: 8.15pm

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

GENERAL MEETING held at North Mackay Bowls Club on 21st June 2010.

Meeting opened at: - 7.35pm by President Steve

ATTENDANCE:

As per the attendance book.

APOLOGIES:

Paul Whitestyles, Derek & Jeanette VK, Bruce Wolsey, Kelvin & Natalie Nayler & Steve Everett.

Visitors: Rowan McKay & Herman Leemreyze

Previous Minutes: Resolved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 10.5.10 is confirmed as per magazine.

Secretary for Correspondence:

Inwards:-

- Letter from Associations Corporation.
- Burdekin 4WD April newsletter
- Mky Land Rover club April newsletter
- TCIS club insurance renewal
- Mky meeting & events planning guide
- Traction Action May newsletter
- 4WD Cruisin' – April / May magazine
- Email with info / pics from Mt Coolon trip
- Email from Andrew & Sarah Thomason club annual membership payment
- Email from Mal Morley clubs listing in MRC Community directory
- Email from Dave & Melissa C activities calendar uploaded to club website
- Email from ANFWDA AWD vehicles
- Email from 4WD QLD AWD vehicles
- Email from Pres. Steve AGM on 12th July – all positions will be declared vacant on the night

Outwards:-

- Email to ANFWDA AWD vehicles
- Email to 4WD QLD AWD vehicles
- Letter to Office of Fair Trading with payment for clubs annual association registration.
- Letter to TCIS with payment for clubs annual insurance.

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

Moved by Alan, Seconded by Arthur, Carried by All.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Fay read details of report

Opening Balance \$ 4631.13

Total deposits \$ 996.90

Total withdrawals \$ 1151.15

Closing Balance \$ 4466.88

(at end of May '10)

Accounts passed for payment

1. Australia Post account - \$47.52
2. Kable – awards night - \$148.16
3. NQBE - \$81.15
4. Office of Fair Trading - \$41.00
5. TCIS Annual Insurance - \$527.00

Moved by Fay, Seconded by Ian MacDonald, Carried by All.

Business arising from the treasurer's report:

President Steve gave a synopsis of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday 9th June

General Business

- AWD vehicles to be restricted to Grade 2 club outings
- Trip sheets to be amended to record if vehicle has low range or is AWD.
- Trip leader to assess prior to outings if vehicle is capable of undertaking the proposed trip.
- Learner drivers can drive on club outings (up to Gr3) as long as they have done Driver Awareness theory. They must also be accompanied by club member that has done Driver Awareness practical & theory.
- Suggestions from the floor to hold "group" driver awareness practical training day.
- Email from Mal & Peter (currently on their round Australia trip)
- Steve J received email from Mackay Regional Council regarding info on grants.

- **Reminder to all that next General Meeting is the AGM, to be held on 12th July 2010 with an amended start time of 7.00 PM. All committee positions will be declared vacant on the night. Please consider taking on one of the vacant positions as it is your club & can be a rewarding experience.**

Activities Coordinator:

Acting trip coordinator, Michael W-G gave a rundown of recent activities & advised that Chopper Creek trip was cancelled

Proposed Future Trips: As per handout

- Junction camp trip upcoming , so far 7 people have put names down. (Derek VK or Terry to lead trip) **10 vehicle limit**
- Gumby Gumby day trip planned for 11th July
- Trip leaders urgently required for upcoming trips.
- Horse Creek upcoming trip – can be Gr4 to 5 dependant on the weather.
- Terry D to contact Junction property re the condition of road & relay info to Michael W-G.

Driver Awareness Officer: Nil

VOTED IN:-

J Herman Leemreyze
Moved by Steve J, Seconded by Alan L, Carried by All.

RAFFLE:

Congratulations to:-

- 1st prize Pressure Gauge – Michael W-Grodd
- 2nd prize Tyre Deflator – Lorraine Nayler

Next Committee Meeting on 7th July
AGM & General Meeting on 12th July

Meeting Closed: 8.15pm

FOR SALE

Fridge Slide

\$ 100

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**Club Membership fees
are now due!**

\$65

**Please pay our
Treasurer Fay**

Fees can be paid by cash in person to Fay at the next club meeting or by direct debit into the club account with your name as the reference.

Club account details are: Mackay & District 4WD Club Inc

BSB: 064724

Account: 10172580

GUMBY GUMBY TRIP 11.07.10

By Michael Ward-Grodd

I've been looking forward to this trip for a while, for a few reasons. I've been twice before and was interested in seeing how the property had prospered (or not) from the wet season. The club hasn't had a trip go ahead for a while and it has been even longer since I have been off-road so it was great to meet up with the other attendees at Horselands on the Sunday morning.

My brother David and I arrived first (Pajero), then came Ian McD (in his new Patrol), Kevin and Joyce (Prado), then Neil and Maria (Landcruiser) with their daughter Mandy and her fiancé Marty. We got away at a little late (there has to be a fine in there somewhere for Kathy and co) and arrived at Nebo for a quick comfort stop at around 9.15 and were lucky enough to catch up with property owner Marg and give her the weekend paper before hitting the tracks at about 9.45.

Noticeable in their numbers were several groups of plains turkeys spotted along the trip.

Unfortunately this meant that some of us had to suffer through the radio discussion between a few of the gang regarding how they have dined

on these birds over the years. Yaaaaarrkk!!!!

We pulled up at the Gumby Gumby tree for a few pics and some smoko. What was different this time was that the tree was in flower and berry. The flowers were tiny, about 3 or 4 mm in diameter and the berries green and a similar size.



My brother David recently purchased a 1992 Pajero and I thought that this trip would be the perfect type of trip to see what the vehicle can do in its stock standard form, as well as mechanically putting it to the test. He has only had it for a couple of months and never had it off the bitumen and I must say that it passed with flying colours. It was a bit fiddly sorting out how the central diff lock transfer system worked but after that it just kept on purring along all day. Gotta love automatics offroad so much easier, especially on the sand.

After smoko we went on to the first couple areas of petrified forest and then aired down at the windmill just before hitting the first major creek bed. Whilst the sand was nowhere near as "fluffy" as on previous trips, there were a few soft spots that kept us on our toes. At one stage some of these spots had formed into puddles when I got to them which demonstrated that the water table was only inches under the surface. This good sign was also illustrated by fat and very healthy cows everywhere, loads of fodder grass and the (much appreciated) lack of dust when on the tracks.



We pulled up at noon for lunch for about an hour then went on to the large swamp lake. After there we spotted two other smaller swamps that we were not aware existed. Neil then took us for a wander through some anonymous scrub in search of the next track, and true to his excellent navigation skills, we found that track and soldiered on. We all pulled up at the iconic squeaky windmill and had fun negotiating the creek banks there in the vehicles. After a few goes and sand flying everywhere Neil was up the other side. He must have packed it down well and taken the angles out because the other three vehicles negotiated this hurdle with no effort at all.



Our next stage of the trip, much to the relief of all in attendance, had been graded. At first I was a little disappointed but after Neil explained that this was the area where on previous trips we had laboured through a few kilometres of rocky rubble, I too was relieved. We arrived at the spring to find it trickling only. Upon closer inspection it was determined that there was

extensive siltation build-up at the outlet. On the way out we caught up with property owner Ray and advised him of this, as well as telling him about the polly pipe that had sprung a significant leak at one of the dam pumps. He appreciated this info very much and said that he would venture out there the next day to sort out some repairs.

The last stop of the trip was to see the third and best example of petrified forest. After calling in at the homestead we were all on our way home about 4.45 pm and were farewelled by some more plains turkeys on the way out.

I must express my thanks to Neil for his excellent trip leading and taking on the job at such short notice, to David, Ian, Kev, Joyce, Maria, Mandy and Marty for their fine company and humour during the trip, to the plains turkeys for inspiring numerous conversations, and of course a special mention to the property owners Ray and Marg for allowing us to access their wonderful and expansive property.



COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OPENED: 7.15pm on 05.07.10 by
President Steve

ATTENDANCE:

Terry, Fay, Steve J, Steve W, Michael W-G, Kelvin & Alan

APOLOGIES: Paul W

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Resolved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 21/06/2010, be confirmed as per magazine.

Moved by Terry, Seconded by Michael W-G, Carried by all

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- A number of new members have done their driver awareness training with Staggy. A big thanks to Ian for putting these people through. The delays were put down to some communication problems that we hope to avoid in the future.

CORRESPONDENCE: 21/06 to 05/07/2010

Inwards:-

- Email from Michael WG & Ian MacDonald) re trip leaders
- Email from Michael WG Gumby Gumby, Sandy Shores & Horse Ck trips
- Email from the Nayler jnrs - they're back
- Email from Svetlana at Australia Combined Insurance re:-speaking at club meeting on insurance business (contacted Terry)
- Email from John Tigma & Kim Seebohm joining club
- Email from Steve J re MRC info letter on grants
- CBA statement
- Aust Post invoice
- Burdekin 4WD Club newsletter
- Mackay Land Rover Club May newsletter
- 4WD Qld Committee Meeting minutes
- 4WD Qld annual membership renewal
- 4WD Qld info letter re Fed Govt currently considering rules regarding frontal protection systems
- NQBE statement
- Cairns Traction Action June magazine

Outwards:-

- Reply to Svetlana from PR officer
- Reply to John Tigma & Kim Seebohm with club info

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer read details of report.
Closing Balance \$ 4466.53

Accounts passed for payment

1.	Aust Post	\$18.90
2.	Aust post	\$47.52
3.	NQBE	\$175.50
4.	Bennett & Partners	\$363.00

Moved by Fay, Seconded by Steve W & Michael WG
Carried by All

Business arising from the treasurer's report:-

- A number of written cheques have not yet been deposited TCIS, Associations Inc, Kable G.
- Possibly been double billed by Aust Post - Fay to investigate

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Aust Combined Insurance has contacted the club re attending a meeting as guest speaker. Committee decided that this did not fit in with club policy. Steve J to contact Svetlana.
- Committee discussed & agreed to giving Rod & Glenys Vichie a concession on next year's membership fees due to monies already paid. (\$35 only payable for upcoming year)
- Discussed concerns raised by Ian MacDonald updating of maps, tracks etc in the interest of attracting more trip leaders
- Michael WG raised issue on Trip Leaders & discussion followed on how to attract trip leaders for future outings. There is a misconception that Trip Leaders are responsible for all participants on an outing. The trip leader has to know where they are going & are not assuming responsibility of all others. Suggestion was raised on finding out what trips people have been on, how many times they have been, what were there favourite trips & from this develop potential trip leaders.

Reiterate that members are responsible for their own actions.

- Committee discussed merit of regenerating maps of all areas visited (with GPS co-ordinates) & updating the individual area info / photo boards all to generate more interest in members taking on Trip Leader role on outings. Michael WG to put together a questionnaire regarding trip leaders & circulate to all members.
- Additional columns to be added to trip sheets to record if participants vehicle has low range or is All Wheel Drive.
- Junction camp was confirmed however had to be cancelled at late notice due to road conditions.
- Steel to be picked up soon from TJM shed & put into storage – Michael WG to arrange pickup.
- Report on club camp ground is that it is presently dry however needs lots of clearing on tracks.
- Date for Sporting Wheelies weekend may change. (Kelvin to follow up)
- Motion put forward on when & where Learner drivers can drive on club outings – more discussion to follow on this issue
- Terry put a motion forward for consideration AWD vehicles being restricted to attending club trips up to & including Grade 2 level of difficulty. – the majority of committee agreed to this

motion.

- Potential guest speakers for September meeting are the new co owners of Camping World

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR:

- Junction trip cancelled due to condition of roads & accessibility
- Gumby Gumby day trip confirmed for 11.07.10
- Sandy Shores confirmed for 17-18 July
- Horse Ck day trip confirmed for 01.08.10
- After Horse Ck there are 2 free weekends, suggestion was for a working bee at club campground
- Sporting Wheelies on 22 August – to be confirmed
- Bulldozer Hill – 29 August

FUTURE TRIPS:

- As per email mail out.

DRIVER AWARENESS OFFICER:

- Back-up driver awareness trainer – Staggy, has put a number of new members through their practical training course. Thanks Staggy !!!!

MEETING CLOSED: at 9.00pm.

MACKAY & DISTRICT 4WD CLUB INC.
COMMITTEE MEMBER AWARDS.

These awards were handed out to Committee Members in attendance at the July General Meeting for their service to the club during 09/10.



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

GENERAL MEETING held at North Mackay Bowls Club on 12th July 2010

Meeting opened at: 7.25pm by President Steve Johnson.

ATTENDANCE: As per the attendance book (35).

APOLOGIES: Paul Whitestyles, Kable Gilliland, Scott & Sonia Head, Mick & Wendy, Tracey & Ian, Bruce & Helena Wolsey

VISITORS: Vicki & Matt Geach, David Clark

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Secretary Alan read the minutes of the 2009 AGM.

Motion: That the minutes of the AGM of 2009 as presented be accepted.

Moved by Jeanette VK, Seconded by Arthur, Carried by all.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATED TO THE AGM:

- Auditors Report from Bennett & Partners
- Commonwealth Bank statement

Motion: That the correspondence as tabled be received.

Moved by Alan, seconded by Jumbo, carried by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Fay presented the Treasurer's Report.

Opening Balance	\$ 4422.35
Total deposits	\$ 65.00
Total withdrawals	\$ 287.18
Closing Balance	\$ 4200.17

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report as tabled be received.

Moved by Kathy, Seconded by Natalie, carried by all.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Steve Johnston gave a brief report and thanked all for their input in the last year.

ACTIVITY CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Michael Ward-Grodd gave a report covering aspects of the activities over the past year.

Motion: That the Co-ordinator's report as tabled be received.

Moved by Steve J, Seconded by Steve W. Carried by all.

All reports were received with acclamation.

GENERAL BUSINESS – AGM RELATED: – Nil.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Outgoing president, Steve Johnson handed the chair to Secretary Alan who declared all positions vacant & then called for nominations from the floor. Steve Johnson was nominated to return as

President, (which he accepted), after which President Steve resumed the chair.

President – Steve Johnston

Vice-President – Terry Devery

Secretary – Alan Lovett

Treasurer- Fay Devery

Driver Awareness & Environmental Officer – Paul Whitestyles

Activity Co-ordinator – Ian MacDonald

All elected unopposed.

Editor – Kathy Searle

Assistant Editor – Michelle Johnson

Assistant Activities Co-ordinator – Michael Ward-Grodd

Insurance Officer – TBC

Public Relations Officer – Terry Devery

Assistant Public Relations Officer – Steve Whykes

Training Officer 1 – TBC

Training Officer 2 – Ian Stagg

Host Person – Jeanette VK

Greeters – Angie Brennan & Cheryl Oakley

QAFWDC Rep Official Assistant – TBC

Committee Member – Derek VK

Assistant Committee Member – TBC

Web Page – Dave Christensen & Des Searle

NEXT AGM: Monday 11 July 2011

MEETING CLOSED: at 7.52pm by President Steve Johnson.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

GENERAL MEETING held at North Mackay Bowls Club on 12th July 2010

Meeting opened at: 7.55pm by President Steve Johnson.

ATTENDANCE: As per the attendance book.

APOLOGIES: Paul W., Kable, Scott & Sonia Head, Mick & Wendy, Tracey & Ian, Bruce & Helena Wolsey

VISITORS: Vicki & Matt Geach, David Clark

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous General meeting on 21st June 2010, be confirmed.

Secretary for Correspondence:

Inwards:-

- Email from Michael WG & Ian MacDonald) re trip leaders
- Email from Michael WG re Gumby Gumby, Sandy Shores & Horse Ck trips
- Email from the Nayler jnrs - they're back
- Email from Svetlana at Australia Combined Insurance re:-speaking at club meeting on insurance business (contacted Terry)
- Email from John Tigma & Kim Seebohm re: joining club
- Email from Steve J re MRC info letter on grants
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- 4WD Qld annual membership renewal
- 4WD Qld info letter re Fed Govt currently considering rules regarding frontal protection systems
- Cairns Traction Action June magazine
- Membership cheque from Bernie & Marlene Reilly (presently in the UK)

Outwards:-

- Reply to Svetlana from PR officer

- Reply to John Tigma & Kim Seebohm with club info

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

Moved by Alan, Seconded by Fay, Carried by all.

Business arising from Correspondence:

- Negative reply to Combined Insurance rep on speaking at club meeting.
- Committee voted to give Rod & Glenys Vichie a concession on next year's fees due to monies already paid.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Fay read details of report

Opening Balance	\$ 4422.35
Total deposits	\$ 65.00
Total withdrawals	\$ 287.18
Closing Balance	\$ 4200.17

Accounts passed for payment

1. \$148.16 (Kable G. for awards night purchases)
2. \$47.52 (Aust Post account)
3. \$81.50 (NQBE for magazine printing)

Moved by Fay, Seconded by Kathy, Carried by all

Committee Meeting Business:

The Pres gave a synopsis of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday 5th July '10.

General Business:

- Guest speakers for September meeting will be the new co-owners of Camping World.
- A suggestion was put forward for the club to purchase a GPS for the trip leaders to use. (Committee to discuss further)
- Steve & Terry went to information meeting hosted by Mky Regional Council. An info kit was given to Mky 4WD club with info on Modern Club Management. The info was directed more at sporting clubs. (Committee to discuss further & relay information to members)

- It was raised that there are no club trips after 2008 on the club website. Des Searle has volunteered to assist with upkeep & maintenance of the website. (A big thanks to Des)
- Awards were presented to the committee members in appreciation for all of their efforts.

Activities Coordinator:

- Junction Camp trip cancelled due to road closure.
- Gumby Gumby day trip – 4 vehicles on the trip & all had an enjoyable day.
- Michael W-G spoke about the difficulty in getting trip leaders. If anyone has any concerns or questions about what is involved in leading a trip, please contact Michael to see if concerns can be put to rest. The main responsibility of a Trip Leader is knowing where you are actually going.

Proposed Future Trips:

- As per the July – August Activities Calendar (emailed by Kelvin on 11.07.2010).

Driver Awareness Report:

Following people have done their theory session:

- Rod & Glenys Vichie
- Bev & Paul
- Dan
- Herman
- The opportunity for people to do their practical driving sessions at next club campground trip is on the 24th-25th July 2010.

Guest Speaker:

- No guest speaker tonight.
- Guest speakers for Sept meeting will be the new co-owners of Camping World.

Raffle:

Congratulations to:-

- 1st prize Tow Hitch – Herman
- 2nd prize First Aid Kit – Ian McDonald

Next Committee Meeting on 4th August 2010 at Johnston residence.

AGM & General Meeting on 9th August 2010

MEETING CLOSED:

8.45pm by President Steve Johnson.

Please contact me with any stories, photos, business ads, for sale items, trivia change of email or address:

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Camp Oven tips and ideas

The club campgrounds weekend is coming up and here are some tips and ideas to encourage you to dust off the camp oven and become a Masterchef!

- Place the camp oven on the fire to preheat before putting any food inside. Rotate the camp oven if necessary to ensure all sides get some direct heat.
- If you are worried about the temperature then you can test the heat of the camp oven by placing a small piece of paper towel or newspaper inside. If the paper goes yellow it is likely to be moderate, light brown likely to be hot, dark brown likely to be very hot and if it goes black very quickly and even burns then the camp oven is far too hot.
- The camp oven can either be used on the fire or dig a hole a little larger than the camp oven near the fire and line the bottom with coals from the fire. Place more coals around the side and on the lid of the camp oven. Once these coals have cooled, they need to be replaced immediately to maintain a constant heat in the camp oven.
- When cooking a roast or baking then think about placing a small cake rack or trivet on the bottom of the camp oven to stop your dinner from sticking to the hot bottom.
- Try not to take the lid off your camp oven too often. Check on breads or dampers after 20 mins and roasts after 30 or 40 mins. Taking the lid off frequently allows heat to escape and lengthens cooking times.

- Never pour cold water into a hot camp oven as it may cause it to crack. Always use warm or hot water.
- A bag of bbq briquettes can also come in handy if the campfire coals aren't up to the job!

Moroccan Lamb

750g diced lamb
Oil
2 cups chicken stock
2 onions, diced
½ cup pitted prunes, halved
½ cup dried apricots, halved
1 teaspoon powdered ginger
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Heat oil in camp oven over hot coals. Cook lamb in the hot oil until well browned. Add stock, onion, fruit and seasonings to camp oven. Simmer covered until meat is tender, approximately 1 hour. Serve with either boiled rice or couscous or fresh bread.

Lemonade Scones (makes 12-15)

3 cups Self Raising Flour
Pinch of salt
1 cup lemonade
1 cup cream

Place all the ingredients into a bowl and mix to a light dough. Place on a floured bench and roll out to desired thickness. Cut and place into a very hot camp oven and cook for 13-15 minutes. Try to use a cake rack on the bottom of the camp oven to prevent burning.

Sources:

'Australian Bush Cooking' by Cathy Savage and

www.aussiecampovencook.com



Activities Calendar

JUL - SEP 10

Sun 01 Aug HORSE CREEK DAY TRIP **Grade: 2-3** **Trip Leader: Required**

Meet at Horseland @ 7:45 for 8:00am departure.

Requirements: Basic recovery gear, full tank of fuel, drinking water, first aid kit.

Wed 04 Aug COMMITTEE MEETING **7.00pm** **@ Johnson Residence**

Sat Sun 7-8 Aug DIGGINGS CAMP/HAZLEWOOD GORGE **Grade: 3** **Trip Leaders: Required**

Meet at Horseland @ 7:45 for 8:00 departure. Travel through Eungella into National Park and make camp at Diggings. Easy drive to camp but can branch off into other tracks for exploring. Hazlewood Gorge is a good side trip with many spectacular views. **Requirements:** Full recovery gear, full tank of fuel, drinking water, first aid kit. Camping gear. State Forest permit and \$4.50/p camping fee applies. **TRAILERS NORMALLY JUST OK**

Mon 09 Aug GENERAL MEETING @ NORTH MACKAY BOWLS CLUB @ 7.30pm

Sat Sun 21-22 Aug CLUB CAMP GROUND **Grade: to 5** **Trip Leader; Committee**

Have a Play/Campoven Cookout & Camp. Generally MOW. **ELECTION SATURDAY**

This is a combined activity weekend of play, & camping. 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 camp oven recipe. We will cook and share with others till we've had our fill. Food could be prepared (ie 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

Sat Sun 28-29 Aug EMU GULLIES

Sat Sun 4-5 Sept CARMILLA BEACH

Wed 08 Sep COMMITTEE MEETING **7.00pm**

Mon 13 Sep GENERAL MEETING @ NORTH MACKAY BOWLS CLUB @ 7.30pm

Sun 19 Sep DENHAM RANGE / DAY TRIP

Sat Sun 25-26 Sep CHOPPER CREEK

Note: Thursday evening is the final notice to attend a trip. Names in trip book for all activities please.

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