

Club Magazine



Around the Tracks



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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.

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APRIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OPENED:

7.10pm Wednesday 03.04.13 at Derek's residence by President Terry Devery.

ATTENDANCE:

Terry Devery, Derek VK, Steve Whykes, Kylie Jones, Bruce Wosley, Kable Gilliland, Kathy Searle.

APOLOGIES: Alan Lovett, Paul Whitestyles and Peter Grech.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Resolved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday (11/03/2013), be confirmed as per magazine. Moved by Derek, Seconded by Steve, Carried by All.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- Nil

CORRESPONDENCE: for period 05/03/13 – 02/04/13

Inwards:

- NQBE account for magazine \$103.20
- Membership application from Patrick Harvey
- Australian Marine Safety Authority – EPIRB registration
- Landrover Mag – March 2013
- Relay for life – Held 25th – 26th May 2013 at Sladepoint
- CBA statement 21/12/12 - 1/03/13
- Enquiries to join the club - Alison McKay, Kevin Knight, Mick Shaw & Ghost778.
- VP Horse riders – Enquiry of any knowledge of new 20km horse riding loops.
- Catherine.Moltzen@daff.qld.gov.au – do we conduct or know of any 4wd courses needed for her and her fellow field officers?
- Pink Ribbon – Charity Fair to be held at Mulherin Park in October – package deals on offer
- River Session – 29th June

Outwards:

- Terry replied to the 4 e-mail enquiries re info on the Club.
- Terry sent e-mails to Karen Whitestyles and Louise Andrews as they are the contact people for the EPIRB registration. Terry advised these people of the contact phone

numbers & location directions of the property on which we camping.

- Terry replied to the VIP Horse riders. Advised that trips were on private properties & as such we could not help them.
- Terry replied to Catherine Moltzon re Driver Training.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Derek read the Treasurer's report.

Opening Balance	\$ 8228.42
Total Deposits	\$ 316.32
Total Withdrawals	\$ 179.54
Closing Balance	\$ 8384.57

Accounts paid:

- Australia Post - \$ 99.00
- NQBE - \$ 51.20
- Neil Barker for domain \$ 19.34
- Bank Fees - \$ 10.00

Accounts passed for payment:

- NQBE (magazine) - \$103.20

Moved by Kathy, Seconded by Kable, Carried by All.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Treasurer still to follow up advertising for magazine ads.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Pink Ribbon charity – Held in 19th – 20th October at Mulherin Park. Did we want to set up a stall to display our club? They have package deals. \$4000, \$2000, \$500. That will give us advertising on banners on the day and on their email. Any interest? (We have already donated \$100 to Cancer Fund Association.)
- The ECO Barge Clean Seas foundation is proposing to have a beach clean-up day on the 19th of May. Most of the defined areas have been taken up by the clubs around town. The Landrover club is doing one area. We have volunteered to assist the Qld Parks & Wildlife Service with the Cape Palmerston area. They will supply all the collection bags, gloves, sun cream, water, etc for the morning.

They will also supply smoko & a B-B-Q lunch when we are finished around 12 noon. Bruce will add this to our trip sheet.

- Steve Whykes brought to our attention that the 'Four Wheel Drive Industrial Council' will not accept 4wd's that have ROPs onto mine sites. This will mean that 4wd with 15-20k protection gear will no longer be allowed on site. This includes roll cages, fire extinguishers, bullbars etc. From 2016, no protection gear will be made for 4wd that are made in 2016 onwards. An email will be sent to club members for more information.
- The committee would like to advise that your 4wd should have at least a 5watt radio installed. If your radio is not working before a trip, it will have to be fixed before you are allowed to go on the next trip. The 2 watt handhelds are just not sufficient for communication while travelling. Additionally, we would like to add that members have the required recovery gear and a first Aid kit. Terry & Kathy have included such a list into this month's Club Magazine as a guide.
- The committee discussed the way our club accepts membership on the first night new members join our club. Committee members questioned if new comers coming to see what we are about maybe don't really know what type of club they are joining. We are a family oriented club that go camping in locations that need a 4wd. We don't have a race track that we can rip up and race around. Other clubs are more stringent about new memberships. We proposed that when newcomers come attend their first meeting, they pay \$30 (half amount of joining fee) (refundable/non refundable), do the driver awareness and then if they are still keen, we vote them in the following 4wd meeting. This was the procedure in the past & we feel that this should be the current attitude as well. To be discussed in General Business.
- Camp toilets – There was a discussion on toilets. Lots of people bring their own toilet. Some people pitch it up near other people's camp set-up. Others loathe setting up the

communal toilet then having to clean up other's mess unnecessarily. The club has toilets for the use of members who do not have one but would request that this be a personal item to carry in the future. Terry will source prices for the meeting and discuss this in General Business.

- Kylie – There are about 7 calendars to be paid for. Two have already been handed out and there is still 5 calendars to be delivered upon payment.
- Award night 1st June. Theme – Casino/ Cocktail night. There are only 2 meetings before this. We propose that money to be collected for the meals prior to the June date, as the club has to pay for meals if people do not turn up on the night. Kathy will supply banking details in the magazine.
- We need volunteers for the Awards Night to be held in June. There are only 2 meetings before this in April & May.

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR:

Bruce Wolsey gave report:

Past trips:

- Sat - 23rd March – Ray's Outdoors – CANCELLED
- 29th – 1st April – Washpools Easter Holidays.
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Future trips:

- Sun – 21st April – Horse Creek Day Trip – Grade 4-5
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DRIVER AWARENESS OFFICER:

- Nil

MEETING CLOSED: 9pm.



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MINUTES OF APRIL GENERAL MEETING

GENERAL MEETING held at North Mackay Bowls Club on 8th Apr 2013.

Meeting opened at 7.40pm by President Terry Devery.

ATTENDANCE:

As per the attendance book.

APOLOGIES:

Matt Baumann

VISITORS:

Wendy & Bobak Aghlmand, Dee Meaday, Debra Allan & Henry Allan, Tony Maiorana.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Resolved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 11.03.13 be confirmed as per magazine.

Moved by Kathy Searle, Seconded by Jeanette VK, Carried by all.

Business arising from the minutes: Nil

SECRETARY FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards:

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the EPIRB registration. Terry advised these people of the contact phone numbers & location directions of the property on which we camping.

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

Moved by Fay, Seconded by Kable, Carried by All.

Business arising:

- Nil.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Derek VK read details of report:

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Moved by Jeff, Seconded by Alan Lovett, Carried by All.

Business arising:

- Treasurer still to follow up payment for magazine advertising
- Details of Treasurer's report are available for viewing at meetings.

COMMITTEE MEETING BUSINESS:

Secretary Kylie gave a synopsis of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday night 03.04.13.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Pink Ribbon charity – to be held on 19th–20th October at Mulherin Park - it was decided not to participate.
- The Club will support the 'Mackay Coastal Clean Up' to be held on Sunday, 19th of May. We have 'Adopted' the Cape Palmerston area in conjunction with The Queensland Parks & Wildlife group.
- Kable explained to the club members about the 'Four Wheel Drive Industrial Council' will not

accept 4wd's that have ROPs onto mine sites. This will mean that 4wd with 15-20k protection gear will no longer be allowed on site. This includes roll cages, fire extinguishers, bullbars etc. From 2016, no protection gear will be available in Australia for 4wd that are made from 2016 onwards. An email will be sent to club members for more information.

- The committee recommended that all members should have a minimum 5 watt, UHF radio installed in their vehicle. Further discussion will be held regarding this, as the current 2 watt handhelds are not suitable over long distances. Additionally, we would like to ask that all members carry the required minimum recovery gear and First Aid kit equipment, as outlined in the March club magazine.
- Acceptance of new club members – There was discussion on the present system where new members are accepted on the first meeting night & are allowed to drive on club trips once they have completed their Driver Awareness course. It was suggested that a trial period of one month be instigated before new members may participate in club activities.
- Kylie – There are still 3 calendars to be delivered upon payment.
- Awards night June 1st. Theme – Casino / Cocktail night. There are only 2 meetings before this night so we ask members to put on their thinking caps & to 'dob in' anyone they believe deserves an Award. In order to assist the committee with meal numbers for the venue, we would request that members may choose to pay at the May meeting \$25 / Head. Kids \$5. Kathy did a special photo presentation of previous awards nights to show the new members what we get up to on the night. Lots of fun will be had by all so come along.
- It was raised that the club should investigate a new 4wd club t-shirt design as the old green one is now outdated. Sherry volunteered to

approach some businesses with the aim of organizing sponsorship for Logo's.

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DRIVER AWARENESS REPORT:

- 8 new members completed their theory and practical awareness training in March.

VOTED IN:

- New members were introduced and applications voted on. New members are: Patrick & Linley Harvey, Tony & Kristine Maiorana, Jeremy Rogers & Debra Allan, Henry & Virginia Allan
- Returning members – Naidu & Geeka Ritesh, Gavin Crothers.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Postponed.

RAFFLE:

- Congratulations to Fay Devery for winning a TJM Tyre Gauge & Graham & Lexie Walker for a TJM Carry Bag.

Next Committee Meeting on 8th May 2013.

Next General Meeting on 13th May 2013.

Meeting Closed: 9.10 pm by President Terry Devery.

May birthdays



ALLAN Henry
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DEVERY Terry
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CAPE PALMERSTON MUD DRIVING DAY – 10 MARCH 2013

Nine vehicles led by Kable and Sherry Gilliland left Macs Truck Stop at 8.15am on Sunday 10/3/13. We only got down the road a little and Laurie's vehicle started to play up which was put down to dirty fuel. I am sure his vehicle was not game to play up after that. There was some discussion on who owned the bra which was hanging from the sign in front of the crematorium and whether it was Kurt's or Scottie's.

Nearing Koumala it was asked if anyone knew the story about the building on top of the ridge looking out to your right. The answer is apparently a D8 dozer dragged a caravan up there some years ago.

We turned off onto Cape Palmerston Road and were surprised just how dry and dusty the road was until we got to one causeway where all the bitumen was in the creek beside the causeway. We came upon a few puddles in varying sizes until we got to one very large deep hole just to get everyone a little more interested.

We arrived at the sign that states "4WD access only" where there was water across the road and we decided to turn right and up into the first camp grounds where we found a very high tide and the wind blowing a gale. Some of the group had some smoko while others had a look around.

After a survey of the situation and much discussion a vote was taken to hit the inland road first up and come back along the beach. Everyone set about airing down and making any adjustments that were needed and we headed off.

So at 9:50am we set off on the inland road and not very far in, it was quite evident that not too many people had been on the track recently. There was quite a lot of branches and lantana hanging onto the track and oh boy how bad did that water stink at the start of the track, it was putrid. Thank goodness

the water did not stink further on down the track.

The track was pretty good really, considering the amount of rain the Mackay District has received in the last 2 months. Kurt cleared a number of low lying branches with his roof rack for the rest of the cars. There were sections that were dry and flat which had Mick Gillyeat make the comment "are we going to do any 4WDing today".

Not long after this comment, we came across a very wet area where four vehicles went through a side track and then Mick Gillyeat promptly got bogged. The front four vehicles waited patiently. While pulling Mick Gillyeat out another vehicle got bogged and then the other three vehicles behind him then got bogged as well and these were Laurie, Scott Head, Quinton and Staggy. There was a lot of chatter on the 2way and lots of revving of engines and much fun was had by all. Sometime later just over an hour the group reformed and headed off again.

Then we got to the edge of the well known tea tree swamp which has halted many a vehicle and again it lived up to its reputation. I have seen the swamp in a lot muddier condition in the past but this time there was a fair amount of water covering the tracks. Eventually Kable and Scottie got through to the other side. Well that is what we thought. As Kable left the tea tree swamp and went to go up a washed out embankment, the embankment gave way causing Kable's vehicle to drop down into a bad washout which was like quicksand causing some damage to Kable's vehicle.

At the same time Kurt got himself bogged. So while Kurt was getting himself out, winching a couple of times the rest of the drivers were walking about the swamp deciding how and which track they would take to get through. While they were considering their options Kurt proceeded to

rally car himself through the rest of the tea tree swamp coming close to kissing a very large tree. So while Kurt and others set about recovering Kable from his dilemma we all listened to the cars engines revving while they were splashing around in the sloppy muddy water across the swamp.

We arrived at Windmill Bay camping grounds at 12:45pm, all keen to get the chairs out and have a hard earned rest, lunch and talk about the morning's events.

We headed off to the lookout for some photos, a look around the place and some more chatting. After a little while we headed back down the track and all took off down the beach back to the main camp

grounds where we all lined up across the beach for a photo opportunity and some also aired back up. Everyone headed off around 3:15pm and a great day was had by all.

Story by Kelley Potter

Michael Ward-Grodd has uploaded some video action of this trip onto YouTube:

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bmLFuW-tXbM>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P92xvInDzak>
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HORSE CREEK DAY TRIP – 21 APRIL 2013

What a great attendance for this trip: Jeeps represented by (Grand Cherokee) Michael W-G with his boys and one of their mates, (JK Wrangler) Iain P and Mel and (TJ Wrangler) John L with Jarred. In Patrols were Rob and Karen P with Rhys and Mitch, Bruce W as trip leader, Ritesh and Geeta with their littl'uns, Gavin and Stacey, Peter and Vivian, Quenton and Lilla, and Ken and Ange with Kiera. Andrew and Donna with Jai and Tai were along in their shiny Prado, Mick G was in his Landcruiser with Aaron in the passenger seat and Laurie was there representing team Hilux. A fantastic turnout with 33 people along for the adventure which included 11 kids, and more importantly..... two other Jeeps on the trip WOOHOOOO!

All assembled at Wests in Walkerston and the convoy set off at 8.25am with talk of how the track was going to be considering the overnight rain. There was the usual over-the-radio banter with people checking their radios, some catching up on recent trips and tales, and of course taking the mickey at every opportunity.

I would like to gratuitously take the opportunity to say thanks to the people at Nixon Communications. I went in there the day before the trip to see if I could book my radio in to get looked at. There was one of their fitters in at the time but not rostered on, just visiting. He overheard me explaining the problems I was having with my radio and despite the fact that it was his day off he offered to have a look at it for me. After a quick look around he adjusted a few settings and splashed a bit of solder around and now the radio is operational again. That's service with a capital "S" in my book so thanks very much to Nixon's!

We got to the dirt road turnoff at the back of Pinnacle at 9 am and was agreed that we would pull in for a quick smoko at Captain's Crossing before tackling the Horse Creek loop track. Well we only had four vehicles

onto the creek bed when word rang out that Andrew's Prado had slid off the track going down onto the creek bed and that winches were required. A very clever recovery was employed whereby a vehicle up and behind and to the right attached its winch cable to the back of the Prado and another vehicle was attached down and forward and to the right. This enabled the Prado to be pulled sideways out of the ditch and back onto the track without any side damage. Very clever and interesting to watch. All this and we hadn't even hit the tough track so with this in mind some of the vehicles elected to give the creek bed a miss.



After enjoying a quick break with smoko by the flowing creek it was back to the main track and onto Horse Creek. Along the way some vehicle elected to take a small detour down into a bypass track that was plagued with very deep erosion ruts on the steep descent and ascent which was impressively conquered by all who attempted it, except one me and my Jeep. I had to have a few attempts at the second half of the uphill out but with the Rob's expert guidance and the V8 growling I got out, alas this is the point where I think I blew out my rear left shockie.



We proceeded on to the Horse Creek loop track turnoff and within 500m the next obstacle was encountered. A long deeply rutted downhill track leading down to a large strong flowing creek greeted us and although the first couple of vehicles got down, Iain and Mel in the KJ Wrangler slid sideways into an extremely deep rut which no option but to winch out. With those on their way down to the creek some energetic tossing of boulders, rocks and logs ensued. With the track stacked in such a way as to push the steer tyres away from the rut the rest of the convoy was able to press on down. It was pretty gnarly with the "Jesus" bar on the passenger side of Peter's Nissan getting a workout!

The creek at the bottom had a boulder strewn edge and was strong flowing at about 600mm deep and about four car lengths across so that washed out a bit of the mud from under our vehicles. The problem with this was that each vehicle was carrying a lot of water out of the creek and the water was draining out all the way up the slippery track up and out the other side. Ritesh was having a bit of a battle with traction up the hill but with words of encouragement and direction Bruce managed to guide Ritesh and the next few vehicles to the top. Peter assumed the role for the second half of the convoy and in no time we were all up and away. By the time we travelled a few more hundred metres we caught up with the first half of the convoy stopped again. This time there was a tree down across the track. The roaring sound of many chainsaws erupted and testosterone flowed freely. Within half an hour we were back on our way again.



It was at about this stage that I began to think that we might be getting home a little later than planned tonight and it was beginning to become quite evident that there were a few key factors that had come into play that had got us through to this point on the track. They were good communication, patience, teamwork and looking out for those behind us. Everyone had contributed in some fashion to those around them getting through which was great.



Next obstacle was the hairpin left turn drop off into and up out of a small creek then back up a short steep bank with hairpin turn out. The drop in was particularly nerve-racking as it was a sheer blind drop in where we just had to trust the person guiding us. John, who was tail-end Charlie in his TJ Jeep ran right up to this tricky entry point and guided most of us down and in. I managed to get crossed up coming out of the little creek and luckily Peter was able to turn around and come back down to snatch me out. It was at this stage that I blew out my right front shockie so from now on I was floating on two coil springs and only two functioning shockies. Coming back out and onto the hairpin was made even more tricky due to it becoming wetter with each vehicle coming out. There was also a large gum tree threatening to bang some side panels if we slid too far sideways but the dense clumps of lantana between the cars and the tree bounced us back in the other direction away from the tree. Give me bush pin-striping over panel damage any day I say.

A clear pattern was emerging, go, stop, go, stop, go a little further then stop again. Mud everywhere, lots of sloppy puddles, everyone slipping and sliding, and everyone enjoying the challenge (but maybe the previously mentioned "Jesus" bar was getting too much of a workout by this stage!). An hour had passed since we left the chain sawed tree behind and we had only progressed a further 1 kilometre.



A bit further on and Bruce had arrived at somewhat of an impasse. A deep shot gully with two exit options required a double snatch block recovery with his winch and only just managed to get through only to find a much worse spot only a very short distance past that. The next two cars tried the gully without success as it had been messed up badly from just one vehicle. By this stage the whole convoy had caught up and gathered at the gully for assessment.

It was almost 2pm and with at least 75% of the loop track still ahead of us (we had only managed about 3kms in the 3 ½ hrs since we left Captains Crossing) it was unanimously agreed that the best course of action would be to turn around and head back out. It was also decreed that it was time that had beaten us and not the track. Given how well we had all worked together to get each other to this point we still felt we had achieved a great deal considering what the track had thrown at us.

We knew that we should expect equally challenging progress on the trip out but what seemed like no time at all we emerged

back out of the start of the loop track with very few incidents along the way, or so we thought at least. With seven vehicles out in close succession we pulled over to the side of the main dirt road and waited.....and waited, and no-one else had come out. A couple of cars decided to double back to see what was holding them up. One car had somehow gone totally off the track and was being cradled precariously sideways on a nasty angle by some thankfully robust lantana bushes (I had better not mention Ritesh's name here as I don't want him to feel embarrassed). Some more clever winching was employed and another Nissan was rescued from the brink. I believe that there were a few other close calls from the group bringing up the rear.



Those of us that were up front and had conquered the trip out without incident, made our way back to Captains Crossing. We arrived there just after 3pm and proceeded to air up our tyres, reflect on the day's events and plan to revisit the track after it has had a chance to dry out a fair bit. While the kids got a chance to stretch their legs and have a play in the sand on the creek's edge I decided to have a look over the car not looking forward to the cleanup up when I got home. As well as mud wedged into every crevice under the car and mud all over the outside of the car, even on the roof, I noticed that the inside door panels on the passenger side and the rear doors also had a liberal pasting of small muddy shoe and foot prints. Oh joy. Then when I was clearing some muck out from under that radiator I discovered that I

must have belted the steering damper on a rock or something as it was dented and cracked and bleeding a little. Bloody hell this had turned into an expensive 3km drive!!



With everyone assembled back at Captains Crossing by 3.30pm and compressors humming away it was great to see that everyone, although muddy and tired, were in great spirits and had enjoyed not only the challenges presented by the tracks but also the camaraderie and teamwork that had gotten us all through (reasonably) unscathed. After a group shout of all those who attended (I was behind the camera) we all set on our way home for a big clean-up and a couple of coldies I'm sure.



Thanks to everyone helped each other along the tracks and a special thanks to Bruce for leading the trip and to John for putting his hand up for the role of tail-end Charlie. It was great to see so many people and the kids had a great time too. It was particularly memorable for me as this

was the first time that I have been on a club trip with other jeeps in the convoy. I look forward to seeing them and everyone else again on the tracks soon.

Story & photos by Michael Ward-Grodd



Michael Ward-Grodd has uploaded some video action of this trip onto YouTube:

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LcbS3ErKHYg>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGEEdVtSH2Ro>

There is also some footage on the club's facebook page – Mackay and District 4wd club.

Fines:

Retish – For being late and not having a UHF radio

Mick -For checking that his radio was working to many times

Andrew - For getting stuck on the first decent obstacle at Captains Crossing

Aaron, Ian, Lawrie, Mick, Retish and Ken

-For not even attempting the same obstacle

The Jeep recovery vehicle -For demonstrating how to get recovered again and again

Retish -For driving off the track and getting stuck up against a lantana bush

Bruce -For missing the lunch break

Fine to anyone who got caught with road tyres in the boggy conditions

Both Micks - For having winches that did not work.

Mick WG -For blowing a shock absorber early in the day.

Fines by Rob & Karen Penfold

MAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OPENED:

7.15pm Wednesday 08.05.13 at Peter Grech's residence by President Terry Devery.

ATTENDANCE:

Alan Lovett, Derek VK, Peter Grech, Kathy Searle, Bruce Wosley, Kylie Jones & Terry Devery

APOLOGIES: Kable Gilliland & Steve Whykes.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Resolved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday (8/04/2013), be confirmed as per magazine. Moved by Alan, Seconded by Peter, Carried by All.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- Nil

CORRESPONDENCE: for period 05/03/13 – 02/04/13

Inwards:

- North Jacklin acceptance letter to continue advertising in the club magazine, plus a cheque for the same.
- Aust Post Statement
- Account from NQBE for April.
- Letter of thanks and Certificate Of Appreciation from Cancer Council Qld re our Donation
- Email from Mackay Costal Clean Up requesting an address so they could forward out Posters & Flyers.
- Emails from various suppliers, web page adverts, etc.
- Email enquiries from people interested in joining the club - James Green, Ryan Bailey, Steve Flynn and Rob Andersen.
- Magazines were received from The Mackay Landrover Club & Burdekin Club.
- Information e-mail from the Qld Association of 4wd Clubs.
- Letter from Annette Barker re Eimeo Road Bi-Annual Fair to be held on Sunday 28th July advising that they have room for a 'Static' display if we wanted to show off our vehicles & club.
- Letter from Charles Gosling advising that due to family changes he will have less time for the club & would like to withdraw any involvement in the Trip Activity Role.

- Email from Kelvin & Natalie discussing their approaches to join various 4wd clubs on their travels. They agree that our club has most things in place as they were & they wish everybody all the best for the future.

Outwards:

- Terry replied to the e-mail enquiries re info on the Club.
- Reply to Costal Clean re delivery of Posters, etc.
- Secretary sent a thank you letter to Frank Marchetti re his interesting talk on Mountain Climbing.
- Various e-mails to & from members of the Awards Committee re the arrangements for the Awards night.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Derek read the Treasurer's report.

Opening Balance	\$ 8384.57
Total Deposits	\$ 487.95
Total Withdrawals	\$ 300.98
Closing Balance	\$ 8572.04

Accounts paid:

• Kathy Searle (postage) -	\$ 21.30
• NQBE -	\$103.20
• Cancer Council	\$100.00
• Bank Fees -	\$ 10.00
• Terry Devery (raffle)	\$ 25.98
• TJM products (raffle)	\$ 40.00

Accounts passed for payment:

Nil

Moved by Kathy, Seconded by Terry, Carried by All.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Awards Night. Cost of children's meals to be discussed. Subsidy by Club? Meals will cost \$ 5.00
- Mackay Bowls club rang re inquiries they receive from the public re club info. Terry will supply copies of our 'To the Visitor' letter, for

them to hand out. If they are agreeable we could also place a Plaque on the wall at the Reception Desk stating that this is the meeting place of our Club.

- AGM to be held in July. All members are to give some thought to the positions they wish to take up.
- The Qld Association has provided a Comprehensive Report on their Presidents meetings & all business that is happening at the State level. Kylie has forwarded this out to all members. It would pay for all to have a read through this report as they will then see how far the scope of the Association reaches in regard to promoting sensible four wheel driving on our behalf. They are also involved in helping with Community events where this is appropriate. Access to some Forestry Areas is also discussed.
- Discussion on the 4 Procedures Manual items which are to be tabled at the general meeting.
- Outstanding Calendars? Sell at a reduced price or donate to our Advertisers?

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR:

Bruce Wolsey gave report:

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Suggestion raised that a Ladies Driving day be slotted into our yearly trip list. Volunteers to organise requested.

DRIVER AWARENESS OFFICER:

- Nil

MEETING CLOSED: 9pm.

ANZAC WEEKEND AT WASHPOOLS

The Johnsons and the Christensens took advantage of the almost long weekend around ANZAC day to do a recce to the Washpools. They had rain the first arvo/evening, lots of rain that is and then it was brilliant afterwards. Unfortunately this rain meant that the Van Kerckhof family who were coming out on Friday night couldn't cross the river only 5 minutes from camp! The fishing was not as good as Easter weekend but was enjoyed by Dana and Ryan. Surprisingly the water didn't seem as cold as Easter, go figure that one.



MINUTES OF MAY GENERAL MEETING

GENERAL MEETING held at North Mackay Bowls Club on 13th May 2013.

Meeting opened at 7.45pm by President Terry Devery.

ATTENDANCE:

As per the attendance book.

APOLOGIES:

Matt Baumann, Jeff Walker, Graham & Lexie Walker, Vivien & Martin Collins, Angie & Tony Brennan, Ian Mac

VISITORS:

K & P.E. & S.P. Moore, J & M & C Ryan, David Carty, Sharon & Dominic Kitchin, Kerry & Peter Morse, John, Jannette & Jake Saelman, Paul Hunton, Joni Woollard, Marjorie Seccombe-Nielsen, Rob Anderson, Ian Hayes

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Resolved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 8.04.13 be confirmed as per magazine.

Moved by Leanne Kemp Seconded by John Langhton, Carried by all.

Business arising from the minutes: Nil

SECRETARY FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards:

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- Email from Kelvin & Natalie discussing their approaches to join various 4wd clubs on their travels. They agree that our club has most things in place as they were & they wish everybody all the best for the future.

Outwards:

- Terry replied to the e-mail enquiries re info on the Club.
- Reply to Costal Clean re delivery of Posters, etc.
- Secretary sent a thank you letter to Frank Marchetti re his interesting talk on Mountain Climbing.
- Various e-mails to & from members of the Awards Committee re the arrangements for the Awards night.

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

Moved by Fay Seconded by Kable, Carried by All.

Business arising:

- Nil.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Derek VK read details of report:

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Accounts passed for payment :

Nil

Moved by Fay, Seconded by Kathy Searle, Carried by All.

Business arising:

- Treasurer still to follow up payment for magazine advertising.
- Details of Treasurer's report are available for viewing at meetings.

COMMITTEE MEETING BUSINESS:

Secretary Kylie gave a synopsis of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday night 03.04.13.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Awards Night. It was agreed that children's meals will be subsidized by the club. Parents to pay \$5 per meal.
- Mackay Bowls club rang re inquiries they receive from the public re club info. Terry will supply copies of our 'To the Visitor' letter, for them to hand out. If they are agreeable we could also place a Plaque on the wall at the Reception Desk stating that this is the meeting place of our Club. Terry to follow up.
- The president reminded members that the AGM to be held in July and to give some thought to the positions they wish to take up.
- The Qld Association has provided a Comprehensive Report on their Presidents meetings & all business that is happening at the State level. Kylie has forwarded this out to all members. It would pay for all to have a read through this report as they will then see how far the scope of the Association reaches in regard to promoting sensible four wheel driving on our behalf. They are also involved in helping with Community events where this is appropriate. Access to some Forestry Areas is also discussed.
- Discussion on the 4 Procedures Manual items.
 - Members were asked if anyone objected to the club retaining equipment for members to use on club trips, etc.? There were no objections.
 - There were no objections from club members to amend the procedures manual to state that Hand Held radios may be used by members for a max of 2 club trips. Following this period a 5watt vehicle mounted UHF will be required for any future trips.
 - No objections were raised in regards to the procedure of voting new people into the club and joining on the first night.. New members must then complete the driver awareness

theory and practical course prior to any club trip.

- Outstanding calendars to be donate to our advertisers.

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR:

Report presented by Alan Lovett as Bruce Wolsey was overseas

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FUTURE TRIPS

- Sat – Sun 18-19th May – King Pin Weekend Trip
- Sun 19th May – Mackay Coastal Clean-up @ Camp Palmerston
- Sat 1st June – Awards night
- Sat-Sun-Mon 8th – 10th June Sandy Shores Camp

DRIVER AWARENESS REPORT:

- 8 new members completed their theory and practical awareness training in April.

VOTED IN:

- New members were introduced and applications voted on. New members are: Chris Pozza. Peter & Kerry Morse. Ian Hayes & Rachele Benussi. Paul Hunton & Joni Woollard. Stephen & Pam Mooore. John & Janette Saelman. Kane Moore. Dominic & Sharon Kitchin, & Jenny Ryan.

GUEST SPEAKER:

David Carty bought along his Oil Additive machine to demonstrate the effectiveness of his products in reducing friction between the moving parts of an engine, etc.

RAFFLE:

- Congratulations to Jim McNichol for winning an 80 channel handheld radio & Henry Hallan for a Rechargeable light.

Next Committee Meeting on 13th June 2013.

Next General Meeting on 17th June 2013.

Meeting Closed: 8.57 pm by President Terry Devery.

Notice for ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NORTH MACKAY BOWLS CLUB on MONDAY 08TH JULY, 2013

AGM commences @ 7.00pm with format being:-

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / GENERAL MEETING

Counter type meals will be available from 6.00pm to 7.30pm

The Meetings will commence with the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING @ 7.00pm.**

Before the election of Office Bearers President Steve will hand over proceedings to Secretary Alan who will commence elections with the position of President. The new President will then complete the election process and the new executive will then conduct a normal **GENERAL MEETING**

Club Fees of \$65.00 due at AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Format

- Open Meeting
- Presidents opening remarks
- Attendance Book
- Apologies
- Minutes of previous AGM
- Business arising from minutes
- Correspondence (AGM related)
- Presidents Report

- Treasurers Report and presentation of audited financial statement of income and expenditure, Auditors report etc.
- Activity Co-ordinator's Report
- Appointment of Auditor
- General Business (AGM related)
- Election of Office Bearers
- Date of next AGM
- Meeting close.

HANDOVER OCCURS and new executive conduct the GENERAL MEETING

GENERAL MEETING Format

- Open Meeting
- Minutes of previous June GM
- Correspondence
- Treasurers Report
- Committee Meeting synopsis

- General Business
- Activity Co-ordinator
- Guest Speaker for July if applicable
- Fines & Quotes
- Raffles
- Next General Meeting date
- Next Committee Meeting date/place

Elected COMMITTEE MEMBER positions

Elected COMMITTEE MEMBER	NOMINATED MEMBER	NOMINATOR	SECONDER
PRESIDENT			
VICE PRESIDENT			
SECRETARY			
TREASURER			
DRIVER AWARENESS & ENVIRONMENTAL OFF.			
ACTIVITY CO-ORD			

OFFICIAL Nomination Forms FOR ABOVE must be lodged with secretary asap before the AGM at which the election is to take place.

Appointed / volunteer OFFICE BEARER positions

Editor
Ass. Editor
Ass. Act Co-or
Insurance Officer

Pub. Rel. Officer
Committee Member
Ass Comm. Member
Training Off. #1

Hostess
Greeters
QAFWDC Rep.#1
Web Page editor

CLEAN UP DAY – CAPE PALMERSTON 19 MAY 2013

Cape Palmerston was gorgeous on Sunday morning. The waves rolled onto the sand, seagulls walked the water's edge and the sky was a deep clear blue, and then appeared at the top of the track, a convoy of eco conscious 4WD enthusiasts and a National Parks truck. Out rolled about 30 people young and old, to clean up this wonderful place, so, "wear your gloves, sunscreen and hats, drink plenty of water and we'll see you back here for lunch". Well that was great incentive.



Thongs and rope are partial and scattered, a pair of men's shoes decaying and forgotten. Bear cans and bottles, irrigation pipe, foam and toothbrushes by the dozen so many things foreign to our coastline and our marine life. It's a horrifying thought of how it all got there but it was gratifying to drive the length of the beach and only see sand, trees and rock in the end.



So... whose back aches? But whose mind is a little more at peace with the contentment of a job well done. Everywhere we looked something small, blue and fragile, so much of it in a place of grandeur. Where did these fragments come from and why is there so many? I walk a little further and see a blue 20L chemical drum, it's too big to force into my bag. I throw it toward Peter and his ute load of rubbish and it shatters on the rocks. I have answered my own question and made more work for myself.

The lunch was certainly worth the work. The gratitude of the Eco Barge Clean Seas group was overwhelming. We were offered soft drink to wash away the sand and gourmet sausages from the Sausage King in Airlie with salad all wrapped up in a burger bun. Now when I say gourmet I mean 'how many different flavours?' right down to catering with vegetarian ones, mind you, they sat cooling for a while... they must have been for the organising staff. In my short time with the club I have come to notice... meat is popular!



The outcome of the day was amazing. The National Parks truck was over full with another load being taken away in a trailer. All up, 704.6kg was removed from the beach edge on the day and a little more still remained.



This reminds us how mindful we all must be on water and on sea and that whenever we traipse away from home to carry bags to collect our own and that of any other eco-less person that has been there before us.

Story & photos by Kristine Maiorana
Extra photos by Terry Devery

**Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
at North Mackay Bowls Club
Monday 8th July 2013 @ 7pm**

The General Meeting will follow the AGM.

and

**CLUB FEES of \$65.00 are due by June 30th 2013
Please pay our Treasurer Derek Van Kerckhof either
in cash at the next club meeting or by direct debit into the
club account with your name as the reference.**

**Account name: Mackay & District 4WD club
BSB: 064724 Account: 10172580**

Activities Calendar

JUN/JUL 2013

Sat 15th JUNE – TJM AFTERNOON Grade 1 Trip Leader: Committee**Meet at the rear entrance of TJM, Milton St, Mackay**

Sausage sizzle & drinks with product information presentations by industry representatives. Browse the shop for your latest 4wd requirements.

Requirements: Cash & Credit card!**Mon 17th JUNE – GENERAL MEETING AT NORTH MACKAY BOWLS CLUB @ 7.30pm****Thurs -Sun 20th – 23rd JUNE – 5 ROCKS / BYFIELD Grade 4 Trip Leader: TBA****Meet at Mac's Truck Stop, 8.00 for 8.15 departure**

Beach camping trip near Rockhampton to take advantage of the show public holiday. Suitable for trailers
Trip distance – 700 - 800km

Requirements: Camping gear, recovery gear, full tank of fuel, first aid kit, BYO shower & toilet, water & food.**Sat – Sun 22st – 22nd JUNE – KING PIN WEEKEND TRIP Grade 3-5 Trip Leader: TBA****Meet at Wests Car Park, Branscombe Road, Walkerston 8.00 for 8.15 departure**

This trip takes you through two cattle properties and state forest. There could be a couple of difficult climbs and creek crossings depending on track condition at the time. If the track hasn't been used for a while there may be some scrub clearing or fallen trees to be removed. This is an exciting drive with an overnight camp along the way. Trip distance 350km.

Requirements: Full recovery gear, full tank of fuel, first aid kit, overnight camping gear, water & food. Tools for clearing and repairing tracks – chainsaw, mattock, shovel & axe are suggested. Don't forget the camera.**NOT SUITABLE FOR TRAILERS.****Sat – Sun 29th – 30th JUNE – STRINGYS CAMP Grade 1-2 Trip Leader: TBA****Meet at Wests Car Park, Branscombe Road, Walkerston 8.00 for 8.15 departure**

This is a lovely bush camp approx 1 ¼ hours from Mackay in the Crediton State Forest. Set up on a grassed area beside a flowing creek. This was once the site of a logging camp of a local Eungella family but has since been overgrown. Some members of the club have cleared a large area for camping. OK for day trip when others are camping. Trip distance – 200-250km

Requirements: Camping gear, recovery gear, full tank of fuel, first aid kit, BYO shower & toilet, water & food. Suitable for trailers.**Sun 7th JULY – CAPTAINS CROSSING / EUNGELLA DAY TRIP Grade 4****Trip Leader: TBA****Meet at Wests Car Park, Branscombe Road, Walkerston 8.00 for 8.15 departure**

Day trip into the Mia-Mia & Crediton State Forest if the track is open. Trip distance – 200 - 250km.

Requirements: Full recovery gear, full tank of fuel, first aid kit, water & food.**Mon 6th JULY – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & GENERAL MEETING AT
NORTH MACKAY BOWLS CLUB @ 7.00pm**

Sun 14th JULY – DENHAM RANGE – MOONLIGHT DAM DAY TRIP Grade 3-4**Trip Leader: TBA****Meet at Wests Car Park, Branscombe Road, Walkerston 8.00 for 8.15 departure**

A rugged day drive on tracks in the Crediton State Forest if the track is open. Trip distance 200-250km.

Requirements: Full recovery gear, full tank of fuel, first aid kit, water & food.**Sat- Sun 20th – 21st JULY – EUNGELLA DAM / HAZLEWOOD GORGE Grade 1-3****Trip Leader: TBA****Meet at Wests Car Park, Branscombe Road, Walkerston 8.00 for 8.15 departure**

This is a bush camp approx 1 ¾ hours from Mackay at Eungella Dam. We will set up camp near the day and explore the area with side trips to Hazlewood Gorge and/or Diggings track. Trip distance – 300-350km.

Requirements: Camping gear, recovery gear, full tank of fuel, first aid kit, BYO shower & toilet, water & food.

Toilet & showers (cold) are available at the grounds. Dam water available for showers too.

Suitable for trailers.

SUN 28th JULY – CATHU DAY TRIP Grade 4-5 Trip Leader: TBA**Meet at Conningsby Service Station 8.00 for 8.15 departure**

Day drive on some rugged tracks in the Cathu State Forest. The club hasn't been here for a while so there could be lots of clearing to do. Trip distance – 250 - 300km

Requirements: Full recovery gear, full tank of fuel, first aid kit, water & food. Tools for clearing and repairing tracks – chainsaw, mattock, shovel, axe are suggested. Don't forget the camera.**Mon 12th AUG – GENERAL MEETING AT NORTH MACKAY BOWLS CLUB @ 7.30pm**

**Note: Thursday evening (10pm) is the final notice to attend a trip.
Names in trip book for all activities please.**

Trip Contact:**Bruce Wolsey - 0458 007 700 (ring or text)****Email: bhwolsey@mrbean.net.au**

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Before the Meeting

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