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Second Monday
of each
month at
North Mackay
Bowls Club

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7.30pm
Monday
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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 roadworthy condition. The Association reserves the right to demand a Safety Certificate from an authorized Inspection Station designated by the Association, at the Member's expense. All drivers shall hold a current Drivers License.
- 4) Every 4WD vehicle on Association trips and/or 4WD activity must be fitted with front and rear towing points.
- 5) Every 4WD vehicle must carry basic recovery gear and First Aid Kit on Association activities.
- 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.

Management Committee



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DECEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 04/ 12 / 2013

at **Peter Morse** Residence

MEETING OPENED: at 7.47pm by President Peter Morse

ATTENDANCE: Peter, Derek, John, Bruce, Alan & Terry

APOLOGIES: Kristine Maiorana, Kathy Searle, Peter Grech, Kylie Jones and Steve Whykes

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Resolved that the minutes of the previous Committee meeting on Wed 06/11/2013 be confirmed as per Secretary's email.

Moved by Peter M, Sec - by Peter G, Carried by all

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE: For the period;

11 / 11 / 2013 to 04 / 12 / 2013

Inwards:

- Com Bank Statement for October.
- Letter from the Australian Business Register requesting confirmation of our ABN, contact details.
- Minutes of the Qld Association Reps meeting.
- TCIS Insurance information regarding Public Liability Ins and Voluntary Workers Insurance.
- Cancer Council Qld information & appeal for donations.
- Burdekin Club magazine & Minutes of their AGM & November club meeting minutes.
- Magazine from the Mackay Landrover Club.
- Enquiries via e-mail from Matthew Patterson & Chris Browning.

Outwards

- Terry replied to the e-mail inquiries.
- Appreciation Awards have been forwarded to Debbie Dodds & John Robertson for the excellent job they did when judging our recent photo competition.

TREASURERS REPORT: Derek Van Kerckhof

Opening Balance \$ 10,326.64

Total Deposits \$ 319.10

Accounts Paid / Total Withdrawals \$ 697.75

Closing Balance \$ 9,947.99

ACCOUNTS PAID:

ACCOUNTS PASSED FOR PAYMENT:

DEPOSITS:

Moved by John, Seconded by Bruce, Carried by all

BUSINESS ARISING FROM TREASURERS

REPORT: Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Secretary to complete form and return to the Australian Business Register with updated contact details.
- It was decided not to contribute any further funds to the Cancer Council at this point.
- Burdekin club has supplied contact details re further discussion for our combined trip in 2014.
- Angy & Fay have purchased extra raffle prizes which will be distributed at the December meeting.
- Fay organized the 2 platters of food which was approved by members, to be available at the December meeting. The Bowls Club will also supply tea & coffee for this meeting.
- The Major Raffle of the 5watt UHF Radio will be drawn at our final December meeting. Thanks again for this donation by a club member.

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR TRIP REPORT: - Bruce Wolsey. Nil

DRIVER AWARENESS OFFICER REPORT: BY Terry for Peter Grech

Bernie Laffy completed theory and practical

MEMBERSHIP; There are currently 75 family memberships in the club.

INSURANCE REPORT; Alan discussed the information supplied by TCIS

EDITOR REPORT; Nil.

P.R. REPORT; Appreciation Awards posted to Photo Comp Judges by Terry.

MEETING CLOSED:- at 8.45 pm.



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GENERAL MEETING held at NORTH MACKAY BOWLS CLUB, Malcomson Street. On 09/ 12 / 2013

MEETING OPENED: - at 7.45 pm
by President Peter Morse

ATTENDANCE: - As per the Attendance Book.

VISITORS: -Kelvin & Natalie Nayler., Peter Takagaki and Malina Morley.

APOLOGIES: - Kathy Searle. Peter Grech. Dominic & Sharon Kitchin

GUEST SPEAKER. NIL

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: -

Resolved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 11 / 11/ 2013 be confirmed as per magazine. (Bruce & John .) Carried by all

Business arising from the Minutes: - Nil...

SECRETARY Kathy Searle for Correspondence -
For period 12 / 11 / 2013 to 09 / 12 / 2013
(Read by Terry Devery)

Inwards: -

- Com Bank Statement for October.
- Letter from the Australian Business Register requesting confirmation of our ABN, contact details.
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- TCIS Insurance information regarding Public Liability Ins and Voluntary Workers Insurance.
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- Burdekin Club magazine & Minutes of their AGM & November club meeting minutes.
- Magazine from the Mackay Landrover Club.
- Enquiries via e-mail from Matthew Patterson & Chris Browning.

Outwards: -

- Terry replied to all e-mail enquiries re club information.
- Appreciation Awards have been forwarded to Debbie Dodd & John Robertson for the excellent job they did in judging our recent photo competition

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

(Michael Ward-Grodd & Stuart Palmer) Carried.

Business arising:Nil

TREASURER Derek Van Kerckhof for Report -

Opening Balance;	\$ 10,326.64
Total Deposits;	\$ 329.10
Accounts Paid / Total Withdrawals.	\$ 697.75
Closing Balance;	\$ 9,957.99

Accounts Paid:

• Jeanette Van Kerckhof – Xmas party supplies	\$ 250.00
• Kylie Jones photo comp prizes	\$ 87.50
• Kylie Jones raffle prizes	\$ 38.00
• Aus Post	\$16.00
• NQBE	\$86.40
• Twisted embroidery	\$40.00
• Anniversary Prizes	\$39.90
• Mackay Council. Camp Fees. Seaforth	\$130.00
• Bank. Account Fee.	\$10.00

Accounts passed for payment: As per list.

Deposits:

• Membership Fees	\$ 65.00
• Fines	\$ 15.10
• Raffle	\$ 101.00
• Radio raffle	\$ 18.00
• Camp Fees	\$ 130.00

However several cheques the club has issued still need to be presented so the balance recorded is as per statement (Moved - Derek VK & Seconded by Tony Miorana)
Carried by all

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE TREASURERS REPORT:

- Details of the Treasurer's report are available for viewing at meetings

COMMITTEE MEETING BUSINESS: The secretary gives a synopsis of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Secretary will reply to the Australian Business Register, updating the club contact details.
- Michael Ward-Grodd discussed the recent Photo Comp. Queried if the photo's that were awarded a prize or honorable mention could be uploaded to the club web page so that all members could view them for future reference? The committee can pursue this and access the photos from members.
- Visiting 'previous' members Nat & Kel and Peter & Malina were welcomed back, by President Peter.

DRIVER AWARENESS REPORT Peter Grech—

- Bernie Laffy has completed the drivers awareness course and is now able to go on club trips

ACTIVITIES COORDINATORS: Bruce Wolsey & John Laughton (sharing the trip coordinator role)

Trip Report:

- Sun 17 Nov – Belmunda Day trip. Cancelled.
- Sat Sun 23 24 Nov – Seaforth Christmas party Camp. Report was presented by Joyce. 32 Adults & 15 Children attended and a great weekend was had by all.
- Sun 1 Dec – Horse Creek. Tane presented the report on the fun experienced in the harder sections while Peter handed out the fines.
- Sat Sun 7 – 8 Dec Sandy Shores. Cancelled.
- Sat 7 Dec – Pre-Christmas BBQ at Jim & Joyce's place. Members who attended enjoyed a fine B-B-Q meal & some great company over after dinner drinks.

Future Trips:

- Fri 13 Dec – Christmas Lights night drive.
- Sat 11 Jan – Pizza and Pav night
- Trip Schedule will be forwarded as usual

Some talk about combined trip with Burdekin 4wd Club for June Long weekend. 6 vehicle limit per club. More details to come.

NEW MEMBERS: Introduced and Applications Voted on – Peter Takagaki and Malina Morley. Francesca Wolsey. Kelvin & Natalie Nayler.

RAFFLE: Congratulations to:

- First Prize: The UHF 5watt in car Radio donated by Nixon Communications, was won by Michael Ward-Grodd.
- Market night. Some 30 or more prizes were drawn & won by most members who were present on the night

2 Platters of Sandwiches plus tea & coffee were enjoyed by all members after the meeting and Christmas greetings were exchanged as people head off on their annual holidays.

Next **GENERAL MEETING: 10 / 02 / 2014** at the North Mackay Bowls Club.

Next **COMMITTEE MEETING: 05/ 02 / 2014** at TBA
MEETING CLOSED: 8.30pm

*Congratulations to
Michael Ward-Grodd on your win
on the night*



And... here are some other budding punters on the night

McNichol Christmas B-B-Q.

6th December 2013

In keeping with tradition, the annual McNichol B-B-Q was held on Saturday evening. An enthusiastic group gathered to enjoy an evening together to discuss the past years events while watching the slide show of Jims photo's of the trips that have been completed.

The Cape York trip photos were particularly interesting as they brought back so many good memories & made us want to go and pack the cars to do it all over again. Dream on!! This night also saw the return of Kelvin & Natalie back to Mackay & it was great to spend some time catching up with them and listening to some of the stories of their travels through WA and parts beyond.

The B-B-Q was then organised with the Lovett boys being the cooks for their family for the night. Apart from one Kebab that was still mooing, they did a pretty good job and Alan got a rest for the evening. The rest of the night was spent enjoying a few cold drinks under the stars and we thank Jim & Joyce for providing a lovely venue.

Cheers

Terry



Pizza n' Pav Night

January 2014

The traditional Pizza & Pav night was held again this year to mark the start of the social calendar for 2014. As there is no meeting held in January, this is a good way for the club members to get together & discuss what has transpired over the Christmas break.

The group all met at Fay & Terry's residence at Slade Point and set up their tables and chairs under the rear patio & tarps that had been erected. We have a tradition of being rained out on these nights but this year we were lucky as it held off until the party was over.

A good night was had by all with some 30 Pizza's being consumed along with the Pavola & sweets that followed. The children made good use of the garage as their area and spent some time playing games & watching their DVD's on TV.

It was good to welcome back our travellers Kel & Nat and to also to entertain two new families who had come along to see how the club operates. With this good roll up of members being an indication of the club interest, we can look forward to a busy year of camping trips & driving activities in the new year ahead.



Mains
and
desert



Cheers
Terry

by Michael Ward-Grodd

"Sandy Shores

A Jeep's Perspective"





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*Australia Day Weekend showed the true spirit in us all.
The Jeep, Toyotas and Nissans had a ball,
With cattle yards to explore from years gone by
The massacre of hard wood for the ambers to roar into the night sky,
From the young and the old, the rough camp to the luxury,
We all love to explore this sunburnt country.*

by Kristine Maiorana



"Sandy Shores

Long weekend 25th-27th January 2014

Seven vehicles met up at Mac's Truckstop.

Leader – Kelvin,

Tail end Charlie – Terry

Story teller - me. ... *Whoa....* back up the 4wd – how did that happen?

First club trip for us, don't know anyone or where we are going – perfect choice. Ok so let's give it a go.



We drove about 1.5 hours and stopped off for smoko at a creek arguably named Parker Creek. Continued onto the homestead where no one was home so we proceeded along to the waterhole – already some campers there so moved on a bit down the track to a place that could fit the 2 camper trailers and 5 other 4wds with tents etc. 13 adults and 2 boys.

Settled in – put up our “home comforts” and was very hot even under the trees so most had a swim in the beautiful river. Water was weird in that it was patchy – very warm in places and cool in others (no the warm areas were not man made). Some had taken kayaks for paddling and fishing and the river was just perfect for them.

Sat around campfire in afternoon - some had a nana nap (ok it was me) and in evening a few drinks around the fire and lots of talk. For newbies it is a good chance to learn from others 4wd/camping experiences – good and bad. For others good chance to get to know others they may not have met before and to catch up on what everyone has been up to. Had a visitor that said the planned flooding for the area was on hold now. Good news.

Rain came early Sunday morning and drizzled on into afternoon. Off for a drive to “the hut”. Too greasy for the Loop track. 5 vehicles. On the way saw some broilgas, black cockatoos and the lead 4wd with Michael and Kel saw a snake on the road. Some parts of the track a little greasy after the rain but no trouble..although there was one driver who forgot he was in a 4wd club and had a bit of an issue with one bad bit of road while in 2wd. .. of course he was helpfully reminded of the need for 4wd on the return.

Had a good look around “the hut” admired the setting and the ingenious shower system. Drove back stopping at “seaside” which people said had changed a lot. Nice spot but generally agreed that we had chosen the best campsite for this trip – good choice Kel.

On way back stopped to get firewood and there was a photo opportunity with an anthill and the lead vehicle that had Michael driving and Kel navigator. Kel got out to take the photo and the ants may have been a tad annoyed because he certainly showed us some of his jumping, dancing moves.

Back to camp for late lunch and swim. Steven went fishing and caught a saratoga which Michael aka “the fishwhisperer” helped set free. Some Australia Day flags etc put up. Around campfire in evening – more yarns – lots of laughs.

Packed up camp mid morning Monday and headed home. What a great weekend. Excellent company, fantastic campsite and setting. This is exactly what we joined the club for. To go places we would not normally have access to and go with people that also appreciate the journey and the destination.

By Bev Bailey





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Activities Calendar

Denham Range – Moonlight Dam Day Trip

(Cancelled – NPWS tracks and roads closed due to wet)

Dates: Sunday 16 February 2014
Comment: Suggestions welcome for an alternative

Diggings Day Trip

Dates: Sunday 23 February 2014
Grade: 3-4
Location: Diggings track, Eungella State Forest
Type of Event: Day trip, rugged track
Meeting Place: Wests Car Park, Branscombe Road, Walkerston 8.00 for 8.15am departure
Requirements: Full recovery gear may assist. Picnic lunch.
Trip distance: 200km
Drinking Water: BYO
Comments: Side tracks may offer grade 4-5

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

Navigation Run

Dates: Sunday 2 March 2014
Grade: 1-3
Trip Leader: TBA
Location: Around the roads and tracks of Mackay.
Type of Event: Day trip, follow clues on a navigation run
Meeting Place: TBA
Requirements: Basic recovery gear. Picnic lunch.
Trip distance: 200km
Drinking Water: BYO
Comments: Arguments guaranteed, divorce lawyers available on site.

King Pin Weekend Trip

Dates: Saturday & Sunday 8-9 March 2014
Grade: 3-5
Trip Leader: TBA
Location: This trip takes you through two cattle properties and state forest.
Type of Event: 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.
Meeting Place: Mac's Truck Stop 8.00 for 8.15am departure
Requirements: Camp gear. Tools for clearing and repairing tracks – chainsaw, mattock, shovel, axe
Trip distance: 350km
Drinking Water: BYO
Showers/toilets: BYO shower & toilet. Get water from creek.
Comments: Not suitable for trailers

General Club Meeting

Dates: Monday 10 March 2014, 7.30pm
Location: North Mackay Bowls Club. Meals available before meeting



Stringys Camp

Dates: Saturday & Sunday 15-16 March 2014
Grade: 1-2
Trip Leader: TBA
Location: This is a bush camp approx 1 ¾ hours from Mackay in Crediton State Forest.
Type of Event: Bush Camp. Set up camp on a grassed area beside a flowing creek.
Meeting Place: Wests Car Park, Branscombe Road, Walkerston 8.00 for 8.15am departure
Requirements: Camping gear
Trip distance: 200-250km
Drinking Water: BYO
Showers/toilets: BYO. Get water from creek.

**All trips require the following:
Full tank of fuel, basic recovery gear, first aid kit, fitted, operating UHF radio with external mounted antenna**

Horse Creek

Dates: Sunday 23 March 2014
Grade: 4-5
Trip Leader: TBA
Location: Mia Mia State Forest area.
Type of Event: Day trip, rugged track, capable vehicles only
Meeting Place: Wests Car Park, Branscombe Road, Walkerston 8.00 for 8.15am departure
Requirements: Full recovery gear may assist. Picnic lunch.
Trip distance: 200km
Drinking Water: BYO
Comments: This track is for experienced drivers only. Must have done a Grade 3 trip prior to participating.

Denison Creek Camp and Day Trip Sunday

Dates: Saturday & Sunday 29-30 March 2014
Grade: 2-3
Trip Leader: TBA
Location: This is a bush camp approx 1.5 hours from Mackay on a cattle property.
Type of Event: Bush Camp. Drive around property tracks (grade 3-4).
Meeting Place: Wests Car Park, Branscombe Road, Walkerston 8.00 for 8.15am departure
Requirements: Camping gear
Trip distance: 300-350km
Drinking Water: BYO
Showers/toilets: BYO Shower/BYO Toilet. Get water from creek (May not be much available – BYO shower water).
Comments: Suitable for trailers. Can drive on tracks around the property and experience superb views of the local terrain. Day trippers can join the camp on Sunday and do a drive around the property.

Emu Gullies Camp

Dates: Saturday & Sunday 5-6 April 2014
Grade: 1-2
Trip Leader: TBA
Location: Drive to a nice quite spot 1hr 20mts south of Mackay. Relax, fish, swim and have fun. No 4WDing. A couple of kms of dirt track only. Excellent family campsite
Type of Event: Bush Camp. Set up camp on a grassed area beside a flowing creek.
Meeting Place: Mac's Truck Stop 8.00 for 8.15am departure



From:

The Editor

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