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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.

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SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 04/ 09 / 2013

at Peter Morse's Residence

MEETING OPENED: at 7.48pm by President Peter Morse

ATTENDANCE: Alan Lovett, Kylie Jones, Peter Morse, Bruce Wolsey, Derek VK, Kathy Searle

APOLOGIES: Kristine Maiorana, Terry Devery, John Laughton

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Resolved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday, 12/8/2013 be confirmed as per magazine.(Derek & Kylie) Carried by all

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE: For the period;

12 / 08 / 2013 to 04 / 09 / 2013

Inwards:

- Weed spotters Network July email
- Letter from the Cancer council inviting donations
- Commonwealth Bank statement for July
- 4WD QLD July meeting minutes and receipts for annual fees
- Burdekin district 4wd club Aug meeting & July magazine
- Mackay Landrover Club July 2013 magazine
- Toyota Landcruiser club 4Wheel Cruisin' July/Aug 13 magazine'
- Official guide the 2013 Federal Election
- Email enquiries from Brian Lee and Craig Falkenmire.

Outwards:

- Terry replied to all e-mail enquiries re club information.
- Letter to be sent to the Property Owners thanking them for the use of their land for our recent trips

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Derek read details of report.

Opening Balance	\$ 9548.53
Total Deposits	\$ 1035.38
Accounts Paid / Total Withdrawals	\$ 1030.50
Closing Balance	\$ 9453.48

ACCOUNTS PAID

1 Refund to Jenny Ryan	\$65.00
2. Bank Fee	\$10.00
3. Postage (Kathy Searle)	\$22.80
4. Raffle	\$41.50
5. QAFWDC fees	\$990.00

DEPOSITS:

Fees	\$950.00
Fines	\$12.45
Raffle	\$65.00
Radio raffle	\$8.00

However several cheques the club has issued still need to be deposited so the reconciled balance of the club account is \$10,529.13

BUSINESS ARISING FROM TREASURERS

REPORT: Nil.....

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- The 15th year anniversary of the Club falls this September. The committee is proposing a camp oven cookout at the Johnson's on Sat 21st Sept to celebrate. All can bring their favourite camp oven meals to share this milestone!
- Discussion around the new idea of having 1st and 2nd ladies and men's prizes for the raffle which roll over depending on which prize is chosen by the winners. The idea of stopping the raffle was raised but the committee decided that the raffle adds to the meeting atmosphere.
- The club has a healthy bank balance which is remaining steady. This allows the Committee to run activities to benefit members like the Christmas party and make donations to worthwhile causes. It also provides a reserve incase another campground is found that requires work.

- The committee discussed possible ideas for another campgrounds and is open to club member's ideas.
- Ideas for printing of 13/14 membership cards was discussed.
- Peter visited Jax Tyres after they recently contacted the club. Jax Tyres gave the club some prizes to be given away.
- Discussion on the club's mailing list – Derek will update with financial members. Non-financial members will come off the mailing list after the next magazine.
- Club to contact Mackay Embroidery about development of club shirts.

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR TRIP REPORT: BY

- Bruce Wolsey.

Past Trips.

Sat-Sun 17-18 Aug – Chopper creek camp
Sat-Sun 24-25 Aug – Denison Creek camp
Sun 1 Sept – Little Bowen Day Trip
Sat-Sun 7-8 Sept – Stringy's Camp

Future Trips.

Sun 1 Sept Little Bowen Day Trip
Sat-Sun 7-8 Sept Stringy's Camp
Sat-Sun 14-15 Sept Bushranger Camp
Sat 21 Sept 15th Anniversary camp oven cook-up

- During recent Chopper Creek camp, the group made contact with the new property leaseholders across the creek.

DRIVER AWARENESS OFFICER REPORT: BY

- NIL

MEETING CLOSED: at 9.10pm.

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GENERAL MEETING held at NORTH MACKAY BOWLS CLUB, Malcomson Street. On 9 / 09 / 2013

MEETING OPENED: - at 7.43 pm
by President Peter Morse

ATTENDANCE: - As per the Attendance Book.

VISITORS: - Adam and Fiona Dunn

APOLOGIES: - Terry & Fay Devery, Kable & Sherry
Gilliland

GUEST SPEAKER. NIL

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: -

Resolved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting
on Monday 12 / 8 / 2013 be confirmed as per magazine.
(Steve J & Kylie J.) Carried by all

Business arising from the Minutes: - Nil...

SECRETARY. Kathy for Correspondence -

For period 12 / 8 / 2013 to 4 / 9 / 2013

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- Information letter from Offroad Scene selling offroad LED lighting
- TCIS Insurance certificate

Outwards: -

- Terry replied to all e-mail enquiries re club information.
- Letter to be sent to the Property Owners thanking them for the use of their land for our recent trips

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

(Kylie Jones & Steve Wykes) Carried.

Business arising:Nil

TREASURER; Derek Van Kerckhof for REPORT:-

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(Moved - Derek & Seconded by Tony M) Carried by all

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE TREASURERS REPORT:

- Refreshed raffle prizes with two options for first and second.
- Details of the Treasurer's report are available for viewing at meetings

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Club will use the give-away prizes that Jax gave us as mini awards at General Meetings for activities on recent club trips.
- Discussion around club shirts – volunteer to organize? What options do we have? Lengthy discussion about what the club might like – screen printing, embroidery, pockets vs no pockets. Maybe two types of fabric in the same colour? Maybe a traditional polo and a lightweight style and a screen print shirt?? Same base colour. Dennis & Helena to find out what our options are & bring to next meeting.
- Dom raised issue of common rail diesels suffering fuel system damage from filling up from bowsers that have been filled up within an hour or so. Is it worth writing a letter to the RACQ wanting to raise awareness of the issue and wanting to ask fuel station to advise customers of when the tanks were last filled?
- Discussion about 15th anniversary dinner – club to provide a cake, lucky door prize for members & a few prizes for the kids. Steve W offered to donate a heavy duty full recovery kit (\$350) to the club to use as lucky door prize.

DRIVER AWARENESS REPORT .

presented by Peter Grech

- Three new members went through driver awareness without problems.

ACTIVITIES COORDINATORS: -

Bruce Wolsey and John Laughton are sharing the trip coordinator role.

TRIP REPORT:

- Chopper creek camp – Bruce TL Ian Mac Story 8 groups, incident free arrival, no dramas with the track, multiple creek crossings, one wash out extended badly, 4 camped on sand, rest under trees, relaxed. Visit from new leaseholders. Bruce on the didgeridoo & Kylie on the guitar around the fire, Probably good that Kylie was fines person – otherwise it could have been an expensive meeting. Came home via Komala range. Good trip.
- Denison Creek trip cancelled – lack of numbers
- Little Bowen day trip – led by John Laughton Lexie Walker story. Leisurely start, scenic stop at the top of the range for the trip leader, morning tea at Eungulla dam, over the range, lunch at Little Bowen river, play on a sand dune that John found, most had 3 attempts a Landcruiser recovered by a jeep, a Nissan had 5 attempts to get up the hill, back via pipeline. Play at the diggings after on a steep track. Good to see a couple of new members – Matt & Tane
- Stringy's camp – Dennis TL, Kelly story Kelly – keen to get away to avoid the election, saved by Dennis, Marie & Peter H. Left a fire pit up there so that we can have fires in the dry season, only 3 groups so quiet camp, ate all weekend, few ticks around. Retirees stayed an extra night but Kirt & Kelly had to leave. Peter turned the radio to find out who won the election so Kelly still had to suffer through. Ground getting very dry & hard so difficult to dig a toilet hole

FINES & QUOTES: -

- **Chopper Creek fines** – Kylie Jones Kurt – bogged his landcruiser in 2wheel drive. Diff lockers couldn't get him out so had to winch. If he'd been in a Nissan he would have been ok Kurt – not giving Kylie a marshmallow for opening the gate Helena – for helping Kylie open the gate in a technical manner (since Kylie had taken 5 min to open the gate – looking for the button) Barry – for saying he could tune Kylie's guitar & then trying to throw it in to the fire Pam - for talking about 18th birthday drinking stories in front of Alan's twins who are almost 18 in Oct

Tony – for trying to showing Lucas how to throw a log into the bush & having it roll back out to him.

In defense of Kylie – Ian Mac cleaned up the camp site around the fire & did a little track to a few camps (ended up doing them all). Ian Mac went all the way to Kylie's who was all excited & invited Ian to tea. Best camp meal he's had for a while so when Kylie's camping, Ian is always taking his whipper snipper.

Kylie – exempted Ian Mac from fines due to the yellow brick road & Bruce because he thought she was in her 20s.

- **Little Bowen River day trip fines** – John Laughton Matt – for losing a mud flap & needing a tow by a cruiser Graham – got bogged & had few extra goes up the sand dune Tane – for getting the most air under a tyre – 1.5m Bruce – for appointing John as trip leader, having the longest run up to get up a dune (but didn't let his tyres down) Bruce – for his radio playing up and having no communications John – for being awesome and owning a jeep.
- **Stringy's camp fines** - Dennis Boland Neil – for pulling out of the trip & missing a great weekend Bruce – for volunteering Dennis as trip leader Kirt – for waking Kelly up too early in the morning and she was not happy Pete – for turning on the ABC for the post-election coverage at about 200 decibels when everyone was trying to escape Maree – for nominating Dennis to pull out Pete's tick in a sensitive spot.

FUTURE TRIPS:

- Sat-Sun 14-15 September – Bushranger Camp
- Sun 22 Sept – Cape Palmerston day trip
- Sat-Sun 28-29 Sept – 15th Anniversary Camp oven cookout
- Sat-Mon 5-7 Oct – Chopper creek camp (long weekend)
- Sun 12 Oct – True Blue afternoon (Cancelled)
- Sun 13 Oct – Horse creek – Grade 5 – only capable vehicles – limit of 10 – early start
- Mon 14 Oct General meeting
- Sat-Sun 19-20 Oct – Emu gullies Camp
- Sat-Sun 26-27 Oct – Stringy's camp

Thanks to Ian Mac for giving the club bag a makeover – soft laptop bag with foam insert where everything has its place. Looks great! Bag is with Ian at Paradise St

NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED AND APPLICATIONS VOTED ON. Adam & Fiona Dunn

GUEST SPEAKER ... Nil

RAFFLE: - Congratulations to:

- First Prize: Bottle of car wash - Peter Haber
- Second Prize: Pyramid cooking mat – Wendy Glendinning

Next COMMITTEE MEETING: -

9 / 10 / 2013 at Derek Van Kerckhof's Residence.

MEETING CLOSED: - 8.46pm

Peter Morse
President

Next GENERAL MEETING: -

14 / 10 / 2013 at North Mackay Bowls Club

November Photo Competition

It's on again! Photo competition will be held during the November General Meeting. Winning photos maybe used for the next 4wd Calendar. Other club photos can be used as well. Here is a refresher of the different categories

Scenic Category

Flora & Fauna Category

Campsite and People Category

Action Shot Category

and we will organise a judge for the competition.

Prizes will be organised.



Day trip to Bowen River 1st September 2013 by Lexie Walker

John ("Kiwi") Laughton became the leader for the day, even though he wasn't sure where we were all headed, so Bruce Wolsey directed him via the CB...when Bruce's CB was working...

The day started with the team of 5 vehicles leaving Walkerston around 8.20. Kiwi led the pack in his Jeep, followed by Graham and Lexie Walker (and 2 of their 3 kids, Shayla and Carissa, the third, Michael, jumped in with Kiwi) in their Toyota Landcruiser 100 series wagon; Matt and Kirsty and "little Lee" in their Landcruiser Dual Cab; Tane and Kelly in their Rodeo; and Bruce and Helena in their Nissan Patrol. The front and rear vehicles were the only ones to have ever gone on a run, I believe, so plenty of "newbies". Tane was given the "fines officer" job for the day, and Lexie (me) was given the "story writer" job for the day, neither were sure what to do so hopefully the two jobs were done to satisfaction...

Kiwi was kind enough to let "the ladies have a comfort stop at the top of Eungella"...the cold wind went through you, not around...brrrr... Kiwi wasn't aware that there was a toilet near the lookout, so he learnt something for the day. (Graham told him about it, he knows my bladder well.) 10-10.20 was morning tea break near the picnic area at Eungella Dam.



With Kiwi leading, we all climbed a steep ascent to the top of a hill to a lookout, where there is little moving room to do a 3-5 point turn for 4 vehicles. Bruce turned around prior to the top. His CB still wasn't working constantly, with static sound coming through most of the time. Kiwi eventually gave Bruce his spare hand-held, which really helped when Bruce had to give directions to Kiwi..."the left is right..."

Going through properties, our 13-yo twin girls were delighted to watch the little calves, and were watching when one of the cows "dared" Kiwi as he passed before it ran off.

Lunch was held beside the Bowen River, lovely spot. The kids, including Bruce decided to have a swim after lunch on the shallow side of the road in the flowing water. The "boys" decided to do a little exploring when they found a sandy "beach" a little further down the river. They could be partially seen "playing" from the roadside which crossed the river, and upon checking, Helena, Kirsty and Lexie found them having fun climbing a steep sand hill to get back to solid ground. No one had made it up on their first attempt, but Graham was the only one to need a winch help from Kiwi when he bellied out (he blamed everyone else' tyres digging up the sand)...so...being a typical male...had to let the tyres down and try it again...this time walking up the hill easily. "Can't be beaten by a Jeep..." Bruce had 4 attempts, getting further up the beach for a run up each time.





Kiwi had to do a little “rock walking” with the Jeep over the rocks beside the road, just because he could...no one else followed...before leading us all back to Eungella Dam via the Pipeline Road.

Arriving at Eungella Dam for a comfort stop at 2.30, Bruce and Helena decided they would start heading home, while the other 4 vehicles decided to do the Diggings track. Graham went to the back of the pack this time as he has been through this track several times, with and without Kiwi. 3.05pm we were at the intersection ready to attack the Diggings.

Matt ended up being hung up on a rock when he bellied out.

Kiwi gave him a winch tug, leaving a lovely scrape on the top of the rock where the diff had been sitting.



We discovered Tane loved 3-wheel driving while Kelly wasn't so sure. The track is definitely chopped up, but do-able. Carissa and Shayla at the top of the hill that Tane enjoyed 3-wheeling down. They had to come back down without slipping on their rear ends...

We were back to the Diggings campsite around 3.50 where we all stopped for something to eat. Kiwi wanted to go up a steep and rutted track to the top of the hill, Matt was keen to follow. Tane wasn't so keen, or maybe I should say “Kelly wasn't keen...and neither was Lexie”, so Graham said he'd follow him whichever track he wanted to do, Kelly told him the easy way...Tane decided the hard way...so we ALL did the track.

Several snakes were spotted on the road during the day, including one on the Diggings road before

we hit the bitumen road again. Matt and family left the group when we hit the bitumen around 4.45, while the remaining 3 vehicles pulled into a car park to pump up their tyres before all heading back to Mackay.

Everyone had such a great day, being Father's Day also, and can't wait until the next trip.

Happy 4-Wheel driving (or 3-wheel in Tane's case)



Lexie

Bushranger camp 14 September 2013

by Kylie Jones

This was the first time we went on Bushranger camp. We were um-ing and ah-ing as to whether we should go but Ian Mac said that our vehicle should make it easily and boy, are we glad we did. I only had 3 of the kids with me this time. They were so excited and couldn't wait to try their pop-up tents. Jeff, as usual, complained how low the car sat with all of our gear on the roof rack and we must cut back next time. Yeah, whatever!

4 vehicles came. There was Ian Mac, Charles Goosling and his son Dylan, Helen and Peter (which we were lucky to have on the trip because they live on 65ha and could camp every night of the week in their own back yard!). The track into the camp area was hilly but fine. There were a few times our vehicle had to stop to lift up an overhanging vine that could not make it over our gear (yes, Jeff, I know, we have to cut back on our gear blah, blah..)

Still, after the longish trek into the forest, it did not give any clues as to the beauty that was bestowed upon us. When we came to our camp site, it



was so surreal that I'm sure that the fairies & pixies do live there. In fact, I know they do because Imogen told me she did see some.

After we set up camp, I thought it was time for a swim. Rhianna was already in the water, in which I thought she was sook the way she was carrying on about how cold the water was. However, when I went in, I could not find the words to describe just how icy cold it actually was. It was painfully nice and I felt totally refreshed afterwards. It was good to see how much of a sook Peter was when he went into the water after all the comments he made to me however Helen was the champion who just jumped straight in.



Imogen was very socialable to everybody but us. She hung out with Dylan most of the time. The kids amused themselves by exploring the creek banks. At night, we all did the camp fire thing, did a bit of the guitar thing, even though Charles kept saying the he couldn't play, he kept hogging the guitar and played and sang beautifully. I wish I couldn't play as well as he says he couldn't. He was pretty good.

I froze my butt off at night; it was sooo freezing. Imogen came into our bed so I tried to use her as hot water bottle but she told me to get off because she was too hot. Cody set his tent up on tree roots and his mattress deflated so he had a pretty awful night sleep as well. Anyway, the next day it was all about being sad to pack up and leave.

Jeff held the convoy up to stop and pick the wild raspberries and roused on the kids to make sure they left him some. Helen came and picked a few as well. I'm sure Ian and Charles were pretty bored waiting for us. It did seem to take a while. We did the traditional 'ice-cream on the way home' at Eungella.

Anyway, you definitely need a 4wd for that trip. You wouldn't want to get too distracted because you may end up driving down the steep hill with no track because you failed to turn the sharp corners on the horizon. We all had a fantastic time and definitely want to go there again.

Kylie



CAPE PALMERSTON 22nd September 2013

By Adam Dunn

Five vehicles meet at Mac's truck ready for a day trip to Cape Palmerston with our trip leader being Derek and Charlie bringing up the rear.

We zig zaged through the gray nomads and their caravans. Then Tant missed the turn of to the cape partly because he changed the volume to 25 and not the channel and partly because I didn't stop and wait for him when we turned off (newbie mistake, sorry mate).

We continued down the dirt road to the beach which was in pretty good condition as pointed out by Derek, where we all lined up and let air out of our tyre's ready for a beautiful drive along the beach to the windmill bay camping area where we stopped for morning tea. We then headed up to Mt Funnel and admired the spectacular 360 degree views and take advantage of a great photo opp.



Letting the air out of our tyre's



Morning tea at Windmill bay



All the cars at Mt Funnel



We decided to head round to the bay on the western side of the cape for lunch though because the roads were so dry and in good condition it took us no time at all..... except for the soft sand which had me stumped as to why i was getting stuck. Derek kindly pointed out to me and everyone else that i was in 2WD and locked in my hubs (rookie error). We did a bit more exploring before we settled back in the bay for lunch and a swim where 2 turtles joined us. After more exploring and finding some great camp sites we made our way back to the beach we we farewelled Charlie, Derek and his kids as the rest of us headed for home.

Over all was a great day and will definitely be back.

Adam



Activities Calendar

Emu Gullies Camp

Saturday & Sunday 19-20 October 2013

Grade: 1-2
Location: Bush camp beside flowing creek 1hr20min sth . Relax, fish, swim etc. No 4WDing.
Excellent family site.
Meeting Place: Macs Truck Stop 8.00 for 8.15am departure
Requirements: Camp Gear. Vehicles need to be clean to prevent spreading of noxious weeds.
Trip distance: 250km
Drinking Water: BYO
Showers/toilets: BYO toilet. Get water from creek.
Suitable for trailers. No travel on property other than to go downstream to large water hole for fishing

Stringys Camp

Saturday & Sunday 26-27 October 2013

Grade: 1-2
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 Shower/BYO Toilet. Get water from creek.

Suitable for trailers. 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.

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)

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***Now here is a little extra
for all you 4WD enthusiasts.***

*Footage taken my Michael Ward-Grodd on the club trip
to Cathu on 28 July this year has been uploaded on youtube.*

It makes good viewing... It's not all Jeep footage.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=upwIC1jkTwY>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eEgMdCzzLks>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oafY0yWWhrOM>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQpqUM2qWsM>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bwH9x58qsN8>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-E72tvFplc>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUFloHA6jzM>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMD2QN1oCrE>



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