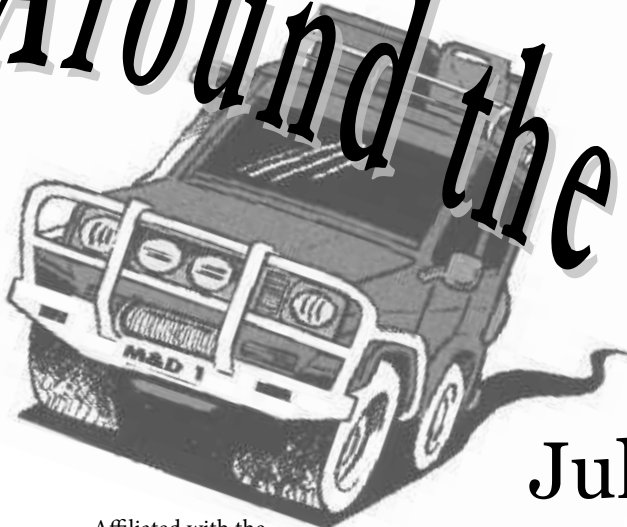


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## July 2014

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# MACKAY & DISTRICT 4WD CLUB Inc. ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS (16-06-14)

## 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.
- 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&D<sub>4</sub>WDC, if when visiting or traversing official club properties to pursue 4WD activity and on other than a current M&D<sub>4</sub>WDC 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, however, if there are no nominations for a particular office and the member agrees to re-nominate, this will be permissible by majority vote at the AGM.

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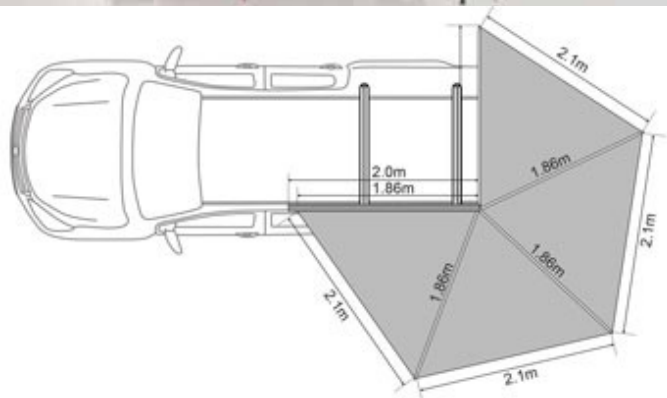


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# JULY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday 8/ 07 / 2014**

NQBE

\$ 75.90

at Kathy Searle's residence.

**MEETING OPENED:** at 7.45 pm by President Peter Morse

**Accounts passed for payment: Nil**

**ATTENDANCE:** :- Kathy Searle, Derek VK, Steve Whykes, Peter Morse, Terry Devery, Bruce Wolsey.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM TREASURERS REPORT:- Nil**

**APOLOGIES:** Kristine Maiorana, Kylie Jones, John Laughton, Michael Ward-Grodd, Alan Lovett, Tim Shultz.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Resolved that the minutes of the previous Committee meeting on Wed 11/06/2014 be confirmed as per magazine. (Terry, Derek ) Carried by all

- TJM open day coming up and we need to encourage attendance early for catering. There will be great prizes running through the afternoon and reps onsite to answer questions. Kids welcome.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** For the period;  
23 / 06 / 2014 to 8 / 07 / 2014

- Procedures manual (yellow) & model rules (pale blue) will be printed at NQBE - Kathy

**Inwards:**

- 4 Wheel Crusin' May/June 2014 Mag
- Response from Bunnings approving our request
- Burdekin District 4wd club June meeting and Apr/ May newsletter
- Four Wheel Drive Queensland May meeting minutes
- Inquiries from 2 people

- Committee member role – position description to be printed in the magazine

**Outwards**

- Terry replied to the e-mail inquiries

- Need to encourage more enthusiasm for taking positions at the AGM

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Derek VK has prepared a report similar to an Auditor's report for the AGM

- Aero club raised as a possible meeting venue?
- Uranana camping spot might be on the cards again – Terry to follow up.

Opening Balance;	\$ 9342.33
Total Deposits;	\$ 356.20
Accounts Paid / Total Withdrawals.	\$ 601.20
Closing Balance;	\$ 9107.83

- Tupperware demo raised as a guest speaker
- Club shirts – how do we get people to buy shirts? Maybe take cash orders on the night of a meeting?
- Thanks to the awesome Awards Committee for organizing a great night out. Well done!

**Deposits:**

Membership Fees	\$ 260.00
Fines	\$ 3.20
Raffle	\$ 68.00
Awards dinner	\$ 25.00

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT:** No Report

**ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR TRIP REPORT:**

- Nothing special to report

**Accounts paid:**

Raffle prizes	\$ 30.00
Postage	\$ 10.50
Bank Account Fee	\$ 10.00
CQ Rescue donation	\$ 300.00
NQBE	\$ 88.40
NQBE	\$ 86.40

**DRIVER AWARENESS OFFICER REPORT - Tim Shultz**

- Nil

**MEMBERSHIP;** Terry will send out current membership list to club mailing list.

**INSURANCE REPORT;** Nil

**P.R. REPORT;** • Terry has been responding to email enquires and encouraging them to attend the next meeting.

**MEETING CLOSED:-** at 9.55 pm.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014 MINUTES

**DATE:** Monday 14th July 2014  
**VENUE:** North Mackay Bowls Club  
**TIME:** 7.10pm

**CHAIRMAN:** Peter Morse  
**ATTENDANCE:** 33 members attended the meeting  
**VISITORS:** Alan Peach

**APOLOGIES:** Paul Whitestyles, Kerry Shultz, Jim & Joyce McNicol, Angie & Tony Brannan, Francesca Wolsey

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** President (outgoing) Peter Morse read the minutes of the 2013 AGM.  
Motion: That the minutes of the AGM of 2013 as presented be accepted.  
Moved by Kathy Searle, Seconded by Michelle Johnson, Carried by All.

### **CORRESPONDENCE RELATED TO THE AGM:**

- Club return to State Body & affiliation fees due prior to AGM and cheque drawn up already.
- Annual return of the association to the Office of Fair Trading to be filed with the annual fee of \$46.60.

Motion: That the correspondence as tabled bereceived and accounts be passed for payment.  
Moved by Kathy Searle, Seconded by Terry Devery, Carried by All.  
Bruce Wolsey noted that this correspondence was not AGM related and should not be included in future AGM minutes.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Derek presented the Treasurer's Report for the year ending June 2014.  
Club account balance at the start of financial year was \$7425.00 and at end of the financial year it was \$9109.00.  
Motion: That the Treasurer's Report as tabled be received.  
Moved by Derek Van Kerckhof, Seconded by Tim Shultz, Carried by All

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Outgoing President Peter Morse gave a brief report and thanked all for their attendance on events and input in committees over the last year.  
Motion: That the President's Report as tabled be received.  
Moved by Peter Morse, Seconded by Steve Johnson, Carried by All

### **ACTIVITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

Bruce Wolsey advised that the Constitution does not require a trip coordinator's report and hence he had not prepared one.  
All presented reports were received with acclamation.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS – AGM RELATED:**

- The club will continue to have the Treasurer prepare the club's financial statement for the last reportable financial year including a statement of income and expenditure and balance sheet as presented this year due to the increasing cost of audit fees. This will also be signed by the President.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:**

Outgoing president, Peter Morse handed the chair to Secretary Kathy Searle who declared all positions vacant and then called for nominations from the floor. The election results were:

**President:** Steve Whykes; nominated by Steve Johnson  
**Vice-President:** Steve Johnson; nominated by Steve Whykes  
**Secretary:** Kathy Searle; nominated by Peter Morse  
**Treasurer:** Desmond Searle; nominated by Steve Whykes  
**Driver Awareness and Environmental Officer** (training officer): Tim Shultz; nominated by Bruce Wolsey  
**Activity Co-ordinator:** Kelvin Nayler, nominated by Natalie Nayler

**Editor:** Kristine Maiorana

**Assistant Editor:** Alana Christensen

**Assistant Driver Awareness:** Paul Whitestyles

**Assistant Activity Co-ordinator:** Bruce Wolsey & John Laughton

**Equipment Officer:** Ian McDonald

**Membership Officer:** Natalie Nayler

**Greeters:** Helena Wolsey & Stuart Wolsey

**Committee Members:** Derek Van Kerckhof, Francesca Wolsey, Alan Lovett, Terry Devery

**Web Page:** Dave Christensen

**NEXT AGM:** Monday 13th July 2015

**MEETING CLOSE:** The AGM closed at 7.54pm by Outgoing President Peter Morse

# GENERAL MEETING held at NORTH MACKAY BOWLS CLUB,

Malcomson Street. On 14 / 7 / 2014

**MEETING OPENED:** - at 8.17 pm by President Steve Whykes

**ATTENDANCE:** - As per the Attendance Book.

**VISITORS:** - Alan Peach

**APOLOGIES:** - Paul Whitestyles, Kerry Shultz, Jim & Joyce McNicol, Angie & Tony Brannan

**GUEST SPEAKER:** - Wolsey family

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** - Resolved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting on Monday 23 / 06 / 2013 be confirmed as per magazine. ( Kathy & Michelle ) Carried by all

**Business arising from the Minutes:** - Nil

**SECRETARY Kathy Searle for correspondence:** - For period 24 / 06 / 2014 to 14 / 07 / 2014

**Inwards:** -

- 4 Wheel Crusin' May/June 2014 Mag
- Response from Bunnings approving our fundraising request
- Burdekin District 4wd club June meeting and Apr/ May newsletter
- Four Wheel Drive Queensland May meeting minutes
- Inquiries from 2 people

**Outwards:** -

- Terry replied to all e-mail enquiries re club information.

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

( Kathy Searle & Stuart Wolsey ) Carried.

**Business arising:** - Nil

**TREASURER Des for Report:** -

Opening Balance;	\$ 9342.33
Total Deposits;	\$ 356.20
Accounts Paid / Total Withdrawals.	\$ 601.20
Closing Balance;	\$ 9107.83

**Accounts paid:**

Raffle Prizes	\$ 23.48
Bank Account Fee	\$ 10.00
Insurance OAMPS	\$ 528.00
Postage	\$ 12.00

**Deposits:**

Membership Fees	\$ 260.00
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Fines	\$ 3.20
Raffle	\$ 68.00
Awards dinner	\$ 25.00

**However several cheques the club has issued still need to be presented so the balance recorded is as per statement.**

Moved - - Des & Seconded by Fay Devery 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 gave a synopsis of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** -

- Thanks to the awesome Awards Committee for organizing a great night out. Well done to Francesca Wolsey, Steve & Michelle Johnson, and Tane Ewens.
- Procedures manual (yellow) & model rules (pale blue) will be printed at NQBE and handed out at the next meeting to existing and new members.
- Committee member role – position description to be put in the magazine to encourage involvement at future AGMs. Bring any issues to the committee members so that the committee can be approached to eliminate whispers in the background.
- Steve noted that he was hesitant to take on President due to potential conflict of interest issues. Would like club members to know that he doesn't mind where you shop as long as you support this club and get involved with club activities.
- Club shirts – taking orders on the night of a meeting. Please try on and order a shirt tonight.
- Membership cards need to be organized quickly so please pay up quickly to facilitate the print run.
- New committee members need to approach the Commonwealth bank to be made authorized signatories on the club cheque book. Kathy Searle raised the possible conflict of interest of both Searle committee members being cheque signatories and proposed that she did not put her name down. There were no objections from the floor.
- Alan had an update on proposed tender for the quarry – 30 acre block. Starting to look bigger than Ben Hur. Lease is for 10 years. Still none the wiser as to the cost which is what we wanted to know before we started the process. Bruce read docs – closes 29

July. Will have to have a special committee meeting to decide. Have to sign tender before we know the conditions so have to follow this up with the council as it is a flawed process. Is there provision for a club to take on a lease? Mick checked the constitution and the club is able to do so. Various comments were noted from the floor including

Peter M: are we setting ourselves up for more hassles?

Alan – not getting good vibes. Have to say that we will abide by the tender conditions without knowing what they are? Alan will provide feedback to the committee.

- Steve W asked the floor if they were comfortable for the committee to make the final decision on this matter on behalf of the club. A majority show of hands indicated yes

#### **DRIVER AWARENESS REPORT: -Tim Shultz**

- Three people went through 2 weeks ago – Ian & Alana Christensen. All did well.

#### **ACTIVITIES COORDINATORS: -**

Bruce Wolsey & John Laughton

#### **Past trips:**

- Show holiday weekend – 5 Rocks
- Camp oven cook out - Thanks to Steve & Michelle for hosting

#### **Future trips:**

- TJM open day coming up on 19 July and we need to encourage attendance early for catering. They go to a lot of effort for the open day and a lot of support from the club would be great. There will be great prizes running through the afternoon and reps onsite to answer questions. Kids welcome.
- Pine Loop trip – rugged track so not for the faint hearted or inexperienced. Will be good to look at a new track for the club.
- Cape Palmerston – great spot to have a drive to.
- Night drive – no confirmed details yet but depends on interest. Usually ends up a late night.
- New MOU with national parks – Moonlight Dam day trip – could be an interesting track.

#### **FINES AND QUOTES:**

##### **5 Rocks**

- Kelvin – for being bogged, for breaking 4 snatch straps, and for taking 3 hours to get out down at 5 Rocks
- Mick – for nearly losing the camper before they arrived
- Kristine – for catching a huge fish she shouldn't have caught
- Tony – for his high tea participation

##### **Camp oven cookout:**

- Kelvin & Nat – for having a “cook in” not a camp oven “cook out”! Meant to cook out.
- Tony & Angie would have earned the same fine if they had been at the meeting.
- Alan Lovett – for providing roast chicken for dessert

#### **Awards night:**

- Morianas are the new “Naylers” after the awards dinner. They were harassed to come by the Naylers and then won all the major prizes including both lucky door prizes. Talk about luck of the draw!
- Was one of the best awards nights for a while so thanks to all the organizing committee members!

#### **TRIP PLANNING MEETING:**

Trip organizing afternoon will be held to discuss ideas. Let us know what you want to do and we will do our best to do them.

- A passenger section on the trip list suggested. Great idea – put your name down on the list as a passenger. Might get more people involved who were unsure about driving their own vehicle.

#### **FUTURE TRIPS:**

- Trip Schedule will be forwarded as usual.
- Please contact Kelvin Nayler.

**NEW MEMBERS:** - Alan Peach was voted back into the club. Alan is returning member from several years ago

**GUEST SPEAKER:** - Postponed to next meeting due to lack of time.

**RAFFLE:** - Congratulations to John Laughton for winning the first prize of a Club shirt and the second prize of a hat & thermo soup mug, went to Andrew Thomason

**Next GENERAL MEETING:** - 11 / 08 / 2014 at North Mackay Bowls Club

**Next COMMITTEE MEETING:** - 6/08/2014 at Searles residence

**MEETING CLOSED:** - 9.15 pm  
Steve Whykes  
President



## Presidents Report 2013 -- 2014

Well it is that time of the year again, this report will be brief, a bit like my tenure as Club President.

The highlight of the year for me was the Eco Barge Beach cleanup that we took part in recently at Cape Palmerston, the club participation was excellent and the results were something for the Club to be proud of.

I would like to thank the organizing committee for the Club Awards night, unfortunately I was not able to be there but by all accounts it was a ripping success and well enjoyed by all who were there.

We the committee are still in the process of negotiating with the Mackay District Council in regards the lease of the block of land in Rocky Hollows Rd.

I would like to say that it has been a pleasure to have worked with the rest of the committee over the past 12 months, the enthusiasm shown by all was quite impressive.

On a negative note I would like to express my disappointment at the number of members participating in the trips organized for the Club by Bruce and John, it is quite evident by the number of emails that we all receive that there is a lot of work goes into this role, we can do nothing about the trips cancelled due to weather, but for a Club the size of ours we should not be seeing trips cancelled due to lack of numbers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Mackay and Districts 4WD Club, and especially Terry and Cathy for the support and assistance they have given me over the last 12 months.

I will not be standing as President again for the next year due to work commitments and other interests taking up so much of my time, and would like to wish the incoming President and committee all the best for the next 12 months.

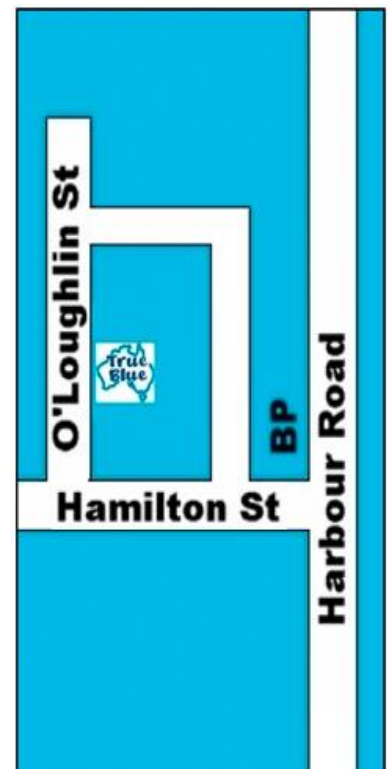
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# Camp Oven Cookout *Saturday 28 June 2014.*

We all met up at Steve & Michelle Johnsons property on the Saturday afternoon. It was a lovely spot looking down from the hill, over the countryside. Steve stoked the fire up early so we had some good coals ready for the ovens just before dark. Sandy Thomason had bought along some Sausage rolls as an appetiser and placed these in her oven. I think Andrew got the blame as they came out quite well done and were very crispy. Soon the ovens all went on along with a chicken on the spit. Just on dark we were all to have commenced eating except that a budding chef named Alan, who had bought the biggest chicken you have ever seen, slowed up the line as he carved up his creation. The varied meals prepared by all were greatly enjoyed as were the sweets that followed later on. The night tended to cool down with quite heavy dew, so the fire pit became the centre of attraction while some ales were consumed to round off the night. Thanks to Steve & Michelle for their hospitality and we look forward to doing this again soon.



# TJM Afternoon *Saturday 19 July 2014.*



# Pine Loop Track

Sunday 20th July 2014

A new track to explore – grade 4-5 – haven't had one of those for a long time. A quick check that we had recovery points and recovery gear and off we went, de-airing at the start of the gravel road. An easy climb along the gravel and then we turned off at along the new track. John had mapped it out on his GPS by following Google maps, but wasn't sure if this would be the track we would follow. It wasn't long before we hit a bit of a washout and started flexing the axles. John's new FJ45 seemed to be handling it OK.

The hardest part of the track was a long washed out deco descent. There was an alternate rock track to one side, but John was halfway down before he realised. Not that that would have stopped him going the somewhat harder way, but he might have jumped out for a look a bit sooner. It was too steep to reverse and he was on the wrong line to keep going down, but there was only one way – down. Front wheels got up on the higher part of the track, but back wheels were caught in the ruts, so the FJ crabbed its way down for about 20m until the deepest part of the washout. There was a fair bit of sidelong, leading to a bit of discomfort, but he carried on and through the little creek at the bottom. Pete was next and picked a better line, with all wheels on the higher part until the deep washout, but go through OK. Tim & Jeff were next, with Bruce following, all negotiating the better line. Leon opted for the rocky alternate track.

We carried on and came out at Captain's Crossing, where we pulled up for an early lunch break. Leon's little boy Jason was running around the banks of the creek when a Triton Ute drove along the opposite bank "Toy, toy" he said. Leon was unimpressed with this description of a vehicle very similar to his.

We had made good time, so decided to do the track in

reverse. All good until we got to the long descent, which was now a long tricky ascent. John decided discretion was the better part of valour and headed up the rocky alternate track. Pete drove up the main track, diff lockers assisting in getting through the deep part of the washout and on to the high part of the track – perfect line. Tim thought he would also try the main track, but lost traction at the deep washout. He had already been crowned King of the Sidelong due to being the furthest tilted over all day, but this was the best.

He stopped with the Nissan leaning well over to the right and left front wheel well up in the air. Jeff managed to open the door to jump out, but Tegan couldn't hold the weight of the door, ultimately jumping out of the window. Tim was left in the driver's seat, able to touch the ground out of his window. He tried reversing a couple of times to get another run up, but kept losing grip. The truck was still on a severe lean, and Tim didn't want to try to reverse down for fear of scraping the side. Out came Pete's winch from the top, but it wasn't that simple – the truck kept staying in the ruts to the right instead of heading onto the higher part on the left. A bit of shovelling, a judiciously placed rock or two, an addition of a snatch block to get the pull angle better and he got out OK.

Bruce tried the main track too, but suffered the same fate as Tim, spinning out at the deep washout. He managed to reverse down under John's guidance, then drove up the rocky alternate followed by Leon.

The rest of the track posed no problem, except for Tim who continued to show us just how far a Nissan Patrol can lean. We all made it back to the start of the track, airing up at the bitumen again and headed home.

A fun day in the bush and on the tracks.

*Cheers Bruce Wolsey*



For those who are interested Michael WG created a video of the weekend at 5 Rocks. Checkout the fun we had.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ah3JxwtxiXo>

# Cape Palmerston Day Trip. *Sunday 27th July 2014*

Kurt, Kelvin and myself only had a short drive from the Notch Point Camping ground to meet up with rest of the club members travelling from Mackay. We liaised at the Notch Point turn off at 9:15 where I got to meet some of the members and all relevant paper work was completed. The trip leader (Kurt) and story teller (myself) were chosen. The 7 vehicles headed single file down onto the beach where everybody lowered their tyre pressures and we were off.

Heading North along the beach there were quite a few motor bikes out having a play in the sand with one rider proving his prowess by passing our convoy and most of the beach on his back wheel. We continued around Shifty Point where the sand was very stable for us on this occasion from the high tide overnight. Up off the beach into the scrub and around to the Windmill Bay Camp site for smoko, where Leon's boys got to have some fun on the beach.

With some light banter across the air waves and a low lying tree needing holding up to clear some of the vehicles we made our way up to Deadman's Lookout where we took in the spectacular views. A lot of cameras were taken out to make the most of what the days weather had to offer and as an extra bonus we were entrained by a whale playing just off the coast.

who after discussions with the rest of the scouting crew had decided to do the left track and crawled his way through. Then come Kelvin, but the extra weight of the cruiser proved to be a disadvantage and he got caught in the early section and needed to winch himself out. After some branches and shoveling to fill some of the deep wheel ruts the rest of the crew idled through without a problem.



Kurt did a great job letting us know where some of tracks lead to that we didn't get to go down and after driving across the salt pan we pulled up beside the water for lunch. The next section was always going to be a bit more challenging as when we got into the wetlands it looked like some vehicles with a lot bigger lifts and tyres had chopped up the track. After making the 1st mud section Kurt decided to go the track on the right and powered through and with a little reversing made it all the way. Next was Leon

To say the ground was slippery was an understatement with a few people losing their footing while walking around assessing the correct track to take, but none were done more spectacularly than Sandy, who ended with as much mud herself as some of the vehicles. Bruce decided to give Kurt's line a go and nearly made it through but got stuck on the last turn. More sticks, branches and shoveling and he managed to spin his way out and join the rest for the next challenge. Being the 1st through sometimes means you soon find out what and where the bottom of the mud is and Kurt ended up using his winch a couple more times to get him through some very deep mud holes. This helped the next vehicles change their route slightly to get them through. The track was over grown and had a lot of low lying braches which played havoc with the vehicles that had rooftop tents. I am sure there was a lot of cleaning and polishing after the trek for some of the crew.

As we came out of the bush Kelvin/Myself and Steve/Sandy broke off and headed back to Notch Point to meet up with our families and head home after the weekend camping and for Steve and Sandy to have a look at the camp site while the rest of the crew headed back out to the beach.

This was my first trip with the club and would like to thank everybody for their warm welcome and for a great day.

*Cheers Jan Christensen*



# Activities Calendar

## Denham Range – Moonlight Dam Day Trip

Dates: Sunday 17 August 2014  
 Grade: 3-4  
 Location: Crediton State Forest.  
 Type of Event: Day drive, rugged track.  
 Meeting Place: Wests Car Park, Branscombe Road, Walkerston 8.00 for 8.15am departure  
 Requirements: Full recovery gear  
 Trip distance: 200-250km  
 Drinking Water: BYO  
 Comments: Need to check with NPWS if the track is open.

## Horse Creek

Dates: Sunday 24 August 2014  
 Grade: 4-5  
 Trip Leader: Bruce Wolsey  
 Location: Mia Mia State Forest area.  
 Type of Event: Day trip, rugged track, capable vehicles only (lift preferred, A/T or better off road tyres).  
 Limit 10 vehicles.  
 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.

## Chopper Creek Camp

Dates: Saturday & Sunday 30-31 August 2014  
 Grade: 2-3  
 Trip Leader: TBA  
 Location: This is a bush camp approx 3-4 hours from Mackay on a cattle property.  
 Type of Event: Bush Camp. Magnificent waterhole for swimming, kayaking, fishing, bush walking.  
 Meeting Place: Mac's Truck Stop 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.  
 Comments: Suitable for trailers.

## Little Bowen Day Trip

Dates: Sunday 7 September 2014  
 Grade: 4  
 Trip Leader: TBA  
 Location: Ranges west of Eungella Dam.  
 Type of Event: Day drive, rugged track.

**All trips require the following:  
 Full tank of fuel, basic recovery gear, first aid kit, fitted, operating 5w UHF radio with external mounted antenna**

## General Club Meeting

Dates: Monday 8 September 2013, 7.30pm  
 Location: North Mackay Bowls Club. Meals available before meeting

**Eungella Dam Camp/Hazlewood Gorge**

Dates: Saturday & Sunday 13-14 September 2014  
Grade: 2-4  
Trip Leader: TBA  
Location: This is a bush camp approx 1 ¼ hours from Mackay at Eungella Dam.  
Type of Event: Bush Camp. Set up camp near the dam.  
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. Toilet and shower (cold) available at the grounds. Get water from dam for showers.  
Comments: Suitable for trailers, kayaks, boats. Side trips to Hazlewood Gorge and/or Diggings track.

**Pink Ribbon Breakfast/Nav Run Day Trip**

Dates: Sunday 21 September 2014  
Grade: to 2  
Trip Leader: Nat Nayler  
Location: Meet at Harbour Park near surf club look for MAD Banner.  
Type of Event: Day Trip. This is a popular social day out where we get together in our best pink attire while having a bbq breakfast & then move on to a navigation run around Mackay region.  
Meeting Place: Harbour Park 8.30am  
Requirements: \$12 for 13 & over children under 13 free. Wear Your best PINK outfit. {men& woman}  
Fines will apply to those who don't comply.  
Trip distance: 200km  
Drinking Water: BYO

**King Pin Hill Weekend Trip**

Dates: Saturday & Sunday 27-28 September 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: Wests Car Park, Branscombe Road, Walkerston 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

**Note: Thursday evening (10pm) is the final notice to attend a trip.**

**Names in trip book for all activities please.**

**Trip Contact: Kelvin Nayler - 0488 549 351 (ring or text)**

**If no reply, leave a message on the voicemail, clearly stating your name and trip**

**If you cannot make it, or are changing your departure time, let the Trip Leader and Activities Coordinator know ASAP.**

**Email: kelvinnayler@bigpond.com (preferred)**



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