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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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NOVEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 06/ 11 / 2013

at Kathy Searle's Residence

MEETING OPENED: at 7.47pm by President Peter Morse

ATTENDANCE: Kylie Jones, Alan Lovett, Peter Morse, Kathy Searle, Peter Grech, Terry Devery, Bruce Wolsey, Dennis Boland, Jeanette VK.

APOLOGIES: Kristine Maiorana, John Laughton, Paul Whitestyles, Steve Whykes, Derek VK

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Resolved that the minutes of the previous Committee meeting on Wed 09/10/2013 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;

14 / 10 / 2013 to 06 / 11 / 2013

Inwards:

- Mackay Landrover Club September 2013 magazine
- Commonwealth Bank Cheque book
- Info flyer from Cancer Council – 2014 Mackay Relay for Life Sat 24 May
- Burdekin District 4wd club Oct meeting minutes & Sept magazine
- 4 Wheel Cruisin' Sept/Oct 2013 Magazine from the Toyota Landcruiser Club (Qld) Inc.
- Email enquiries from Chris Browning, Joel Clinton
- Nov Photo Competition email from Kylie

Outwards:

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

TREASURERS REPORT:

Jeanette Van Kerckhof in Derek's absence	
Opening Balance	\$ 10488.28
Total Deposits	\$ 544.10
Accounts Paid / Total Withdrawals	\$ 532.94
Closing Balance	\$ 10326.64

ACCOUNTS PAID

• Bank Fee	\$ 10.00
• NQBE	\$ 83.20
• Heaven on a cake stand	\$ 300.00
• Raffle	\$ 41.50
• Kathy Searle – membership cards	\$ 39.86
• Peter Morse – raffle prizes	\$ 99.88

ACCOUNTS PASSED FOR PAYMENT:

• Jeanette V K– Xmas party supplies	\$ 250.00
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DEPOSITS:

• Membership Fees	\$ 455.00
• Fines	\$ 14.10
• Raffle	\$ 65.00
• Club Merchandise	\$ 10.00

However several cheques issued to NQBE have either been presented late or not yet presented. NQBE lost our cheques (for printing of magazines) but appear to be catching up with the payments. Have asked about electronic payment facility but they don't have it. Jeanette VK presents the cheques personally so they definitely have them.

Cheque for \$250 issued to the Christmas party committee for purchasing supplies and prizes.

Moved by Jeanette, Seconded by Bruce, Carried by all

BUSINESS ARISING FROM TREASURERS

REPORT: Bruce enquired about receipts that Helena submitted & they will be followed up.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Dennis gave the committee the results of the shirt committee's research (Dennis & Helena). Presented a spreadsheet covering the club's shirt options.

* **Sublimated shirts** were requested but after doing the rounds of options in town, they are expensive. Run up to \$50 a shirt for a minimum of 20 shirts. Issue also is that you can't order one or two when new members join unless the club orders in advance which means the club is left holding odd sizes and spare merchandise. Uniform solutions had the best prices for the sublimated shirts.

* Alternative is standard polo shirt with various modern materials like cooldry avail in both mens

and womens styles, various colours, some available in long sleeve. Twisted embroidery & Uniform solutions both allow us to order from a variety of colours. Both stock 'BeSeen' shirts. Will allow us to buy just one shirt but costs marginally less for 11-20 and over 21 shirts. \$24 a shirt plus cost of pocket and embroidery. Single shirt with pocket, name & club logo will be approximately \$34 @ Twisted embroidery. This option allows all members to order their own shirts personally on presentation of club membership card.

* Question of colour – Committee voted unanimously for the option of one colour of shirt only for club consistency. Considered various BeSeen colour style options and voted unanimously for style BSP15 - Black, Emerald White shirt. Style also available in Ladies and Kids. Embroidery words will need to be green to show on the black shirt. Same green as the palm trees and/or "emerald" shirt preferably. Shirt Committee recommended we order from Twisted Embroidery. Price will be confirmed at the General meeting after the Shirt Committee finalises prices with Twisted Embroidery.

* Summary - Sublimated shirts were expensive and impractical as a minimum number needed to be ordered. The Twisted Embroidery shirts can be bought by individuals, and ordered locally as required. Black middle is more practical and the emerald green is close to the original club colour. Will create a single club identity at group events.

- **Seaforth – Christmas Party** Committee booked the bowls club for the dinner for 40ppl initially until numbers are confirmed (names on Trip List please). Catering option at the camp grounds didn't work out this year. Tried a few options but all booked out. Camping & dinner at bowls club at 6pm on Sat Nov 23. Order individually off the club menu. Any dietary requirements need to be discussed beforehand with the club directly please. Kids games will be prior to dinner in the camp ground in the afternoon. Club will bring prizes. Banner will be up for members to find the group from Friday at the Seaforth Camp ground, and discounted camping will be available. Sites do not have power but hot showers are available, just bring plenty of 20c pieces to feed the shower meters. Parents need to bring a present for their own children to a limit of \$10 per child for Santa to give out after dinner.

- **December general meeting** – lucky door prizes will be done again. Fay and Angie will buy the presents.

- **Photo comp** – Nov meeting – John Robinson from the local photo club will judge the photos with a Townsville member Debbie Dodd. Prizes for the various categories. Kylie will send an email out to remind members to bring their printed photo submissions.

- May also have a **tyre rep as a guest speaker** at the Nov meeting as well.

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR TRIP REPORT: BY

- Bruce Wolsey.

- Getting to the end of the trip calendar. Need to have at trip planning meeting soon. Invitation to all interested to attend especially if you know of any tracks of interest. 7.30pm Thurs 14 Nov at Bruce's house – all welcome. Terry to bring the club projector.
- Discussed trip grading ratings.
- Mike L'Huillier from Burdekin 4wd club is keen to organise a combined trip with us over the June long weekend next year in the Mt Crompton area. Max 12 vehicles – 6 from each club. Bruce to liaise with him and we'll put the trip into next year's trip calendar. Be good to build relationships with neighbouring clubs and enhance our trip list with a new trip.

DRIVER AWARENESS OFFICER REPORT: BY Peter Grech

- 3 groups were put through the drivers awareness and are now able to go on club trips: Shaun Young, Matt Tobin – theory and prac; Greg Tobin - theory only.
- Showed a YouTube video – All for Adventure boys - 4x4 Recovery Goes Seriously Wrong - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEYaTscCDIg>

MEETING CLOSED: at 9.35pm.

**GENERAL MEETING held at NORTH MACKAY BOWLS CLUB,
Malcomson Street. On 14/ 10 / 2013**

MEETING OPENED: - at 7.48 pm
by President Peter Morse

ATTENDANCE: - As per the Attendance Book.

VISITORS: - Bernie Laffie & Shaun Whitfield

APOLOGIES: - Jim McNichol, Kerry Morse, Michael WG,
Dom & Chez Kitchin, Graham & Lexie Walker, Charlie
Bezzina

GUEST SPEAKER. JOHN ROBERTSON & DEBBIE
DODD

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: -
Resolved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting
on Monday 14 / 10 / 2013 be confirmed as per magazine.
(Michelle J & Peter Grech.) Carried by all

Business arising from the Minutes: - Nil...

SECRETARY Kathy Searle for Correspondence -
For period 14 / 10 / 2013 to 11 / 11 / 2013

Inwards: -

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- Email Pat Callinan's 4X4 Adventures Newsletter #56
- NPRSR Friends of Parks tender process advisory email
- Email enquiries from Chris Browning, Joel Clinton
- Nov Photo Competition email from Kylie

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.

(John Laughton & Jeanette VK) Carried.

Business arising:Nil

TREASURER Derek Van Kerckhof for Report -	Opening
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(Moved - Derek VK & Seconded by Steve Everett) 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:

- Discussion on shirt committee research. Many local suppliers were contacted and was a long and involved process. Sublimated shirts are difficult from club perspective as require a batch order. Club wants an ongoing order process for new members to be able to buy shirts as they join. Polo shirts through Twisted Embroidery will allow us to order individually. Committee meeting decided on the emerald green and black coloured shirt. Two different types of embroidery options for logo provided at the meeting – all green text or black and green combination. Those present decided on the black. Cost of shirt with logo is \$31.15, with logo and name \$33.35, shirt, logo, name and pocket \$41.05. In cool dry material and easy to look after. Female cut shirt also available. Can try on in the shop and but they recommend you get one size up. Pick your size, order and Twisted Embroidery will have them in two weeks. Twisted Embroidery is located at 3/120 Sydney St (on the corner of Sydney St and Evan St, opposite Struthers Furniture Court). Thanks to Helena and Dennis for all their efforts on this.
- Discussion about Xmas camp @ Seaforth Sat Nov 23rd – Annual celebration for the club. Some go Fri night, Sat is kids games afternoon, dinner at the Bowls club & need names so the club can cater with their staffing levels. Open menu & order from the bistro. Lucky door prizes, visitor during the night, parents need to bring a secret Santa present for their own children \$10 limit. \$5 per adult camping. Club will have area designated for us – look for the club banner.

- Dec meeting – club will provide lots of little raffle prizes which will be drawn until they are all gone so come along! We can't bring nibbles like we have in previous years but all at the meeting were in favour of the club organizing some platters from the bowls club to celebrate the end of the year.
- John Laughton mentioned that there is an Engel agent at the 5ways. Happy to show us his gear one afternoon if anyone is interested & might be able to organize some Engel prizes. Club will follow up

DRIVER AWARENESS REPORT Peter Grech–

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

- Emu Gullies – cancelled as only one name down.
- Stringys Camp – Pete was TL, Story teller & Fines person. Went into Stringys but was too dry
- Cathu Day Trip – Bruce TL Fiona Dunn Story teller Very dry but view was amazing. Went looking for the waterfall down several tracks. Lots of dead ends. Eventually found the waterfall but no parking. No water but lovely rock feature carved by the water. Some had fun getting back up the hill. Did a few more tracks & then air-ed up the tires and came home.

Fines – Peter

Adam – honking his horn at imaginary pedestrians & using his indicator

Fiona – insect magnet

Bruce – more problems with his UHF!

Peter M – for balling up first attempt coming up from the waterfall

Peter G – for not putting a foot wrong all day. But at committee meeting he confessed he wanted to be Tail-end Charlie so he didn't need to do story or fines so he gets a fine for that.

- Diggings camp – Ian Mac – TL & Story Weather was perfect, 4 vehicles – all patrols so they knew they wouldn't have any problems. Tim & Jeff went for a drive in the afternoon and Tim put a few wheels off the ground & needed someone on the bulbar to get some traction. Kids had their own party near Kylie's camp. Good to see so many kids getting out camping. Two ladies stayed up talking almost all night by the fire. Quiet basic weekend.

Fines – Tim Shultz

No real reason for fines, all patrols, nothing went wrong. Tim said he tried to get half stuck... Kylie took over his story and explained to much hilarity the true proceedings which resulted in her sitting on Tim's bull bar insisting that he better not kill her and now her new nickname is "Diff Locker"

Future Trips:

- Thurs 14 Nov – Trip planning meeting @ Bruce's
- Sun 17 Nov – Belmunda Day trip
- Sat Sun 23 24 Nov – Seaforth Christmas party Camp
- Sun 1 Dec – Horse Creek
- Sat Sun 7 – 8 Dec Sandy Shores
- Sat 7 Dec – Pre-Christmas BBQ at Jim & Joyce's place
- Fri 13 Dec – Christmas Lights night drive
- Sat 11 Jan – Pizza and Pav night

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 – Bernie Laffy & Shaun Whitfield

GUEST SPEAKER: Nil

RAFFLE: Congratulations to:

- First Prize – Dennis of a pocket knife
- Second Prize – Theresa of a bbq set

Next **GENERAL MEETING:** 09 / 12 / 2013 at the North Mackay Bowls Club.

Next **COMMITTEE MEETING:** 4 / 12 / 2013 at Peter Morse's Residence.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.05pm



PHOTO COMP RESULTS:

The Judges:

John Robertson – Creative Shots Photo club. His forte is landscape and food photography. Photo adventures business teaching beginners and intermediates how to use their camera over a weekend both classroom and practical opportunities. Said it was a credit to the club for getting so many photos into the competition.

Debbie Dodd – was a law & human resource management & then studied creative arts photo media & design. Specialises in portraits, commercial and food – genuinely loves photography. Setting up a new business - 5.45 photo adventures – offering photography tours in nth qld.

Scenic category : Hardest to judge, beautiful colours and composition

3rd – Terry Devery – sunset photo at Lake Elphinstone. Cropping would have made it perfect

2nd – Jeanette VK – Simpson desert – great big canvas. Don't need a lot to make a beautiful shot.

1st – Bruce Wolsey – photo of road down a mountain – leads you into the photo but keeps you in the photo as the road doesn't leave the photo.

Highly Commended:

Bruce Wolsey – fence and view into the distance behind. Diagonals need to lead you into the photo

Terry Devery – lovely composition with the curves at Lamberts beach

Jeanette VK – story in the photo – great ocean road.

Kristine Maiorana - Pastels work & nice reflection in the beach sunset shot

Action Category

3rd – Peter Morse – photo of a club day NZ where they played around in a paddock & rolled a hilux

2nd – Dennis Boland – photo of 4wd in the quarry

1st – Bruce Wolsey – horse creek trip – A Nissan being recovered by two Nissans

Highly Commended:

Michael WG – action with the wheels – can see movement.

Jeanette VK – Simpson desert – two tracks go into one track. Quirky and really good.

People and Campsites Category

3rd – Kylie Jones – photo of Imogen by the water on a camp

2nd – Michael WG – kids playing on the beach – 4 sections to it & the kids form a diagonal.

1st – Jim McNichol – camp at kings canyon in central Australia - lovely colours, the light creates depth, everything works

Highly Commended:

Ian McDonald – Chopper creek kayak trip

Jeff Walker – lights around camp

Kylie Jones – campfire and blurry fames

Fauna and Flora Category

3rd place – Jeanette VK – tree in the sunset.

2nd – Bruce Wolsey – duck swimming with ripples – simple clean shot worthy of a calendar

1st – Jeanette VK – croc curved around – Kakadu – followed rule of thirds and balanced with green at top and bottom

Highly Commended:

Michael WG – lichen on a tree – little bit over cropped. But works well with the odd number of lichen.

Tips from the pros:

3 top tips: Stories, leading lines and rule of thirds. Stop and have look at the scene. Step to left and right. Look for lines and where they will take you into the photo. If a photo tells a story then people will stop and have a look at it. Not what you know of the scene but what people will make of it. Use your feet and move around to make the photo talk. Hop down on your knees or up on a rock to get different angles.



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CHOPPER CREEK

by Kylie Jones



*5th - 7th October
Queens Birthday
Long Weekend!*

Our family was so excited to finally go camping together for longer than just over night. All the kids came this time. Rhianna, Elizabeth, Cody and pipsqueak Imogen! It was the first time we took our camper trailer however, with no modified suspension; we bottomed out as soon as we drove out our driveway. Jeff was quick to volunteer as tail end Charlie.

We all met at the BP truck stop. There were six vehicles. There was the Vk family, Pam & Steve in one Rodeo and their son, Kane, in another Rodeo, (keeping up with the family tradition). Steve & Michelle where in their trusty Nissan, Charles Goolings & his mini Goosling, Dillon, then us. We nearly had an altercation when we first left the BP station; Kane nearly ran up the backside of his mum and dad when they stopped for traffic and Kane didn't. There was probably the width of bee's sting between the two cars! Other than that, the drive in was pretty uneventful...except for us! We had to drive so slowly to ensure that the car didn't bottom out and that we took the corners wide enough for our long drawbar. There was one corner in which we could not get the trailer around. Jeff did ask me help guide him backing up the trailer but he had already backed into the tree therefore he could not go any further back, so where was I supposed to guide him to? Fortunately, we had a chain saw and we were able to saw a fallen down log with high branch sticking out and we finally made it round (much to the relief of the other crew who were most likely dying for a swim).



When we arrived to Chopper Creek, we saw that the during the trek, the long draw pin that hitched camper to the tow bar bent severely so we could not unhitch the camper even if we wanted to. The people

with loud kids camped down in the water bed (VK & Walker family) and the rest of the crew found solitude up on the top bank.

Well, to get a picture of how it was, it basically was kids swimming, fishing, kayaking all day with whinging Imogen only whinging some of the time.



Adults were able to crack a coldie, sipping their drinks while keeping an eye on the children. Pam, Steve and their older offspring, Kane, all went fishing in the kayaks (when they could take a turn of their own kayaks since they generously allowed all of to use them) and I believe Kane caught the biggest fish; four sooty grunters. They were nice enough to cook it and share it among their fellow campers. I'm sure Steve Johnson would have shared his, if it didn't get away! In the kayaks, we all got up close and personal with nature checking out the huge lizards basking in the sun and honey eaters collecting nectar from the overhanging callistemon over the water. All the kids caught a fish, even though they weren't eating size.

Our kids wrecked nearly everyone's fishing gear so I'm sure they will run for the hills next time we come on a trip. I better remember the fishing gear for next time. Charles had a duel, streamlined kayak where he and Dillon had fun paddling out and about on the water. Michelle made an awesome pudding one night that it didn't take long for the men to line up when she offered it to everyone. Talk about ladies first...not! On pack up day, we did not want to go. Again, our car had to take it extremely easy to ensure we didn't bottom out. Everyone was so patient with us that we are all truly thankful for. And to just let everyone know, we have put and 2in lift kit in so I hope it will do the trick for our next camping adventure!

Kylie



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Cathu Day Trip

3rd November 2013



Written by Fiona Dunn

The Convoy of 4 cars meet at Conningsby service station at 8am, Bruce was our mighty trip leader with Helen or Peter M (can't remember) making note of the fines, Peter G bring up the rear as tail-end-charlie and also nominating myself to write the tail of our adventure (surly thats a fine right there Helen or Peter) My Cousin and his wife came along for the ride to check it all out as they have heard our stories and wanted to see it for themselves (and are now hooked and cant wait to join).

We stopped just after we turned off the Bruce Hwy to let our tyre's down then made our way up the rugged clark range behind the whitsunday coast to the amazing Cathu lookout where we stopped for morning tea and pictures. The view from the lookout was spectacular and a reminder at what a beautiful place we call home.

After morning tea we jumped back in our cars to see where the road took us. Well it took us through a nice creek crossing and some beautiful scenery though we were stopped in our tracks as the road had become blocked with several fallen trees. After a 10 point turn and some clever reversing we were all on our way again to find a waterfall where we would stop for lunch.

Our hunt for the infamous water took us down a track where it was blocked half way down by a fallen tree, but not to worry Bruce got his might chainsaw out that tree didn't stand a chance. The boys cleared the tree away and we were off again where the track led us to a beautiful grassed area next to a creek where some cows had made camp but no waterfall, so back up the track we went.

We, well Bruce found a another track which brought us to a cross roads where both tracks had STAY OUT painted in big red letters, what to do, well go through of course. But unfortunately still no waterfall. But not to worry our leader found a track which lead us down a steep decent and to the waterfall. Once we arrived I discovered an itchy caterpillar had fallen in through my window onto my shorts unfortunately for me i didn't notice and my arm rolled the poor little guy into a ball leaving me with itchy welts all over my arm. After washing the itchy hairs off my arm we all set up and enjoyed lunch under the trees followed by exploring the dried up waterfall. It was quite a sight to see and pretty cool being ably to be walking around where a waterfall would normally be flowing.

Then it was time to leave and meant tackling the hill. One by one we made our way back up with Pete bringing up the rear making it look so easy putting the rest of us to shame having had 2 goes to get up.

Bruce took us down one last fun little track which tested our throttle control and gear selection (this sealed the deal for my cousin by the way Bruce) before heading home. Pete and Pete tried there luck on a steep little track just off the main road. Back at the Hwy we gathered to pump up our tyre's before bidding a fond farewell and grabbing some photos in the cane fields and of some foal's of miniature horse which were very cute. All in all was a great day and cant wait for the next trip.



Fiona

Seaforth Xmas Breakup

Saturday - Sunday 23-24 November 2013



A few of the members in Jim & Joyce, Tony & Angie and Terry & Fay were fortunate in being able to head off early and set up camp in the park on Friday afternoon.

The usual Happy Hour was organised but just on dark the clouds that were looking dark & threatening all afternoon, opened up & dropped a cloud burst on the campsite. Tea was then moved inside the campers / vans and we spent the night listening to the rain pouring on the rooftops.

Saturday dawned fine & we spent an easy morning welcoming the other members as they arrived and set up their various camps. The radio informed us that the Bowen & Whitsunday areas had received over 300mm of rain that night while we had about 65mm. Lunch over, the kids were soon busy playing various games such as Bocche, cricket, etc. Derek kept their energy levels up with handouts of lollies for a sugar fix.

By mid afternoon all of the group had arrived & again, happy hour was enjoyed until it was time for baths & changing into the good gear. The courtesy bus arrived around 6pm and started the shuttle service to take us all up to the Bowls Club for tea.

Meals were ordered & quickly dispatched than it was time for the jolly gent in the big red suit to make his appearance. On being questioned the children assured him that they had all been good this year so the bag was opened & the presents were handed out to all who eagerly dispatched the wrappings to find the goodies inside. Even little Imogen was happy with her present despite giving Santa some questioning looks.?

Actually Santa was a bit more reserved this year as Natalie wasn't present to sit on his knee, so he had lost his drinking companion.? The formalities over, the shuttle bus was again organised for the return trip back to the park where the group continued to spread the Christmas cheer until the wee hours of the morning.

Sunday dawned bright with the rain gone. People had an easy morning checking out the local markets, etc, before packing up the camps & heading off for home. Our thanks go to the ladies on the committee who spent their time purchasing the goodies for the children, organising the games, etc and for making our breakup such a great weekend.

Cheers,

Terry



Activities Calendar



Christmas Lights Night Drive

Dates: Friday 13 December 2013
 Grade: 1
 Location: Around the streets of Mackay.
 Type of Event: Sightseeing and social.
 Meeting Place: To be advised
 Requirements: A few bucks for a coffee and/or ice cream
 Trip distance: 50-75km
 Comments: Suitable for children

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

Pizza & Pav Night

Dates: Saturday 11 January 2014
 Grade: 1
 Location: To be advised.
 Type of Event: Start of year social.
 Requirements: A nominal charge for the pizzas and pavs. BYO drinks, chairs
 Trip distance: 50km
 Comments: Suitable for children

Cathu Day Trip

Dates: Sunday 19 January 2014
 Grade: 4-5
 Location: Cathu State Forest.
 Type of Event: Day drive, rugged track.
 Meeting Place: Conningsby Service Station 8.00 for 8.15am departure
 Requirements: Full recovery gear and chainsaws
 Trip distance: 250-300km
 Drinking Water: BYO
 Comments: Some fun tracks and places of interest.

Sandy Shores Camp

Dates: Saturday, Sunday & Monday 25, 26, 27 January 2014
 Grade: 2-3
 Location: A cattle property south-west of Mackay
 Type of Event: Magnificent waterhole for swimming, kayaking, fishing. Bush walking. Can drive on tracks around the property and experience superb views of the local terrain
 Meeting Place: Mac's Truck Stop 8.00 for 8.15am departure
 Requirements: Camping gear
 Trip distance: 300-400km
 Drinking Water: BYO
 Showers/toilets: BYO Shower/BYO Toilet. Get water from creek.
 Comments: 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: Bruce Wolsey - 0458 007 700 (ring or text)

Email: bhwolsey@mrbean.net.au

Gumby Gumby Day Trip

Dates: Sunday 2 February 2014
Grade: to 3
Trip Leader: Neil Barker (TBC)
Location: We proceed to Nebo and head west to a cattle property not far from Nebo.
Type of Event: Day Trip. There are some interesting landscapes, sandy creek crossings, natural springs and some bush driving. Come and see this place before it is completely taken over by mining.
Meeting Place: Wests Car Park, Branscombe Road, Walkerston 8.00 for 8.15am departure
Requirements: Bring a picnic lunch. Don't forget the camera
Trip distance: 200-250km
Drinking Water: BYO

Stringys Camp

Dates: Saturday & Sunday 8-9 February 2014
Grade: 1-2
Location: This is a bush camp approx 1 ¼ 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.
Comments: 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.

General Club Meeting

Dates: Monday 9 September 2013, 7.30pm
Location: North Mackay Bowls Club. Meals available before meeting

Denham Range – Moonlight Dam Day Trip

Dates: Sunday 16 February 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.

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



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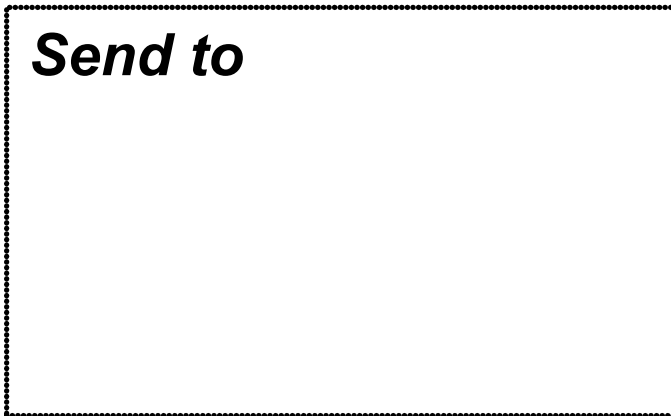
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