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Newsletter

November 2010



Simpson Desert car line up - Club Crossing August 2010

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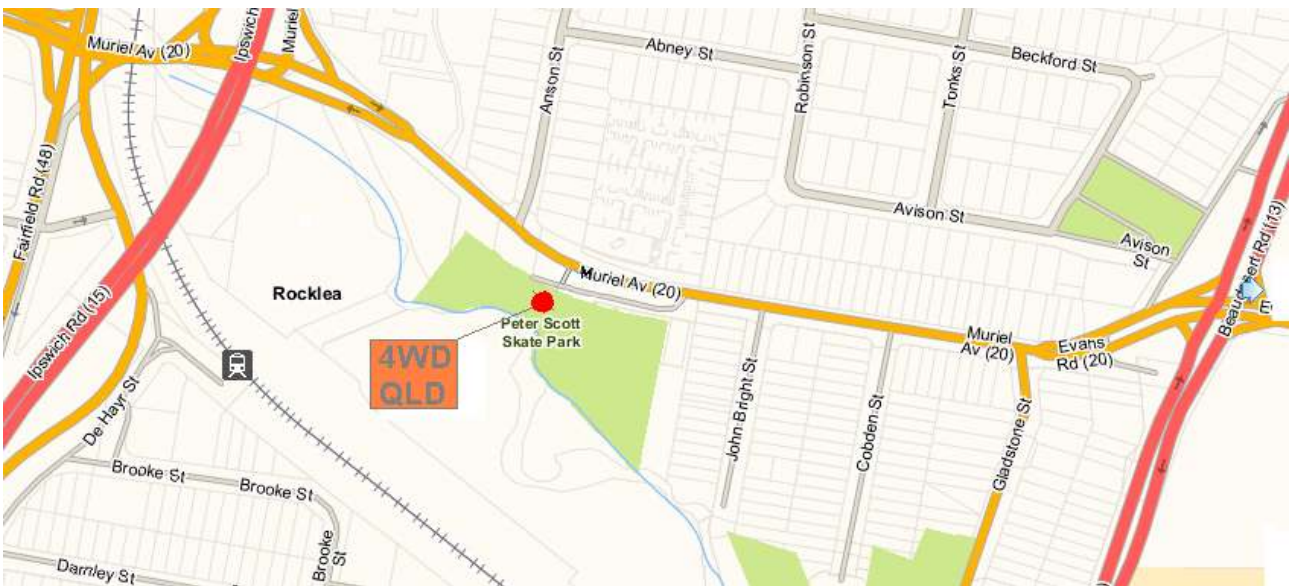
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Important Club information

Club Postal address: PO Box 231, Archerfield 4108 QLD.

Club Web address - www.rivercity4wdclub.com

We meet every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm at the FWD QLD Hall, 90 Muriel Avenue, Moorooka



Map from whereis.com.

Basic Trip Rules

All vehicles are to be registered, Insured and in a road safe condition. All vehicles must have a working UHF CB (Club Ch28) Tow Points front and Rear of the Vehicle (tie down points are not to be used) 2 x 3.25T rated shackles, rated Snatch strap and a Club sticker. All Drivers must sign the trip book, doing so advises the Club you comply with the rules. Prospective Members are welcome to attend but must comply with the above rules. While Training is not compulsory, new members need to inform us of your experience level; with this in mind all visitors must be introduced to the Trip Leader prior to commencement of any Trips.

Membership fees

\$50 per year on \$12.50 per full or part quarter, determine by joining date, Plus a \$5 joining fee. \$50 for existing members - due 1st July each year (Per vehicle, not person)

Other important details

FWD QLD contact details: www.fwdqld.com.au
Email: QAFWDC@bigpond.com Phone 07 3277 6071
24hrs, leave message or FAX 07 3277 0069

TCIS insurance - PH 1800 633 745
(Association of National Four Wheel Drive Clubs Insurance Scheme)

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Club Merchandise for sale

Club T-shirts - \$40 Long stickers - \$6
Small Club stickers - \$2 Stubby Coolers - \$5

President & Editors report



Hi Gang

Another month is almost over and our active lives seem to keep us all from what we really want to do but still we must have a little fun – otherwise what is it all for!

The October meeting was better attended than I was expecting, if we are able to get a few more active members involved we have a real chance of making this club a real goer but we need the numbers and more help filling the required board positions... but I am not going to harp on the point for now.

At the Meeting the question of where we go from here was taken to a vote, the attending members voted to continue operating as a club with a unanimous vote but as to how we run is still in hanging in the air with several options still on the drawing board, several of the options include continuing as the same club, changing the name or even merging with another club or group – time will tell but at this stage the only change will be more social meetings at clubs or 4WD outings, to this account the November meeting will be held at the usual clubrooms with Victor chairing the meeting as I will be camping on Fraser Island with a group from the Simpson trip, also celebrating our son's Scott 18th Birthday.

I would like to thank Victor in advance for running the meeting and looking after much of the load of running the club, also my thanks must go to Vicky and Nigel Williams for helping us with the book work and other items required to keep the club running.

Club Christmas party will be held at Christmas Creek on the weekend on the 18th and 19th of December it will be BYO everything, for camping talk to Victor or Nigel at the meeting.

Peter Richens – TroopiePete - President 2010-2011

Simpson Desert to beyond
Trip Report Part 2

Due to a lack of current trips I decided to post a few more photo's of our trip in August / September, I could bore you with countless words but the photo's tell a better story.

This array of solar dishes are on the outskirts of Windorah –
on the way to Birdsville





Peter Gates – or Peter 2 as we came to know him, one of the not so lucky lake crossings – Joe recovered him and they changed the tyre once on dry land.



Purnie Bore – it was cold but the pipe was nice and hot – better than sex!

Technical report

During our recent trip to the Simpson Desert I noticed my steering becoming increasingly vague with a noticeable lag in change of direction, as we were still in the stage of crossing the Desert and very much caked up with mud I just blamed it on that as a possible problem with my steering linkages. As the trip moved on I also notice my brakes were not too good with at least one full pump needed before I would get any brakes at all but after the initial pump they would function correctly – this had me confused but I just accepted that possibly I had mud under the brake pads – hell it was everywhere else so why not! Several weeks in to the trip and while we were on the final leg home I decided to jack the car up and check out just what was happening as the problems were defiantly getting much worse including one incident where Narelle was driving and ran off the road trying to avoid a goat – tried to brake but had none ending up on the other side of the road on a very steep slope!

We were camping at this spot for two night so the next day while most of the others went for a drive into town I jacked the car up and checked the front wheels, to my dismay I found the Passenger side wheel had way too much play in the wheel bearings and the Drivers side was much worse with over 20 to 30mm play at the extreme ends of the tyres. When the wheel wobbled from side to side it was pushing the brake pads back into the cylinders much as it would if a new set of pads were being installed.

As for the wheel bearings most of the grease was now replaced by sand and water making a very nice sloppy grinding paste that did a very good job at wearing my bearings down, almost leaving we with no bearings at all, Thanks to Trevor I managed to clean the muck out with some Diesel he supplied and repacked the bearings with grease that Johnny had on hand – the bearings were technically stuffed but without a replacement set they were going to have to do the job. Fortunately they did continue to operate and kept the car running for a few weeks after we arrived home until I managed to source a replacement set of Bearing and seals but while I was changing them I decided to replace the swivel hub bearings and seals also, this was very fortunate as both sides were very much full of mud and water, as I removed the bolts that hold the wheel bearing spindle on the driver's side almost half a cup of rusty water ran out – this has caused a bit of damage to the CV in the way of rust but at this stage it will just have to crunch until I can get a replacement, it only causes a problem in 4WD and only at full lock so it's not all that bad.

Yesterday (28th October) I visited the guys at On Track in moss street top pick up my plasma winch rope that they have been repairing (another story) while I was there I asked Brad if he would mind having a look at my steering as it is still not very good, he climbed under the car and quickly discovered that the Passenger side Leading arm is badly bent and twisted up near where it bolts on to the chaise rail, the comment from Brad is that he has never seen one of these bent as they normally snap!

The annoying part is this arm was bent when I purchased the car over 12 months ago, I know this because I noticed it was bent but did not think anything of it, but what I also found and it's another reason why it's a good idea to get cars fully checked out is that this car has been in a bad accident on the passenger side, from what I can see the front mud guard was replaced, the door shuts but hits as you close it, my guess is this same accident also damaged the link arm and it was not replaced!

Today this is being replaced so hopefully some of my other problems may also be fixed.

TroopiePete.

Johnny Navara's Funnies

Why do cows have bells
They usually do not have horns

How do dolohins make decisions
They just flip at coin

What is yellow and smells like bananas
Usually monkey vomit

What is the laziest letter in the alphabet E because it is always in bed

Who has six eyes but cannot see a thing
The three blind mice

Why is grass sometimes dangerous
It can be full of blades

What do you call a man with a speedometer on his head Miles

Why didn't the lady mouse like the man mouse They just did not click

What do you call a bee that is always moaning A grumble bee

What has both webbed feet and fangs
Count Duckala

Doctor I just feel like a window
Well that is just a pain

What country always has people with great appetites Hungry

What type of biscuits do cannibals like the most Chocolate fingers

28TH October 2010 QAFWDC Reps Meeting

Chairman David Pirie

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) is being prepared about permits

4X4 Qld is to be heavily involved
Cheap fees will be only for 4X4 club member's higher fees for non members

The Fraser Cleanup confirmed for June long weekend

The sale of Cruiser Park is a non event a publicity stunt by Albin

Johnny Navara



EVENT PLANNER

- Trips listed with this are Proposed TBA

November 2010

- 10th – Club Meeting
- 7th – 14th Fraser island discovery trip –

December 2010

- Scenic Rim
- 3,4,5 Challenge finals suspension stuff challenge
- 18th&19th Club meeting and Christmas party – Christmas Creek
- 31st – New Years at Girraween

January 2011

- 8th – Bribie island – weekend trip
- 29th – Scenic Rim ?

February 2011

- 19th – Evans Heads – Bungelong National Park - Weekend

March 2011

- 5th – Brookland 4WD Park – Weekend

June 2011

- 8th – 29th ETD Cairns for the Cape York Miser Challenge or now is becoming known as "Clunkers to the Cape"
See President Peter if you want more details (this is not a club trip)
From the Overlander 4WD forum
[http://forums.overlander.com.au/viewtopic.php?t=63427&highlight=.](http://forums.overlander.com.au/viewtopic.php?t=63427&highlight=)