



Bulldust

Newsletter

December 2010



Maheno Wreck - Fraser Island
Seen better days - November 2010

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Important Club information

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

Club Web address - www.rivercity4wdclub.net

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)

Opinions and views expressed in this new letter are not necessarily those of the River City 4WD Club Inc.

Club Merchandise for sale

Club T-shirts - \$40 Long stickers - \$6

Small Club stickers - \$2 Stubby Coolers - \$5

President & Editors report



Hi Gang

December Meeting:

The December meeting will be held on the club outing/ xmas party this coming Sunday 12th of December – Contact Victor for details.

I must begin with thanking Victor for looking after the club while I was off having fun on Fraser, he reports that we only had four people turn up to the meeting so it seems that nothing has changed, little like the web page ☹.

On the note of the web page I have done a little bit of chasing for our old domain name but it seems that the easier solution will be to purchase a new name such as www.rivercity4wdclub.net Seems that anything with .au needs an ABN – stupid rules! Anyway the cost of purchasing a name such as this is only around \$24 for two years – slowly it will happen.

Recently I went for a day trip with the Motley Crew up the Condamine, I got speaking to some of the members it seems that since they have set up a Forum site they are getting several people joining each week – several of them end up joining the club or at the least going on outings so clearly this is the way to go.

As for trips we had a good turn up on Fraser with Myself, son Scott, the Uptons, Halls and there extended family – 12 people in total including a young baby, as usual Fraser was a heap of fun, the rain and wind did slow us down a little but we managed to trip around and generally have a good holiday, plenty of time spent relaxing or driving, the Fishing was not so good as the surf was full of very fine seaweed and the wind just kept blowing our lines back to shore, but we had some fun trying.

I don't think Trevor will ever forgive me for taking us over to moon point, the track is now quite overgrown and managed scratch all of our cars, worst was none of us managed to catch any fish there either! Mind you the Migies had a feast!

Our next club camp will be at Girraween over the new year's period, my intention is to arrive a few days early and set up a camp site – hopefully one that will suit most people, it appears we will have a few members joining us so even if you cannot stay for the entire time please think about dropping in staying for a night or two, in the past I have driven up to the area for a day trip – a long day but certainly doable.

Peter Richens – TroopiePete - President 2010-2011

Technical report

Continuing on from last month's report regarding mud is not a good lubricant, After speaking to several people I have found out a few interesting facts on such item is mud is actually the lubricant we are all using – well possibly not the mud we go driving in but very pure clay is one of the main components in grease, clearly it is not the only component but apparently it is what gives grease its main bulk.

It's interesting that the material that causes so many of us so much grief is actually the main component in our bearings lubrication.

On that note while on our recent trip to Fraser I noticed that I had a knocking sound in the rear end, on further investigation found my rear bearings had quite a lot of play – ok I should have looked at this earlier but just did not get around to it (story of my life) anyway on return I have replaced the bearings and seals, turns out they had around 5mm of play seems the brake pads were the only thing holding the wheels straight!

While working on the bearings I noticed that my hand brake shoes were down to metal – possibly a good reason why the hand brake was not working.

New bearings all round, a 2nd go at nipping the front bearings up, new handbrake shoes and the truck has a much straighter run on the road and my hand brake actually works!

Work opportunity of a life time!

Many of you possibly know I spend way too much time on the internet and of the past year or so much of it has been on the 4WD Action forum site. The site www.4wdmonthly.com.au is directly connected to the Magazine that many of us read, this is usually accompanied by one or two DVD's and covers trips and other topics covered in the Magazine – the DVD's usually feature Roothy (John Rooth) or Graham Hamilton as the main travellers.

As you do when mixing in the right areas I managed to get on to some of the production team and introduced our son Scott to them, it's been a few months of discussions but Scott is now in Western Australia working as a Camera Assistant on a couple of DVD's for next years publications, I believe the Presenter will be Graham but that is as much as we know or can be let public at this stage.

Both Narelle and I are very proud of Scott's achievements, plus as photography and travelling is a long term passion of mine Green with envy is an understatement! Stay tuned – once details are made public I will let you know. ED.



Scott on top of Poepfel Corner marker, 3 states at one time!

Johnny Navara's Funnies

What are cows favourite party game
Moo-sical chairs

What is dangerous and coloured yellow
Shark infested custard

How do elephants get down from tree branches
They just sit on a leaf and await fail

What kind of food do geometry teaches like
They only eat square meals

Where do cats cross roads
At the nearest purr-destrian crossing

What do you call a woodpecker with no beak
A head banger

What do you do with old bikers
Simple recycle them

What do you get if you cross a PC with an elephant
A computer with a really big memory

Why was not the butterfly allowed into the local dance
Because it was not a moth ball

What types of streets to ghost prefer to live on
Mostly dead ends

A carpenter went to see his doctor
He just had a saw hand

How do you fix a broken pumpkin?
You use a pumpkin patch

Why did miss cannibal join a dating service
she only wanted to meet edible bachelors

25TH November 2010 QAFWDC Reps Meeting

Chairman Peter Fowler

DAU courses can be done as a combined activity with other clubs

Mitsubishi club now has 170 members

Brisbane 4X4 has some 224 members

It has been suggested that each club appoints an Environmental contact officer

The MOU about access and permits is now in draft format

Courtesy call to park rangers is a nice touch

Group activity permits only needed for 20 or more vehicles

The new legislation will be for all areas in Qld

TCIS Insurance can be viewed from national website

Fuel dumps on the CSR are no longer however a new solution is being worked on

A Presidents meeting Saturday 12th February 2011

Johnny Navara



EVENT PLANNER

- Trips listed with this are Proposed TBA

December 2010

Scenic Rim

12th Club meeting and Day trip, Christmas party

Day drive up Condamine Gorge – creeks actually have water in them!

31st – New Years at Girraween – Some may be heading up several days prior and departing on the 2nd of Jan.

January 2011

- 8th – Bribie island – weekend trip – Camping on the Beach or west side bookings are essential so if you intend on attending you need to book and let us know.
- 29th – Scenic Rim ?

February 2011

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

March 2011

- 5th – Brookland 4WD Park – Weekend

June 2011

- June long weekend – Fraser Clean Up - numbers needed.
- 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=)