

May 2007

Bulldust

Newsletter of the River City 4WD Club Inc.



Club Meets 2nd Wed of every month at 7:30pm, in the QAFWDC Hall, 90 Muriel Ave. Moorooka

Trip Report for Anzac Day - City View 4x4 Park

We met at a rather civilised hour at the Shell at Jimboomba. Scott and Dave were there when I arrived, followed closely by Kermie and crew. We also met up with Fordie and a friend of mine Collin, from work. After a quick chat we headed off, 11 vehicles in the convoy, which was good to see as we haven't seen those numbers on a trip in a long time. We arrived at City View and headed up to the office to pay our fees. We showed Peter our trips book and he gave us all \$5 off our daily fee 'cos we're in a club. It's good to see a park like that supporting the clubs. (Unlike the one we just visited recently at Kilcoy.) After deflating our tyres, Kermie's mate Fordie - in a slightly modified Discovery, took the lead, as he has put most of the tracks in at City View.



When we left the office, we heard the Bischoffs on the UHFs, running just a little late. We proceeded up one of the easier tracks. It didn't take long for Andrew and Wayne to catch up, with Wayne sporting a set of "Borrowed" Mickey Thompsons from Andrew - With Wayne saying "I'm giving it shit today - they're not my tyres!!" Michael Snelson and myself were at the rear of the convoy, needless to say we took a couple of extreme detours, meeting up with the convoy in different locations around the park. We stopped briefly for morning tea in one of the campsites, before heading off again. We climbed to some lookouts, needless to say the spectacular views here haven't changed at all. We toured some more moderate tracks, before splitting into two groups with Michael in the lead, followed by Andrew, Collin and myself bringing up the rear.

We proceeded down Jeepers descent, when I heard a slight crunch ahead of me and I thought, "Hello, Collin's nudged a tree ahead of me or something". Next thing Collin's got on the UHF and said, "I've gone over". My first thought was "Bull crap, how could he go over down here?" I came around the corner and there was his mighty GU on its passenger side. So I ran up to the car, made sure Collin was ok and



opened the door so he could climb out. So we positioned the Mav and attempted to winch it on a straight-line pull, back onto its wheels. The angle was wrong, so plan two, we did a change of direction. We rolled him gently back on his wheels. We let the vehicle sit for a couple of minutes, to allow the oil to drain back into the sump and Collin kicked it over first go. I said to Collin "What do you want to do? Head home or keep 4wding?" He said "we'll keep going" - Gotta love that sort of attitude. The vehicle wasn't damaged too badly, dinged up side panels, busted aerial, busted side mirror - bit of a crack in the windscreen. So we headed back down to the

campsite for some lunch. Many thanks to the people who came up and offered their help. It was good to

see a nice smooth recovery. After a bit of lunch we headed off to the competition area for a bit more of a play. We had a couple more snatch recoveries, a flat tyre, but nothing too dramatic. The sun started getting surprisingly low on the horizon and I looked at my watch, it was almost 4 o'clock. How time flies when you are having such a good time. We all went back to the office to sign out, said our good-byes and went our separate ways.

Thank you everybody for your attendance, thank you Michael Snelson for your attempt at a bit of competition - better luck next time!! And thank you everyone who participated, it made it a really great day! Special mention goes to Collin for his unique parking, Dave and Piglets for his rock climbing technique - where traction fails speed works - and don't worry about that metal grinding sound - or was he just doing R&D on the ARB side steps??? Andrew Bischoff for just being Andrew and Wayne for giving himself an excuse to upgrade to a steel winch bar. Thank you everyone, look forward to the next one and even bigger thanks to my lovely wife for the scrummy Anzac biscuits.

President Adam



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Editor's Comments

There's been a bit of tension in the air of late. Some people are trying their hardest to do the right thing by our current members, but it looks as though even our President is getting rather cheesed off. If only you were all at the last meeting to hear his address to the club. After all, his words were directed at everyone, not just those that were actually at the meeting.

Kermie and Kerin did a great job of putting together the very colourful club promotional brochure. I just hope the rest of you have handed them out like requested. If we all pitch in and do just a little bit, it will make a lot less work for the usual one or two.

Despite the comments of the club Easter trip not happening, a trip did actually take place, back to Orme

and Sandra's near the Richmond Ranges. It was de-ja-vu, as the same crowd as the previous trip to Orme and Sandra's enjoyed the Easter weekend together.

We did more exploring, more relaxing, had a paddle in the Toonumbar Dam and the Clarence River and decided to stay an extra night, as we were having such a good time again.

Too bad nobody else took up the opportunity to spend some time in a very pretty area. Obviously everyone had other plans at Easter.

The next coming event that we're looking for club support from, is the car boot sale planned for Sunday, 3rd June. This great idea of Jenny Gesch's, to offload all that unwanted camping gear, has the potential to be a very big, fun day and a good money

spinner for the club. \$10 a site, is hardly anything to potentially sell hundreds of dollars of unwanted stuff. If you don't have anything to sell (yeah right), make sure you come along for a sausage sizzle and a sticky beak. You never know, you might just find a bargain yourself.

I hope we have the club shirts sorted out by then, but I'm not trying to put any pressure on Kermie, as I'm sure David and him are busy with the website ;-). In all seriousness it's great that you guys have volunteered to do this. I'm sure both projects will come into fruition and they'll be worth the wait.

Take note later in the newsletter, of the tentative dates for the DAU training. Check your calendars, rearrange your other plans and make sure you make yourself available. If

you miss out in the first intake, who knows when the next course will be run. You don't want to be forced into having to do the training through another club and pay their inflated price, do you ?

Debbie, Scott, Adam and Kermie have put a lot of time and effort into getting this finally up and running. Less than half the club have put their names in the book as willing participants. C'mon don't be a slacker, phone Adam or Debbie to get your

name in the book. This training is all about awareness and the safe use of your vehicle. We've all got something to learn.

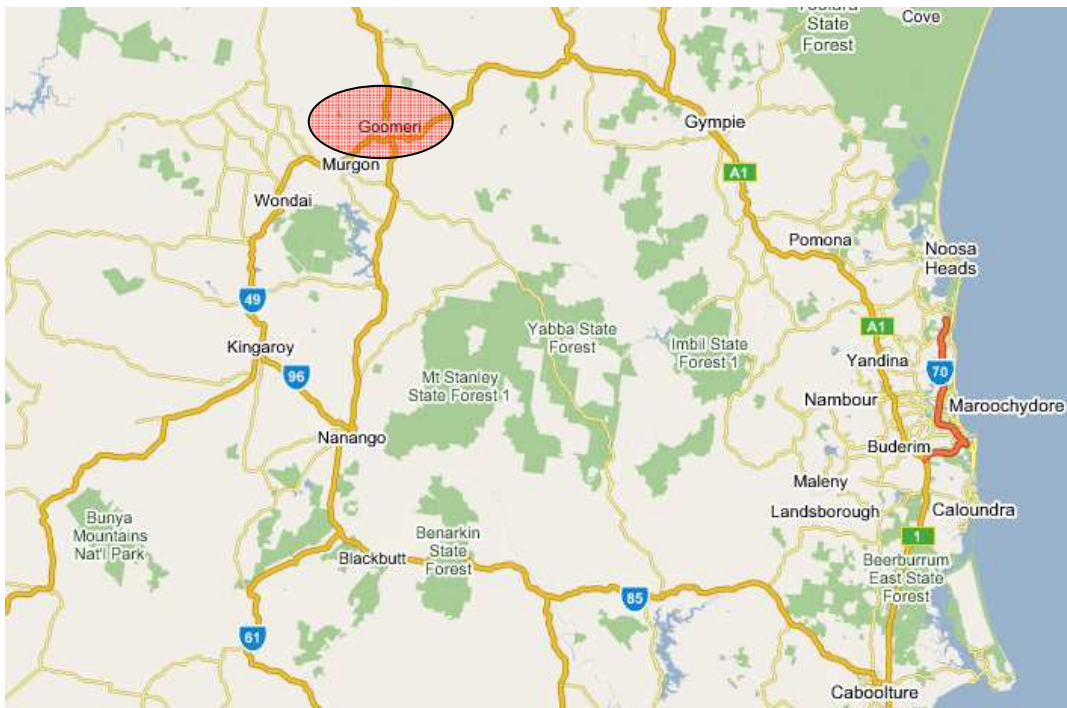
John

The Johnny Navara Comedy Corner

If the police arrest a mime artist, do they have to tell him to be silent

If a turtle loses his shell does he become homeless or just naked If your pet pussy

What's Happening this Month



26th & 27th May : Goomeri Pumpkin Festival

Trip Leader : Looking for a volunteer

Meeting : Probably 8:00am

Where: BP Morayfield / Caboolture, the usual one on the highway

There's the opportunity to go driving on the Saturday afternoon, but Sunday is the big pumpkin festival day. There will be an all day BBQ, street markets, working dog demonstration, whip-cracking competition, reptile display, camel rides, antique car and bike display, stationery motor display, bush bands, cooking demonstrations and of course the Great Pumpkin Roll.

Helen and I will be going to this, but won't be the "official" Trip Organisers, as we are taking a group up from Helen's work and most likely staying at a private property owned by an ex-employee. We can get people to Goomeri, but don't rely on us as guides for the weekend.

Car Boot Sale 3rd June : Moorooka

Organiser : Jenny Gesch 3802 1355
Start Time : 7am

Queen's Birthday Weekend 9th, 10th, 11th June: Christmas in June – Stanthorpe

Trip Organiser : I think Kerin

Meeting Time & Place : You better come along to the May general meeting for confirmation and further details.

Trip Participation Mandatory Requirements :

Working UHF radio (Ch 28) Snatch Strap with no fraying 2 x 3.25t rated shackles
Front & rear recovery points Club sticker (members only)

- Visitors are welcome to attend trips, for the small fee of \$5/vehicle. The above requirements must still be met.
- The member who introduces the visitor will be responsible for that visitor throughout the trip.
- The trips book must be signed by all adults, whether they are members or visitors.
- The Trip Leader has the right to refuse participation in the trip to anybody not complying with the above.
- The club strongly suggests you have your own first aid kit and fire extinguisher on all trips.

Minutes of the RIVER CITY 4WD CLUB General Meeting – 11/4/2007

Meeting Opened: 7.30pm
Visitors: None
Apologies: None recorded
Minutes Previous Meeting: Previous minutes were not actually received
Correspondence: Moved: Sonjya Seconded: Debbie
Treasurers Report: Balance as at 31/3/07: \$2,109.12
Moved: Jenny Seconded: Kim
Raffle: ARB Tyre Deflator donated by John at Outback Jack's
QAWFDC: Nothing to report.
Trips Completed: Adam expressed his opinion regarding the lack of commitment to attendance at meetings and especially on trips. Numerous trips have been cancelled due to a lack of interest. A survey was discussed to find out why people don't attend. Is it the people, the trips or some other reasons for not attending. It always seems to be the same people at meetings and trips.
Trips Coming Up: Border Ranges Anzac Day drive – looks to be cancelled due to lack of interest.
Manar – looks to be cancelled due to lack of interest.
DAU: Kermie pleaded that we all support and participate in this worthwhile program. Scott indicated we are looking at holding the first course in June.
TECHNICAL: Johnny Navara mentioned the "new" MY Patrol is soon to be released. Andrew brought in his twisted and torn in half tailshaft. It was gouged on a rock, which weakened it to the point that when he tried to recover a Toyota, the shaft twisted in half.
GENERAL: Car Boot Sale is planned for 3rd June. It is advertised on the 4WD Association website. The grounds at Moorooka should hold about 30 cars. Cost will be \$10 per car or trailer. Payment must be received up front. Johnny Navara mentioned wire rope is selling for \$1.70/m at John L Robinson. Kermie mentioned if you want any let him know, as he deals through them. Kermie brought in more club shirt options. Thanks to Kermie and Kerin for putting together the colourful club promotions brochure, for distribution at the 4WD show. Peter Richens has resigned as Vice-president. Peter Driver (Kermie) has taken on the role.
MEETING CLOSED: 8.15pm

Thanks to Keira for doing the Minutes. ED



Car Boot Sale

Sunday 3rd June from
7am

(stallholders will be required to be
set up by 7am)



QAFWDC Hall, 90 Muriel Ave Moorooka

Only 40 sites available, so get in quick
\$10 per site (car or trailer, but not both)

Cold drinks and a sausage sizzle will be available

Bring along all your unwanted camping and 4WD gear. Tents, fridges, porta pottis, camp chair covers, gas stoves, gas lights, wheels, tyres, compressors, roof racks, caravan stuff, canoes, fishing rods...anything lying around. New stuff is ok, but remember people will probably be looking for a bargain.

If you really don't have enough stuff for one site, be a tight wad and join up with someone else.

If you don't have anything you want to get rid of, come along anyway. There'll be lots to look at. One person's rubbish is another person's treasure.



For enquiries or to book a site, phone :
Jenny 3802 1355 / 0408 644 277 or
John 3289 5402 / 0429 428 467



Driver Awareness Unit

Tentative dates for Course 1



Theory night part 1 Tues 12th June at
Moorooka 6:30pm



Workshop night Thursday 14th June at
Outback Jack's Capalaba 6:30pm



Theory night part 2 Wed 20th June at
Moorooka 6:30pm



Competency Weekend 23rd, 24th June at
Levuka 9am start Sat. Finish Sun mid arvo.

Trip Report : EASTER at The Springs

I had decided some months ago, well before Christmas, with an old mate of mine (yes I do have some mates), to visit The Springs for Easter. In fact, it turned out I have more than just one mate. 2 other mates came along as well (in total 4 camps).

As usual I decided to take the Thursday off and travel down, as you all know by now, if you don't go the day before, you may as well make it a day run. The owners are somewhat overbearing, wanting to guide and place me and my van, in a specific camp spot. They were fully booked with some 70 sites.

The road in is somewhat rough and care needs to be taken when towing a van. Bayley and I set up the house and all was well in the world, not many others had arrived as yet.

The following morning Easter Friday, the place soon filled up. Jenny and Sam travelled down that morning, but could not get the car into the camp site, so I had to go back and drive the car in for her.

One of my mates has a large 20 foot van and I had to go back with the Patrol and tow him and his van up the first hill to get them into the park.

All set up, it was dry and dusty. The camp site is O.K. but there is a dirt road through the camp site and some unthinking campers create more dust. If I had the choice and stayed there again, I would ask to camp down on the creek bank, further from the toilets, but quite flat and less dusty.

The loos are good and clean, which is a nice change, until some of the grubs that go camping turn up (how do some people get them in such a mess). But each morning, they were cleaned and serviced again.

So off to the tracks we go. Rocks and rocks and more rocks. I hate rocks. This place grows them by the tonne. The map was sort of helpful at times. We covered most, if not all the tracks, except for the Extreme ones. No need to damage the rig, as it's a long way to walk home.

The worst thing was the wind and the dust. The wind came up on Saturday morning and it was a cold westerly wind and it blew and blew and of course it blew dust everywhere, up the nose, up the mouth (no brown eyes here Adam, or you would have dust up there too). It was in your food, in the van, over the car and in the car. You felt dust everywhere.

Over all a good weekend – not a bad place –

Scott

\$\$\$\$\$ FOR SALE \$\$\$\$\$

EvaKool Fridge/Freezer 70L, replacement value over \$1800. Sell for \$1100. Ph Scott Crawford

Porta Potti with chemicals, hardly used \$50 Ph Keira Johnstone 0412 309 683

Chair Covers, custom made in polar fleece. Makes your folding camp chair heaps more comfy, especially in winter. Ph Jenny Gesch 3802 1355

Honey, fresh from our own local producers, better GI than processed honey. \$12 for 2 litres.
Ph Wayne or Andrew 3287 3771

Hmmmmmmmmmmmm ?

Some thoughts from Keira

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing clothes you were buried in for eternity ?

Why does round pizza come in a square box ?

What disease did cured ham actually have ?

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up every two hours ?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing ?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat ?

If olive oil is made from olives and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from ?

If Wiley E Coyote had enough money to buy all that ACME crap, why didn't he just buy dinner ?

Why do toasters have a setting that burns the toast to a crisp ?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, it gets mad at you, but when you take it for a drive, it sticks its head out the window ?

4 Month Fridge Calender

	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	
MAY		1	2	3	4	5	6	Manar near Proston or Corroboree / Mackay
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Kilkivan / Goomeri
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	28	29	30	31				
JUNE					1	2	3	Car Boot Sale Xmas in Stanthorpe
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	25	26	27	28	29	30		
JULY							1	Neurum Ck/ Mt Mee
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
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AUGUST			1	2	3	4	5	AGM Levuka
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