

December 2006

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



President's Report December Bulldust

Well it's been a great month, Crystalvale was just good fun. It was good to get back behind the wheel of a fourby, that if I break I'm not going to get into a whole lot of trouble. I was very impressed with my shorty Mav, as those that come to the video night at Shane and Elle's will see. It was just good to get back to doing what the club should be doing – 4Wding!!! (Johnny Navara is still a madman) And thankyou to Nikki for the entertainment – *KERSPLAT!*

The Christmas trip had a good line-up, and again we had a lot of fun. There seems to be a pattern forming here, people who come away on these trips, are having a good time. The rest of the people who don't show up are just missing out. On both these past trips there were times where I laughed so hard at some of the goings on I thought I was going to have to change my underwear. I can't wait for the next trip in the New Year, I don't want to be the one to miss out.

Coming up in the New Year will also be the Driver Training. The first event of the year is Bowling night with Kym and Sonjya on the 13th January and then Yarraman on the January Long Weekend – 26th, 27th and 28th, with John and Helen exploring the State Forest and 7 Mile Diggings.

I hope everyone has a merry and safe Christmas.

Catch you all in the New Year!



El Presidente'



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The Johnny Navara Comedy Corner

*There were two goats standing in the foyer of the movie theatre at Chermaside and both were chewing on a roll of film, when one said to the other "how is that?" and the other replies
"IT IS NOT AS GOOD AS THE BOOK !"*

I was having a quiet drink in the bar at the Keperra Tavern the other day and looking around there was no-one serving and just a drunk sitting at the other end of the bar, when suddenly two termites walked in and went up to the drunk and I overheard one of them ask ... "where is the bar tender"

What's Happening this Month

Trip Participation Mandatory Requirements :

Working UHF radio
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.

Trips for 2007

13 Jan – Ten Pin Bowling

Sonya & Kim

Australia Day W'End – Yarraman

John & Helen

17,18 Feb – Sandy Creek

Scott Crawford

4 Mar – Numinbah SF day drive

Ken Campbell

17,18 Mar – Richmond Range SF

Roger & Jenny

1 Apr – April Fools Day Car Rally

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Easter W'End – Clarence River

John & Helen

25 Apr – Border Ranges Day Drive

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5,6,7 May – Manar, near Proston

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9 December (Saturday) : **BBQ / DVD night at the Blacker's**

Your host with the most : Elle Blacker 3200 1553

Time : From 4pm

Where: Shane & Elle Blacker's – 104 Silvereye Cres, Greenbank. Ph 3200 1553

BYO : Drinks, a chair, favourite 4x4 / camping / club related DVD or Video and of course your party spirit.

For catering purposes, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE RSVP'd to ELLE !!!!!!! If you haven't and you show up, only expect to lick the dishes and chew on the bones.

The club will be providing nibbles, meat, salads, bread rolls etc. Make sure you bring your own drinks and a chair. A massive thanks to the Blacker's for offering their house. They've got a great entertaining area and are always good hosts.

26th December to 1st January : **Urunga (East Coast Northern NSW)**

The idea of Glen Innes for New Years has changed to the seaside town of Urunga. Quite a few seem to be going, so it should be a good week. Bob Cosgrove (5428 2492) has all the details, but if you want to go, you need to book a site yourself. There is one group staying in a van park near town, the other group is a few kms away in a van park on the beach.

\$\$\$\$\$ 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

Fraser Island Clean-up

January Long Weekend

Friday 26 January - Saturday 27 January & Sunday 28/01/07

This year the public holiday is on Friday 26/01/07 so hence, it will be a three day long weekend.

To Get There :

Option-1 is to go up PM Thursday 25/01/07 (the barge discount will apply from PM Thursday) only if you show your pass.

Option-2 go up late Thursday night and sleep on the beach at Inskip Point under the stars, or somewhere else at Rainbow Beach.

Option-3 meet at the BP at Morayfield on the highway early AM Friday and go up in convoy.

On Friday morning we must all sign in and then we can do over the area we are given and that will be our obligation over and done with. Then after that, we can relax in Eli Creek and then back to camp to do our own thing.

On Saturday we can go for a tour around and visit places like Lake Mackenzie-Central Station and Kingfisher Bay Resort and the top of the island if time permits. Also on Saturday night, the organising committee are putting on a concert with a live band and all you can eat BBQ to say thanks. As part of the concert, several prizes are given out for things like the club with the most members in existence, the club that has travelled the greatest distance and the most unusual item found (ask our Peter Driver what we found to win one year).

We must leave AM Sunday and if the tides are with us, we can come home via the Cherry Venture and the Cooloola Sand Patch and then drive down Teewah Beach back to Noosa. Also the barge company will give you a 50% reduction on the fees, if you show your attendance pass and also there is no fees for camping and beach access if you are a registered participant.

Also, I will endeavour to get your passes to you before the trip.

Hope to see you on the beach
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Trip report – Crystalvale Nov '06

It's a balmy Fri night, when the first crew leave for Crystalvale, on a weekend of 4wd Driving. We arrive with the threat of more rain and possible closure of the park.

On arrival we are met with a hideous drunken female's laugh and the thought of having to share the area with others. So we start to put up the tents. As quick as the tents went up, so did the music. Both CD and the guitars and singing, but we were honored with their offer to share their firewood (8 pieces) as they enjoyed the mini bon fire.

But as quick as the night got louder they stopped and were in bed... peace at last.

The next morning we prepared for the new arrivals. At first Johnny Nav and co driver arrived. With a bit of concern with the amount of rain we had and the amount of clay, we hit the first hill. Yep solid enough here, so let's proceed. Over the hill we go and straight into the first mud hole goes Matt and Joshua. (A possible new member riding shot gun as a learning curve, good lesson Matt, even a Toyota could have done what you did.)

Next to follow was myself, no problems and the Johnny into mud and out. Well that was a first, because after that it was not Johnny Navara, but Johnny find the bog hole.

We were not stuck, but unable to get traction on the clay surface, to climb the hills out of the gully area.

The decision was made to send Matt across first to the flat area. To do so meant to go full bore for the first bit to punch through the mud, but due to the built up speed on hitting the bank, his Nissan was launched into the air.

I followed suit, but with a difference on the launch and landing, with my shoulder left hanging at a painful angle. I got out of the car to see Joshua walking up the track with a black thing under his arm. After a short discussion, I realised that what he was holding, was in fact my window that had fallen out of the side of the 4x4.

It was then that we saw the damage : the fridge GONE, the fire extinguisher GONE, all the gear in the back turned up side down. Great, I now knew what I was doing that afternoon, putting my window back,

which I am pleased to say went in with no problem. Which means wait for the next time. If it went in easy, it will drop out again. At least I won't be disappointed. I'll be expecting it.

Well it could not get any better, as part of the DAU crew, I had the pleasure watching my son go to the rescue with his tender bits in the freezing water. He went to the aid of Johnny, with Joshua right beside him. They dug and dug and dug, until they finally found the hitch point on his car. "Well done lads" is the cry as Johnny's off-sider continued to bail the rising tide of muddy water out the window of the Navara.

Into the 4by climbs Matt, with the cry GO ! Off he goes in a straight direct snatch line. Fantastic to see, except one small point. I saw Matt's Nissan go past and I saw the strap go past and I saw a shackle bouncing quite happily along the ground, BUT and there is always a BUT, there's no Johnny Navara in tow.

Unfortunately for Matt, while being blinded by mud and everything else going to the chill factory (he was just glad to get out of the water), here goes that BUT, he did not check to see if the strap and shackle had really connected. Matt has learned two things on this trip, one that he should always check the connection. The second is that if he is going to do these things, that his father who was left laying on the ground helplessly crying for 10 mins laughing as Matt wound up his window while banging his head on the steering wheel, is not the one who is going to type up the trip report.

So you can feel safe son, I wont tell everyone that a "Suzuki" had to pull you out of a bog only a couple a weeks earlier. The Father's SHAME.

But I am pleased to report, that Kersplat (Nikki), had walked through the mud and had not fallen over. We might be able to take the trainer wheels off soon.

By now we have heard the familiar voice of Debbie and Adam and tribe (when is number three?). It was good

to also see the regular attendance again of Anthony, Joanne and the boys Darcy and Isaac. Which I must say, I know that I have missed a lot over the past 2 years, but it is always good to read, that there has been the regular troops on each trip. I hope over the next few months we can see a few more return as regulars, as I now take the stand and say I will be there to support the club.

With lunch chowed down, Van in place and window where it should be, we were off, bar one (sadness) Debbie was left behind, but it was Adam's turn to play in the mud with the new toy.

With Nikki the camera women now spoiling twin Canon cameras and filming the slips and the spills for the afternoon. We enjoyed the afternoon, going through mud and sliding in and out of tracks and hills, assisting the other campers, with Adam explaining to them how to increase their winch capabilities. Good learning by all and good teaching.

We where off to drive some more hills. Some we won and some of the hills and the lack of traction, beat us. But one Jackaroo tackled everything that it was put into. Anthony, look out ! We will have you leading trips shortly. And to the cry of "go Johnny go" the Navara too was making the grade also.

It's sad that on reversing back though, I managed to slide side ways into the lantana. The mud I could handle, the window was fine also, but the lantana was the last straw for me. It's beer o'clock, back to camp we go to say farewell to our day travelers. Great to have you all come and sad to see you leave.

Back to the music for the nights entertainment, but surprisingly they again got to a point and suddenly all was quiet. The real reason was that Deb had scared them during the day. I know now what to get Deb for a present, a CD with banjo music on it, "yahoo" kick those heels up Deb.

Day two, with the blending of the two camps we all enjoyed the swapping of the last days events. Breaky down, off we go again. First

the gentle climb and then into the mud pit we go.

Man I thought we learn from our mistakes, but some got through and some just slid sideways and others they just have to go one step better and go swimming. The reasoning was " I had to try out the lockers". Hey Adam, they work better above the water line. But it was good practice for DAU, on using a terfer and strap safely, again all to grab a lot of valuable education. Which was interesting, it was the same bog hole where I was trying retrieve the Navara, when the strap broke, sending it into the back doors of my vehicle. It was good learning by all, on why we use winch dampeners, even when just doing a simple snatch. It would have gone through the back window and done a lot more damage than a small dent.

But we will wait for the video night at the Blacker's to see how the army tries to get back in the car and stay dry.

We retreated from that area, to head over to the hills to try to get up the ones that defeated us. With more success today than yesterday, we all slipped and climbed with smiles on our faces. Sadly though, Nikki's training wheels will have to remain a little while longer. After two days of walking through so much mud, to take all the footage, it was the footage that slipped and yes down she went, ever so gracefully. The best I have seen for a while. But Nikki, it is all in the name of fun and you did it laughing the whole way, good on you.

Back to camp for a quick bite and to pack up and head off home.

"Hey Nikki what's that noise? That squealing? Every time I put my foot on the clutch!" Yes, the throw out bearing in the gearbox had seized. What a way to end such a great trip. Nevertheless, we had fun in the sun and the mud!

Kermie

Minutes of the RIVER CITY 4WD CLUB General Meeting – 08/11/2006

Meeting opened: 7.30
Visitor: Shane (son of David-newbie)
Apologies: Kirra, Matt, Kieren, John & Helen, Sue & Wayne
Elle for any inaccuracies in taking the minutes
Minutes previous meeting: Moved: by Scott Passed by Kym
Correspondence: Moved by Sonja Passed by Peter
Treasurers Report: Balance: \$3125
Paid : QAFWDC Fees
Income: X-Mas party payments
Raffle: Tow Hook , Chain & Gloves OR Winch extension & gloves
QAWFDC Report: See attached report from John Osbaldiston
Trips Completed: O’Rielly’s via Duck Creek Rd.
Shane fined Peter for an illegal turn into car park at O’Riellys
Great day had by all.
Trips coming up: *Crystalvale*: Adam & Deb to meet those going as planned. Trip will
be cancelled if it is raining heavily on the Friday, Adam will advise.
Andrew (who has now moved to Tamborine) said it does rain a lot on
the Mountain.
Crow’s nest X-mas Party. Has everyone booked & paid?
Secret Santa is to be \$ 10 - \$15 / Gift
Shane & Elle were there 3 wks ago & reported they had a great meal
There. They are very short of water, so no filling of van tanks.
Sonja kindly offered her Santa suit for our Santa this year.
Most going up on Friday night.
Video & DVD night at the Blackers. Bring a chair if able.
DAU: Wanting to kick off in early Feb 07. Will buy a bundle of 10
Books as it is cheaper that way. Course will have a basic structure of a
2 night & 1 w/end commitment. Consisting of 1x night of practical, 2nd
Night going over the vehicle & the w/end will be driving techniques.
Rules are 1 driver only per vehicle – no exceptions.
Technical: Kermie overheard a conversation at On Track about some incredible wiring
that had been done, very neat good supports for the loom all the way
along, only problem was it was secured to the tail shaft!!! Ooops looks
like it’s back to drawing board for that apprentice.
Adam has been shopping (dreaming) at Qld Diesel Spares \$80 for 20ltr of oil
\$20 for a fuel filter. Etc.... Ask him for the details & prices
General: Fraser Island cleanup is on the Australia day long w/end in Jan ‘07
50% off barge fees, free feed Sat night , free camping. John Osbaldison will
Lead our group again.
Donn Kyadd spare parts @ Archerfield have very good prices, says Andrew.
Close : 8.15



Funny Caption Competition

So, what’s going on here then ?

Is Kermie relieving Scott of his
wedgie ?

Is that a cucumber in Santa’s
left hand?

Geez Scott, is that your B O
bringing tears to Santa’s eyes?



2007 CORROBOREE

Four Wheel Drive Queensland Country Meeting

UPDATE #2

OCTOBER 2006

**Hosted by the Mackay Land Rover Club Inc.
To be held at Finch Hatton
On the 5, 6 & 7 May**

- *Mackay Land Rover Club Inc. invites Queensland club members to join them at Finch Hatton to participate in the 2007 Corroboree-FWDQ Country Meeting.*
- *Registration Form is now available from our website www.mackaylandroverclub.com
Closing date for registration is 31st March 2007.*
- *A Tag along trip "In the Steps of Cobb & Co" will be held prior to the Corroboree. Details available from our website.*
- *Camping at the Finch Hatton Showgrounds, we will travel into the local State Forests for numerous half and full day trips - easy to difficult. Also self drive scenic trips to swimming holes, walking tracks and platypus pools in National Parks.*
- *Finch Hatton is a one hour drive west of Mackay, in the beautiful Pioneer Valley, gateway to Eungella National Park - the largest rain forest park in Queensland.*
- *Accommodation will be camp sites in the Showgrounds, toilets available, but no showers. Meals will be self catered. **No open fires allowed. No pets allowed. A fundraising BBQ will be held after the Country Meeting.***

Mackay Land Rover Club Inc. is working towards the Corroboree and further information can be obtained by phoning either Bruce Noble on (07) 49425121 or Bob Finch on (07) 49546160.

Our club website: www.mackaylandroverclub.com will have updates posted frequently.