



Central Queensland Offroad Club Inc.

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Association



It's ON!

Rain Hail or Shine

At Seonee Park
with ...
A Back up Venue in place!

CQ Offroad Club's 20th Year Anniversary

NEW DATE
Sat 25th Oct
2014

Please Let everyone know

Central Queensland Offroad Newsletter Submissions

*As a general guideline for all wishing to follow and contribute... Stories, For Sale items,.. etc.Submissions for CQ Offroad newsletter close the last day the month.
Email Alison on editor@cqoffroad.org.au All submissions are reviewed prior to monthly meeting (Held on the First Tuesday of the Month)
any further additions by committee are made and publication occurs to the website www.cqoffroad.org.au by the first Friday of the month.

Central Queensland Offroad Newsletter Shall in no way be held responsible for misprints,so please check all details are correct before submission.
CQ Offroad also reserves the right to not publish any inappropriate submissions.

Note from the editor

Hi All and Welcome to the May CQ Offroad Newsletter. It's a biggy!

This month it seems is about direction... where do you want to drive and who with ? Our track is undetermined but steady at this point as our President has had to step down due to work and family commitments ... thus Nominations are being urgently called for, in time for next months meeting. Ulf our Deputy is currently guiding the wheel in the meantime.

Page 4 has our Nomination Form and Page 5 what the Presidency entails.
Please forward them in ... they are to be two weeks Prior to Next meeting!! So Now!

Are you a mud driver or perhaps a stony hill may be more your style?
Maybe you enjoy the cliff hangers or perhaps hidden bushy areas or even interesting rock tunnels?
Whatever your flavour there are some interesting pictures that should move you.

Hopefully even move you to get behind the important and tricky terrain of .. 'Keeping our wild and remote even rugged country areas **OPEN!**' Yes if we do not remain vigilant in looking after our favourite recreational drives and camping areas ... they may just be shut! For Good!

So because this month has a bit of a focus on where you like to drive...
the following information is for ALL serious 4wdrivers and Campers Alike !

This Newsletter has a great member story on an adventure to Landcruiser Park, for 'Roothy's Farewell.' John Rooth who as an advocate for responsible yet fun 4wdriving, also wrote an important letter that has been submitted by another CQ Offroad member. Have a read and see what view you hold and where you can assist. Promoting and combining responsibility with leisure is what we humans must accept and master as a new way to look after our outdoor playgrounds. The beautiful wilds Deserve and Command it, especially if we want them to stay open .. let alone wish to share them with future generations. Membership to Unlock Australia is free at www.unlockaustralia.com.au

or just contribute by doing the right thing yourself when placing your wheels and family in the bush.
Remember to leave only footprints or quiet tyre tracks.

On this same note of 'Learning' how to enjoy and have fun without wrecking areas... is this months Member Training Day. This is to be held by Kev, prior to our Regular drive at Seenee Park. Topics such as :- Winching, Using High Lift Jacks, and the assorted ways for using Snatch Straps shall be covered. Starting at the beginning from the very Basic Level.

So NOW is the time for New members to Join! Please see overleaf for membership details!

This also then leads to... Our New Date for our 20 year Anniversary Party

Saturday 25th October 2014
just sayin... It's PARTY TIME !! ;)

For **ALL** Past and Present members please email
Yes you are coming or
No You are not coming

to Veronica our new organiser secretary@cqoffroad.org.au or Karen Westgarth,
treasurer@cqoffroad.org.au , who will organise a refund or confirm you know the date change!

Relay For Life is also on again very soon at the CQ University Oval for those who wish to support this cause, 15 people are required. Our trip calendar on page 18 has all upcoming events listed.

Our advertising stipulations have also changed and for all advertisers you are offered a free link on our web page so let all interested supporters know.
Also Remember to get into the groove and nominate a new president who knows where to lead us guys.
ed.

Membership Corner

How to Join the CQ Offroad Club

Club Membership

Visitors and potential members are welcome to attend club meetings free of charge.

Visitors may also attend Club trips for up to 3 days.

To be eligible for full membership, potential members must possess a 4WD or All Wheel Drive vehicle of any make or model and support the objectives of the Club.

Membership fees for 2014 are \$70 per membership:

Membership is current to 31 December each year.

Members joining after August pay half fees. Associate membership is available to people interested in promoting 4WD activities but who do not own a 4WD vehicle.

Membership fees and payment

Membership fees can be paid by EFT. Details for depositing into the Club account are:

BSB 484 799

Account No 108 236 411

(Suncorp Metway)

Use your name and 'membership fees' in the reference line.

The Application for Membership Form is to be completed by the applicant and emailed to memberships@cqoffroad.org.au

Currently there are approximately 22 members and their families for 2014 and if you know of any interested people, please pass on our contact info and steer them to the web page!

www.cqoffroad.org.au

All new members will be forwarded a Membership Pack with important information in it regarding the club.

Please take the time to read this information allowing you to be aware of your rights and responsibilities you now have as a club member.

Remember if any of your personal details have changed or you need anything checked...

please contact our **Membership Officer - Paul Westgarth on 0749 342 062**



CQ Offroad

Keep a watch ... Come to our meetings, follow us on facebook, or read our newsletter for updates.



From the internet

CQ Offroad Shirts available for purchase \$50, Black Caps \$20

please call the merchandise officer **Joy on 0412 634 183**

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND OFFROAD CLUB Inc.



Rockhampton and District, Central Queensland.

ABN: 90 759 258 514 www.cqoffroad.org.au



Application for Membership. – Member/s Details.

Surname/s*: 1. 2.

Given Name/s*: 1. 2.

Address:

Postal Address:

Telephone/s: Home*: Work: Mobile 1*:

E-mail: Mobile 2*:

Member/s Occupation/s: 1 2

Members Date Of Birth (optional) 1 2

Vehicle Make*: Model*: Registration No*:

Number of years a 4WD Owner:

First Aid Certificate: Yes / No If Yes, Details and Expiry date:

Blue Card Yes / No If Yes, Expiry date:

Have you ever attended a 4W Driver Awareness or Training Course. YES / NO

If Yes, Course details:

The club bulletin is made available on the web site:

Are you able to receive the monthly bulletin via the web site (about 2 Mb download) YES / NO

Please check the appropriate box:

Membership Fee enclosed Single or Family \$70

Associate \$50

I/We certify that my/our vehicle does have at least Third Party Property Damage Car Insurance, is registered and is in a Roadworthy condition and I/We accept full responsibility of such insurance as well as my/our driving ability.

I/We certify that I/We am/are holder/s of a valid and current driver's licence and I/We accept that if/we lose the use of my/our valid driver's licence, I/we shall not participate as a driver in any club event until such times as I/we have my/our valid driver's licence returned.

I/We the undersigned acknowledge that on acceptance of Membership I will receive a copy of the Club's By-Laws. I/We understand that I/we are required to read the By-Laws and follow them to the best of my/our ability. I/We understand that the Committee Members are available at anytime to give me/us a full meaning of the interpretation of the By-Laws. I/We also understand that all the general road rules and regulations must be followed.

* These marked items will be included on the Club Contact List unless specifically asked to be withheld.

Signed: Date:

Acceptance of Membership subject to confirmation by the Committee

CLUB USE ONLY.

Proposer: Seconder:

Date of receipt of application: Received by: Receipt No:

Type of membership: Membership No

Membership Accepted / Rejected (Details)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - NOMINATION FORM

Central Queensland Offroad Club Inc. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - NOMINATION FORM

I propose _____ for

the position/s as _____

Proposer (print) _____ Signed _____

Seconder (print) _____ Signed _____

I hereby accept the nomination for the above position/s

VOTING AGM PROXY FORM

Central Queensland Offroad Club Inc. PROXY FORM

I _____ of _____

being a member of the above named association, hereby appoint

_____ of _____

or failing him / her,

_____ of _____

as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, to be held on Tuesday, 4th March 2014 and at any adjournment.

Signed _____ day of _____ 2012.

Signature _____

This form is to be used:

- in favour of the resolution
- against

Strike out whichever is not desired (unless otherwise instructed, the proxy may vote as he/she sees fit)

NOMINATIONS CLUB OFFICIALS

Nominations for Club Officials are being called and are to be handed in **TWO WEEKS PRIOR** to the 4th March 2014 Meeting. A copy of the Committee Positions roles has also been posted on the website under Documents and Forms

Duties

President

1. Preserve order, and conduct the meetings.
2. Organise the collection and return of the key for the monthly meeting.
3. Liaise with secretary and treasurer.
4. Ensure all committees and sub-committees function as required and that the committees report as required.

Vice-President

1. Stand in for the President when the President is absent from any meeting.

Secretary

Preparing For Meeting

Check minutes of last meeting, and pencil items for "Business Arising".

At The Meeting

1. Circulate attendance book.
2. Read the minutes and correspondence.
3. Take notes on discussion to assist in compiling minutes.
4. Note meeting's decision on correspondence.
5. Record all motions and amendments, irrespective of their fate.
6. Have a copy of all rules and necessary records.

Between Meetings

1. Write up the minutes as soon as possible.
2. Write all letters as directed by the committee.
3. Keep a register of correspondence.
4. Check mailbox regularly (at least once a week).
5. Keep the president informed of any correspondence requiring urgent attention.

Treasurer

1. Keep clear records of receipts and expenditure.
2. Pay accounts as instructed.
3. Present accounts to committee to be passed for payment.
4. Draw cheques for accounts passed, and obtain further signatures as required.
5. Prepare financial statements for each meeting, accompanied by bank statements.
6. Prepare Annual Report and Balance Sheet, and forward to auditor with account books, receipts, bank statements, etc, for inspection.
7. Present report and audited Balance Sheet at the Annual General Meeting (March), and move their adoption.

Trip Co-Ordinator

1. Organise the trip calendar. Ensure that the trip leader has allowed enough notice for pre-running and the approval of permits and booking of campsites.
2. Notify club members of changes to trip plans if for some reason they are different to what was decided at the previous meeting.
3. Ensure members and guests follow club by-laws.
4. Keep a record of all trips, including details of vehicles and attendees.

Public Liaison Officer.

1. Attend public meetings as directed by the committee and report back to the committee.
2. Liaise with Government departments as directed by the committee and report to the committee.
3. Attend (if possible) the QAFDC meetings and report back to the committee.

Editor.

1. Ensure that the newsletter is published and distributed monthly (except December).
2. Attend committee meetings to ensure that all relevant club information is included in newsletters

General Meeting

Opened: 7.32pm

Business arising from previous minutes: Spoken about in general business.

Correspondence:

LROC Newsletter

Telstra Phone Bill

Four Wheel Drive Queensland Meeting Minutes

Business arising from correspondence: NIL

Trip Coordinator's Report

17 - 18 May: Relay 4 Life - Paul and Karen

6 - 9 June: Glassford / Many Peaks - Kev and Joy

31 August: Birdsville Races - Paul and Karen

Newsletter Editor's Report

Advertising in the newsletter: every one will pay, but will get a free link on our website.

Treasurer's Report

Going well, don't want to dig into it too much. Looking at maybe a budget be set into place later.

Merchandise Officer

Business was good!

Public Liaison Officer: Not at meeting

Historian

Anniversary is changed to end of October. Still trying to get a hold of past members to confirm attendance.

Training Officer

Next Seeonee Park, Kev will be running an awareness day to teach people basics.

Kev wants to move on after that to more advanced stuff. Before we start driving, will be the awareness session.

General Business

* Presidency is up for grabs. Please if you wish to do it send your nomination forms to our secretary Veronica, at least two weeks before the next meeting. Email them through to secretary@cqoffroad.org.au. Cheers guys

* Anniversary is back on at Seeonee Park on the 25th - 26th October. A back up will be looked at as well.

There will be a sub-committee organizing it, headed by Veronica.

For those who want to come or don't want to now, can we please have it in writing emailed to the Treasurer at treasurer@cqoffroad.org.au. Thank you

*Facebook: People have been putting up trips on our page, if you wish to run a trip please put it through the trip co-ordinator or when posting them on Facebook, please make note that it is a private trip not a club trip.

* TRIPS!! We need more people running trips, it's always the same people, and when it is that same people they tend to get bored of always being the only ones who wish to run a trip. Please guys, day trips, weekend trips, even week long trips.

If you have any ideas, please guys bring them forward to the trip co-ordinator.

It would be muchly appreciated. Thanks guys.

Meeting closed: 8.11pm

Members Spotlight

We welcome past and present members stories and experiences and of course trips and monthly 4wd awareness days provide tales to tell

Text or email pictures and words to 0448 426 733 or editor@cqoffroad.org.au

Member Introductions

With our Anniversary Party still to be enjoyed and Reason why you might join an Offroad Club.. Now is a good time to introduce two of our longest serving detainees Paul & Karen Westgarth.

Paul is a seasoned 4wd Veteran and Karen his test and co pilot I am sure.

Paul and his wonderful wife Karen have been major contributors to the CQ Offroad Club and recently our 20th Anniversary Bash, that was unfortunately postponed due to an extreme weather event. Together they continuously put in the hard yards within the club and fundraising events such as Relay for Life. They are friendly and approachable for nervous newcomers.

The CQ Offroad Club is in debt to their consistent trips, support and encouragement to newbies and couple of brief questions say a lot!

Ed..

Paul why did you join this Club?

Paul.... To learn how to 4wd

When did You Join?

20 years Ago !

with Karens help April 1994



Ok then ...

they were of few words ... 20 years is a long time to be in a club and with celebrations up in the air I could relate to the despondent and short replies...

So I asked the interesting bit most of us want to know...

What was your first vehicle you joined with?

Well.....

A 40 Series Landcruiser with.....

wait for it

A windsor V8

289 Bored to the S#!^(*)\$e !!

an old mustang motor with an auto behind it.



Nice !

They also had a four runner too.

Yes A couple of brief questions Do say a lot!



Paul wanted To Learn How to 4wd !

Member Submissions

The following useful advice was submitted Robert Ferguson.

The Red Cross First Aid app may be useful as a quick reference for club members when out on the tracks.

The Red Cross First Aid app is a free, comprehensive pocket guide to First Aid, giving you access to the most up to date First Aid information anytime, anywhere.

The app supports the important life saving skills acquired through

[Red Cross First Aid training](#) with quick and easy to use instructions, interactive quizzes to test your knowledge and helpful videos and images.

With more than 2 million downloads from the US and UK,

this comprehensive app is a tried and tested resource from the world's largest provider of First Aid training.

Download app today. It's free!

The app supports both Apple and Android tablets and phones and is available for download on [iTunes](#) and [Google Play](#).

Product Recalls

[Toyota—Toyota Prado KDJ150 - Spiral Cables Electrical Connection](#)

Toyota Toyota Prado KDJ150 - Spiral Cables Electrical Connection.

PRA number:2014/14079. Date published:23. rd. April 2014.

Product information.

Product description. Toyota Prado KDJ150. Identifying features. Toyota Prado KDJ150.

VIN range: JTEBH3FJ#0K000126 0K028499. (Produced from September 2009...

23 Apr 2014

[Fiat Chrysler Group—Jeep Grand Cherokee 2011-2014](#)

Fiat Chrysler Group Jeep Grand Cherokee 2011-2014.

PRA number:2014/14060. Date published:14. th. April 2014.

Product information.

Product description. 2011-2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee Cars. Identifying features. RC P14.

What are the defects? Vehicles are equipped with a brake booster that has a center...

14 Apr 2014

[Toyota—Toyota Hilux TGN16, GGN15, KUN16, GGN25 & KUN26 - Spiral Cables Electrical Connection](#)

Toyota Toyota Hilux TGN16, GGN15, KUN16, GGN25 KUN26 - Spiral Cables Electrical Connection.

PRA number:2014/14058. Date published:14. th. April 2014.

Product information.

Product description. Toyota Hilux TGN16, GGN15, KUN16, GGN25 KUN26. Identifying features.

Please refer to attached documentation...

14 Apr 2014

[Volvo—Volvo V40 and V40 Cross Country Vehicle](#)

Volvo Volvo V40 and V40 Cross Country Vehicle.

PRA number:2014/14038. Date published:2. nd. April 2014.

Product information.

Product description. Volvo V40 and V40 Cross Country Vehicle. Identifying features.

V40 identifying numbers - 122883 to 144567. V40 Cross Country - 038952 to 045816. What are...

2 Apr 2014

Robert Ferguson

www.recalls.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/1057129
**Toyota—Toyota LandCruiser VDJ7# equipped with ABS -
Front Differential, Flexible Brake Hose Bracket**

PRA number: 2014/14035

Date published: 31st March 2014

Product information

Product description

Toyota LandCruiser VDJ7# equipped with ABS brakes

Identifying features

LandCruiser VDJ7#

JTE EV73J# 00008761 - 00010163

JTE RV71J# 00005989 - 00006736

JTE RV73J# 09001428 - 09001708

JTE BV71J# 04000001 - 04005420

JTE LV71J# 00028750 - 00033096

JTE LV73J# 09010556 - 09014211

Production period - 5/2012 through to 3/2014

Note: Not all vehicles within the VIN range were sold in Australia)

What are the defects?

Under certain conditions the flexible brake hose bracket located on the front differential may fracture around the securing bolt and break, possibly resulting in the leakage of brake fluid.

What are the hazards?

If the defect occurs, braking effectiveness is reduced, increasing the risk of a collision.

Where the product was sold

· Nationally

Traders who sold this product

Authorised Toyota dealers

Supplier

Toyota Motor Corporation Australia Limited

Supplier's web site

<http://www.toyota.com.au>

What should consumers do?

Consumers should avoid driving on corrugated roads at speeds greater than 80kmh.

Owners will receive a campaign notification by mail at their last known address to present their vehicle to a Toyota dealer for rectification at no charge to the owner.

Other regulator reference numbers

AGG27

KEEP AUSTRALIA OPEN

The following submission from Jeff Winter.. is a letter ... by John Rooth. It is in support of keeping National Parks and Recreation areas Open, for all Australians to use. A cause definitely of interest to all outdoor lovers.

UNLOCK AUSTRALIA

Unlock Australia (ULA) is a not for profit company dedicated to opening up public lands and waterways for outdoor recreation.

ULA was formed to fight the extreme green mind-set of National Parks and so called 'conservationists' who believe the bush is best protected by locking people out. As bush lovers and users, we know this to be fundamentally wrong. Most of our public lands are suffering from a total lack of practical management as displayed by the rapid growth in feral animals (cats and pigs are destroying Australia's delicate flora and fauna) and the influx of non-native weeds and vegetation.

We're also very concerned with the 'privatisation' of public lands which consistently sees access barred to all but a few elite groups. As Australians, the bush, the beaches and the waterways belong to all of us. This is our birthright.

THE FIGHT

Originally the Green movement raised some very important issues that are important to all bush lovers however the last fifteen years have seen this movement become increasingly academic and elitist and out of touch with practical land management. The results, apart from less access to public lands than ever in the history of this country, have been almost catastrophic.

It's ridiculous in a country as huge as Australia with such a small population to gate people out of bush lands. Unlock Australia is dedicated to reversing this trend, to suggest and promote better ways of managing public lands and to involve all bush lovers in the care and maintenance of our country.

To do this Unlock Australia will raise money to spend on raising awareness and holding rallies and protests across the nation. ULA exists to bring all lovers of our outdoors together as a united front against the current mind set of exclusion. We will do this by encouraging National Parks, State Forests and the Department of Primary Industries to open up our lands to recreational users. We will also promote and encourage love and respect for our shared national resource and educate people in sustainable bush use.

We believe:

- public land (national parks, state forests, stock routes and waterways) belongs to all Australians.
- that sustainable and responsible land management should achieve a balance between recreation and conservation.
- that free camping areas throughout Australia should be encouraged and increased for the benefit of all travellers.
- that more provisions and allowances should be made for people touring with caravans, motorhomes and camper trailers.
- that Indigenous people's should be helped and encouraged to open their lands to travellers in order to benefit financially as well as promoting integration.
- that the economic and health benefits of outdoor recreation are both viable and essential to a strong Australia.
- that any legislation, government bodies and organisations hindering outdoor recreation needs to be identified and fought on every level.

THE FUTURE:

Australia, with our huge and diverse public lands, should lead the world in offering outdoor recreation activities and free camping possibilities. As other countries shrink with the burdens of population, our country has the potential to grow an exceptionally viable outdoor recreation industry as well as maintaining our Australian way of life.

UNLOCK AUSTRALIA:

Unlock Australia is a not for profit company. There are six Directors, all who are passionate lovers of the outdoors and who believe that the continued gating and control of lands by elitist groups is wrong, both for the Australians it affects and the land itself.

Toni Challinor

- Toni's a full time accountant and mother who's love of weekend camping trips and the freedom of the bush is something she's keen to protect. Her involvement means ULA will always operate within the bounds of financial propriety and allows us to have transparent accounting at all times.

David Luke

- A dedicated off-road driver who competes in extreme 4wd events when he's not touring the country, Dave currently makes a living organising and promoting events for big corporations. Dave's the 'go to' man for organising the necessary rallies, protest runs and promotions we're going to need to Unlock Australia.

Phil Johns

- Phil's love of the bush has always been the relief valve for his high pressure 'day job' working with lobby groups in the finance industry. However his expertise in making relevant contact with government at every level is an absolute bonus in an organisation like Unlock Australia. With Phil pushing the right buttons, we know we're getting the job done!

John Rooth

- John's spent most of his life in the bush as a prospector, machinery operator, trail bike tour guide and his current work as a photo journalist and presenter for 4WD shows. With three children who all love camping, John's been fighting for free camping and track access for the last fifteen years.

Slav Stefaniuk

- A self made and highly successful businessman with a background in banking, Slav was the man behind the TJM Mega Stores before retiring to spend time caravanning. His love of the bush and competitive motorsport has seen him travel throughout Australia and his knowledge and passion for our country are wonderful assets for ULA.

Jamie Hazelden

- Jamie owns Jamies Touring Solutions on the Sunshine Coast and is an avid outback tourer with plenty of experience of the bush and it's ways. he's also got plenty of practical experience in business making him an ideal fit in our ULA mix. Jamie earn his position through total dedication to the cause - opening Australia up to outdoor recreation.

KEEP AUSTRALIA OPEN

Cont...

Membership:

Membership to Unlock Australia is free at www.unlockaustralia.com.au

We encourage all bush recreational users to join, whether your interests are trail bikes, horses, fishing, four wheel driving, camping, caravanning, hunting or anything else that requires access to our bush, beaches and waterways. It's only through numbers and your support that we can change the restrictive mindset that after fifteen years of Green dominated governments plagues what was once a glorious outdoor loving nation.

xxxxends but the fight never does!



Thanks to Isaac from Victoria
for this appropriate pic.



C.Q. OFFROAD CLUB – Member Submissions

This fabulous write up by Christine Cameron, just goes to show the fun you have is up to you and your attitude ! This adventure was a trip taken to Roothy's Farewell at Landcruiser Park. A Great write up Christine Cameron ! Enjoy Part 1 Readers

Landcruiser Mountain Park for Roothy's Farewell.



When you think 4wd'ing, two things spring immediately to my mind. The first is Toyota's (of course – especially 80 series), and the second is Roothy.

Being able to combine the two in one weekend therefore is an awesome experience.

As you all know John Rooth is leaving 4WD Action and heading off to join Unlock Australia to fight for off road lovers everywhere and a few Saturdays ago the 4WD Action team held a farewell BBQ for Roothy at Landcruiser Mountain Park.

Being a big fan of 4WD action DVD's and the magazine, I could not pass up the opportunity to see these guys in person so Crystal and I (in our new pre loved 80 series, affectionately named Wilhelmina) joined Dean and his family (Amanda, Deklyn, Brodie and Jordyn) in their Prado, and Colin and his daughter Casey (in their also totally awesome 80 series), for the trip to Landcruiser Park.

Although I did have my doubts about whether I could stay awake, we left Rockhampton at 1:00 am Friday morning and arrived at the Park somewhere around 8:30 am, which was great as we still had the whole day to explore.



Dean found us a great spot on the side of a hill in Cowah Falls Camping Area, (we all now walk at a 45 ° angle) and proceeded to set up camp. Crystal and I took forever to set up as we had to let the tyre down on one side of the trailer and chock the legs up with wood on the other side just to get the trailer somewhere within the vicinity of remotely level. At least we had the experience of using our high lift jack for the first time which, while a little scary, gives me some comfort that I haven't wasted my hard-earned money completely on a useless roof rack decoration.

We eventually set off to explore some tracks, of which there are many at Landcruiser Park. The temperate weather was absolutely magic, blue skies and dust everywhere.



The first track Dean wanted to tackle was Telecom Hill, which presents itself on one side as a solid piece of rock with a lot of large bumps to form something resembling a huge rock ladder if you have a lot of imagination. I am an accountant and have no imagination at all; therefore it just looked like a place to come to grief to me. It looked extremely daunting. After some discussion Colin and I chickened out (this decision actually took about two seconds to make) and left me wondering what on earth we were in for. Dean wisely decided to go with the majority, but did tackle the other side of the hill, which is a dirt road pretty much straight up, but you do get the only phone reception in the park at the top as a reward.



The "roads" in the Park intertwine everywhere, and with me being a directional idiot, was not really sure where we were half the time, so I just followed the back of the Prado or Colin's 80 so I didn't get too lost. I could just see myself taking a wrong turn somewhere and ending up in the middle of a 'red' track on my own - not a good thought.

Dean then gave us the Tiki tour for the rest of Friday, including Rav Ridge, Timber Jack Hill, Prado Parade and Camp Road. We stuck mostly to the green tracks, although I think there were one or two small yellow ones in there which Dean could tell us were green and get away with as I didn't know where we were anyway.



On our way back towards camp one of the 80's managed to get held up on its diff when a wheel slipped into a rut. I'm not saying which 80 it was (but it wasn't mine) and the Prado had to winch the 80 backwards out of the rut.

There weren't too many cars on the tracks on Friday, which was good however they all started to roll in on Saturday for Roothy's BBQ. It was like a procession of every sort of 4WD drive vehicle you could imagine, with varying degrees of modification and tyre sizes.

Roothy's Farewell at Landcruiser Park to be continued Next Month...

CQ OFFROAD CLUB TRIP & EVENT CALENDAR

TRIP EVENT	DATE	MEET TIME & DEPARTURE	RATING	REGISTRATION CLOSE	LEADER/ CONTACT
General Meeting All Welcome Once Monthly	May 2014 Tues 6th	7.30pm Rockhampton Leagues Club	N/A		Grant Whittaker 0419 168 997
'Relay For Life'	May 2014 Sat 17th-18th	CQ University Oval 15 people Required	N/A	Now	Paul & Karen Westgarth 0413 731 341 4934 2062
4WD Fun/ TRAINING Awareness Day Members Only Visitors by Prior Arrangement Last Sunday Monthly	May 2014 Sun 25th	8am Seeonee Park	N/A		Kev & Joy 0488 942 241 Nathan Boon 0411 259 950
General Meeting All Welcome Once Monthly	June 2014 Tues 3rd	7.30pm Rockhampton Leagues Club	N/A		Grant Whittaker 0419 168 997
Glassford / Many Peaks	June 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th	8am Duckponds, Gladstone Road	Black	1st June	Kev & Joy 0488 942 241
4WD Fun/ Awareness Day Members Only Visitors by Prior Arrangement Last Sunday Monthly	June 2014 Sun 29th	8am Seeonee Park	N/A		Nathan Boon 0411 259 950
General Meeting All Welcome Once Monthly	July 2014 Tues 1st	7.30pm Rockhampton Leagues Club	N/A		Grant Whittaker 0419 168 997
Rockhampton Home Caravan & Camping Show	22nd-24th August 2014	Showgrounds	N/A		
Birdsville Races 3500km	August 31st - Sept.14th 2014	7am Kabra Hotel	Green Touring		Paul & Karen Westgarth 0413 731 341 4934 2062
CQ Offroad Club 20th Anniversary Party Please Confirm Attendance	Saturday 25th October 2014	Seeonee Park <u>Please Confirm Attendance</u>			Veronica Tattan-Allen 0423 324 313 Paul & Karen Westgarth 0413 731 341 4934 2062

Notes:

Please Give 2 weeks Notice For Any Trips Run Under the CQ Offroad Title for Insurance purposes

Fun Days 4WD awareness days held last Sunday of each month, are for members ONLY.

Visitors are welcome by prior arrangement with the Trip Leader or our

Trip Coordinator Nathan Boon – 0411 259 950

Trip ideas



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Day Trips

Weekend Trips (2-3days)

Longer Trips

5 Rocks	Blackdown Tablelands	Fraser Island
Byfield	Canarvon Gorge	Desert Trips
Upper Ulam	Cania Gorge	Cape York
King Solomon Spur	Kroombit Tops	High Country of Victoria
Copper Climb	Kalpower State Forest	Tasmania
Night Run	Frazer Island	Birdsville Races
Mystery Trip	Deepwater National Park	Gemfields
Kroombit Tops	Cap Palmerston	Porcupine Gorge
Mt Scoria	Notch Point	Undarra Lava Tubes
Lady's Day Comp at Seonee	Country Meetings	Kimberley's
Barefoot Bowls	Goodnight Scrub	Lake Eyre
Clean Up Australia	Salvator Rosa	
General Clean-ups	Ka Ka Mundi	
Styx River	Eurimbula National Park	
	Mt Moffit	
	Baffle Creek	
	Eungella	
	Cape Hillsborough	
	Isla Gorge	
	Landcruiser Mountain Park	
	Relay For Life	
	Copper Climb / St Lawrence	

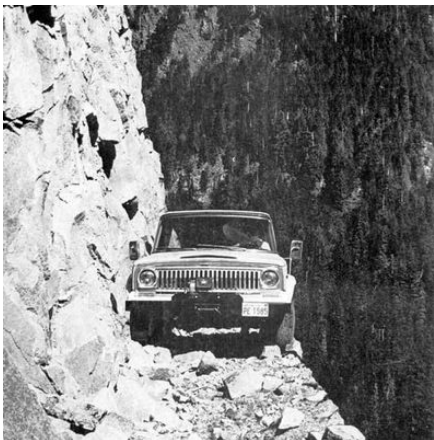
NB. If you have any suggestions or are interested in organising a trip or event, whether it is a 4WD event or just a social day out, please forward your ideas to

Nathan Boon – 0411 259 950

➔ Spotlight

Food for Thought

Where could you go with your 4wd ?



All Pictures are from the internet



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Life is what you make it



Technical and Safety Information

PLEASE NOTE: ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH OUR FUN AND BASIC SKILLS DAYS AT SEEONEE PARK ARE FOR CLUB MEMBERS. VISITORS ARE WELCOME BY PRIOR ARRANGMENT WITH THE TRIP LEADER OR TRIP CO-ORDINATOR. IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OF A PLACE YOU WOULD LIKE TO VISIT PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DISCUSS IT WITH THE TRIP CO-ORDINATOR OR A COMMITTEE MEMBER

GENERAL – Driver and Vehicle CQORC Trip Standard Guide

All drivers shall have a valid and current driver's licence and should have successfully completed a driver awareness course. Club By-Laws shall be followed. All vehicles shall have at least Third Party Property Damage Car Insurance and be registered. All vehicles on Blue trips and above shall carry the minimum recovery equipment and be fitted with suitable solid recovery points fitted to the front and rear of the vehicle. All vehicles should be in sound roadworthy condition.

These ratings are based on the vehicle being a late model mid-sized 4WD and the driver being reasonably confident in their and their vehicles abilities. All drivers must adjust the ratings to suit their own conditions. It is the responsibility of any participating driver who wishes to seek further clarification regarding the grading of a trip to contact the Trip Leader or Trip Coordinator. The preferred CLUB RADIO CHANNEL is UHF - Channel 30.

TRACK RATINGS.

GREEN TRIP - EASY

All-wheel drive, high range and standard road tyres.

Vehicle: Suitable for a standard unmodified four wheel drive (4WD) vehicle in good mechanical condition.

Driver: Suitable for novice and beginner four wheel drivers.

BLUE TRIP - MEDIUM

Mainly high range, but low range required and standard road tyres.

Vehicle: Suitable for a standard unmodified four wheel drive (4WD) vehicle in good mechanical condition. Front and rear recovery points are mandatory for this trip.

Driver: Suitable for the more experienced driver who shall have successfully completed a driver awareness course.

BLACK TRIP - HARD

Mainly low range and standard 4WD ground clearance; all terrain tyres; driver training or assistance is a benefit. Recovery situations are likely. The trip leader must ensure adequate recovery equipment is carried.

Vehicle: The vehicle should be in good mechanical condition. Suitable recovery equipment should also be carried in/on the vehicle (as specified by the Trip Leader).

Driver: Suitable for the more experienced and competent driver who shall have successfully completed a driver awareness course and with capabilities that satisfy the Trip Leader and the Trip coordinator.

RED TRIP - EXTREME

Low range and high ground clearance; Mud terrain tyres; appropriate recovery equipment and experience required.

Vehicle: The vehicle will have raised suspension, improved wheel articulation, larger than standard and more aggressive tyres. A full recovery kit is to be carried by all participants.

Driver: Suitable for the experienced and competent driver who shall have successfully completed an advanced driver training course and satisfied the Trip Leader and Trip coordinator that he/she is able to perform in all recovery situations.

MEMBERS OBLIGATIONS WHILE ON CLUB EVENTS

All members and visitors alike, including passengers, are reminded that their attendance or participation in any club event is of their own choosing and that they accept full responsibility for their own actions and consequences. In Queensland under the Work Place Health and Safety Act 1995 all event attendees have an obligation not only for their own safety but for the safety of others.

All members and visitors alike, including passengers, are reminded that although the Club attempts to conduct trips and events in the safest possible manner, there are many changing factors and unforeseen circumstances that the club and its members have no control over.

Each person knows their own capabilities and therefore is the only person who knows if they are capable of participating or continuing to participate in a club event/trip. If any person feels that they or their vehicle is incapable of participating or continuing in a safe manner, then they need to withdraw at that time from the trip. Convoy Rules and Procedures are for the safety and enjoyment of everyone on the trip/event.

FYI



8am Seeonee Park
Sunday May 25th
Kev 0488 942 241

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General Meeting :- *The First Tuesday Night of the Month*

next 1st April 2014

7.30pm Rockhampton Leagues Club, George Street, Rockhampton.

Committee Meeting:- Monday Eve Prior to Above General Meeting

5.30pm at the Rockhampton Leagues Club