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Where are we going this Month?

- Fraser Island 1st to 3rd May
- Calliope Markets 1st /2nd May
- Barefoot Bowls 2nd May
- Upper Ulam 9th May
- Relay for Life 22nd /23rd May

Club Enters Team For Relay For Life

Cancer Council's *Relay For Life* is more than just a fundraiser. It is an opportunity to get together as a club with our local community and **celebrate** cancer survivors, of which we have a few in the club, **remember** loved ones lost to cancer, and **fight back** against a disease that takes too much. Whether you are a cancer survivor, a carer, supporting friends or loved ones, or simply wanting to make a difference, Relay For Life empowers everyone who participates. Have a talk to the club members that have taken part in the past relays and see how much of a difference it really makes to peoples lives, this money goes to research to find a cure and also to the programs that help survivors after their treatment. Cancer Council is not government funded. We need everyones support to help to reduce the impact cancer has on our communities.

Please bring your wallet to the May Meeting, as the Car Washes were not well supported by the club members who are not on the Relay team, I am sure you will be able to contribute to this worthy cause and all donations over \$2 is tax deductible.

This is a time for hope and a time to remember, nothing can be achieved by sitting on your hands, so do something constructive and put them in your pocket and give a donation, be proactive help find a cure, don't think this will not happen to you, every 5 minutes someone is diagnosed with cancer, make a difference and give generously.

Fraser Island 10th Anniversary Cleanup

This year sees the 10th anniversary of the Fraser Island clean up. The cleanup will be held over the May Day weekend 22-23rd May, and the club has had involvement with this community service since it conception. Again it is great to see that the barge fees have be subsidised and camping fees waived etc from midday Friday till Monday.

The club again will be represented by members attending this event, but due to the change of dates, not as many will be able to attend. This trip usually attracts a lot of members but this year many could not make the weekend.

This is such a worthy cause, keeping a very special place in the world, for one day at least, free from rubbish which causes so much damage to our environment. For only a few hours of works, you receive a BBQ tea, entertainment, and it still leaves time for you to enjoy the island and its treasures.

Numbers have closed on this trip, but we do wish the members who do attend, have a great time, travel safe and a big thank you ahead of schedule.

A Message From The Editor -

Hi everyone, hope you enjoyed my first effort last month, this month's will not be as big as April's due to the reason no one other than James and Dick have sent me anything to put in the newsletter. I encourage you all to send in any trip reports, even the ones that were at the end of last year and for some reason did not make it into the newsletter.. Please email me (westgarth@redzone.com.au) all contributions are greatly appreciated.

I cannot write the whole thing on my own, this newsletter is one of the life bloods of the club, so I hope everyone gets behind it and in some way contributes to the contents, we are always doing something interesting, shoot me through a few words on how it went and what happened.

This month we have Fraser Island Cleanup, Relay For Life and coming up in June is the 2010 Australian 4X4 Gathering.

Hope to see your email soon.

Karen

Membership Corner

Thank you to those existing members that have renewed their membership for 2010. We had no new members presented at the April Committee meeting, but there will be new members tabled at the May Committee Meeting.

All new members will be forwarded a Membership Pack with important information in it regarding the club. Please take time to read this information allowing you to be aware of your rights and responsibilities you now have as a club member. Membership cards will be issued to all financial members in 2010. These are generally distributed at a monthly meeting and included in the Membership packs sent to the new members.

Remember if any of your personal details have changed or need anything checked, please let our Membership Officer, Dick Stevens know on 0408153246.

Three Rivers Update

There is no significant change to the information as present, Public Liaison Officer, Jeff Winter will keep us up to date as it comes to hand.

Presidents Report for April

Just Cruising by Darren Standfast

Hi All, I hope everyone has had a great month.

Unfortunately I wasn't able to get out to the Caves Show on Saturday 24 April but from all the stories I have heard it was a great event and an interesting track. I would like to thank all those involved in helping make the track and run the display with a special mention to Mark Thomas for the earthworks and Vince Morrice for his effort on the microphone.

The club also participated in the media presentation for Motormaniam out at the airport on Wednesday 21 April with Jason St John and Mark Thomas showing off their Comp trucks and getting a mention The Morning Bulletin. Jeff Winter and I also turned up to 'fly the flag'

Several club members volunteered to wash cars on the 18 April to raise money for a Relay for Life donation and by all accounts it was a great day. A big thanks to all the members that helped make the carwash a success.

Hope to see you all at the next general meeting on the 4 May 2010.

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Birdsville Trip September 2009 Part 2

5th Sept Race day is here !

A sleep-in this morning was well deserved, after a few camp chores it was time to get ready for the Races.

The Browns & Westgarth's caught the bus from the road in front of our camp, later followed by the Honeyman Family. There is a steady run of shuttle buses running to & from the Races on both days so there is no need to drink and drive. Arriving at the race track Karen and I noted that it was not as windy or dusty as our last visit. We went straight into the betting ring to place our bets on the first race and also on The Cup (race 6) and then off to the beer tent where we seemed to not stray far from all day. We were told later that there were approximately 8500 people at the races that day and I'd believe it, as the line up for food, drinks and even Ice Creams were very long. To say we bothered the bookies with payouts would be a lie, I think Kathy was the only one to get anything back and it was for a third place. Kathy also picked the 4th in the Cup, mine and everyone else's are still trying to get home. It was a 30 minute wait for the bus back to camp but at least we didn't have to worry about RBT as we had already been pulled up once in Windorah by the police to blow in the bag. It would be on again on Sunday as a lot of people were leaving, and every car in and out of Birdsville were pulled up to have another blow into Mr Policeman's little bag. When we finally made it back to camp it was time to get out of race clothes and settle down for another happy hour.

6th Sept

Today was put aside again as a sightseeing day and to stock up on bread etc before we leave tomorrow. That was not to say that a lot of people had planned to do the same, the Bakery ran out of bread very early in the morning. I had got up at 3am for a toilet break and there were cars with trailers in tow leaving then, and the planes started leaving from 6am. At around 8am a friend of mine from Rocky turned up to say goodbye on his Postie Bike which he had ridden all the way out from Rocky to Birdsville and back in 8 days. We were surprised to see how many people had still stayed on for the recovery party at the Pub on Sunday. We made it to the Pub at about 4.30 pm and had a great time singing along to the karaoke truck, even if we haven't heard the words Fu----- Flies in the song "Sweet Caroline" ever before. Earlier in the day we visited the Burke & Wills Dig Tree and the Birdsville Cemetery, and we also had done a lot of packing up so we could get an early start tomorrow. Karen & Kathy had arranged for us to have a shower at the Caravan Park that night so we could pack away our shower dry. The shower at the van park was well and truly worth the \$3 each, you never have a good shower with 10ltr of water in a camp shower.

7th Sept

Monday morning was our departure day from Birdsville and after refuelling the cars and picking up fresh bread and some of their beautiful bread rolls from the Bakery we headed off in the direction of Boulia. Stopping at Cacoory Homestead ruins (an old Sydney Kidman property) and then Bedourie for lunch. The dirt sections of road between Birdsville and Bedourie are not as bad as the road from Betoota to Birdsville. But the short pieces of dirt and some of the bitumen between Bedourie and Boulia are quite rough, travelling this way home is not as much dirt but it is a longer way to travel. There were lots of traffic travelling the same way as us because the Boulia races are the weekend after the Birdsville races. Some of that traffic do need educating about outback travel, we had one 200 series Cruiser towing a 20 ft caravan pass us with all wheels of the bitumen going around a bend and up a hill, we were travelling at 90kph when he passed us and was out of sight by the next rise in the road (about 5km). We estimate he was travelling at 120kph. When we arrived at Boulia we were told of a bad accident on the Winton road where a Motor home had rolled after clipping a caravan, that is the sort of thing that happens on narrow roads with speed. (it happened early in the day so it couldn't have been the 200 series)

8th Sept

Early start this morning we had booked a tour at The Min Min Encounter for 9.30am but also wanted to see the Dinosaur fossils at The Stone House which opened at 8am. The Stone House exhibition is well worth the time and we all said we could have spent more time there. As the Honeymans didn't want to see Lark Quarry in Winton tomorrow but wanted to see other things around Boulia. The Westgarths & Browns said goodbye to the Honeymans for awhile, vowing to catch up in Winton tomorrow afternoon. The 2 Cruisers headed off for the pleasant trip to Winton. The bitumen is only 1 car wide most of the way to Winton but we have seen some amazing sites, you would swear that Willey Coyote & the Road Runner would come out at any minute. We stopped at the Hamilton Hotel ruins before stopping for lunch at Cawnpore Lookout right in the middle of Road Runner territory. We stopped at the Middleton Hotel for a beer, which is in the middle of nowhere midway between Boulia & Winton. On arrival in Winton we were going to stay behind The North Gregory Hotel but were advised by others that it was not the place to stay. (Cold smelly showers and just a dust bowl) We instead booked into a caravan park and were pleasantly surprised that a roast meal & entertainment were available that night

Birdsville Trip September 2009 Part 2 Continued

and a sausage sizzle with entertainment the following night. We quickly booked for the roast meal before setting up camp. The meal was superb and the "2 Aussie Sheilas Bush Poetry", were very entertaining, they even got all 4 of our boys up sometime during the evening, and ask Ben how it felt to dress up as a girl.

9th Sept

Up early ready to travel the 110km to Lark Quarry before the 10am tour. The road to Lark Quarry has about 60km of wide but corrugated road mixed with good new bitumen strips. We arrived at Lark Quarry in plenty of time for the 10am tour, well worth the trip out to see this amazing place, it is what inspired Steven Spielberg for a few scenes in Jurassic Park. It is the only place in the world that you see stampeding dinosaur footprints. Stopping for lunch at a lookout half way back to Winton, when at Winton we stopped for a look at The Waltzing Matilda Centre, its amazing how a song can mean so much to so many people. Back at camp the Honeymans had arrived and were ready to go out to the pub for Dinner, we had decided to cook tonight as we had a roast dinner the night before. The Westgarth's cooked and ate our meal in time to make it to the bush poetry entertainment again tonight, and it was as good a night as the night before, but none of our boys were game to get up tonight.

10th Sept

While in Winton we had heard about a new Dinosaur attraction "Age of Dinosaurs" just to the East of Winton, the Westgarth's & Browns decided that we would like to check it out but the Honeymans decided to say goodbye at this point as they wanted to get back to Rocky Friday, ready for sport on Saturday. We travelled in towards a Jump up only to find a sign telling us to unhook our caravans & trailers as they were not allowed to travel to the top of the Jump up. This place has only just opened in the last month or so and is still in its infancy but we will be back another time for another look as it was so informative and judging by their future plans it is going to be quite a spectacle by 2015. Here you actually see people working on real Dinosaur bones, and what was even cooler you could hold, feel, and touch history as we all got to examine one of these Dinosaur bones. The wind was again blowing and it was now a head wind all the way to Longreach, I had not planned on this and used over 20ltrs extra fuel (thanks Brownie for the 20ltr you were carrying as spare) The Westgarth Cruiser pulled into Longreach with the fuel light on. After dropping our van and trailer at the caravan park we rushed off to The QANTAS museum and booked our tour of the 747 Jumbo for the following morning, but we did spend time going through the museum. When we arrived back at the van park we set up our camp then went to the woolshed for Dinner and drinks.

11th Sept

Early start again today, our tour was at 9.30am and the museum opens at 9am. We all wanted to see more of the museum, so we had a good look before and after our tour of the Jumbo. Again we will have to go back as there is still more to see and we didn't have the time. After a bite to eat at the museum we hit the road again stopping for a beer at The Wellshot Hotel in Ilfracombe. A late lunch in Barcaldine and then on to Rubyvale where we camped at Kathy's fathers place for the night. A BBQ was the order for Dinner tonight using up anything we had left.

12th Sept

Norm (Kathy's dad) took us out to see his Gem Stone claim after breakfast. A very interesting thing to see but I don't think I'd like to try to make a living out of it. When we returned back to our camp we hooked up our van and said goodbye to Norm & the Browns (Browns had decided to stay an extra night) we made our way to Emerald for fuel and lunch. We then travelled towards home stopping to pick up our dog in Gracemere and arriving home just after dark.

What a trip

We travelled nearly 3500km in 14 days (about 900km dirt), saw some amazing things, ate well /even a lot of dust, drank just enough, had some good times with good friends, stayed in some great spots, decided to do some things again later, used quite a bit of diesel (around 600ltrs each), didn't have any mechanical failures, didn't destroy any tyres and drove over Big Red first try on my Birthday.

Thanks to the Honeyman family & the Brown family for a great trip. Hope we can do another one sometime in the future.

Paul Westgarth.

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Minutes of General Monthly Meeting held at the Great Western Hotel on 6th April 2010

Meeting Opened at: 7:30pm

Attendance: As per Attendance Book – Members (18), Apologies (1), Visitors (1)

Minutes of previous monthly meeting:

Moved Viv Murphy that the minutes of the previous monthly meeting as presented be endorsed.

Seconded by Jeff Winter

Carried

Business arising from Minutes: Nil

Guest Speaker/Topic: Nil

Correspondence

Inwards

Received from	Details
Suncorp	Bank Statements
Telstra	Monthly Statement
Mitsubishi 4WD Owners Club	Newsletter
A Prigrove	Return of 2010 membership reminder notice
Swains Canvas	Tax Invoice of the repair of the Marquee
Southern Cross Ten	Promotion material
Sports And Recreation Services	Request to update contact information
4WD Queensland	February Minutes
The Trail Boss Newsletter	Newsletter
MotorMania	Membership application and event form.

Outwards

Sent to:	Details
No outwards correspondence sent since last monthly meeting	

Moved Viv Murphy that the inward correspondence be received

Seconded Dick Stevens

Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: No Business was raised from correspondence

Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance (as at 10/01/10)		\$ 44,139.09
+ Income	\$	\$ 319.02
- Expenditure	\$	\$ 849.57
Closing Balance (as at)		\$ 44,464.99
<i>Subject to bank fees and charges</i>		

Trip Coordinator's Report: Dick Stevens presented the Trip Coordinators report and remaindered members that a number of trips were available.

Mark Thomas reported on a training day held on the 28th March at Seonee Park where 10 people participated in the events and the Bar B Que that followed.

Dick Stevens reported on the car wash that was also held on the 28th March the group they had approx 15 cars through as it was a wet day and not a lot people looking to have their cars washed.

The Easter weekend saw James and Trish Holden run a trip to the Kalpower State Forest, Dawes Range and Bulburin National Park, Boolboonda Tunnel and Good Night Scrub.

7 drivers attended a GPS fun day at Seonee Park that was organized by Mick Wendt with the next GPS day booked in for the 2nd May 2010.

Newsletter Editor's Report:	No report was given as Karen Westgarth was on holidays.
Membership Officer:	Dick Stevens informed members that we presently have 25 members this year with a few regulars to follow.
Club Historian:	
Merchandise Officer:	Dave had the merchandise present at the meeting and items ready for sale.
Training Coordinator:	
Public Liaison Officer:	Jeff Winter informed the meeting that the road to Nine Mile beach is in very good condition after the recent rains.
Web site Report:	Viv Murphy gave a report on the latest developments with the new web page stating that a the first draft has been prepared and the information from the old web site has been copied across. He is to have another meeting with the web designer this week and to determine a proposed going live date.

General Business:

1. The President asked for expressions of interest for the office positions that were not filled at the recent AGM namely Training Coordinator. Mark Thomas was nominated by Darren Standfast and seconded by Jeff Winter Mark accepted the position and was elected as the club's Training Coordinator fro 2010. The additional offices of Marketing Coordinator, Fund Raising Coordinator and Social Convener were also called but failed to fill.
2. A club member asked if the club had thought of hosting a face book page and the sectary was requested to provide a report to the next meeting on the possibility of hosting a face book page.
3. Viv Murphy gave a report to the committee on the status of the Motormania subcommittee that was created to organize the club's display at the upcoming Motormania event to be held at the show grounds 24th and 25th of July 2010. An initial meeting has been held between members of the dirt bike riders association at the showground's as they are sharing the venue with us over the weekend. Consultation has also occurred between the subcommittee and Ellie Tannor (Motormania event organiser) to discuss materials, plant and equipment that will be made available on the day. As well as time frames for the works to be conducted. The Motormania subcommittee is to meet again next week Tuesday night after the committee meeting.
4. Mark Thomas to provide appropriate information to Jeff Winter to enable Jeff to make application for adequate insurance coverage for the upcoming Caves 4WD display. Viv Murphy is to forward Bianca Wendt a Risk Assessment template to allow an assessment of the anticipated risks associated with the event to be considered and evaluated prior to the Caves 4WD display.

Next Committee meeting: to be held on Tuesday, 13 April 2010 at 7:00pm at the Great Western Hotel

Next General meeting: to be held on Tuesday 4th May 2010 at 7:30pm at the Great Western Hotel

Meeting closed at: 8:30pm

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Chairman

Held at Great Western Hotel-13 April 2010

COMMENCEMENT - The meeting commenced at 7:08 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Those present were: V. Murphy, V Morrice, D Stevens, James Holden, Joel Brook, K Westgarth

Apologies: Jeff Winter and Darren Standast

Reference	Item	Action
10:01	Jeff W. advised that the club had been registered for the Fraser Island 'Clean Up Weekend' in May and asked if someone would take on the role of trip leader as he was not able to attend this year. Vince M. agreed to be the trip leader for the trip.	Nil
10:02	Dave W. requested clarification on the sale of club merchandise. Darren S. moved that (a) Club shirts only be available to financial club members, but all other merchandise be available for sale to club supporters and the general public and (b) The club executive committee be approved to gift or donate club merchandise for promotion purposes and the gifted merchandise be accounted for audit purposes. Seconded by Dick S. and carried.	Nil
10:03	James H. moved that the club's business plan be reviewed by all club members and updated this year and Seconded by Vince M. and carried. Darren S. advise review dates at next general meeting.	Ongoing
10:04	Vince M. addressed the meeting about the need for driver training for club members moved that Vince M. contact Murray Ball for information and report back to the next committee meeting.	Ongoing
10:05	Vince M. moved that we commence talks with Steve Kydd regarding the expectation of maintenance to be conducted as an ongoing activity at Seeonee Park. Seconded by Jeff W. and carried	Darren S & Jeff W Ongoing
10:06	All outings to Seeonee Park to be logged as club trips and all members must sign on prior to activities commencing.	Ongoing
10:10	Vince M. moved that Joel B. and Viv M. be authorised signatories for club bank accounts and Peter Cook and Graham Filer be removed. Seconded Dick S. and carried.	Ongoing
10:11	Vince M. moved that he contact the Office of Fair Trading regarding the need to have the club audited each year and confirm requirements to executive committee when information is received. Seconded by Viv M. and carried.	Ongoing
10:12	Jeff W. moved that he and Darren S. discuss 'double booking' of Seeonee Park on normal CQORC days in 2010 with Steve Kydd. Seconded by Darren S. and carried. Jeff W. and Darren S. to report back to committee meeting.	Darren S and Jeff W Ongoing
10:13	Club Challenge Event for 2010 was again discussed and its was generally agreed that the club conduct an 'entry level' competition and fun day in 2010 due to the new high level winch competition now being run by Brad Dukes and Davo and the date claimer be retained for this and changed if necessary.	Ongoing
10:14	Jeff W. moved that a sub-committee be formed to apply for the various funding grants that maybe available. Seconded by Darren S. and carried.	Ongoing
10:15	Jeff W. moved that the Club flyer be redesigned or freshened up and distributed to businesses associated with 4WDing Seconded by Darren S. and carried.	Ongoing
10:17	09/03/10 Dick S. moved that the club hold camp oven cookouts at Seeonee Park on the normal monthly Club outings and money raised from this activity be donated to a chosen charity or Relay for Life. Seconded by Darren S. and carried.	Ongoing
10:22	13/03/10 Dick S. To confirm a date.	Take to next General Meeting 04/05/10
10:23	09/03/10 James H. volunteered to be member of the sub-committee to apply for grants and to check out existing grants that the club may be eligible to apply for.	Ongoing
10:24	13/03/10 James H. Has conducted some research and obtained info from the Qld Sports and Research Infrastructure Fund and the Gambling and gaming Machine fund.	
10:25	Jeff W. moved that (a) the club's executive committee be proactive when promoting the issue of keeping 3 Rivers and 9 Mile Beach open and (b) that a link to the "Dob in a Hoon" website be included in the new CQORC website.	
10:26	Viv M. informed the committee that the club Editor (Karen W) is experiencing computer problems with her personal computer and as he is not using the club computer that it be made available to the Editor for club use. Moved by Viv M. Sec by Vince M.	

10.27

Vince M informed the committee that the club had approx \$40,000 in its working account which was producing very little interest return to the club. Moved Vince M. Sec Joel B. That the club retain approx \$5,000.00 in the working account and transfer the remaining into the trading and investment account earning better return for the club.

A committee member discussed the need for the club to endorse a Face Book A/C to promote the club. It was decided not to peruse this line of club promotion at this stage.

Club members discussed the current membership numbers for 2010 which currently stands at 37 with a few regulars still outstanding. Moved by Vince M. Sec Joel B. that the club Trip Coordinator send reminder notices to all ex members who are not currently enrolled reminding them that their 2010 membership renewal is now due. Dick S. And Vince M. To draft the letter.

NEXT MEETING:

General Meeting 4th May 2010 at 7:30pm at Great Western

Committee Meeting 11th May 2010 Starting 7:00pm at Great Western

CLOSURE: Meeting Closed at 20:30.

Relay For Life Carwash

We held our carwash at the Enzed Car park on Sunday 18th April, it was quite a pleasant day, it was attended by Dick Stevens, Joel and Naomi Brook, James Holden, Dave Watson, Matthew and Sue Skilton, Paul, Karen, Ben and Kai Westgarth.

Cars came in on a steady stream throughout the day, the signs kindly donated by Brad and Roxanne Dukes, were the main draw card to bringing cars in. We all worked very hard, giving a terrific job, and as usual the general public was very generous and a lot of people gave over the allotted wash fee. Finishing time was about 2-30pm, with a cleanup of the car park we all headed home.

One thing that was very disappointing was that we had no club members again other than the ones mentioned above, bring their car in to be washed. A few were seen driving past, it was a shame they could not spend the time to have their car washed and donate to this worthy cause.

I don't know if the reason no one turned up was because they knew the club had already donated money, I hope not, I hope everyone just has a very bad memory. We will be bringing a receipt book to the May meeting, and I hope you all come with you wallets and are able to donate some money to the Cancer Council. Remember that all donations over \$2 are tax deductible, and as there is only 2 months until tax returns can be lodged, you will only be out of pocket for that long.

Thanks again to Chris Nobbs who allowed us to hold the carwash in his car park of his business, it is greatly appreciated.

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Trips - Where To Go

Note: Fun Days, held last Sunday of each month, are for MEMBERS ONLY.
Visitors are welcome by prior arrangement with Trip Leader or Trip Coordinator

Trip Calendar As At 26/04/10

DATE	MEET TIME & DEPARTURE POINT	RATING	TRIP DETAILS	LEADER / CONTACT
SAT - SUNDAY 1st - 2nd MAY			CALLIOPE MARKETS/4WD DAY TRIP	JAMES HOLDEN 49210090
SUNDAY 2nd MAY	12 NOON - 2 SCHOFIELD STREET	SOCIAL/GREEN	BARE FOOT BOWLS AND SCAVANGER HUNT AROUND TOWN	MICK WENDT
1 ST - 3RD MAY LONG WEEKEND	TBA	GREEN / BLUE	FRASER ISLAND CLEAN UP REGISTRATION CLOSSES 6TH APRIL	VINCE MORRICE 49331999 OR 0428450678
SUNDAY 9th MAY	UPPER ULAM		MOTHERS DAY-CAMP OVEN COOKUP/PICNIC DRIVE UPPER ULAM TRACK	LEADER NEEDED
TBA	7 AM OPPOSITE CALTEX NORTHERN HI-WAY NTH ROCKY	BLUE	COPPER CLIMB	JEFF WINTER 0407211199
22nd 23rd MAY	IAN COOMBS OVAL @ CQU		RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM NOW NEED HELP TO RAISE MONEY FOR QLD CANCER FUND	KAREN WESTGARTH 49342062
SUNDAY 30th MAY	SEEONEE PARK		MONTHLY DAY AT SEEONEE	LEADER NEEDED
SUN-THURSDAY 30th MAY-3rd JUNE			TREE OF KNOWLEDGE FESTIVAL AT BARCALDINE/BLACKALL	LEADER NEEDED
MONDAY 7th JUNE	6.30 PM AT BLOOD BANK		MEMBER GIVE BLOOD	JAMES HOLDEN 49210090
FRIDAY-MONDAY 11th-15th JUNE LONG WEEKEND	TBA	VARIOUS	AUSTRALIAN 4X4 GATHERING POMONA SHOWGROUNDS BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN VIA MITSUBISHI CLUB WEB SITE \$130 FOR THE WEEKEND \$20 FOR ANY EXTRA NIGHTS	JAMES HOLDEN 49210090
SUNDAY 27th JUNE	SEEONEE PARK		MONTHLY DAY AT SEEONEE	LEADER NEEDED
SAT-SUN 10th JULY	CALTEX NORTHSIDE 7AM	GREEN / BLUE	STANAGE BAY	DAVE WATSON
JULY	TBA		KING SOLOMAN SPUR	PAUL WESTGARTH 49342062
TBA	TBA	VARIOUS	NIGHT RUN	JAMES HOLDEN 49210090
SUNDAY 18th JULY			BYFEILD TRACKS	LEADER NEEDED

DATE	MEET TIME & DEPARTURE POINT	RATING	TRIP DETAILS	LEADER / CONTACT
18th TILL 25th JULY		COMP	CLIFFHANGER AT COBAR NSW	JEFF WINTER 0407211199
SAT - SUNDAY 24th-25th JULY	TBA	TBA	MOTORAMA	JOEL BROOKS 0413039102
TBA	TBA	TBA	WOODGATE	VIV MURPHY 0408736325
THURS-SUNDAY 12th-15th AUGUST			GEMFEST	VIV MURPHY 0408736325
SAT-SUNDAY 21st- 22nd AUGUST			KROOMBIT TOPS/ BILLBURRIN STATE FOREST	LEADER NEEDED
SAT 29th AUGUST	TBA	EASY to MED	5 ROCKS	BEN BOULTER
SUNDAY 29th AUGUST	SEEONEE PARK		MONTHLY DAY AT SEEONEE	LEADER NEEDED
AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER			CQ OFF ROAD CHALLENGE	
SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER			FATHERS DAY POKER RUN	LEADER NEEDED
MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER	6.30 PM AT BLOOD BANK		MEMBER GIVE BLOOD	JAMES HOLDEN 49210090
SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER	SEEONEE PARK		MONTHLY DAY AT SEEONEE DATE COULD CHANGE AS THIS WEEKEND IS THE 8 DAY CHALLENGE WEEKEND	TBA
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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 you ideas to Dick Stevens 0408153246.

Here are a few ideas:

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Kroombit Tops	Cap Palmerston	Porcupine Gorge
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Styx River	Eurimbula National Park	
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Joke Of The Month

Two men camping

Two young men were out in the woods on a camping trip, when they came upon this great trout brook. They stayed there all day, enjoying the fishing, which was super.

At the end of the day, knowing that they would be graduating from college soon, they vowed that they would meet, in twenty years, at the same place and renew the experience.

Twenty years later, they met and travelled to a spot near where they had been years before. They walked into the woods and before long came upon a brook. One of the men said to the other, "This is the place!"

The other replied, "No, it's not!"

The first man said, "Yes, I do recognize the clover growing on the bank on the other side.

To which the other man replied, "Silly, you can't tell a brook by it's clover."

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Easter Trip to Kalpowar

Trip Report by Dick Stevens, James and Trish Holden

Good Friday morning and we are wandering about filling in time! A leisurely 8:15am meet up with James, Trish and Dave at junction of Gavial and Bruce Hwy. Dave let us know Russell Mason and co headed off earlier for the same area.

A nice run down the highway, with one short stop at Miriam Vale to locate some bread rolls, alas not to be found today.. Never mind, Trish will think of something else!

We turned off at Granite Creek, which comes out of nowhere and you need to be ready for it. We head west along the track amongst a lot of cows!. They look very healthy and the countryside is GREEN, GREEN, GREEN!

Soon we catch a Landcruiser ambling along and he speeds up a bit so we don't have to overtake. We wind our way up the Dawes Range and its obvious not many vehicles have been through here for awhile. Lots of overgrowth and some branches across the road, shortly we catch the Cruiser and a fallen tree half way up the mountain. We greet the couple and quickly work out a plan to try and remove a very stuck hardwood across the road. Straight line pull on his winch does nothing, so we hook up a snatch block and double the pull, still no go! We take turns in hacking a root off but this does not help either (a real axe was needed but only baby ones were packed!). We built up some rocks and guided the Cruiser over the log, not without a winch pull to prevent him from falling into the abyss. He did a quick run up the hill to look for more logs and then came back.

Our next move was to pull the offending tree up the track and this worked easily - all through and on our way. We find out the couple are normally caravaners and are trying a rooftop tent out for a trip to Cape York.

The track was slippery and a bit of fun in places, in the wet it would be HARD. James's Prado did a stirring job towing the TVAN, especially with worn tyres. Dave just kept coming in the Beast, not much stops him.

Our next pull up was another large tree over the road, this time up high but we couldn't fit under. A small tray back ute had got through so we thought it was clear. Forgot he was not so high!

We had a good look and decided to give it a go, as going back was a loooonng way. We hooked up the Cruiser with snatch block and give it the berries - no go. With some digging, small tree removal and Dave's winch hooked up as well we managed to move the mongrel. This took over an hour!

Once moving we then used the snatch block on a tree to the side and pulled the offending log sideways. As Trish says "winching is all about angles", a good point. All safety measures were used and no damage done, quite a good exercise. Note to self, "in future pack chainsaw".

The Cruiser couple elected to pull up early after getting over the range and we decided to keep going towards Kalpowar camp site. This was a very picturesque drive, highly recommended. I think we arrived at camp around 4pm, there were a number of campers already there, but it wasn't too crowded being Easter and all.

A quick set up and some dinner was soon on the go. There were a large contingent of trail bikes present but well behaved, at least it wears them out and late nights making a racket was not an issue! James and I managed to crank a small fire out of our onboard supplies. Plan in place to get some better stuff Saturday. A bit of rain put us all in bed early.

Saturday was a nice morning and the bikers waited till a reasonable hour before heading off. They were a good group and having a ball! We were lucky enough to grab a lift with James and Trish for the day (thanks !) which prevented us having to pack up for the day. (a disadvantage with slide on ute campers). We could have brought our "legs" but hardly worth it.

So after a decent Brekky we headed off to the thriving metropolis of Kalpaowar, what a depressing place, quite sad. We then headed up the hill for a forest loop drive. James and Trish have been here before and it was very handy. We had an interesting drive though the bush and the track became

very unused, finally we ended up at some sort of workers camp. A quick turnaround and we headed back out, only to be stopped by more trees. No choice but to backtrack to Kalpowar. We came across a funny sign as well, "Trespassers Shot"- not so funny if true!

Back at the main road we wound our way to see the old mines in Dawes National Park, this was very interesting and there were a lot of old ruins etc. Amazing to think it was a bustling area all those years ago. We found some good tracks with lots of creek crossings and it looked as though you could possibly get through to Ubobo - maybe another trip.

Back at camp and we settled in and took it easy, once again the Bikers were well behaved. We had a yarn to Russell, who had been zooming around everywhere looking for a decent swimming hole, in the end they made their own! A few beers and a bit of port saw quite a few "stories" being told . A great night with a bigger fire, though a little smoky!

Sunday and we are in go mode, as in "go and pick up our new Border Collie pup from Hervey Bay". James, Trish and Dave joined us for the trip back towards the Highway. The countryside was awesome, so great to see the creeks running and green grass.

We arrived at Hervey Bay around 11am and picked up our new boy. He travelled excellent all the way home to Gracemere, not wanting to sit on the floor he nestled in between the seats up high and had a great time. No mess, no fuss... so well behaved! He is settling in fine and is currently sleeping amongst our boots. (no he doesn't chew them... yet !)

All in all a bloody good trip with some decent driving, winching, tree removal and awesome sights. For those who say we don't have trips make the effort and turn up!

Many thanks to our trip leaders James and Trish, who have spent a great amount of time looking about and also to Dave for turning up and being a very generous "Easter Bunny".

Dick Stevens

I'll take up the story from there. After bidding farewell to Dick & Wendy we turned south off Kalpowar Road and headed toward Wonbah. This road runs parallel to the Bania National Park boundary but we resisted the urge to explore the park when we passed the turnoff as we had other plans.

After a very picturesque drive which included a few shallow water crossings we joined up with the Gin Gin – Mt Perry Road and turned toward Gin Gin and then onto Tunnel Road and through the Boolboonda Tunnel. The tunnel was dug back in the 1880's through solid rock and is totally unsupported – well worth a look if you are in the area.

After getting some footage of the tunnel on video it was on to Mt Perry for morning tea and to top up our fuel. Strangely enough diesel was cheaper here on Easter Sunday than it was in Rocky.

The plan from here was to head south and then into Goodnight Scrub NP but as we left town we saw a sign that read "Mingo Crossing Recreation Area" so we decided we would check it out. I had read about a free camp there in *4x4 Action* and as there is no camping in the national park we thought it might be worth a look. After covering the 30km or so to the camp it turned out to be a little more civilized than we expected as the local council has developed it as a caravan park on the banks of Lake Paradise. Still a top spot but not if you want to get away from it all. So after a brief stop we retraced of steps back to the Kalliwa Connection Road and onto Goodnight Scrub.

We finally found our way onto the gravel tourist circuit through the park and found the only four wheel drive section in the park. This is up One Tree Hill and is well worth a look. Last time we visited there was a fire tower on top of the hill which afforded a better view but even though it has been removed the hill still provides a great view of the surrounding area.

On rejoining the tourist drive we came across the Paradise Dam on the southern boundary of the park. The dam was a spectacular sight as it overflowed over the spillway. From the dam the plan was to head to the Kalliwa Hut, part of the areas' history, but alas the road was closed – maybe next time. After exploring another track which led up to a very deep and murky water crossing we

decided to head back to Kalpowar via Gin Gin.

We were looking forward to our last night in camp around the fire but we collected some dud wood and eventually we gave up before we smoked ourselves and the rest of the campground out and so an early night was had by all.

Monday it was up early and we headed home up the Boyne Valley and back to the daily grind with only the mud on the car and camper to remind us of a great weekend.

Thanks to Dick, Wendy and Dave for your company, hope you enjoyed the trip.

James Holden



Another tree to snatch



Dick just snuck under



First tree over road



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Dick and Wendy's Camper



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A note from the editor:- I think that all club members should really try to make it to the Australian 4X4 Gathering, this is the first time this national get together has been held so close to us and the first time it has been held in Queensland. I hope we all support the Mitsubishi 4WD Club to make this event a great success.

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