

LAND ROVER CLUB OF THE ACT INC

Agenda, COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 17th Feb 2020

Location: Eastlakes Football Club

Start: 7.30pm **Finished:** 8.36

Apologies:

- David Wade
- Michael Thomson
- Jemma Zeitlhofer
- Kevin Phillips

President's report: (Andrew Lockley)

- Actions from previous minutes – Nil
- 4WD Spectacular – roundup pending noting the gate was approx. 40% under. Exhibitors – 180 sites sold but only 140 turned up. This will result in a reduced return for the club and identified charities.
- The reduced funding will need to be factored into the club budget.
- Show feedback to the President in writing prior to 9th May 2020.
- Ian will stand up in the president's absence for the next two meetings.
- Need to discuss new members and trips.
- ~\$18k in the bank.
- Heritage drive account is growing – approx. ½ way to the expected break-even point.
- Tax dept has advised we can stop paying provisional tax.

Treasurer's Report: (David Wade)

- Full report:

The LRC account balances, as at 14 February, are:

LRC chq acct	\$1176.00
LRC investment acct	\$16463.37
OLRHD chq acct	\$20522.40
PayPal	\$72.75 net

I am not expecting any further bills associated with the 4WD Spectacular.

Note that the large sum in the Heritage account reflects advance payments for this year's Heritage Drive.

I can only reinforce that what money we have in the bank is it. I do not anticipate any monies coming in until right on the end of the FY, when subs become due, and any surplus from the 4WD Spectacular comes our way. Sizable payments which will be due before the end of the FY are: trailer rego and insurance (\$900), plus 4WD Assn membership and insurance (\$2000).

I anticipate that, due to the hot weekend and low numbers of exhibitors and visitors, Spectacular income may well be down. One thing that will need considering and approving by members by April at the latest is subs for next year, especially if it is apparent by then that the Spectacular income will be reduced.

Secretary's Report: (Ricky Robins)

- Mail collected
- Taxation letter passed to David.
- Organisation of Fyshwick mailbox underway.

Trip Coordinator: (Tom & Ann de Jongh)

- Rick Creach has added an overnight trip to the coast in March. Space for seven members.
- New members trip this weekend starting from Gunderoo this Sunday.

Membership Secretary: (Michael Thomson)

- NTR

Social Secretary: (Jemma Zeitlhofer)

- NTR

Merchandising & 4WD Association: (Kevin Phillips)

- NTR

KHA: (Margaret Anderson)

- NTR

Council of ACT Motor Clubs: (Garry Collins)

- Combined Motor club's council to write to ACT government re then alignment with NSW re historic vehicle registration.
- Shannon's wheels events to be loaded to the website. Contact the website editor.

Website Manager: (Matt Bolton)

- Membership request with an inquiry for vehicle historic rego. For clarity these are to be sent to Rick for first review and Michael Thomson.
- Belconnen community service have asked for mentors for kids just learning to drive. To be posted as a member's info bulletin.

Series Vehicles: (Peter Mercer)

- Heritage drive approx. 50% in. Meals venues sorted and awaiting final menus.
- We have had a question asked re young children on the drive and at this stage it is expected there will be no fee applicable for under 5's. This will be confirmed on the website.
- Peter has some medium and HD snow chains (7.50 by 16") for anyone interested.
- There will be a series event at Easter at Majors Creek.

Other business/New business:

- Mike McNamara:
 - Website opening screen – can this be passed to the membership? Tom advised he will make this (and other photos) available in high definition.
 - Suggests that the club needs to look at the insurance issue around the 4wd Spectacular. The 4wd Committee reviewed the insurance policy just prior to the event. It was discussed that the Risk Matrix was updated prior to the event. It was not known if the Queanbeyan Council has/did review the T&C's.
- Long Plain Hut. 4wd Association would like a compilation of photos of clubs participating in National Parks Projects to produce photo books as a way of presenting the projects undertaken by clubs for National Parks.
- 4wd Association Membership refund available on request by the club.
- LRC Expo 26th July 2020.

Next meeting: Monday 2nd March 2020 at Eastlakes Football Club

Hi all,

It has been a busy couple of weeks, but also very positive.

First off I would like to thank everyone for their support at the AGM, not just for me as President but for the whole committee. We welcome Brian Bird to the committee and I am sure he will be another positive for the Association. The Quarterly and AGM went smoothly and with the changes to the constitution it was productive as well. Everyone enjoyed themselves and had a laugh while doing it, which is great as we are all volunteers.

The fires are rightly the prominent issue at the moment and it is affecting everybody, but some more than others. We have a lot of members that have been directly affected by them and also their communities. We are working with them in ways to support both our members and the affected communities. We will be organising things for next Easter for clubs to be able to help these communities so please keep Easter free so we can support our members in their support for their areas.

I had a National Parks Advisory Council meeting through the week and we were given a brief on the fires, firstly I would like to say I have never seen these guys worried like this before, to say the fires are unprecedented is an understatement. I see a lot of people saying we have had bigger fires, yes, but these are not over yet and by Christmas these will be the biggest. Also we always have fires, yes, but not in our rain forests. The Gondwana Rainforests have no history of fire and we are losing them to wildfire right now. As for the effectiveness of hazard reduction with these fires it will need to be carefully looked at, we certainly need to keep it up but most of these fires are canopy fires started by lightning that are not touching the ground cover. The lack of moisture in the air means it does not matter which way the wind comes from it just feeds the fire and because of the low moisture we have more lightning strikes it's a vicious circle.

Also please understand that the rangers are all trained to help in fighting fires. Parks don't like to promote this as they are paid workers unlike the volunteers but I believe we need to, especially when you hear what they are doing, they deserve all the accolades that are being given to the rest of the people involved. This means though that park staff are stretched and will mean parks will be closed if there is any threat, please observe all warnings and stay safe.

I would like to finish up by wishing everybody a happy and safe Christmas, whether it

be with family or sitting by a river, just have fun and see you all next year.

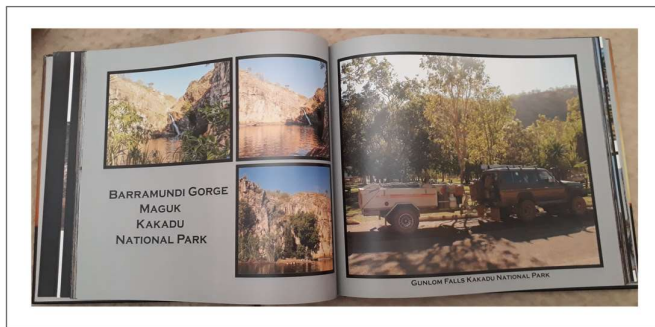
Have fun

Craig Thomas

President

Please note: Login using your club login information to access current and past minutes on www.4wdnow.com at any time.

Presentation Books



Can you help us?

Aim: To gain a compilation of photos of clubs participating in National Parks Projects to produce photo books as a way of presenting the projects undertaken by clubs for National Parks. The books are for visual presentation when attending meetings with land managers and Politicians and provide supporting credentials when lobbying for, and on behalf of all 4wdrivers as a responsible user group with a skill set and mindset to look after and sustain our chosen recreation.

We are seeking good quality digital pictures of areas that clubs have assisted in National Parks projects. Before and after images, showing groups and family involvement. We are envisioning between 8-12 photos for each project. A short information paragraph on the project including datelines would also be required. Please note by submitting digital material you are relinquish all rights and giving permission for the material to be edited and used for the above-mentioned purpose by the publisher.

Projects: Lithgow Project (National Park or Tourism) * Tree Planting (Capertee) * Griffins Fire Trail * Bowman's House * The Glenn * Silent Creek Abercrombie * Tugalong Station * Regent Honey Eater Project * Swamp work Lithgow Area * Mt Airly * Slippery Rock. Please send anything that may help to 4wdnow@gmail.com

REFUND OF NATIONAL FEES

As part of our fee structure we collect the affiliation fee of \$3.30 per member to pay to the National Council. As we are not affiliated this year the members voted to return that money to clubs. Many clubs have received the refund but there are still some that have not. There is a cut off date for this refund, March 31st 2020 so don't miss out. Check with your treasurer so they can contact us if they haven't received the money as yet.

TO GET YOUR CLUB'S REFUND

Please supply ASAP

BSB -

ACCOUNT NUMBER -

ACCOUNT NAME -

email to Tony Ellery on treasurer@4wdnow.com

Could the email please be sent from the Secretary or Treasurer address please.

This makes it safer and easier to check we are sending money to the correct account. The refund will be \$3.30 x your declared membership number.

THE BOX IS READY

Do you have your 2020 membership stickers yet ?

They are in your Club Box waiting for pick up at Seven Hills. If you are a regional club please contact office@4wdnow to organise shipping but if you are Sydney based I would appreciate it if you could get someone to pick up. I can arrange after hours pick up if required. Please make the effort to get these before XMAS.

Members need the stickers on their cars for the new year.

Bull bars

Is your bull bar legal?

Bull bars used in NSW must comply with the [Technical Specification: Requirements for vehicle frontal protection systems fitted to light vehicles \(PDF, 2.1Mb\)](#)

Reference to this Technical Specification is now included in Schedule Two of the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2017 creating a clear and ongoing regulatory framework for the safe use of bull bars in NSW.

Clear requirements for safe bull bar use in NSW

From 16 September, the Technical Specification (previously referred to as Bull Bar Tolerances and Conditions) will continue to provide clear and consistent guidance to motorists and industry stakeholders to help ensure that any bull bar that they purchase, sell, install or manufacture for sale is permitted under NSW regulations.

The Technical Specification will also ensure vehicles meet other applicable standards affected by the bull bar, such as ground clearance, width, obscured lights and number plates, and the driver's view of the road.

There are no major changes

This Technical Specification replaces, on an ongoing basis, previous requirements that have been in place since 2014 under a series of Ministerial Exemption Orders. It will be 'business as usual' as making the Technical Specification permanent does not result in material changes for motorists and industry stakeholders.

Please note a bull bar is a type of Vehicle Frontal Protection System (VFPS). VFPS is the term used in the Regulation to encompass bull bars, nudge bars and similar devices fitted to the front of a vehicle.

The main requirements contained in the Technical Specification are summarised in [Is your bull bar legal? \(PDF, 906Kb\)](#)

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/vehiclesafety/bull-bars.html>.

Mitsubishi Motors Pajero Club Challenge 2020

February 8th and 9th

Registration open NOW!

This annual event is organised by the Pajero 4WD Club of Victoria and has become one of the best and most challenging self guided, off road Navigational events in Australia. The Pajero Club Challenge is open to experienced Four Wheel Drivers and experienced Navigators. All brands of 4WDs are welcome, but vehicles must be set up with good off road tyres and suspension lift to suit High Country terrain.

The Mitsubishi Motors Pajero Club Challenge is a **24-hour** 4WD navigation competition, split into four sections, each of which allows for 3-4 hours of driving. The driver and navigator(s) find their way from point to point, answering questions as they go. Many teams have multiple navigators and also swap drivers; it's a team event!

Checkpoints are manned by members from various 4WD clubs. There are special stages where points can be gained, such as a written navigational test, skills task and team activities. Compulsory rest stops at each stage. Includes Saturday night meal and Sunday morning breakfast.

The focus of the event is teamwork, observation and navigation. The terrain will be typical of High Country driving and teams must prepare for dry and wet conditions. This is not a race because the objective is to make the least number of errors to beat the test of the competition.

2020 EVENT LOCATION:

Walhalla-Licola region, VICTORIA

ENTRY FEES

Note: Only the Nominated Driver and Navigator will receive a trophy for overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

\$300.00 per vehicle for Pajero Club Members

\$320.00 per vehicle for **non** Pajero Club Members

Maps are included.

For more information www.pajeroclub.com.au

Download the entry form [HERE](#)

LAND ROVER OWNERS EXPO 2020

SUNDAY 26th July 2020

OPENS 9.00am Entry Fee \$15.00 per vehicle

Hawkesbury Show Ground Racecourse Road, Clarendon, NSW

“The Complete Land Rover Experience”

The Expo is excited to return once again in 2020 as the largest Land Rover and Range Rover Exhibition and family event in Australia and is organised by the Land Rover Owners Club of Australia Sydney Branch Inc (LROC).

2020 is expected to bring in over 600 Land Rovers of all ages and models, supported by our many trade exhibitors. Front and centre will be Land Rover Australia with their latest 2020 line-up, including the newly released Land Rover Defender. Organisers are pleased to announce that Land Rover Australia has returned as a major supporter, with Front Runner confirming as the first major sponsor of The Expo in 2020. The entry fee entitles you to go into a major draw prize “The Land Rover Adventure” of which the winner will receive a Land Rover Defender to drive over a weekend.

The Expo provides entertainment for the whole family which will include:

- Exhibits of every conceivable Land Rover model, from the meticulously restored Series Ones to the everyday bush tourer and urban cruiser
- Exhibitors of 4x4 parts, accessories and camping gear
- Swap Meet
- Children’s activities
- Plenty of food and drinks
- Trophies to be awarded to Land Rover and Range Rovers judged to be the best in each category

“It’s the complete Land Rover experience”, organiser and LROC Public Relations Greg Stuart explains, “a fun day for like-minded people that love the outdoors and are enthusiastic about their Land Rover or Range Rover”.

The Clubs will have many representatives at The Expo who can open your eyes to the possibilities of how to get you and your family out and about exploring this beautiful country.

For more information contact: Greg Stuart: 0478 538 712 www.landroverexpo.com.au

This newsletter is written using information provided by relevant parties. If I write something that mentions "me or I" and there is no signature after it then it is a message from me. If you would like something to be added on behalf of your club please email office@4wdnow.com. Anything can be included as long as it's club based and for the benefit of clubs. The newsletter is monthly (about the first of each month) but we can do an extra "special" if there is something that is important that we missed.

- Maggie Thomas.

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