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Let The Pressure Out

Newsletter

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From the Club President

Next Club Meeting
16 August 2020
Bungendore Showground



Hi Everyone,

Welcome to our fourth newsletter which I hope is keeping all of us informed on our journey through the pandemic.

The recent easing of restrictions in NSW and ACT in July allowed us to get together in a safe way at Bungendore Showground on the 19th. I was delighted with the turnout especially with those who travelled some distance to join in. It was clear everyone was keen to catch up with other members and share their stories over the recent months.

Subject to restrictions and weather, I am pleased to advise we will again have our next meeting at the Bungendore Showground. I look forward to catching up on the 16th August from 11:00am onwards.

I wanted to thank all members, especially the committee for supporting the process for reviewing our participation in the 4WD Spectacular and the overwhelming decision to terminate our ongoing involvement. I have now formally notified the other clubs of our decision and we will complete the termination process over the next couple of months.

Our AGM is currently set down for 12th October, all going well this meeting and hopefully our ordinary meeting in September can proceed as planned but we will remain nimble and I will keep everyone informed as we get closer to those dates.

The AGM is an important meeting that elects/re-elects members to roles on the committee. Joining the committee is a great opportunity to get involved in the planning for the club's future direction. While current committee members may look to continue, all roles are up for nomination and election. I urge anyone who may be interested to put your name forward. If you are unsure of the roles or the process then feel free to give me a call or email me at president@lrc.org.au.

Stay safe and see you at Bungendore Showground on the 16th August.
Andrew Lockley

Treasurer's Report

The books for last financial year are now with our tax agent, John Serano, and have been for three weeks or so.

When John has done our tax return, he'll pass the books on to our reviewer, John Beard, so we have a review ready in time for our AGM.



And why am I using the term review instead of audit? There's been a change in the ACT Associations Act. Smaller bodies, such as ourselves, no longer need to have their books formally audited by a professional auditor. A lesser standard, termed a review, is now acceptable; and the reviewer doesn't need professional qualifications. While we have used John Beard as our auditor for a number of years, this year we have asked him to review, rather than audit, our books, with a commensurate saving.

The flow of membership subs is starting to tail off, with \$6450 received to Tuesday, 4 August. I'll leave Michael to fill in the detail.

While on the topic of membership subs, you will note that we have suspended the PayPal facility. The reason, PayPal is tightening up its security no end, going from next to nothing to extremely tight. First off, we had to provide our ABN and ACT Associations Number; no problems there. Next, PayPal wanted to know the names of our major office bearers; president, secretary, and treasurer. A bit more problematic as we would have to update information whenever there was a change in office bearers, but manageable. Then came the big crunch, we have been asked to nominate our Beneficial Owner and Business Manager; two positions we don't have as a club.

Until PayPal receives the information it wants on these two persons, it has frozen the funds in our PayPal account; we cannot withdraw those funds. The problem is, PayPal wants a lot of information on these two persons: a scan of a driver's licence or passport, plus a scan of a utilities bill, rates notice, or bank statement as corroborating evidence.

Our next step is to ask two committee members to provide the personal information in the short term to be able to retrieve the Club's funds. The next step is to decide what to do with our PayPal account, immediately close it or continue with the account if two committee members are willing to

have their personal information held by PayPal. And this will occur every time the committee membership changes; two new volunteers will be needed.

At the last committee meeting I put forward the idea of putting some funds into a term deposit for six months or so. After a bit of investigation, I'm not sure it is worth doing. Combining Heritage Drive funds and Club funds, I thought we might be able to invest \$20 000 for six months. A look at term deposit rates shows: CBA 0.5%, Westpac (the Club's bank) 0.65%, and Macquarie, 0.7%. That means \$20 000 with Westpac would return us \$65, and we would pay out 30% of that in tax. As we need two signatures to operate accounts, I can't set up accounts online, requiring a trip for two of us into the bank to sign paperwork.

For a net return of \$45.50 I don't think it's worth the effort.

See you at the next ordinary meeting, where I'll have some payments for approval.

David Wade
Treasurer

Message from Membership Secretary

Membership renewal is progressing really well, with 90 members now renewed. If you are one of the slow renewers, please remember to avoid PayPal for now, and use EFT, till we get the new PayPal conditions etc sorted.



New member applications have been received by:



Ann Gibbs-Jordan, Gundaroo Training trip
Simon Turner, Gundaroo Training trip
Chris & Christine Orman, Gundaroo Training trip
Pat & Jeanette Cotterill, Gundaroo Training trip

We will be voting on their acceptance at our August meeting.

Michael Thomson
Membership Secretary

Note from the 4WD NSW & ACT and NPWS Representative

The subsidised chainsaw training was scheduled for this weekend (8-9 August) but has been postponed because of the expected deluge this weekend



The 4WD NSW & ACT Quarterly meeting scheduled for 15 August is expected to go ahead as a Zoom meeting due to the current COVID-19 uncertainties.

Kevin Phillips
Club Representative

From the Social Secretary

Club Christmas Party - 21 November 2020

All is on track for the Club Christmas Party at Majors Creek on 21 November. Please keep an eye out for registration instruction coming soon.



Gemma Zeitlhofer
Social Secretary

From the Trip Coordinator

BACKROADS TO EDEN 20-22 MARCH 2020



During the summer of 2019-2020 devastating bushfires ravaged south eastern New South Wales. This trip was organised to support the people and local businesses of the region affected by these bushfires.

Although a tragic time for the south-coast reading this trip report gives you a sense of hope and renewal.

Full report and all photos are available now on the Club's website <https://lrc.org.au/>



The Driver Training Group

GUNDAROO TRAINING AND INTRODUCTORY TRIP, SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020

Trip Leaders: Tom DeJong, Ian Toten & Michael Thomson

Attendees:

Bob & Margaret Anderson, Perentie
John Bockwinkel, Mazda BT50
Matt Bolton, Toyota LC200
John & Margaret Cooper, VW Amarok V6
Pat Cotterill, Toyota LC200
Tom DeJong, Mitsubishi Triton
Guy Engelsman with Marcus, Ford Ranger
Ann Gibbs-Jordan, Nissan Patrol
Paul & Kaylene Koppe, LR Discovery 2 TD5
Chris Orman, LR County V8

Jim Orman, LR County V8
 Susan Paterson, LR Defender 300Tdi
 Michael Thomson, LR Range Rover
 William & Tiffany Thomson with Lily & Zoe, LR Defender TD5
 Ian & Nicole Toten, Jeep Wrangler
 Simon Turner, LR Defender TD5
 Peter Vickery, Skoda
 Gemma & Bob Zeitlhofer, Toyota LC 200
 and Mike Leys, visited us at Gundaroo Park

Report

9:00 am at Gundaroo Park was a cold foggy place to meet, but we all made it by 9:15.



After a quick introduction, Tom gave everyone a reminder about convoy procedure, we distributed radios and set off for the training area.

Morning tea, in improving sunshine, a quick Covid friendly 4wd explanation, a recovery gear show and tell, and walk around of training wombat holes and creek crossings. Each driver had a try at navigating the hazards we had built (I am sure those wombats have been filling in the holes).



Differences in traction control systems, or lack of, saw some drive

through the holes without issue, while others took a few tries at getting just the right momentum to maintain forward travel.



Tom took a number of the manual drivers through safe hill stall and restart procedures.

Lunch eaten, and kids recovered from the wet wombat holes and creek, then we set off for a short drive along rough bush tracks to a downhill fire trail complete with erosion mounds. A new experience for some. Peter abandoned his Skoda at the top, and took ride in a higher clearance vehicle.

Afternoon tea among the tussocks, then back up the fire trail, and along another bush track till we joined the road out.



William and family left the group at the tussock paddock to go and visit his uncle (who's property we were on). Michael left the group (to visit his brother) as participants headed out on the (not so) main road.

4:15 back at Gundaroo. A fun & enjoyable day had by all, and I understand that some drivers even added their first bush pinstripes to their new 4WD!

Thanks to Gemma, Paul & Ann for the trip photos.

Michael Thomson