

Jeep Club



of N.S.W.

NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2008

JEEP CLUB OF NSW INC.

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**Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday
of each month (except January) at 8.00pm**

**Yennora Public School, Orchardleigh St,
Yennora.**

**Visitors are always welcome. Enter the School through the gate in Orchardleigh St. Drive around to
the rear of the school buildings.**

The ramblings contained in this newsletter are not necessarily factual and are the opinion of the writer only and do not necessarily represent the
view of the club as a whole.

COMING EVENTS



Please let the trip leader know of your attendance at least the Wednesday night prior to a trip.

APRIL 25 th to 27 th	Dungog area. Anzac Weekend. Meeting places are 8.30am Macca's at Heatherbrae or Dungog Caravan Park at 9.30am.	Matt & Ken
MAY 17 th to 18 th	Mt Nangar and Mt Canobolas. Bathurst area. Friday Start.	Ray
MAY 25 th	CLUB SHOW. PENRITH MUSEUM OF FIRE CASTLEREAGH ROAD, PENRITH. 9.00am to 4.00pm. One day only. A chance to promote our Club. Participants needed. Contact Ken for more details. Organised by Association.	
JUNE 7 th to 9 th	Bendethra. Option Friday start.	Ray
5 th JULY '08	JEEP CLUB OF N.S.W. Annual General Meeting. John's place.	
AUGUST 1 ST TO 3 RD	WATAGANS	LARRY
1 ST 2 wks SEP	MUNGO N.P. & CORNER COUNTRY	Keith
SEP 25 th to 28 th	NATIONAL JEEP JAMBOREE. A Jeep only event. Venue is MORRISSET SHOWGROUND. Hosted by Cherokee Club, Assisted by Jeep Club of NSW. Further details contact Warren "Die Hard" Lewis.	

SEZ TH' PREZ



Hi All

Just a quick note to remind everyone that there have been some mods to the trip calendar, so make sure you check it out. Last meeting had a visitor, Rowan, the son of a past member who left for Tasmania some years ago. Roan's travelling round oz in a beaut bronze/gold SJ. He will be attending the Dungog trip. Mat R and me have done a few recce's in the area and have found some great 4wd tracks. Some were a bit overgrown and others had some steep rock strewn slopes. We even found a half washed away bridge, very similar to the one Ray had a predicament on, that due to the lateness in the day and limited manpower, forced us to backtrack. If the rain keeps away, it will be a great weekend.

We've booked a spot at the 4wd expo at Penrith, pls let Larry or me if you're interested in attending. Check the upcoming events section
Ken

There has been some info from 4wdNSW-ACT :
this their response to the draft document that was tabled at the last Jeep club meeting. If you would like a copy of the document (quite lengthy) send Liz an email and she can email you the report.

Hi Presidents, Secretaries and Delegates,

The following are my comments on the Vehicle Access policy which subject to any further comments by the Executive, I will send to Patrick Sutcliffe Friday night. I thought due to the lack of time on this, some comments may be helpful in deciding your own response.

STARTS

Comments on "draft" Vehicle Access Policies and Procedures.

- 1) Objectives: Should be expanded by adding; "to facilitate wider community involvement in parks by families, youth, disabled, seniors, and volunteer organisations in a way consistent with responsible environmental management practices" Reason: The community at large needs greater exposure to our parks which form a part of the bushlands and cultural heritage of this country.*
- 2) General Principles: Section 1) should include another principle along the lines; "facilitate increased visitation by all community demographics (eg aged, youth etc) consistent with the State Plan and provide particular recognition to Volunteer Groups working to maintain parks under agreed arrangements (eg MOU).*
- 3) Beach Access (paras 7, 8, 9 page 5): This seems very negative and potentially very discriminatory to many segments of the community such as aged, very young including family groups. Beach access should be managed like any other sensitive area and not simply put into the "too hard" category.
The policy should encourage solutions to access which are environmentally responsible and again consider volunteer groups to assist management of parks.*
- 4) Permit system (para 31): The policy should " encourage the use of a permit system as an alternative to closure or to management of the environment with particular utilisation of qualified volunteer groups such as 4WD NSW- ACT"*

5) Construction of new vehicle infrastructure (para 33): This is inconsistent with the State plan of increased use of the parks.6) Installation of Road Signs (para 40): They should be appraised of the Victorian system under trial at the moment.

7) Definitions (page 23): Car or bike rally; 40 people is too few. This could unintentionally catch a club trip. Suggest 80 people.

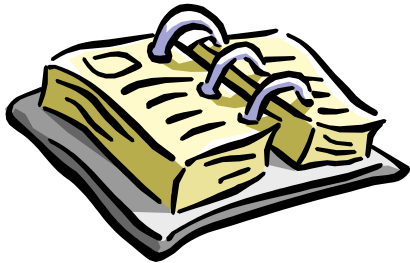
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I would welcome seeing your own views on the plan so I will also put this on the "members" forum.

Regards

Greg Redfern, President

'07/'08 FINANCIAL MEMBER\$ ROLL



LARRY & PENNY STEWART
BRETT GALWAY
PETER JACKSON
BARBARA EPPLE
WARREN & CHERYL LEWIS
MICHAEL & KELLY McFADYEN
KEN BRUDERLIN
CLIFF & CAROLE CLIFFTON
GREG EMBREY

RAY & LIZ WYATT
HEINZ BENDINGER
KEITH SMITH
BOB MURPHY
JOHN GLASSFORD
LINDSAY SQUIRES
DAVE CAMILLERI
MATT RASDALL

RAFFLE PRIZES DONATED SO FAR THIS YEAR :-

KEN B.....LED torch & LED sticky light
RAY.....Butane burner

NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice is hereby given that the Treasurer will propose a motion at the June General Meeting "that annual membership fees be increased from the current \$35.00p.a. to \$70.00p.a."

The fee increase is necessary because of rising costs, and the falling financial membership base which increases the burden on members. Bear in mind that the club runs a lot on a voluntary basis. The increase in fees is well overdue, and necessary if we are to continue to offer free catered events such as the Christmas Party and the AGM.

THE NEW ED'S EDITORIAL



Howdy All,

To save costs to the Jeep Club, I have sent a letter with the last newsletter (MARCH) to the various clubs to which the newsletter is posted, to provide me with an Email address, thus save on postage and envelopes. After 1 month I am yet to receive one reply.

In the next couple of weeks I will send out a survey for each member to complete. We will call it a Member Profile. It will be a fun thing with some silly questions and will probably get some silly answers. I'll print a couple of the replies in each edition of future newsletters.

The husband & wife members will require separate replies. I will print them in alphabetical order so watch out Heinz B. it looks like your first up.

See Ya,

Brettly.

FROM THE NEWS DESK

PORSCHE 917/30 SPYDER

Powered by an air cooled 5.4 Litre, twin turbo, fuel-injected V12, the Spyder reportedly produces an insane qualifying-spec 1178kW and 820kW in race trim.

This car still holds the lap speed record at the Talladega Speedway, Alabama of 355.85 km/h.

Accelerating from rest to 100km/h in 1.9sec, 0-160km/h in 3.9sec and 0-320km/h in 10.9sec, the Spyder is capable of 400km/h. It is regarded as the most powerful sports car racer the world has ever seen.

Believe it or not, this car was built in 1973 for the Can-Am Series and only six were ever made.

Giddyup,

Brettly

JEEP CLUB OF N.S.W. MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

JEEP CLUB OF NSW MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING 11 March 2008

1. Meeting opened at 8:07 pm.
2. Present:
Heinz Bendinger, Michael McFadyen, Ken Bruderlin, Ray Wyatt, Lindsay Squires, Jacqui, John Glassford and Keith Smith
3. Apologies:
Larry Stewart, Liz Wyatt
4. Visitors:

Nil
5. Previous Month's Minutes were read.
Moved: Heinz Bendinger
Seconded: Ray Wyatt
6. Business Arising from Minutes:
Nil
7. Secretary's Report:
Correspondence In:
 - Newsletters from Central Coast, GROC, Cherokee, Network News
 - Various brochures
 - PO Box renewalCorrespondence Out:
Nil.
Moved: Nil
Seconded: Nil
8. Treasurer's Report: as at 1 March 2008 (presented by Ray Wyatt)

Opening Balance:	\$407.37
Income:	\$18.00
Expenditure:	38.20
Closing Balance:	\$383.17

There was some discussion about an increase in fees. Michael stated that Liz agreed in December meeting to produce a proposal for an increase before the May meeting.

Moved: Heinz Bendinger
Seconded: Lindsay Squires
9. Trip Committee Report:
Discussions about trips
 - Coffs Jeep thing at Easter
 - Canoe trip down Shoalhaven River on 5 - 6 April
 - Anzac Weekend – 25 – 27 April – Nowendoc area

- 17 – 18 May – Mt Nangar and Mt Canobolas
- 7 – 9 June – Bendethera
- AGM Saturday 5 July – John's place
- 1 -3 August – Watagans
- 1st 2 weeks in September – Mungo NP to Corner Country

10. Association:
Nil

11. Sergeant at Arms:
Nil

12. General Business:

Michael finally got the information needed to set up the Web site. It will be done by Michael, hopefully before the next meeting.

13. Raffle won by ?.

14. Meeting closed at 8:47 PM

TRIP REPORT

SHOALHAVEN APRIL 5&6

We had it all in front of us, the car was packed and the canoe was on the roof ready to go. We departed the coast in search for Gus and Leanne in Hornsby. After waiting a while for Gus, who was fashionably late, we headed off down the M7 with not a clue where we were going. As we got down the road a bit we decided we had better ring Ray and get a few directions, and again half hour later just to confirm we were in the right place, we arrived in Bungonia.



After having a bit of a rough or should I say cold night we were awoken by Ray. After defrosting by the fire and re-packing the car yet again, we headed off in search of our destination. Ray lead off, we took a few back tracks, the sat nav was lost, the roo's were plentiful, and after a bit of sight seeing we made it to the campsite. We set up camp and sent the boy's off down the river, whilst Leanne and I took a drive into Braidwood to purchase a few more beverages.

After a couple of hours we decided we had better go and retrieve the boys from the river, they had done about a 10km paddle, and with Lindsay and Gus feeling sore and sorry and Ray still fighting fit we headed back to camp. Meals were prepared and dozens of drinks were

consumed, two boys don't know when to stop, nor do they know how they actually got into bed afterwards. We awoke on Sunday morning to slightly warmer temperatures and an extra hour of day light. After the fog lifted Leanne and I decided it was our turn for a paddle, Ray dropped us off up the river about 3km's and with Lindsay in toe in Ray's canoe we proceeded down the river, we had a bit of a hard time but thoroughly enjoyed it.

We headed back to camp, had a bite to eat and packed up. Although the turnout wasn't as high as we had expected, a good time was had by all. Thanks to Ray for putting the effort into organizing the trip.

Cheers
Jacqui

CAMP COFFS TRIP REPORT

21st -25th March 2008

We'd been working on our vehicles in preparation for the Easter trip to Camp Coffs. Warren made the big J20 bigger, I worked on Penny's Wrangler and Gus and Lindsay slaved under the old Cherokee. Finally, it was time to pack up and hit the road.

Some of us had uneventful trips whist others had hiccups along the way. Gus didn't get the old Cherokee out of the driveway because reverse gear let go. For me it was a loose wheel and a broken stud at Hexham. For Warren & Ray it was a slow trip, hopping from fuel stop to fuel stop like adolescents on a pub crawl. Cliff just beetled along behind. Bob Murphy arrived later in Thursday arvo, towing his 5-star camper.



The venue for this year was relocated from the windswept hillside banana paddocks of previous years to the green fields of Nana Glen Polo Grounds. A big improvement, in some ways. The venue is nicer but the amenities need some work. Naturally, the organizers couldn't rip up the polo grounds and build a doughnut pad, but they did supply a wheel travel ramp for some on-site fun.



Old acquaintances were renewed, some showing signs of Oldtimer's Disease probably brought about by either too many hours on garage floors covered in oil and grease, or too many hours on bar room floors covered in soil and grass. Absent mates were talked about then given the raspberry if there was no cogent reason for them to miss this year's camp.

At assembly for the first day's trips the excitement was akin to a fox hunt. Arriving back at camp were broken trucks and there were hammers banging and blowtorches glowing. But there wasn't a frown on a face anywhere, grins ruled.

Overnight rain caught out some Jeepers attending Saturday's trips with road tyres, resulting in a fair bit of time lost scrotum-scratching.

Around sunset some of the adults played kids games. Cathy Moody got me a beauty, I'll tell the story later.

On Sunday I went for a run with Cliff in his Willys. Along the track the occupant of another Jeep asked me if he was my Dad. I didn't know whether to be flattered or sorry. But I spent the rest of the day calling him "Dad" anyway. Luckily, the person didn't call him my grandpa!

The Travel Ramp appeared Sunday afternoon and kept the punters occupied for a while. Judging by the antics of a few spectators a few trips must have finished early and the guys got stuck into the dribble-juice.

Initially, Penny was apprehensive about her Jeep's off-road prowess, and was concerned about damage. But she settled down and enjoyed the trips indicating she'll be back next year but with a lifted Magoo. She looked at Bob's Wrangler and said she wanted something with as much clearance as that. We've compromised, and I bought a suspension kit at the Camp swap meet.

Monday's excursion to Commando Hill provided an impressive display of Jeep capabilities. The most aware-inspiring was a bog-stock SWB Rubicon. It negotiated the track with minimum difficulty, and was a good contrast to the highly modified rigs with big rubber. Mind you, the pilot knew how to pedal it. For me this provided a far better promotion for the Rubicon than what Daimler Chrysler would do. Ray gristled-up at this demonstration and I can see him in a Rubicon in the near future.

Whilst on the topic of vehicles it was reported in last newsletter that I'm the proud driver of a Nissan. It's true in part my bosses have decided I should cart my ample R-se about in a Nissan N-Trail. But as for being proud, Nar!

LARRY S.

