

Jeep Club



of N.S.W.

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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.

August 18 th & 19 th	WATAGAN MOUNTAINS FOREST EXPERIENCE.	Smie
September 7 th 8 th 9 th	SUNNY CORNER APEC TERRORIST ACTION PREVENTION DAY. Friday 7 th is a public holiday for those working in Sydney.	John G
September 11 th	General Meeting @ Yennora.	
September 28 th & 29 th	DENILIQUIN UTE MUSTER A must for those with big yoots.	Warren
October 6 th to 13 th	MORETON ISLAND See trip update article elsewhere in this n'letter.	Larry
October 9 th	General Meeting @ Yennora.	
November 3 rd & 4 th	WOMBAYAN CAVES AREA	Ray
November 13 th	General Meeting @ Yennora.	
November 23 rd to 25 th	COORABAKH N.P. North of Taree A tour to somewhere we haven't seen before. Larry arranging for neighbour to be tour guide Take Friday off work due to distance	Larry
December 11 th	General Meeting @ Yennora.	
December 8 th	CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY Date set. Details to be finalised	
JAN 25 th to 28 th '08	NORTH COAST 4 day trip around some interesting tracks. Take Friday off work due to distance.	Lindsay & Warren
MARCH 21 st to 24 th	EASTER.	
JULY '08	JEEP CLUB OF N.S.W. Annual General Meeting. Corrected Date as advised by Public Officer to comply with Regulations.	
JUNE 30 th '08	CAPE YORK Lindsay is planning a trip to the top.	

SEZ TH' PREZ



Hi all,
Once again Yalwal provided a few surprises, but you can read the trip report to find out the details. Gary & son and Alex from the Cherokee club came with us and certainly seemed to enjoy the tracks and the company. We had 4 NSWJC vehicles on the trip, which is a great effort, considering distances from meeting sites to where we live.

We are in the early stages of a new website and Brett will be requesting contributions. The link is further on in the newsletter. Pls feel free to send me (kkcktb@yahoo.com) or Brettly any items of interest. We are after a site that defines the club, but requires minimum upkeep of course. Let the committee know what you want or don't want on the site!

A well known 4WD mag did another write up of the new Jeep Rubicon recently. From it's account, the Jeep sounds a very capable vehicle off the shelf and would be a great buy now that it's available in Oz.

Hope to see you at the Watagans for another fun filled adventure, a little birdie (or was it a big pelican) told me there will be a few not often seen, but still welcome, faces attending.

Ken

'07/'08 FINANCIAL MEMBER\$ ROLL



LARRY & PENNY STEWART
BRETT GALWAY
PETER JACKSON
BARBARA EPPLE
WARREN & CHERYL LEWIS
MICHAEL & KELLY McFADYEN
KEN BRUDERLIN

RAY & LIZ WYATT
HEINZ BENDINGER
KEITH SMITH
BOB MURPHY
JOHN GLASSFORD
LINDSAY SQUIRES

RAFFLE PRIZES DONATED SO FAR THIS YEAR :-

KEITH DIGITAL TYRE GAUGE
HEINZ HANDI LIGHT
LARRY FIRST AID KIT

THE NEW ED'S EDITORIAL



Here we go with my 2nd edition of the newsletter. I still require help from the big fella which is very much appreciated. On our various adventures in the bush, we don't like to see member's cars getting to much damage. Mike has told me that the flood waters have receded and all is now dry (see trip report). If there was one funny side to the incident it was watching Kelly bailing out the Prado with a 500ml water bottle as about 40 litres a minute flooded in.

I'll miss the Watagans trip as I'm heading to Goulburn to reunite two old buggers who have not seen each other in 60 years.

The New Ed.

FROM THE TREASURY



NOTICE :- 07/08 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE.

\$35.00 Annual Club Membership Subscriptions for 2007/2008 are now due. This is a reminder to keep financial. If your subscription's not paid by the end of September '07 it will result in your membership lapsing.

WHY NOT MAKE LIFE SIMPLER AND PAY YOUR FEES BY DIRECT DEBIT?

The Club's banking details are :-

St George Bank,
Jeep Club of N.S.W. Inc,
BSB 112-879,
a/c 127403464.

Remember to reference your name with your payment.

FROM THE NEWS DESK



This is Warren flat out working on his Jeep's while he's overseeing his kingdom.

Here we have a picture of his feet or is it his hands. I'm not so sure up there in the back blocks of Krumbach.

I counted the digits and there appears to be 10. Quite surprising really. Ed.

Cliff has been busy in the garage. His little Red Willy is now wider and has new wheels.

The Vice Pres has also been busy in his garage. In fact, he's tried to enlist a large number of the committee on a rock breaking bee. I don't know why he doesn't employ a Chinese work gang and get the job done in a couple of days. In between all this he's had the time to design and build an overhead console in Penny's TJ.

MORETON ISLAND TRIP UPDATE

“FINAL CALL FOR THOSE BOARDING THE FERRY TO MORETON”

I need your money at the September Meeting. No excuses!! The balance of the ferry costs of \$125/vehicle including two adults return (extra adult passengers are \$29 return), needs to be paid at the September meeting.

To avoid congestion in the cooking quarters each evening several parties are combining to prepare communal meals. Liz is coordinating this so contact her if you want to participate. Breakfasts and lunches will be individual. Depending on the weather we will more than likely have breakfast at various locations on the beaches.

Whilst fuel is available at Bulwer it is recommended that you board the ferry with near full tanks, and if you're driving a thirsty beast it would be economical to carry a Jerry or two over with you.

Over the past few newsletters I've attempted to cover everything you need to know. But if you still have any queries gimme a ringo.



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

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9th JULY 2007

1. Meeting opened at 8:06 pm.
2. Present: Ken Bruderlin, Larry Stewart, Lindsay Squires, Ray Wyatt, Liz Wyatt, , Keith Smith, Warren Lewis Heinz Bendinger. Michael & Kelly McFadyen came in late.
3. Apologies: Bob Murphy.
4. Visitors: Nil

5. Previous Month's Minutes were read.
 Moved: Larry Stewart
 Seconded: Keith Smith
6. Business Arising from Minutes:
 7 persons paid deposit for Moreton Island trip. Liz drew club cheque for \$350.00 payable to Virginia Nundah Fishing Club.
7. Secretary's Report:
 Correspondence In:
 * Newsletters from Central Coast 4WD, GROC, HK 4WD Club and Central Coast 4WD Club
 Correspondence Out:
 Nil.
 Moved: Warren Lewis
 Seconded: Heinz Bendinger
8. Treasurer's Report: as at 1 June 2007
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| Opening Balance: | \$555.01 |
| Income: | 377.00 |
| Expenditure: | 0.00 |
| Closing Balance: | \$932.01 |
- Moved: Ken Bruderlin
 Seconded: Heinz Bendinger
9. Trip Committee Report:
- Trips calendar as per n'letter
 - Additional trip added to calendar November 3rd & 4th Wombeyan Caves. Ray to lead.
 - Lindsay advised dates for Cape Trip.
 - Arrangements for Moreton Island discussed – Friday night accommodation, Catering arrangements, and activities.
 - Mike tabled document from State Forests to be completed after trip thru State Forests & faxed to them.
10. Association: Nil
11. Sergeant at Arms:
 No trip so no fines. Keith donated Digital Tyre Gauge & Heinz donated Handi-Light for raffle.
12. General Business:
- Liz to make \$100 donation to school for use of meeting room
 - Mike passed Club Inquiry to Warren for reply.
 - Liz to acquire new books for attendance book & minutes for next meeting.
 - Warren handed over keys to building to Ken, & keys to mail box to Mike.
 - Keith offered a perpetual apology for Bob Murphy.
 - Kelly has single THULE roof rail suit Hi-Lux for sale \$50.00
13. Raffle won by Lindsay (again).
14. Meeting closed at 8:50 PM

TRIP REPORT

YALWAL 12 & 22 JULY

It was time to make a return to the Yalwal area after the last assault didn't quite go to plan. Then the inclement weather washed out any hope of salvaging the weekend. So with the memory of the last visit still prominent in our minds we planned our attack. I arranged myself a bed at Ray and Liz's' to break up the journey from way up here. John was meeting us at Rays and hitching a ride with him as navigator. Ken was riding shotgun for Brett and we think one or both of them must have soiled the bed, as they were early enough to call in at Rays on the way through.

The early start was wasted though, as Brett had "arranged" to buy a gas burner in Nowra on the way. This "arrangement" failed to determine the shops opening time, so we just looked through the window, surely a boofhead fine. As a result, no gas burner and all three of us a bit late to the meeting place.

Mike and Kelly were already waiting for us at the American embassy at south Nowra, as was Gary Fox from the Cherokee Club. After the introductions had been made we all topped up with some breakfast and headed off down the road to meet Gary's mate Alex. Alex had stayed



with a "friend" on Friday night so we met him at Wandandian to save him from backtracking. So our group was now complete, we had two Jeep Cherokee XJ's and four other vehicles of some sort or another, it's not really important is it , you just need to know there were two Jeeps.

Time to hit the dirt. Ray had planned on entering from an alternate route to the usual way in and we ended up at the lookout off Turpentine road. After a look out from the lookout we headed for Cassia road but had to stop on the way because Brett could hear strange noises. Some preventative medication, I mean maintenance, had us under way (thanks Ray from Brett).

We checked out Tianjara Falls along the partly sealed Turpentine road, shows how long since I've been in the area, and headed for the hills off Yarramunmun. A spot of rain interrupted lunch and then it was time to fiddle with the little stick, minds out of the gutter please, that means engage low range. We headed down to the site of the infamous previously mentioned incident, and after inspection, all took the chicken route. It must have put the wind up us all. Once down, we crossed the creek, where the ascent of the other bank proved a bit more of a challenge than in the past. With everyone up safely we headed for camp. A site was secured and it was time to enjoy the serenity, and Kelly's schnapps.

Sunday morning and the only major casualty was Garry's young bloke, who had over indulged,

must have learned it off dad. We packed up and headed off for the next challenge which resulted in a u turn. Back to the creek crossing and Mike and Kelly got their feet wet when they got stuck in a hole Dave Rasdal had created years earlier. A number of unsuccessful recovery attempts allowed the water levels in the Prado to reach its maximum before Garry's winch saved the day. So there we were, Ray had managed to cross the creek and negotiate the bank on the other side, which had a nasty step half way up. Mikes confidence was shot and Kelly was still bailing water. Mikes attempt had put some doubt in others mind. I'll go if you go said one. I don't want to get stuck in the creek said another. After much head scratching, shoulder shrugging and procrastination, we ended up with four across the creek and up the bank, proceeding as planned. Kelly had had enough fun for one day so they took an alternate track to meet up with us later. Garry kindly offered to go with them. Our progress was very slow because of dozens of trees blocking the track. Another obstacle slowing progress was a washed out bridge, but we were too far along to go back now. A two pronged attack had us clearing a way around, while another group who had caught us up, got stuck into repairing the bridge. Once everyone was across progress was still slow due to more fallen trees.

Finally we made it to Monkey Gun for the last climb out. Ray stopped at the lookout to show Alex, while Brett and I kept going as we had the furthest to get home. It was dark by the time we hit the tar and I remembered Cheryl



mentioning that the lights wouldn't work for her a while ago. Guest what? That's right, he had to get under, get out and get under. Problem sorted in no time, so only about five or so hours and I should be home, bloody south coast is too far away these days.

We had some radio communication with Garry and Mike and suggested that they shouldn't wait for us and just keep going. By now we had all split up, but I trust everyone made it home safely. I made use of the M7 for the first time, it's a good bit of road and makes avoiding Sydney a lot easier. I decided to stop over at Cliff and

Carole's rather than press on, as I wouldn't have made it home much before 11.30. A casual run home in the morning had me clocking up around 1000 k for the weekend.

Thanks to all who attended, it would seem Yalwal still has some challenges to offer those who are willing.

Die Hard 4.0

JEEP WRANGLER JK IMPRESSIONS

This is not a full evaluation of the new Wrangler. It is my first impressions obtained during a brief test drive. from Gosford Motor Group to Ourimbah roundabout and back in a 3.8 litre V6 manual 4-door. I would have liked more time to take it for a run up the F3 and even into the Watagans. But I guess I'd need an unsigned cheque in the Dealer's favour first.



Vehicle access is a lot easier thanks to lower cut door openings. Once inside more hip and shoulder room is immediately evident. One of my dislikes with the TJ is that the auto gear selector digs into my left knee, and the right hits the door trim because my driving stance is similar to a hooker on a Saturday night. I sat in an auto at the dealership and tested this specifically, and the new model is a lot better. The cargo area is cavernous compared to the superseded model. I liked the split rear seat.

It's still a Jeep. It has the Jeep ride feel of the previous model but is more refined with less front/rear pitching, and the ride is smoother, all thanks to the longer wheelbase. Negotiating roundabouts will take some getting used to. The rear wheel clipped a couple, but that's the driver not the vehicle.

The new 3.8 litre V6 motor is reported to have more power and torque than its predecessor, but it seemed to lack the raw punch that is needed to stir the motoring loins. Apparently, the 4.0 litre in-line six motor used in the TJ achieved its peak torque and horsepower at a much lower RPM, so the V6 feels slightly under powered, even allowing for the fact that it's a bigger vehicle. The Cherokee's Hemi V8 would be very nice in this vehicle.

Rear visibility is fair with some obstruction from the headrests and spare tyre, similar to the TJ. The wide "C" pillars obstruct "over the shoulder" visibility, but no more than a normal station wagon.

The vehicle I drove was the hard top with removable roof panels. These tended to rattle until the salesman made some discrete adjustments.

Overall, I liked it. I would also like to compare the diesel over the same route, and drive the petrol auto. I'll do that at a later date.

