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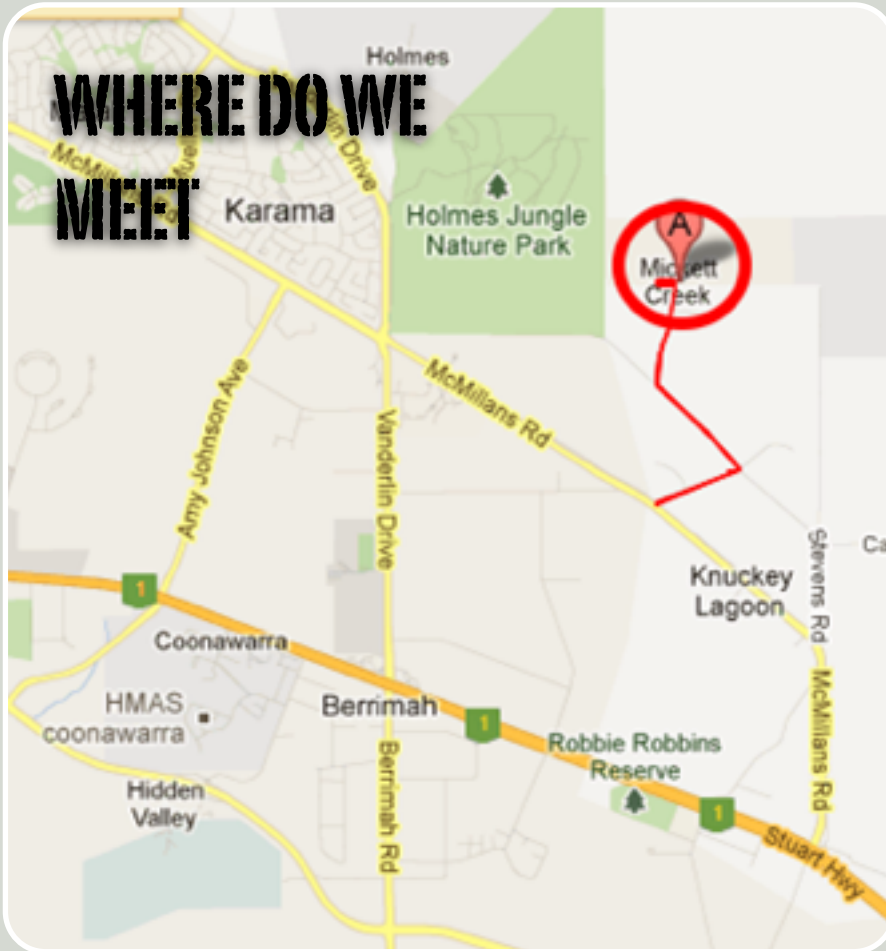
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WHERE DO WE MEET



NEXT MEETING:

The next **General Meeting** will be held at 7pm for an 8:00pm on Wednesday 5th of February 2014 at Darwin Rifle Club Clubhouse situated at the end of Brandt Road, Mickett Creek

Please contact the Secretary or President for the time, date and location of the next **Executive Meeting**

Please see website calendar or contact the Trip Coordinator or Social Coordinator for the time, date and location of the next **Trip Meeting or Social Club Meeting**

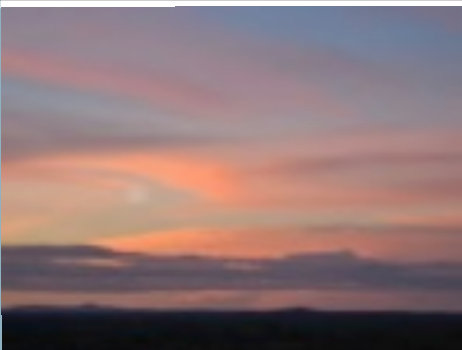
GUIDELINES FOR MAGAZINE CONTENT

Please submit all content to be published in the Magazine to editor@tlccdarwin.com.au ASAP to be sure it will make the next Publication. The deadline for all content is the Monthly General Meeting, as we endeavor to publish the Emag within 1 week after the General Meeting for your perusal.

- Take your photos on a high resolution setting and submit as large a file as practical and please remember to include details with your photos. I.E. Where, what trip and who was involved;
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with a reference to the desired location in the report. I.E. Insert photo 1 here. All efforts are made to keep your original format however stories may need to be modified to fit on the page

We strive to make this publication both as informative and entertaining as possible and rely on members submissions to fill the pages, if you want to see new content in the EMAG please let us know!

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Fellow members,

I have to say, this year has stepped up a bit in pace for me since the last TLCC AGM and Christmas seems to have sprung upon my horizon even quicker than years previous and I'm not at all impressed with the suggestions from those younger ones that it's all got to do with getting older and that the years do actually appear to go faster.

However, with Christmas and the Festive Season bearing down on us all and with all the associated additional activity in our Family and Social lives it was very pleasing to see how so many members found the additional time to cram in one more social outing into their busy Christmas lead up with around thirty members

enjoying Dinner a few drinks and sharing in the Christmas spirit at our TLCC Christmas Party held at the Darwin RSL Club.

As for myself, it was a great chance to catch up and to have a chat to other members about the trips and activities they were planning for their Christmas and New Year holidays and to share with them some of that anticipation and excitement we all feel with the approach of our next new adventure and whether it be an epic Desert or Cape trip or just a weekend away camping and fishing I

love to listen to others and share my own experiences with all those things we enjoy so much and have in common together, that sharing and learning from each other to me has so much to do with participating in a 4WD Club.

I guess then, when I think about it, it's no coincidence that most of my closest mates have come about in part from my long and continuing involvement in various 4WD Clubs over a period of many years in several different States.

In my short time at TLCC Darwin this has continued to be the case with the many new friends I have found, I have also been fortunate enough and very proud to have received endorsement as your Club President, so for now I look forward to seeing each and everyone at a TLCC event sometime in the new year, meanwhile, have a happy, healthy and above all, safe Festive Season and year ahead.

Cheers, Nev

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DRIVE A CRUISER

Our members drive Jeeps, Izuzu, Pathfinders, Patrols, Tritons and of course various Toyotas including Hiluxs, Prados and Landcruisers of all ages and conditions

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi All,

A very big thank you to those who provided material for this months magazine, without your contribution there would be no magazine. If you are organising a trip please allocate someone to write up a trip report and send in some photos. Photos that are loaded into Photobucket or on the facebook pages are fine.

I would like to add a tips and trick sections, in light of John mentioning safety at the last meeting this could be a good place to include some safety tips. I am also hoping to bring the Readers Ride back into the next magazine, so if you are working on your 4x4 over the Christmas break take plenty of photos so we can all hear about the work you have been doing. I look forward to your in put for the February magazine.

Merry Christmas and and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Cheers, Gin.

CALENDAR



Black Cocky Gorge.
Day Trip



Tripping Up Meeting



Kambolgie Creek - Long Weekend



Executive Meeting



General Meeting



Sky City Breakfast



Gagualju - Weekend

BIRTHDAYS



December

Steve Solomon,
Stephanie Barlow,

Dawn Kidd,
Aaron Hore,
Michael Hill,

Duncan

McCallum



January

Sue-Ellen Skinner.



FACEBOOK



TLCC Darwin has two Facebook pages. If you log into Facebook and search for:

- Toyota Landcruiser Club Darwin - you will reach the public Facebook page
- Toyota Land Cruiser Club Darwin (Closed Group) - you will be able to request to join the closed group. A page administrator from the club will then accept your request to join the page if you are a club member. This is the most active of the two pages.

There is also a Photobucket account where members are encouraged to upload photos of trips and social events. All members can then look at the photos and they are very useful for the magazine. The website is www.photobucket.com, to gain access please contact the secretary.

Don't forget members are also entitled to join the national TLCC discussion forum. There is a link our the web site and the address is <http://tlcc.ipbhost.com/>. This discussion forum is only open to TLCC members. To obtain a login, email alex.goldney@gmail.com.

Another popular forum for Toyota owners is Landcruiser Owners Online <http://www.lcool.org>. It has sections for a range of different Toyota 4WD's. This is a moderated forum that you need to apply to join. Instructions are on their web site.

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Please be advised that trips and events announced in this publication are subject to change or cancellation at the Trip Leaders discretion. Please check our online [Calendar](#), contact the Trip Leader or secretary for the latest information on trips and events. Please make sure you advise the Trip Leader at least one week prior to the trip/event if you wish to attend. This is for club insurance purposes and to help the Trip Leader plan the trip/event, at this time you will be advised of the meeting place and time of departure.

For a full and up to date trip list refer to the TLCC members calendar

Want to go for a drive, whole day out or a weekend away?

Not sure where to go or how to get there?

Contact the Tripping Committee and let us know!

We have a wide range of places to go and things to do, ranging from fun in the mud to challenging treks along historic trails. We'll help you get where you want to go!



Willowglen - TLCC Interstate Meeting

Recently TLCC Darwin received an invitation for the President and Vice President to attend a gathering in NSW with representatives from all other TLCC clubs.

Primarily this was to meet and greet the Global Chief Engineer Sadayoshi Loyari who is responsible for all Toyota Landcruisers. Toyota sponsored the event by providing airfares and accommodation for all the interstate representatives, a fantastic initiative which also provided an opportunity for all the clubs to get together.

Neville and Gavin both managed to get the Friday off work instead of taking the dreaded red eye! Travelling on the midday flight and taking full advantage of the Qantas Club bar ensured the weekend got off to a flying start (excuse the pun). With Nev having family in Sydney it was also an opportunity to catch up that night and check out a unique Chinese Restaurant.

TLCC had arranged for a volunteer club member Carl La Riviera to pick us up at the airport hotel bright and early on the Saturday morning. Carl a retired scientist generously offered his time and fuel to take care of the two Territorians. We arrived late morning at the club property Willowglen which provides unbelievable facilities on 120 hectares of bushland with 4WD tracks

(everywhere) of all degrees of difficulties catering from the trainee 4WDer to full on competition vehicles.

There is a large club house with huge open fire pit inside, secured storage areas, toilets and showers. This site is used for all of the clubs driver training and is also available for club members to camp on site and enjoy the tracks at no cost.

Toyota's everywhere as one would expect! New ones, old ones, modified and standard plus a few comp vehicles. I did a constant reccie to see if there was any accessory ideas I had not thought about, Yes got a few ideas.

With what appeared to be a few hundred people we were introduced to many including the other interstaters. Various TLCC clubs shirts from each of the state and territories being represented and the local NSW club members. Congratulations Mickey our shirts were the weekend hit!! We stood out proud amongst the crowd.

The formal speeches, photos and intro of the special guest from Japan followed by a BBQ took place. Then they had organised a convoy of twenty vehicles, Toyota's surprisingly to do a lap of some of the interesting 4WD tracks on the property which we were involved in. Coming from Darwin and not being highly experienced

on hills, sorry make that mountain slopes was a great thrill.

We stopped at one location where they had two comp vehicles going over a rock and boulder track and then up a steep incline. Both Nev and I had the opportunity to be passenger in one of the comp vehicles, having never done this before it was unique experience with grins and laughs the order of the day. Photo sessions were then organised with every Toyota arranged on a large open area.

The chief engineer also had the ride in a comp vehicle, but I'm not sure this was truly his idea of good fun.

At the end of the day we were all transported over the Lake Bathurst motel which had been fully booked and taken over by TLCC members. With an evening meal and many a drink it was an opportunity for us all to have a chat and find out about the different state clubs and how they operated. With our club shirts still being a topic of discussion.

Sunday morning was the end of the formalities with everybody heading off, with our flight not being until late on Sunday Carl offered to take us on a tour including the other TLCC club property Koolandilly. We were lucky

with Saturday being sunny and warm; Sunday was the reverse with rain storms and the cold.

The second club property Koolandilly was even more stunning than Willowglen. This one is purely for relaxation and enjoyment; it does not have 4WD tracks except for the driveway which requires low range. This property is located near Mittagong along the amazing Wollondilly River provides lots of fishing opportunities as long as you enjoy Carp.

Facilities here are even better than Willowglen, with amazing river side camping, a large club house that is fully solar powered and hot and cold showers. I could easily visualise my 76 series and T-Van parked up here.

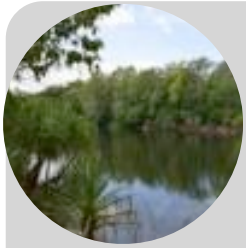
With a final drive and a few stops through some country NSW towns for breakfast and lunch we finally arrived back at the airport, with our thanks to Carl for his hospitality and genuine friendship. Oh well back to the Qantas Club bar!!!

Our thanks go to both Toyota for sponsoring the adventure, TLCC for the massive pre-organisation and running of the event and all the interstate people who attended. Thanks to Andrew the TLCC President and Carl our friend and volunteer.

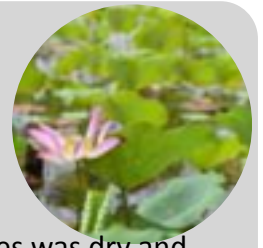


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WILDMAN & HARDIES TRACK



DAY TRIP - 27TH OF OCTOBER

This day trip was a short notice event with two cars rocking up,

A Black Land cruiser 100 Series driven by Graeme Steer & my Silver Prado , driven by myself and daughter Ellen .

We turned up at Reidy's , with 10 mins to spare , waited another 10 & then we were off.

Travelled down Arnhem Highway for 83 k's and then a wallaby jumped out, under my car & out the other side without missing a beat !

Took the Point Stuart Road turn off , which is just past Bark Hut.

Then left to Rockhole road & turned left again to Couzen, Here I was near the waters edge (5m) and a rather large splash occurred, Ellen reckon I moved as quick as she has ever seen me move , I checked everything, had a laugh & took some photos.

This was when Graeme got into the photo action with his monster camera & lens set up.

We then drove over to Rockholes, where we saw a Bustard & later on , one flew over us, they are quite a big rig in the air.

We then kept traveling along the well sign posted track (blue triangles) to the Banyan Fig Tree & then the flood plains, stopped and took photos of birds on the water edge. When we got back moving , we come across approx 50 water buffaloes going across the track, which I hadn't seen before. We stopped at Connellian for lunch , took a few more photos and kept moving again. We came across the Pandanus Forest , as usual took some photos , some of mine turned out pretty good).We eventually came back to the Point Stuart Road. As it was only 1 pm, we decided to do the Hardies Track.

There are two entry's to Hardies track & we took the one from Rockhole Road.

Hardies track was a lot different to Wildman, where Wildman was very green , plentiful water lakes

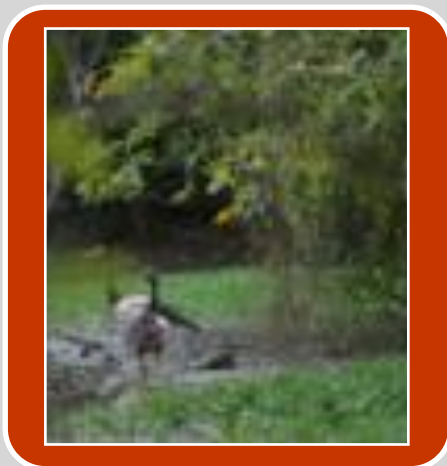
& animals, Hardies was dry and Barron.

It wasn't until we got to Clarkes Crossing that we crossed some water and then again at Hardies Creek. Hardies Crossing was pretty & looked alright as a fishing spot from the high banks.

Keep following the track and you will see Mount Bunday Hills from the left, which was nice, as we were seeing some green vegetation again. We then started to come across some muddy , (some green & stinky) tracks which was a great end to the trip.

We ended up coming out at Mary River Billabong , the Ranger gave us smile & there were some locals having a fish on the banks.

All in all a good trip, by the time I got home we had done 340k's and it was 3.40pm.



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BUSH BALL '13



Our club had its first Bush Ball for a few years held in September at Moline Golf Club, a private property near Pine Creek. Derek and I were lucky in that we were able to go down a couple of days earlier and gave Rob and Trix a hand with a few housekeeping duties. Stuart and Kylie arrived late on Friday evening and the rest of the group arrived throughout the day on Saturday, There was the added bonus of a round of golf for those who wanted on a course with a difference where the greens are black

because they are oiled, and a rake is used to smooth a track towards the hole.

Party activities started around 6pm with nibbles followed by roast meats and vegies and of course dessert. There was judging for the Beau and Belle of the Ball with Derek winning the Beau and Trix with her Fascinator carried the Belle of the Ball away. There was a variety of outfits with gum boots being a favoured footwear for some.



Nev Cooking up a storm

After the food came the dancing. The children were very enthusiastic which is probably as well as the majority of adults were very reluctant to get on the floor. However a

good time was had by all and a big thank you to Stuart and Kylie for their hard work.

Carol McCarthy



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WHO'S A BUSH MECHANIC?



In July this year, my family travelled to the southern part of Arnhem Land with another family (Millingtons) and spent five days with the Traditional Owner (Kevin) on an isolated beach at a place called Wuyagiba. While the specifics of the trip may well be another story, both Norman (Millington) and myself did not consider ourselves to be bush mechanics, rather just practical fellows with some tools in case of an emergency.

Shortly after our arrival, we were told of 'an electrical problem' with 'Whoopi' the old 75 Series Landcruiser troop carrier. We thought the terminal may have been loose and were taken by surprise by what we saw – unfortunately we didn't take a photo before we sprung into action. Imagine a battery with the battery clamp present but no j-bolt and a battery box that was so corroded there was none, so the battery was held in position by a

birds nest of ocky straps and bailing twine. By the way, the terminal was loose too.

If we weren't in a dry area, I am sure we would've had a beer to think about what to do, but without the obligatory 'beer pause' we just got into it and forgot all about the photo. I had a few small pieces of 19mm form-ply that I was using as spacers between loads in the trailer, and there were tec-screws lying around from a lazy roofing contractor. Norman had a cordless drill and bits, and of course I never go away without fencing wire.

So we pre-drilled the form-ply for the bracket support into the side and drilled the two tec screws into the mud guard providing a firm base for the battery. Drilling a hole in the form ply allowed the fencing wire to be double from the base of the form-ply to the



INNER BEARING REMAINS



battery clamp, in place of the j-bolt, holding the battery firm. A wire brush to the terminals and pack them up with aluminum foil to ensure the terminals were firm. And hey presto!

The following day, we were driving back to the camp and came across the Traditional Owners towing a box trailer, however the wheel on the right side was leaning about 20degrees out. Maybe a very loose hub! Not so – the photos show both the inner and outer bearing disintegrated and two cones on the inner bearing. I had a spare trailer bearing kit that we greased up and put in place but there was no outer bearing dust cap. Solution – cut the top off a coke can and splice it in seven spots, peel the fins to the trailer hub which is then held in place by the

wheel. While Kevin was grateful, he said his real concern was the steering had gone on Whoopi and he could not drive the old girl.

Norman and I went to investigate and found the tie rod (the bar connecting the two front wheels) was bent and rubbing against the relay rod (the bar connecting the steering box to the passenger side wheel. Yes I had to look up what these things were called! The relay rod had also been tied with fencing wire to the ball joint on the passenger side wheel. It appeared that the ball joint had worn so much that the tie rod had fallen off the passenger side while in motion causing the bend.

Norman and I really needed that beer to work out what to do but in the absence of such thought

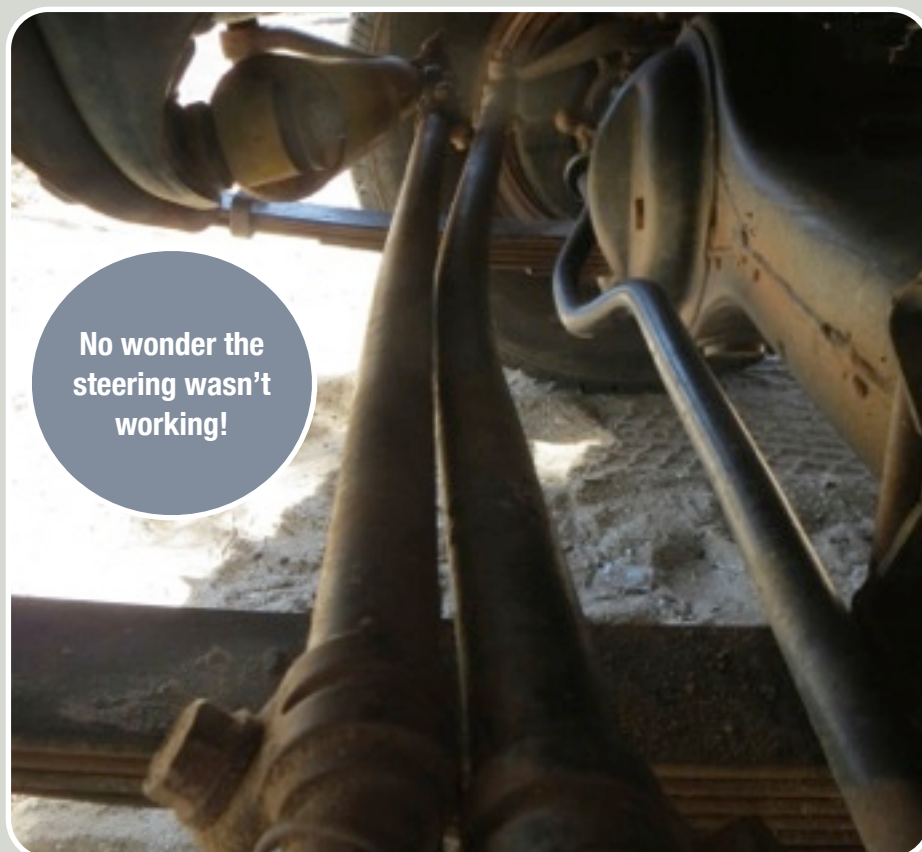
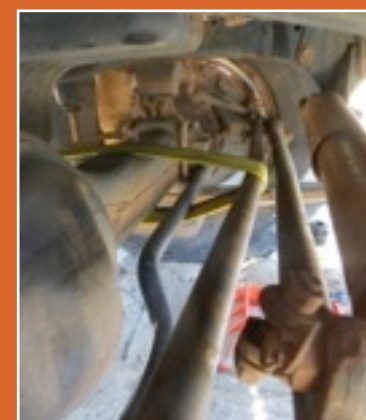
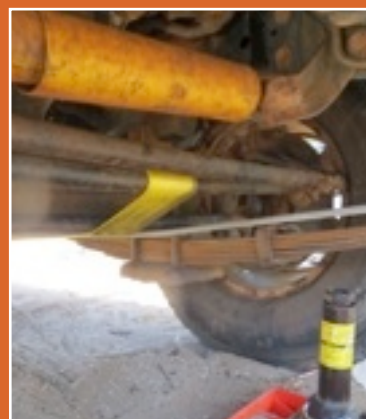


lubrication solutions, we decided to take the passenger wheel off and pretend we had a plan. In doing so we decided to use some more fencing wire (two double strands) to firmly hold the tie rod onto the ball joint – it just had to defy gravity, as the pressures of steering would remain in the joint itself.

The bent tie rod was a challenge but the cunning plan evolved which included using a tree-trunk protector to slide between the two steering rods doubled towards the rear of the vehicle. A snatch block shackled to the tow ball provided the leverage for the winch on the front of Norman's Challenger to apply pressure ever so gradually while I watched the alignment from the side. Bloody bewdfiful! What's more, we followed old Whoopi for 60km the following day over some pretty rough terrain to a swimming hole and she held up!

So for a couple of guys who could previously identify tools but had difficulty with identifying car parts beyond the wheels, bonnet, engine (all the important stuff); I think we didn't do too bad a job – if I do say so myself. Besides, it was a lot of fun and did wonders for the confidence tackling a challenge in a remote area. So who's a bush mechanic? It seems anyone can be with a little time, some tools and other bits and pieces, even without the beer!

Paul Rosenberger



No wonder the steering wasn't working!

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GLOBAL LANDCRUISER CHIEF MEETS LOCAL CUSTOMERS



The global chief engineer for all Toyota LandCruiser vehicles has urged Australian owners to provide their input for the company's future 4WD models..

The special event, organised by the Toyota LandCruiser Club of Australia (TLCC), brought together owners of LandCruisers produced over more than 40 years..

"Toyota's chief engineers are always trying to listen to the customer's voice as much as possible," Mr Koyari said.

"A key part of my visit is to gather feedback for the future from end users and to reflect their requirements in improvements we make," he said.

"It was great to drive with them over

some rough terrain, listening to their advice on how Toyota can make the LandCruiser family even better."

"There were some great ideas that we will definitely evaluate – and I look forward to receiving even more suggestions from Australian customers on future trips."

TLCC president Andrew Boyd said his club's members and all those attending regarded the global LandCruiser chief engineer as part of their extended family.

"We live and breathe LandCruiser, so it's amazing we can meet Koyari-san and share our ideas with the man who can make things happen," Mr Boyd said.

"Listening to the customer has always been a great Toyota strength. It's not just a marketing slogan; this event shows it really happens."



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WHAT A LAUGH !!!



Sitting at the breakfast table one morning, my husband said to me - "Darling, when I am gone, I want you to sell all my stuff."

"Why would you want me to do that?" I asked.

"Well, I wouldn't want some other wanker using my stuff," he replied.

My reply to him - "What makes you think I am going to marry another wanker?"

This is the story of the poor blonde flying in a two-seater airplane with just the pilot. He has a heart attack and dies. She frantically calls a mayday: "Mayday! Mayday! Help me! Help me! My pilot had a heart attack and is dead. I don't know how to fly. Help me! Please help me!"

All of a sudden she hears a voice over the radio saying: "This is the tower. I have received your message and I will talk you through it. I've had a lot of experience with this kind of problem. Now, just relax. Everything will be fine! Now give me your height and position".

She says, "I'm 5'4" and I'm in the front seat". "Okay" says the voice from the tower. "Repeat after me: Our Father, who art in Heaven..."

THE AMISH ELEVATOR

An Amish boy and his father were in a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again.

The boy asked "What is this Father?"

The father (never having seen an elevator) responded "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life. I don't know what it is."

While the boy and his father were watching with amazement a fat, old lady in a wheelchair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small circular numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order.

Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24 year old blonde stepped out. The father said quietly to his son "Go get your mother."

Toyota Landcruiser Club Darwin

Meeting Minutes - Wednesday December 4th 2013

Meeting opened 8.10pm.

Attendance: As per attendance register

Apologies: Greg Hore, Maureen Griffin, Sue Skinner, Visitors nil

Business arising from previous minutes

Nil, minutes accepted by Gavin, Seconded by Derek

President's Report:

This is the last meeting for 2013, Neville thanked the various committees for future planned events. Maybe a chance of a trip to Black Cocky Gorge during January depending on weather and track conditions Derek has offered to run a trip to Kambolgie on Australia Day weekend. Neville will organise members who wish to participate in the Fun Run/ Walk in the city. Gavin spoke on their trip to the NSW Toyota/TLCC Event thanking the members who ferried them around and took them around a couple of club properties. Driver Training fee is included in the initial membership fee and is compulsory before new members can go on club trips.

Secretary's Report:

Several interstate club magazines for members to take home, Bank statements, Flyer from Emuwing promoting their side access hinged window for easy access to the cargo area.

Treasurer's Report:

Bank balance healthy

Tripping up:

Next meeting will be January 22nd 2014. Trips will be dependent on weather and track conditions.

Social Committee:

Tonight is the last chance to book and pay for the Club Christmas Party with Kris Kringle. Future planned events include Breakfast at the Casino, Trivia Night in February preferably on a weekend.

Christmas Hamper Draw:

Member 90 M Nichols not present

Member 28 John and Penny

Meat tray Draw:

Member 106 Caitlin Worrall not present

Christmas Ham:

Member 23 Derek and Carol McCarthy.

Stuart thanked everyone who had contributed to the Christmas Hamper and Lucy who brought supper.

4WDNT:

John McClement reinforced the importance of checking recovery points frequently following an incidence during a training exercise.
Also there is an Ipad app for Google Earth.

Editor's Report:

Virginia asked for contributions to the magazine as she wants to get the December copy out soon. Suggestions included research undertaken for modifications to vehicles. She also reinforced the importance of member contributions on trip reports and social events.

General Business:

Mickey will be ordering more T-shirts in February and looking at caps ? stubby coolers. Gavin is ordering 10 metal TLCC badges for bumper bars from NSW TLCC and more club stickers.

New Member Packs John Price, Mark Heffey

Butchers Apron

Derek nominated Duncan for not turning up to cook the BBQ
Shan nominated Mickey for missing the turn off to Litchfield.
Mickey nominated Stuart because he was the trip leader/navigator.
Peter nominated Neville for showing a photo of his new Landcruiser on the slide show of Willowglen photos.

Congratulations Neville Unanimous winner.

For Sale

Nissan patrol Campervan. More details from Mickey.

Next meeting:

Wednesday February 5th 2014 at Mickets Creek Meeting closed 9.07 pm.

Trip Grading

A grading system of Levels 1-5 is used to assist members in deciding which trips they would enjoy and which grade suits the drivers experience and ability. This system of grading is a guide only and may change due to weather conditions. The trip leader should be consulted in such circumstances.

Grade 1

Very easy with little if any 4X4 involvement. Will usually consist of a scenic tour or an easy trip to a camp and/or towing unlikely.

Grade 2

A relatively moderate 4X4 trip with winching and/or towing unlikely

Grade 3

A medium 4X4 trip which requires cautions whilst driving. Winching and/or towing should not be required.

Grade 4

A moderately difficult 4X4 trip with some winching and/or towing almost a certainty.

Grade 5

An extremely difficult 4X4 trip. Participants must be experienced at travelling over difficult terrain. Winching and/or towing will definitely be required and participants must have all their own recovery equipment.

Remember to lock and unlock your hubs!

Your vehicle should be fitted with towing points, painted yellow front and rear.

Ready to Go?

Before the trip

Obtain maps. If possible recce the trip and ask someone who has done it before.

On the day

Conduct a trip briefing, nominate scribe for the trip report., arrange convoy positions including Tail End Charlie.

Trip Briefing

Check all present, introduce yourself, new members, visitors, etc. Describe trip in general and describe any difficult or specific points in detail and planned stops.

Important

If you have suggested trips or would like to lead a trip, please see the trip coordinator at the next general meeting. These are held on the first Wednesday of every month.

Convoy procedures

Trip leader to appoint "Tail End Charlie" and UHF Channel 7. Observe road rules at all times. Leave at least 4 vehicle lengths between you and the vehicle in front. All vehicles are responsible for the following vehicle at turn offs, road crossings, and negotiating obstacles.

Always maintain convoy position, except in unavoidable circumstances. No vehicle is to pass the Trip Leader unless in an emergency. Vehicles leaving a 4WD convoy for any reason must inform the Trip Leader and "Tail End Charlie."

Hill Climbs

When climbing a 4WD hill allow vehicle in front to get over the crest of the hill before you attempt to follow.

River Crossings

No two vehicles should be in the water at any one time.

Properties

All gates are to be left as found!

Recoveries

In the event of a recover or accident, the Trip Leader to appoint a "Recovery Boss." Vehicles to keep well clear of operation. When winches or snatch straps are being used, all persons are to stand well clear of cables and straps (at least 1.5 lengths, total cables and straps in use, in all directions is recommended), or remain in own vehicle. If you require the vehicle in front to stop, use radio, switch lights on and off or use horn.

All drivers are responsible for their passengers at all times. Visitors on club trips are the responsibility of the people who invited them, but the Trip Leader should make sure that all visitors are conversant with these convoy procedures.

All vehicles must carry their own recovery equipment, consistent with the grade of the trip, which should consist of towing rope, strap, winch or turfor etc., and shovel.

Trip Leader may make any other conditions for his particular trip at his own discretion. He must inform all participants of his intentions before leaving.