

Welcome to our Newsletter.

In July the High Rangers enjoyed Christmas in July at Towitta. We were unable to attend, but the trip report prepared by new member Georgina is now on the web page. It sounds like another great trip was had by all who attended.

In September the High Range AWD club is conducting its AGM and the notice is attached.

Upcoming Trips

Loveday 4x4 is coming up on Saturday and Sunday 22,23rd August09. Come for the weekend or just for the day. Hope to see you there. A notice has been circulated.

Did you know??

Traffic jams of New York, San Francisco and Paris are well known - beaten only by those in Seattle where a driver annually spends 59 hours stuck in traffic. We shouldn't complain about Adelaide really.

I know that we have joined an AWD club, but that doesn't mean that Grace can take the Peugeot off roading down our driveway – RIP letterbox, you



served us well!



Useless Information

A group of twelve or more cows is called a flink!!

Contributions

Members are encouraged to contribute to our Newsletter. Any clean jokes, recipes, handy hints or tips, and of course please feel free to email me your profile. I try to get the newsletter out by the 15th of each month. My email address is helentaylor@adam.com.au

There were so many fantastic photos taken of our experiences at Black Cockatoo that I couldn't possibly include all of them in the trip report. I will include a couple each time in the newsletter, we have a spot on



the web page where more photos can be displayed. Thanks to all who provided their great shots. They were great.

Keith and Di car bogged.

Meetings

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at Cavan. September 2009 meeting is scheduled for 2 September 2009 which is also the AGM.

Survival tips if you are stranded.

If you are absolutely positive about the route to help, and feel you must leave your vehicle, make sure you leave a note for rescuers telling them who you are, when you left, and the route you are taking.

Protect your eyes with sunglasses. Even though the glare doesn't seem to make a difference, it will impair your distant vision and hamper your adaptation to night vision. It can also cause headaches. If you have no sunglasses, improvise with a sun shield made from cardboard or cloth. Applying charcoal, soot, or oil around your eyes may help.

Member Profile

This month's profile is from CJ Heng. Thanks CJ, a lovely profile.

From a land where trees are replaced by skyscrapers, stars overwhelmed by streetlamps and a food court in walking distance from the so called urban wilderness, my family and I made the move down under in 1997. Originally from Singapore with my wife June (can't remember her age) and Jerren (now 19) and Jerrick (now 18), we left the hectic, busy lifestyle in search of a more tranquil, stress free setting, which Australia offers, or so I thought.

We managed to survive in Sydney for 8 long years. It is no different from Singapore except that it has many 4WD terrains for us to escape to during the weekends. We bought our 'little' Mazda Tribute in 2002 knowing nothing about terrain driving. But since then, we had traveled to many unforgettable trips and had been hooked to the world of 4Wdriving.

We took a coastal drive from Sydney to Adelaide for a holiday trip end of 2004. By January the next year, we made a life changing decision to 'migrate' again. June and I had to give up our career and the boys leave their high school where they were doing well. Although having contemplated and questioned our decision to move at the very start, I believe that we have made the right choice.

So here we were in the more sedate 'City of Churches' after those many years in bustling Sydney that during our very first 4WD show, we came across a stand advertising for interest to join a AWD club.

I remembered that we were knocked back a few times in Sydney when we wanted to join other 4WD clubs which were not willing to accommodate 'soft-roaders'. Well, we took our chances and indicated our interest. Nine months later, we received an invitation to attend the very first club meeting.

My family and I are very happy with the club and enjoy the company of fellow members. Without the club there are definitely many places which we would not have discovered and people we would not have met. We look forward to more good times to be had.

Courage is like a muscle. We strengthen it with use.



Cheers everyone til next time!!!



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held during the September club monthly meeting.

Wednesday 2 September 2009

7.30pm start

Unit 2, 9 Cardiff Court, Cavan

AGM Business

- Committee nominations
- Club memberships fees for 2009/10
- Club property – “motion to purchase a marquee”.