

Central Queensland Offroad Club Inc Bulletin 160 - November 2008



BYFIELD AREA SUBMISSIONS

Guys, we have our web site up to speed for the submissions as per the below link and screen dump. www.cqoffroad.org. Please pass these onto as many people as you can.

Submissions in response to the Byfield draft Management Plan 2008

Note that these are draft submissions as rtf files.

Please download these (right click and select Save Target As) and then complete your own details in your word processor. The submission for MP Keppel is concerned only with funding for extra patrols of the area.

Take a bit of time to add your own input, change the wording to suit your own circumstances, and individualise the response so that there is some variety for the reader.

Submission for EPA	Submission for local MP Keppel	Submission for Minister
Submission for local MP Rockhampton		

If you send your submission by email, please
Cc a copy to us at beachaccess.coord@yahoo.com
so that we know how many submissions have been sent and can use this information to add weight to our negotiations with EPA and politicians.

Submissions need to be in by 31st January 2009

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Jeff Winter
Public Liason
Central Queensland Offroad Club
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Attached are generic submissions to the EPA and to the Minister. Don't forget to provide a copy to Jeff Winter, for his records as Public Liaison Officer, either by email to beachaccess.coord@yahoo.com or photocopy. Thank you

CQ OFFROAD CHALLENGE

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Wendy's ramblings on the Simpson trip - 25 July to 8 August 2008

Day nine – Saturday 2 August 2008 – Mt Dare to Algebuckina Bridge

Temp: 1 degree

Hot shower to start the day, slept well even with generator noise, clear blue sky, cool, say our goodbyes to Darrian & Robyn, they are heading further north & across the Plenty, they also have no timeframes, just wandering around this great country – lucky them & good on them!

We cross the NT/SA border at 10am QLD time! Then 19km further on Ricky shatters his rear door window, we stop & tape it up. Hopefully it will hold together & not let any dust in.

Smooth gravel road, miss our turn, maps / signs just don't show the same info, we have different maps to Ricky & they show conflicting distances! GPS gets us back on the right track. Signs all seem to be facing the other direction, we only see the backs of them, don't people travel in this direction? Funny.

First point of interest is **Abminga ruins** / waterhole / siding & old Ghan rail.

Our lunch stop is at **Eringa ruins** – **Sidney Kidman's** first cattle property, there is a beautiful waterhole with lots of water, pretty area, lots of trees, would be top spot to camp. Dick throws in the yabby pot, while we wander around the ruins, lunch is tea, bickies & cheese & 2 min noodles. Pull yabby pot to

find lots of yabby's!! Including a couple of really nice sized ones. Drop it back in while we wander up to read the information sign & catch a few more.

Back to flat gibber plains; only pass 2 other vehicles going the other way, very little traffic. We pass Fogerty Claypan, which is dry! at 3pm. Then next town is **Oodnadatta** at 4'ish, purchased phone card & tried to phone Mum & Dad & Vanessa but no one home, left message. I think it will be a long time before we have any mobile phone coverage. Even phone boxes are few & far between. Stock up on a few essentials, this place looks a bit more run down than we remember it from 8 years ago.

Push on towards **Algebuckina Bridge & waterhole**, pick up some wood on the way, & stack it on top of our camper. Dick spears his finger with a piece of wood & bleeds everywhere!! Look for a camping spot near road, no good, check out the bridge on sunset, take some pics, go through station gate & further up waterhole, find a much better spot to camp. An easy tea, toasted ham n cheese sandwich on the campfire followed by yabbies, delicious according to the seafood lovers, I try a small bit, its ok – just!

Normal campfire chatter & star gazing, spot another shooting star.

Day Ten – Sunday 3 August 2008 – Algebuckina Waterhole to William Creek

Temp: 8.8 degrees

Overcast, warmer, another great night's sleep, so pleased with the camper, makes camping / travelling a lot more relaxing & enjoyable. Just ask Ricky & Allen who are used to towing camper trailers & for this trip are tenting / swagging.

Peake ruins, 20 k's of very rough n corrugated road, very interesting spot, history boards are very informative, enjoyable wander around the mine area, unusual rocks. Peake was used as a supply depot & then a repeater station for the Overland Telegraph Line. Discovery of gold & copper lead to the establishment of a smelter but this only lasted about a year before being abandoned. The ruins & mine remains are in good condition & well worth a look. This would be another great camping spot.

Have a few spits of rain hit our windscreen, not sure where from, very high & sparse clouds.

Lunch stop is at a dry creek bed, we pass a few more ruins on the side of the road, mainly flat country, stop at **William Creek**, decide to camp the night, early stop at 2pm, I do some hand washing, no laundry, smelly bore water, Dick, Rick & Allen do some vehicle maintenance, Robyn & I read for awhile, make a few phone calls, drinks, 8 ball, check out stuff in pub, dusty & dirty knickers/bras line the walls. Camp oven tea, campfire chat, shooting star, can hear dingoes howling in the distance.

Day Eleven – Monday 4 August 2008 – William Creek to Strzelecki Crossing

Temp: 5 degrees

Our earliest start at 9am!! Very icy wind, cold, say our goodbyes to Tassie Crew they are heading to Coober Pedy & trying to stay away from the cold weather down south. Sad to part company, they have been great to travel with, so organised, Megan & Jarred are top kids.

We keep heading down the Oodnadatta track, stop for a look at **Coward Springs** – neat & looks like a top camping spot, sheltered, natural spa. Road in good condition on this part of the track.

At **Maree** we top up fuel, pie & a few grocery items, phone Elana (old school friend) & inform her we are not coming to Adelaide, enjoy a beer in the pub & chat with the publican, he tells us of a couple of good camping spots on the Strzelecki track.

We have a quick stop at **Farina ruins**, too windy to have good look around. Road works signs everywhere through this section but no workers. Strong side/cross wind until we turn left at **Lyndhurst**. Lots of flat nothing, which changes slightly every now & then. Not many spots to camp on this stretch, we pull up at the first one suggested by the publican as it's getting late & we have covered about 500k's today – a long one for us! A bit of indecision on the where to position our camp! Steak, snags, onions fried in camp oven with boiled fresh veg, yes we still have fresh veg, one advantage of the cold weather.

TO BE CONTINUED.....

Dick & Wendy Stevens

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JOKE OF THE DAY.....

Otto the vampire bat came flapping in after a long night, his face covered in fresh blood, and settled on the roof of the cave to get some sleep.

Soon all the other bats smelled the blood and hassled Otto to tell them where he got it. He hissed at them to go away and let him get some rest. But they persisted, getting increasingly excited at the prospect of a feast.

"OK, follow me" he said and flew out of the cave with hundreds of his fellow bats behind him. Down through a valley they went, across a river and into a forest. Finally, he slowed down and the other bats milled around him, tongues hanging out expectantly.

"Do you see that large tree over there?" he said.

"Yes, yes!" the bats all screamed, whipping themselves into a frenzy.

"Good for you," said Otto, "because I didn't."

Member Profile

Name: Dick

Partner:

Kids:

Location:

Occupation:

Current Vehicle:

Vehicles Name:

Tyres:

Modifications:

Planned Modifications:

Past Vehicles:

Dream Vehicle and Accessories:

Favorite Camping Location: anywhere

Camping set up:

Favorite Track:

Committee Positions Held:

Best Club Trip:

First Club Trip:

Trips I've been on:

Trips I've run:

What the club means to me:



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The Colour Specialists

Nominations are due for the Club Awards -
Hard luck, Club Member of the Year and
Trip leader. Please think of these and hand
in your nominations at the next meeting.

Also may those who received trophies last
year please hand them into Graeme Filer at
the next meeting if you have not already
done so.

The Hulk Report

Unfortunately this wasn't available at time of printing.

from

GRAEME FILER
PRESIDENT & FOUNDING MEMBER

MEMBERSHIP CORNER **by James Holden**

If you know of anybody wishing to join the club they can now take advantage of the pro rata fees which mean they can now join for \$35.00.

Our most recent new member is Michael Rose who has recently moved here from Nambucca Heads. For those who were at the Offroad Challenge you may have seen Michael in his mighty GQ delivering water to the marshals.

WHERE THE HELL IN CQ IS THIS?

Do you know the location where this photo was taken - if you do write your answer on a slip of paper and hand it to James Holden at the monthly meeting and you will be in the running to win a small prize. Last month's photo featured the "frog" on the Stanage Bay road.



QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.”

Oscar Wilde

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Central Queensland Offroad Club Inc. - Annual General Meeting

Held at the Great Western - 14th October 2008

COMMENCEMENT - 7: 45 pm by Vice President, Viv Murphy

Attendance: As Per the Attendance Book, Members: (23) Apologies: (6) Visitors: (2)

Minutes of the previous **General meeting** 2 Sept as published in the Bulletin were accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved by Viv Murphy , **Seconded** by J Winter Carried

Business arising from Minutes:

Correspondence:

Inwards

Sent From	Details
Telstra	Phone Account \$33.36
Suncorp	Statement
L.R.O.C. Brisbane	Newsletter
Mitsubishi 4wd Owners Club of QLD	Newsletter
Aust Post	Account \$ 28.40
Mackay and District 4wd Club	Newsletter
FWDQ	Minutes.
Mackay Land Rover Club	Newsletter Email.
QORF Outdoors QLD	Newsletter
RRC	Sports expo.

Outwards

Sent To	Details
Great Western	Christmas Party
Club Members	Bulletins

Moved B Boulter **Seconded** Paul Westgarth at the inward correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence be endorsed ... Carried

Business arising from Correspondence:

Treasurer's Report:

- This Month...Opening Balance \$ 14351.63 fees/charges
Income \$ 277515.19
Closing Balance: \$ 470790.93 subject to bank
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Moved: D Standfast **Seconded:** M Wendt that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried

Trip Co-Ordinator's Report:

Trips as per Bulletin. New Trips

- Brad spoke about Challenge. Huge thanks to all officials and those who helped out.
- Paul went through trip list
- More trips would be great.

Editor's Report	More articles needed for newsletter.
Membership Officer	
Club Historian	
Merchandise Officer	
Training Co-ordinator's Report	
Public Liaison Officer	Everyone to look at submission for Five Rocks area.
Web site report	

General Business:

- Balnagowan land – Come to a standstill.
- Trophy nominations by next meeting.

Committee Meeting: 14/09/2008 at Great Western Hotel, 7:00pm.

General Meeting: 04/11/2008 at Great Western Hotel, 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at: 8:44 pm.

Motions from this meeting:

Visitor/Speaker: Nil

..... Chairman. Date

Please advise the Committee if you have any ideas for a Guest Speaker

VIV MURPHY BROUGHT IN HIS “BUSH PIG”, A WOOD FIRED COOKING DEVICE, ACCEPTED IN MOST NATIONAL PARKS, TO SHOW THE CLUB AFTER THE MEETING.

Trips - Where To Go

Note: Fun Days, held last Sunday of each month, are for Members ONLY. Visitors are welcome by prior arrangement with Trip Leader or Trip Coordinator.

Date	Meeting Time Place	Trip Rating	Details
Sun, 26 Oct	Seeonee Park, 9am	Training Day	4WD Awareness Monthly Day at Seeonee Park. Contact Anthony Pederson 0438 649 585
8-9 Nov	TBA	TBA	Cape Palmerston. Contact Viv Murphy 4928 0904
Thurs, 20 Nov	TBA	Social	Heart Foundation Xmas Parade. Contact Graeme Filer 0419 275 045
Sun, 30 Nov	Seeonee Park, 9am	Training Day	4WD Awareness Monthly Day at Seeonee Park. Contact Anthony Pederson 0438 649 585
Nov / Dec	TBA	TBA	Night Observation Run. To be held at Seeonee Park. Contact Graeme Filer 0419 275 045
Mon 8 Dec	Blood Bank	Social	Next Blood Donation Evening Contact Rachel Speechley 4926 0184
Fri 12 Dec	Great Western	Social	Club Xmas Party. Contact TBA
Dec / Jan	TBA	Green / Easy	Night Observation Run. 'Livingston Shire' roads. Contact Paul Westgarth 4934 2062
Australia Day weekend	TBA	Social	Fraser Island Clean Up. Contact Mick Wendt 0400 341 288
April 2009	Caves Showgrounds	Various	Club Demonstration. Contact Jeff Winter 0407 211 199
May 2009	TBA	Social	Relay for Life. Contact Karen Westgarth 4934 2063
2-4 May 2009	TBA	Various	4WD Queensland Corroboree, Kilcoy Showgrounds. Contact James Holden 4921 0090
Sept 2009	TBA	Green / Easy	Birdsville Races. Contact Paul Westgarth 49342062
June Long weekend 2010	TBA	Various	Australian 4X4 Gathering, Pomona Showgrounds. Contact James Holden 4921 0090

N.B.: If you have any suggestions or are interested in organising an event, whether it be a 4WD event or just a social day out, please forward your ideas to Paul Westgarth, as all events are welcome.

If you have any ideas of a place you would like to visit, please discuss it with Paul Westgarth, Trip Coordinator

Here are a few ideas:

Day Trips

5 Rocks

Byfield

Upper Ulum

King Solomon Spur

Copper Climb

Night Run

Mystery Trip

Weekend Trips (2-3 days)

Blackdown Tablelands

Canarvon Gorge

Cania Gorge

Kroombit Tops

Kalpower State Forest

Fraser Island

Deepwater National Park

Longer Trips

Fraser Island

Desert trips

Cape York

High Country of Victoria

Tasmania

Birdsville Races

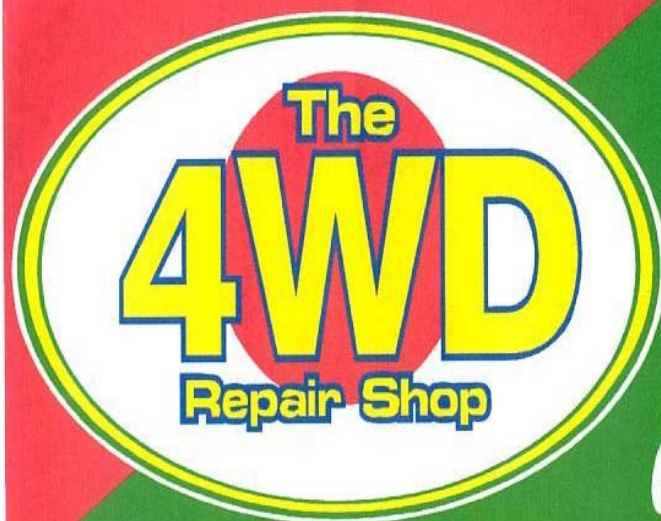
Gemfields

Kroombit Tops
Mt Scoria
Lady's Day comp at Seeonee
Barefoot Bowls
Clean Up Australia Day
General clean-ups
Styx River

Cape Palmerston
Notch Point
Country Meetings
Goodnight Scrub
Salvator Rosa
Ka Ka Mundi
Eurimbula National Park
Mt Moffit
Baffle Creek
Eungella
Cape Hillsborough
Isla Gorge
Landcruiser Mountain Park
Relay For Life
Copper Climb / St Lawrence

Porcupine Gorge
Undarra Lava Tubes
Kimberley's
Lake Eyre

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Central Queensland Offroad Club Inc. - Committee Meeting

Held at the the Great Western - 14th October 2008

This meeting has been cancelled due to the General Meeting being held on this night.

General Meeting 4th November at 7:30pm at Great Western

Committee Meeting 11th November 2008 Starting 7:00pm at Great Western

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To:

Submission in Response to Draft Byfield Area Management Plan 2008.

Date:

From:

To:

Project Manager
Draft Byfield Area Management Plan
Environmental Protection Agency
PO Box 3130
Redhill Rockhampton 4701

Email parkplans@epa.qld.gov.au

I wish to make the following comments in response to items in the Byfield Draft Management Plan 2008.

3. Visitor Access

3.1.1 Legal access to Stockyard Point.

- a) I recommend is that the existing 'road' from Waterpark Ck be converted to a gazetted road, to provide access to the township of Stockyard Point at all times and not be subject to closure at the decision of EPA through National Parks.
- b) I agree with the Stockyard Point residents that the gazetted road from the township to the beach be transferred to the usable National Parks access. In conjunction with point (a) this would give gazetted road access from Waterpark Ck to the Nine Mile beach.
- c) I also recommend that a permit system be used to allow specific groups/trips access to the non-public access roads. This would mean that areas normally inaccessible to the public could be visited on organised trips such as those our club has previously conducted through areas of the forestry reserves. One of the best means of protection of these areas is to allow organised visits so that members of the public are aware of what is happening in these areas.

3.1.2 Vehicle Access.

In response to the "increase in anti-social and damaging behaviour by some park users" I agree that there needs to be an increase in management of vehicle use. However I do not see this as the role of the Park Rangers. Where there is anti-social and damaging behaviour within our town areas, the police are called in to patrol these areas and to impose penalties on the perpetrators whether by means of the anti-hooping laws or other vandalism related laws.

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Sandy Point.

I would recommend that beach access be maintained to Sandy Point. To protect the little tern roosting site I recommend that an alternative access be provided at the northern end of the Farnborough beach.

Five Rocks Beach.

I would recommend that the access to this beach be maintained and that it should be included in the list of accessible beaches covered by the Rockhampton Regional Council Beach Permit system.

As in past submissions regarding this area, I wish to maintain access to as many diverse areas as possible for recreational purposes. I am aware of the condition of the track and the changes that occur to it over time. I agree with the present policy of not maintaining this track so that it should not become an easy access. Previous submissions (Livingstone Shire Council Open Spaces Project) have dealt with the topic of track succession, and I do not wish to see any improvement. There should be some challenges left in accessing this area. Similarly I do not wish to see any improvement to 'Big Sandy' at the access to the sand dune area.

Army Area

Access to the Army area is another matter that needs 'policing' by the defence force and the police. Again, a majority of users is being penalised to attempt to keep out a minority. This minority will always attempt to circumvent measures to control their anti-social behaviour – even if the access to 5 Rocks and 3 River's beach is closed.

Orange Bowl.

The Orange Bowl is an area that presents challenges for the four wheel drive enthusiast and I would recommend that the current access along the floor of the bowl to the lookout ridge be maintained. Yes, I agree that the area has dangers but also acknowledge that danger is part of 'life'. We cannot wrap our adventurous drivers in cotton wool. There have been deaths in other scenic areas such as Kings Canyon, but this does not result in closure of the area, nor does it result in the mass erection of safety barricades. There must be some point where an individual takes responsibility for their own actions. Warning signs can be placed, but ultimately the individual makes their own choice. The problem of recovery of accident victims however becomes a community concern and rescuers should not be placed at risk in any such attempt. However experience shows that even low risk rescues can go wrong.

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We would also recommend that all camping areas allow direct access to vehicles including the use of camper trailers. This is of particular value with the increased use of appliances such as fridges requiring 12v power supply. Whilst hiking is encouraged, this area does not provide for overnight or extended hikes and most camping in these areas is vehicle based.

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3.5 Visitor safety.

Referring to item 3.1 if the access to Stockyard Pt is gazetted, then the responsibility for determining road closures will become a Council matter.

Other safety issues have been discussed under Orange Bowl in 3.1.2

4.2 Partnerships and participation

In other areas, Clubs and groups have been able to enter in agreements for the maintenance or specific areas. In this case, local groups such as the board riders, bush walkers, conservationists, fishing clubs, traditional owners and 4 wheel drive clubs may be able to undertake work projects to maintain and preserve the unique attraction that forms the Byfield Area.

I trust that these points will be taken into consideration in formulating the final Management Plan for this area.

Sincerely.

Submission in Response to Draft Byfield Area Management Plan 2008.

Date:

From:

To:

Hon. Andrew McNamara

Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation

PO Box 15155, City East QLD 4002

Phone: (07) 3336 8032 ; Fax: (07) 3227 6309 E-mail: Sustainability@ministerial.qld.gov.au,

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3.5 Visitor safety.

Referring to item 3.1 if the access to Stockyard Pt is gazetted, then the responsibility for determining road closures will become a Council matter.

Other safety issues have been discussed under Orange Bowl in 3.1.2

4.2 Partnerships and participation

In other areas, Clubs and groups have been able to enter in agreements for the maintenance or specific areas. In this case, local groups such as the board riders, bush walkers, conservationists, fishing clubs, traditional owners and 4 wheel drive clubs may be able to undertake work projects to maintain and preserve the unique attraction that forms the Byfield Area.

I trust that these points will be taken into consideration in formulating the final Management Plan for this area.

Sincerely.