

## **LAND ROVER CLUB OF THE ACT INC Ordinary Meeting –**

**Minutes Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

### **Eastlakes Football Club**

Meeting opened: 7.32pm

### **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from:

Garry Blagdon, Rick Creech, Ian Bragg, Linda Robinson

### **Visitors:**

There were no visitors at the meeting

**Previous Minutes: Moved:** Michael Thompson, **Seconded:** David Wade

### **President's report: (Andrew Lockley)**

Welcome to our March Meeting

#### Our 2021 Review

The committee recently discussed the approach to the strategic review I alluded to at our last meeting. This is an important task that will help shape the way we operate in the medium to long term especially now we are not a key organiser of the 4WD Spectacular.

In the next day or so you will receive an email with a set of questions. The committee would appreciate your response to as many of these questions as possible and any other comments you feel are important.

I can't stress enough the LRC is your club and how we operate is every member's responsibility.

#### Recent Trip Activity

Jan and I were pleased to be involved in both the BLC and Long Plain Hut Trip and Working Bee last week. The BLC had a good roll up and it was great to see our new and near new members getting involved.

Our Long Plain trip was a great couple of days, good balance between some work and play. I left there with a sense of pride in what a group of LRC members can do and my admiration goes out to Margret Anderson for her organisation and dedication to the maintain this key piece of heritage. Well done to all those who participated.

### Web Site Renovation

You would have seen some emails of late with changes and upgrades to the club's website. This work is progressing well and your feedback and experience is vital to making sure our website is a usable and reliable tool for the club. My thanks to Matt and Tom for their diligence over the last few months.

### Social Calendar

Gemma and Russell are keeping the Committee up to date with their ideas for future social activity. I look forward to hearing more shortly.

### Trips

Trip activity has been good in recent months. A healthy forward looking trip calendar is always important to the health of the club. I realise there is still some in trepidation as we live with COVID to plan on long or more extensive trips but it's always OK to plan. So if you are thinking about a trip let Tom and Ann know your ideas and you can always defer if the pandemic impact remains.

### **Treasurer's Report: (David Wade)**

LRC cheque account:	\$2050.69
LRC reserve account:	\$33076.67
Heritage Drive account:	\$7113.44.

Expenditure since the February meeting to date is:

MYOB February:	\$33.60	
Gemma Zeithofer:	\$16.21	catering for meeting
JS Bookkeeping:	\$1320.00	audit
JS Bookkeeping:	\$275.00	tax return
Garry Blagdon:	\$205.00	reimbursement for PO box

The income is:

Membership subs:	\$38.00
trailer use:	\$50.00
tax refund:	\$241.00.

The treasurer also advised that the interest rate on the Reserve account had dropped from 0.05% to 0.01%, resulting in interest income of 25 cents for the month.

Moved: David Wade      Seconded: Alan Dixon that the expenditure be approved and treasurer's report be accepted.

### **Secretary's Report: (Eric Rigter on behalf of Garry Blagdon)**

Andrew advised (on behalf of Garry) the additional box of promotional material from the 4WD Association was still with the Southern Cross 4WD Club. The material will be distributed as soon as possible after it has been received by the committee.

### **Trip Coordinator: (Tom & Ann de Jongh)**

Tom commenced his report by advising that he “only does as Ann says.”

He advised that the trip module of the web now appears to be working, and he thanked all those who submitted an RSVP for tonight’s meeting. He had not received any feed back highlighting difficulties or failures.

#### Trip reports:

Tom asked Russell Speldewinde for a report on the 21 Feb BLC held at Cooma. Russell gave a (very) abbreviated report. (The full report will be available on the web site shortly.)

Margaret Anderson then gave a report on activities conducted at Long Plain Hut. (Detailed report will be available on the web soon.) Andrew, and others noted that the club’s efforts at Long Plain Hut are being recognised by the NPWS and the 4WD Association. Margaret concluded by returning Russell’s paint tray and (uncleaned) paint brushes to Russell as he had left them at the hut.

#### Upcoming Trips

The trip being run by Ian Tote from 6- 8 March (6 vehicles) - from Gunning to Bathurst, Woolshed Flat, Sofala, Hill End, Orange then home was full. Tom had contacted all who were booked into the trip, and all indicated that they will attend. Consequently those who are on the waiting list are still on the waiting list.

The next BLC has been scheduled for Braidwood for 21 March 2021. The trip will be limited to 20 people. Routes to and from Braidwood are still to be determined. Watch the web for details. Tom said an email will be sent to all club members when details of the trip are on the web.

### **Membership Secretary: (Michael Thomson)**

Currently Michael is processing a single application. Nothing else to report.

### **Social Secretary: (Gemma Zeitlhofer)**

Gemma provided details of the Mid-Year Getaway being organised for the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of July. Keep these dates! An email giving all details for the weekend will be sent out shortly.

Key points are:

- Dates – 17 -18 July 2021
- All 12 rooms in The Light Horse Inn in Murrumburrah have been booked
- Cost of rooms is \$75 per double – more if extra people stay in a room
- The B&B next door has also been booked
- Camping Caravanning can be accommodated at Show Ground (1.2km from the Light Horse Inn (\$20/night)) or the Caravan Park (2.2km – cost not known)
- Breakfast is being organised at the facility across the road from the Light Horse Inn.

**An email with all details will be sent to all members shortly.**

### **Merchandising & 4WD Association: (Kevin Phillips)**

Please see attachment.

### **KHA: (Margaret Anderson)**

Nothing to report

### **Council of ACT Motor Clubs: (Garry Collins)**

Gary advised that he attended the last meeting of the Council of ACT Motor Clubs, but that there was nothing to report

### **Website Manager: (Matt Bolton)**

Matt advised the meeting of web development progress. Highlights included:

The trailer module seems to be resolved. Notifications were sent to all that needed them. Matt will enhance the module by including a photograph of the trailer.

The Trip Planning module is still being worked on.

Matt also thanked those who have been accessing the web on their phones, tablets and computers. A recurring problem is that users will still get old information as in many cases browsers need refreshing. As a minimum, pages should be refreshed regularly. Caches should also be cleared as a last resort, but is recommended as a one-off for the transition to the new website.

It was requested that all people include photographs in their profiles. It was stressed that this was a closed section of the web (only accessible to members) so only photographs which could visually identify the individual should be used. Photographs of your vehicles, or other quirky personal characteristic should not be used.

Matt also asked that any photos which could enhance the web site (not just for Trip Reports) be sent to him so that he could insert them in the appropriate place in the site.

### **Series Vehicles: (TBA)**

No report.

### **Other business/New business:**

**Spam Emails:** Andrew advised that he has become aware of a number of spam emails which are purported to be from the "Andrew Lockley (President LRC ACT)". Care should be taken when opening these emails if the senders address cannot be verified.

### **The Karl Trophy:**

Michael Thompson introduced the "Karl Trophy".

The Karl Trophy was created some years ago during the presidency of Peter McQueen, following an incident that occurred on one of his trips.

Karl Bossard was driving his brand new, Defender 90. During the trip Karl managed to seriously bend the tailpipe of his vehicle. Kinked to the extent that the exhaust was severely restricted. The offending part was cut from the vehicle, and forms the sculptural element of the trophy.

Karl has relocated to northern NSW and is no longer an active member of the LRC-ACT. On his departure he passed the trophy on to the club. At the February 2021 committee meeting, it was decided that the trophy would be awarded to any member, new or established, who distinguished themselves, while on a club trip or attending a meeting. The Karl Trophy can be awarded as often as necessary.

I am sure that members receiving trophy will be proud to display on their mantel piece, until awarded to another deserving member. There is no limit to the number of times a member can be awarded the trophy. In an effort to enable LRC-ACT members to remember the awardees, they are requested to add the date and their name to the honour roll on the bottom of the trophy base.

The second awardee (Karl being the first) is our long standing member Geoff Banbury, who is nearly our oldest member. According to a recent verbal trip

report, his traction control (sneakers) failed and he went for a tumble while trying to walk down a steep track.



It would be good to award the trophy at each general meeting, (by popular vote?) following the trip reports. So the message to all members is to maintain your awareness of other members, and if you see something worth reporting, feel free to nominate your fellow member at the next general meeting.

Examples from recent club activities that were considered for the Karl Trophy include new member Belinda Robinson's parking skills, or my tank (22000l) moving (using the club trailer) where I managed to travel the 70kms, through suburban streets, highway, and bush tracks without hitting anything (the load was 4.5m tall and 2.4m wide) until 10m from the final resting place. The plastic tank seems to have recovered from colliding with the low tree branch.

**Next meeting:**

Monday 12 April 2021 at Eastlakes Football Club

**Meeting Closed:** 20:33

### ***4WD NSW ACT INC – Quarterly Meeting – Port Macquarie – 20 Feb '21***

The meeting opened at 9:50 am (following resolution of all manner of technical issues related to Zoom video and audio). The audio was not brilliant for the meeting – mainly due to the positioning of the local microphone in relation to where the local attendees/speakers were situated. Audio from Zoom attendees was excellent. The nature of the meeting did not allow for any meaningful discussion on points raised during the meeting – questions raised by local attendees could not be heard by Zoom attendees.

22 clubs were represented – 18 is a quorum. Not sure of the Zoom to in-person numbers.

#### ***Welcome & Opening Remarks – Craig Thomas, President 4WD NSW&ACT.***

Essentially just said hello and welcome to all. Said we all know what he's been doing though the newsletters so he really had nothing more to say up front but would come in during other reports as needed.

#### ***VP Lands – Lee Dunstan***

Reported on changes happening with respect to management of State Forests and Nature Reserves – NPWS will take over their management under new legislation, not sure if this is proposed or passed. Jellore and Belanglo (both near Mittagong) will be the first to go under the new arrangement. Very political – Greens vs Nationals with Koalas the key. Stakeholder meetings held, nothing resolved – a work in progress.

There is now a Monaro Region within 4WD NSW ACT – ST4WD, Wagga, and some other clubs had a meeting, and it looks like a goer. Will be called the Southern Ranges Region (apparently Monaro is meaningless to most people)

Grant application for Penrose State Forest camping areas has been submitted – awaiting outcome. There might be a Native Title Claim lodged over the area containing Yalwal.

NPWS has agreed to put in a toilet at the Glen. It won't be a normal NPWS toilet because that would mean the area has to be opened to the public (??). It will be a self-contained transportable unit transported in and out by Helicopter. This means plan of management doesn't need to be changed apparently.

MOU with NPWS under review – no major changes anticipated.

VP Lands is still the main contact for NPWS VIP program – it is focussing on regions already active with NPWS. He knew from NPWS that LRC was going to do work at Long Plain 22/23 Feb.

#### ***VP Clubs – Shane McClymont***

Now have 72 Clubs across NSW/ACT & QLD

At least 4 regions are doing something on 7 Mar '21 – Clean Up Australia Day – see detail on

Facebook. Black Diamond Club has access to a property and have put on several Customer Experience Days with ARB. Working towards putting on support days in regions as COVID-19 allows. E.g., Mental Health Support. Wants to know about anything we are doing with the public.

***Treasurer – Tony Ellery***

Cheque - \$5,750; Investment - \$180,675; Total - \$186,425. Detailed report made available and discussed.

***Communications – Maggie Thomas***

Snake Bite kits all allocated to upcoming course attendees.

First aid courses coming up in ACT (August – no detail), Blacktown and Port Macquarie.

Attending the Tamworth Show 1-2 May '21.

Website transitioning to an .au address and is down at the moment and can't be used.

BO Box has changed to a more convenient location – Seven Hills.

Coolah Rodeo has asked for sponsorship of the 2021 local poddy calf rides at the 2021 Coolah Rodeo on 6-7 March. We took a \$200 sponsorship package and have 2 free tickets available if anybody wants them.

***Driver Training Unit (DTU) – Dayne Schollenberger***

Lots of training activities were postponed because of COVID-19. Keep an eye on the calendar on the website (when its back online) to see when they're back on.

A train the trainer session is planned for 1-2 Mar '21 – watch this space.

Keep in touch – DTU is here for you.

***Australian National Four-Wheel Drive Council (ANFWDC) – Lee Dunstan***

There has been a massive turnaround and rediscovery of purpose within the national body. VIC & QLD are not back in the fold just yet – negotiations underway.

Working extremely hard to clean up the inherited mess – and well on track to date.

President Paul Warner (Southern Cross 4WD Club) joined the meeting and reiterated the above points. Also advised that they need help with the website development and with insurance matters relating to the development of a 4WD Australia insurance offering.

Craig Thomas added that because of the 2019/20 bushfires the NPWS cannot get insurance now for any facilities within National Parks and we should be prepared for a bit of a shock when our insurance renewal happens.

***General Business***

The delegates were advised that the subsidised chainsaw training program is just about completed. Thanks to all who participated.

***Coolah Camp Oven Cook Out – June long weekend 2021 – Anthony Timmins***



Save the date. Details being finalised – looks like entry fee in the range \$50-\$100 including dinner Saturday night and camping fee. The Cook Out will be on Sunday. More information to come.

### ***Australian Council of Motor Clubs – Craig Thomas (President)***

Transport NSW suddenly decided that tractors cannot be on H (Historic) plates anymore. Representations and protests made, and it appears that restriction will be withdrawn.

It is extremely hard to determine if a proposed modification will be legal beforehand – but engineers have access to original specifications and dates for all vehicles. Shane has now put links to them on the Association's FB page. Have a look, talk to someone first, do as much homework as you can before starting a modification. All the information is available – it's just been a bit hard to put together.

QLD & VIC governments are reviewing post registration GVM upgrades, particularly the impact of the upgrade on axle limits. Industry is pushing back by asking governments to show where the weaknesses (if any) are. Watch this space.

### ***2021 4WD Adventure Show – Brian Bird***

It will happen (hopefully). Eastern Creek (hopefully). Watch this space.

### ***Projects – Roger Pollett***

Roger works in the background and does "stuff" to support the Association's Executive – attends meetings etc. He talked about Mt Airlie and McBride's Beach – but it was difficult to work out what he was actually saying.

We should look out for Community Development Grants becoming available in April. Smaller ones (\$2.5k - \$3.5k) should be easy enough to do, larger ones will need a lot of work and might need some help. I think Roger was saying he (the Association) could help.

### ***Regional Reports***

The Hunter and Southern Regions both briefly advised what they are doing for Clean Up Australia Day in their regions. Both briefly talked about local tracks in their regions.

Southern Ranges Region reported that a number of good Zoom meetings have been held with attendee clubs exploring ways to work together. Glen Watts (ST4WDC) is coordinating this process.

### ***The Office – David Wellham (Subaru 4WD) & Rollanda Rosenstraus (Nissan Patrol 4WD Club)***

At the November Quarterly meeting Rollanda and David were tasked with finding a way forward with respect to a remunerated administration position for the Association. They provided an update.

The Past – very disorganised back office and administrative functions.

The Present – things happen! Maggie Thomas (Clever Products, wife of Craig Thomas – President 4WD NSW&ACT) is a good communicator and invests about 30 hours per week on administration activities for the Association.

The Future – To improve on The Present which is not sustainable as a volunteer position.

The Proposal – 30 hours per week is too much for a volunteer role. We propose that Clever Management Services provide an agreed list of services to the Association for 15 months commencing 1 Apr '21 at an annual fee of \$9.90 per Association member (funded from within current affiliation fees) and invoiced monthly in arrears. A proposal package will be circulated to member clubs for one month's discussion with a view to voting on the proposal at the May'21 Quarterly Meeting.

***Trailer Report – Lee Dunstan***

The Association was successful in its grant application for funding of \$25,000 to source a Community Engagement trailer. A small group (Lee & 2 others) is looking at what we want to achieve and how to get the most bang for our buck. Maybe a removable cell/cube arrangement so the trailer could satisfy many different needs. Developing specifications as we need to show significant progress on the project within the grant period of 12 months. And we may be audited during that time.

***Meeting Ended – about 3pm Next Meeting***

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