

**LAND ROVER CLUB OF THE ACT INC
DRAFT MINUTES, ORDINARY MEETING
WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH 2022**

Location: Eastlakes Football Club

Start: 7.30 pm

Apologies: Belinda Robinson, Dolph & Leanne Page, Roger & Ann Quarterman, Matt Bolton, Tom & Ann de Jongh, John Reis, Geoff Banbury, Peter Mercer, Ian Bragg.

Visitors: David Brown proud owner of a Suzuki Jimny.

Acceptance of previous minutes: **Proposed:** Michael Thomson **Seconded:** Kevin Phillips

REPORTS

President's Report.

(Bob Zeithofer)

Presidents report March 2022 meeting

There is little to report this month. The committee has largely endorsed the previous committee's direction with regard the outcomes of the 2021 operation review and will continue to progress actions as necessary.

You'll recall that a key concern of members in last year's review was the lack of trips being offered, so it's pleasing to see that a few trips have recently been added to the calendar although the weather seems to have undone that a little. Thanks to those trips leaders for offering these trips and it would be nice to see those trips well subscribed.

Further in regard to trips it is pleasing to see that the 2022 Outback Heritage Drive is now set up and taking bookings. The Heritage Drive is a key event in the LRC's list of activities and while participants will enjoy the trip, importantly, the trip provides a boon to a number of small communities and I can commend the trip to you especially if you have not been before.

Secretary's Report.

Update

(Garry Blagdon)

Garry advised Australia Post now advises by email when any mail delivered to our P.O. Box.

Treasurer's Report.**David Wade)**

And welcome to our first Wednesday LRC meeting since who knows when.

Here are the bank balances as at today, Monday, 7 March 2022:

LRC cheque account	\$ 5,021.51
LRC reserve account	\$31,579.80
Heritage Drive account	\$13,678.99

Transactions since our last meeting are:

Expenditure:

Gemma Z – meeting expenses	\$ 13.21
Garry Blagdon PO box	\$ 211.00

Income:

Nil.

Moved: David Wade **Seconded:** Russell Speldewinde that the expenditure be approved and treasurer's report be accepted.

Trip Coordinator.**(Tom De Jongh)**

Nil report (Apology).

- Ian Toten advised the “End of Summer in the High Country” trip scheduled for 18 – 20 April is full.
- Rick Robins advised the proposed Canning Stock route is now on hold until next year.
- Simon Nickson advised he is running a Brindabella day trip scheduled for 3 April - details are on the website and that he is flexible with the proposed route.
- David Wade is running a Lunch Lies and Old Cars trip to Cooma on Sunday 10th April - details are on the website.

Membership Secretary.**(Michael Thomson)**

Michael advised there were no new members but did request that members attending the meeting indicate in the column in the attendance book if they required name badges.

Social Secretary.**(Gemma Zeitlhofer)**

Gemma advised that the “Bush Banquet” trip has had to be deferred due to the heavy rains and will now try for the long Weekend in October. Further details will be advised at a later date.

Merchandising.**(Kevin Phillips)**

Nil report.

4WD NSW & ACT – Quarterly Meeting 19th February 2022 – Wallerawang NSW

- The Association is in good financial shape – approx. \$175k in bank; 68 financial clubs representing some 3,500 members.
- There are many opportunities to do volunteer work in National Parks but club members wishing to do so must be registered via the NPWS VIP system – details at www.4wdnow.com/pages/volunteer-sign-up-with-national-parks. This requirement applies to the work we do at Long Plain Hut.
- Conditional NSW vehicle registration under the Classic Vehicle Scheme (CVS) is working well. CVS is for vehicles 30 years or older with modifications that are not allowed under the Historic Vehicle Scheme. Under the CVS the Association only has to verify that the applicant belongs to a club that is affiliated with the Association – the NSW government looks after all inspection requirements.
- The Association's new trailer should be completed later this year – it will provide a good supporting platform for attendance at shows, expos etc.
- The NPWS Campsite booking system is being reviewed – it will probably stay in place but could have a group booking capability – as requested many times by the Association.
- The Association is applying for a \$5,000 grant to plant trees in Gardens of Stone National Park.
- The recent wet weather has affected campgrounds managed by the Association – namely The Glen & Dingo Dell. Best to check accessibility first – email office@4wdnow.com.
- Members with modified vehicles in some areas believe they have been unfairly targeted by NSW Police. The Association asks that if you believe you have been unfairly targeted you please lodge a formal complaint with NSW Police – link on www.4wdnow.com home page.
- The National Council (www.4wda.com) is continuing to work well. Its constitution is being reviewed and national insurance review is coming up. The former Treasurer (from SA) will be charged over past activities that helped erode confidence in the National body.
- 4WD NSW & ACT is finalising an arrangement with Club 4x4 Insurance that will see discounted 4WD insurance offered to members. The agreement is imminent, and details will be posted on the Association's website once finalised.
- The Driver Training Unit (DTU) skills weekend at Woolgoolga was well attended – 20 members from 9 clubs. Plans are underway to hold a skills weekend in Southern NSW after winter.
- The RCGP (Review, Compliance & Governance Panel) reported on the current state of the Request for Tender (RFT) process to engage an Office Functions Contractor to handle the back-office activities of the Association. I am a member of the RCGP. The RCGP has published an Expression of Interest document and has received responses from 2 parties wishing to receive the RFT document. One response does not meet the EOI requirements. The RCGP is considering its next steps.
- A representative from NPWS provided an overview of the proposed Gardens of Stone State Conservation Area (SCA). The proposal will see some 30,000 hectares of existing State Forest and Crown Land added to the existing Gardens of Stone NP and

Wollemi NP with the bulk forming the new SCA. Many interested parties have conflicting and vocal views on what should be allowed in the new SCA. The existing NP's will be slightly expanded and not affected by activities in the SCA – whatever they end up being.

Heritage Drive

(Kevin Phillips)

Russell advised the Heritage Drive is proceeding as planned and Kevin advised there have been 19 registrations in just 1 week.

The details of the 2022 Outback Land Rover Heritage Drive (OLRHD) are now available at www.olrhd.com.au and are copied below for ease of reference by members:

The 2022 Opal & Dust Tour will kick off at Eugowra Showground on Sunday 29th May 2022 and conclude on Friday 10th June 2022 at the Armatree Hotel.

OLRHD2022 will run over 13 days and cover approximately 1,952 km from its start at Eugowra to our fantastic last night at Armatree. It goes without saying that it will be great fun, and everybody will have the best time. It's a lazy 2-week trip with 5 multi-night stops which will give us all time to appreciate and enjoy the outback countryside and hospitality. A lot of the trip will be on good (??) dirt roads ensuring that full outback adventure.

I know you will enjoy our 2 nights at the 'Four Corners Farm Stay' followed by 2 nights at 'Beds on the Barwon'. 2 nights at Nindigully Pub in QLD will delight and the next 2 nights at Lightning Ridge will be something completely different. We'll finish up with 2 nights at Armatree. Along the way we have overnight stays at Trundle and Hebel. Expect quite a few surprises along the way!

It's going to be a great Drive. Please tell all your friends about it and don't be shy in letting folk know it's on. It's always good to have some new faces around and it's good for the outback as well, even more so in these times of drought and flooding rains, bushfire and Covid.

Registration – We are open for registrations.

Cost – Costs have risen since 2020 and the cost of the 2022 Drive is \$730 – per person. Your registration fee will include a 2-course evening meal on all days from 29th May 2022 to 10th June 2022 except for day 11 – on that day you will have a 2-course lunch provided in the heart of the Grawin Opal Fields. Also included in the registration fee is the daily camping fee (unpowered site, toilets, and hot showers), and any other fees we are required to pay. Payments can be made in 2 separate deposits: Payment 1 on registration; Payment 2 by April 30th, 2022

Alternate Accommodation – Some venues offer powered sites and/or cabins - should you wish to upgrade your accommodation at these venues you will be required to pay the price differential directly to the venue. Should you take accommodation elsewhere in the area your camping fee for that night(s) will be deemed a donation to the event.

Insurance - We request that your vehicle is covered by a minimum of 3rd Party Property insurance

Fuel - Available along the route on all days, and our longest day is around 365 km.

Website – Right now, the website has broad details of the route and the overnight venues. The overnight venues and caterers are locked in, and we are filling in the bits in between. Keep an eye on the website - as we refine things, we'll update the site."

Website Manager.

(Matt Bolton)

Nil report (Apology).

Council ACT Motor Clubs

(William Thomson)

Nil report (Apology).

Driver Training Coordinator

(Ian Toten)

Nil report.

Series Coordinator.

(Peter Mercer)

Nil report (Apology).

Historical Vehicles Registrar.

(Rick Robins)

Nil report.

Kosciusko Huts Association

(Margaret Anderson)

Nil report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Other business.

Kevin gave a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation of his knowledge and practical experience of setting up your vehicle for towing based on his 2 most recent vehicles being a 200 Series Toyota Landcruiser and his current Mazda BT50.

Meeting Closed

8:35 pm



Bob Zeithofer
President
Land Rover Club of the ACT
Chair

16 March 2022