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The President's Message

By Brian Edmonds

Well as this is being written prior to The Federal Budget I can only note that some of the usual items targeted by a Government wanting to increase taxes have been dropped on us prior to the event, Fags went up 20 cents last week and today fuel went up 4 cents for unleaded, roll on budget time they only have to put up the price of Grog and they will be equal to any Govt I can remember in my advancing years. Enough of my un PC leanings.

Not much here for "Australian Working Families" to use a popular Political expression.

A good Workshop morning was held late last month and many thanks must go to Jeff who stepped in to cover for Justin who was laid low by illness.

A certain persons Defender was the subject of much scrutiny by those attending and Trevor's offer of me trying out his 101 was curtailed by my examination of the room between steering wheel and my "pleasantly cuddly circumference" [for this read fat/rotund etc.]

A good Expedition to the Palmer River Area was held last weekend in fine weather would you believe, especially after what we experienced in Cairns. Some photos of this trip follow. I understand that a good turn out was experienced.

There are some interesting trips also listed in this Newsletter for the months ahead.

We now own our own 3 x 3m Gazebo thanks to a sale at "Super Cheap Auto", \$139 bucks in all. We can add to this in times ahead if we want and side screens are an option.

I like most of you look forward to Tuesday Night's Budget and its implications !

Till Wednesday Night then.

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*Next General Meeting is on
Wednesday the 12th May @ 6.30pm
@ Brother's Leagues Club, Andersen
Street*

'The Big Trip 2011'

By Trevor Lowmass

'The Simpson Desert' - If we target mid 2011 this should give everyone who is interested in a trip like this sufficient time to plan some time off.

This 'Trip' will I think take around 3 weeks if we are to enjoy ourselves along the way.

1st week will be the drive to say Uluru and some time exploring that area.

2nd week will be the 'crossing' through to Big Red and Birdsville.

3rd week we can meander back to Cairns and perhaps spend a couple of days on a beach somewhere.

I know It is over a year before we go but I'd appreciate a bit of feedback as who may be interested. Please email me on trevor@lowmass.com.au . Even if you feel it is all too early to start planning?

*Any views expressed in this
newsletter are not necessarily those
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Upcoming Trip Proposals

Trip Co-ordinator – Justin Bromage

Date	Place	Grading	No. of Days	Trip Leader
20 June 2010	Herberton, Emuford, Woopen, California Creek and Mt Garnet	2	1 day	Justin Bromage
18 July 2010	Rocky Bluff	3	1 day	Trevor Lowmass
August 2010	Innot Hot Springs and Mt. Misery	2	2 day	Trevor Lowmass

Palmer River Trip

An interesting trip was had by all- some photos and Jorge Martins impressions of day 3 and 4. Thanks for all the photos sent in by everyone – I'll have to spread the report over 2 newsletters. The photo immediately below show some of the hidden dangers faced on a trip. Walking through a tunnel at one point Michael Bromage's camera managed to pick this up in the flash.



It may not be very visible at this scale but can anyone guess what that blob hanging out of the wall on the left is?.....It's a brown snake!

2nd May - After a deserved night sleep, a morning yawn and breakfast, we visited historic Maytown and surrounding area, then returned to camp for a relaxing afternoon and a swim in the river. Kids had a good time playing with mud and a tractor tyre. At night a fire was lit and we all sat around, had a good chat and enjoyed the stars. Kids had a good time running around playing hide and seek (with glow in the dark sticks!!!!) etc.



3rd May – After breakfast and packing up it was time to return home.

On the way we walked the vehicles over a rocky area, crossed numerous creeks and stopped at a dam for a break, then continued the return journey.

Next stop was Mt Carbine for a snack and ice-cream and a last get together before we all headed home.

Jorge Martins



Our Silver Nomads

We haven't heard from them for a while but Dick & Gretchen are still out there enjoying themselves

Somewhere near Tweed Heads



We have been in a small area of paradise for three weeks now. The countryside reminds us of the Yungaburra area its volcanic in structure with a climate similar to the Gold Coast, just warm and balmy at this time of the year. But we did have a couple of cold days (well cold for us anyway).

Carrie the caravan is in a huge shed that houses tractors and other farm equipment. We are visited regularly by the resident cows, who check up on us from time to time. Dick 'moos' at them and they actually look up, he wonders what he has just said.

The property is very hilly and above us is the best 4 wheel driving, there are views of the ocean and the Mt Warning caldera.

Paul and Cecelia Malouf own this beautiful place, where their kids Jacob, Panda (Andrew), Isaac and the delightful Rose have a wonderful yard to play in. They built their enormous house floors and all, from 14 large local Hoop Pine trees that were growing here.

Dick has been very busy, He has replaced Carrie's four shock absorbers, powder coated the side steps for Roger and his fan also. The fan was a real drama, as we had bought it in Brisbane before we left, he thought he could easily do it himself. Well, after the first attempt and a few emails later, then another attempt we found we needed a special 32mm spanner and more know how than we had. Anyway Roger looks very spiffy now with his snorkel and new black sidesteps.

We pick up our mail from 'Moo Moo Stitches' in Mooball, it isn't really a post office but is a place where the mail man leaves mail for the farms around. Burringbar is the nearest town with a REAL post office, besides the post it has a general store/bottle shop, butcher (he sells hot pies and cooked chickens and eggs as well), several vehicle repair places and probably a couple of other stores that we didn't research thoroughly.

We go 12kms into Pottsville Beach because we send our express post satchels for Limbo from there for overnight delivery.

Pottsville is much bigger and its tourist orientated as it on the beach and has the big surfing waves as does the whole coast up here. We have only been as far south as Brunswick Heads so far, which we believe has the best fish and chip shop on the coast. We've spent quite a few trips to Murwillimbah as there are Dick's favourite stores there, Repco, Auto One and Mitre 10. Also its not much further than Pottsville and the express mail closes at 5pm. Its on the Tweed River which runs right through the town, and supports a couple of big backpacker places

We are off to Grafton further south next Thursday so look out for another Bulletin from there see you sometime folks.....
Gretchen and Dick



Dick's new snorkel!

Interested in joining the Land Rover Owners Club of Cairns FNQ – LROCC

Call either: The President – Brian Edmonds – 4041 1994 The Secretary – Ian Lomas – 4054 4662