

**Land Rover Owners Club of Cairns Far North Queensland inc.**  
PO Box 12221, Cairns Mail Centre, Cairns Qld 4870



**By-Laws**



**1 MEMBERSHIP**

The steps towards becoming a member of the club: Any potential member will:

- 1.1 Attend a club meeting and introduce themselves to other members.
- 1.2 Complete an 'Expression of Interest' form.
- 1.3 Read and understand the club by-laws
- 1.4 Fill out an Application Form signed by the proposer and seconder and accompanied by the application fee.
- 1.5 Management committee will review application at the next committee meeting and the decision is then notified to the applicant.
- 1.6 Fees payable before membership acceptance are an Annual Membership fee to apply for a financial year period. Members joining during January – June of any year will pay the Pro-Rata of the Annual Membership fee for that year.

**VOTING RIGHTS**

- 1.7 Members are entitled to vote in person or by proxy vote.
- 1.8 Partner members are entitled to vote in person only.

**2 CLUB OUTINGS – Visitors/non-members**

- 2.1 To obtain the Trip Leader's permission, non-members/visitors should attend the Club's General monthly meeting held immediately prior to the outing and introduce themselves to the Trip Leader. Permission to attend is then the Trip Leader's discretion. Should the Trip Leader not be in attendance at the meeting, a contact phone number will be provided by the Trip Co-ordinator. Visitors will not be allowed to attend in their own vehicle on trips above Grade 2. (see convoy procedures)
- 2.2 Club members are responsible for their visitors. They are to ensure that their visitors are aware of and adhere to the Club By-Laws and Constitution.

**3 CLUB OUTINGS**

- 3.1 At the beginning of each Club Outing, participating members, non-members and visitors over the age of 16 years must register their names in the appropriate section of the "Trip Book". In so doing, they thereby agree to follow instructions from the Trip Leader and abide by the Clubs By-Laws. Failure to register in the "Trip Book" will constitute non-attendance on the outing and will mean the driver their vehicle and its passengers are not covered by the club insurance.
- 3.2 An Incident Report must be completed as soon as practicable for any situation that is regarded as an "Incident" under the direction of the Trip Leader or club official.
- 3.3 Participating members, non-members and visitors on Club outings shall at all times conduct themselves and drive their vehicle in a manner befitting the dignity and good name of the club.
- 3.4 The A.N.F.W.D.C. Code of Ethics will be followed on all Club outings.
- 3.5 The Trip Leader in consultation with the Trip Committee is responsible for rating Club 4WD outings in one or more of the designated categories. The rating system is an anticipated guide only of what may be expected on a Club 4WD outing and is the personal opinion and judgement of the Trip Leader at the time of the Reconnaissance. Participation in a 4WD outing or attempt at negotiation of any "4WD Obstacle" is entirely at the discretion and judgement of each individual driver. The designated categories are 1 to 5. (See Trip Gradings on page 3 of the by-laws)
- 3.6 Members and non-members are responsible for ensuring that their 4WD vehicle is registered, and is maintained in a sound condition at all times on Club outings. Should a vehicles roadworthiness be in doubt by the majority of financial members present on a trip departure, the vehicle in question may be excluded from the trip. Acceptance of a vehicle on a Club Outing does not negate the driver of the vehicle from sole responsibility for the vehicle's condition. The Club reserves the right to demand a certificate of roadworthiness from an authorised Inspection Station, at the member's expense.

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- 3.7 Members and non-members are responsible for ensuring they have all their required provisions and that their vehicle's fuel tank is full, immediately prior to the departure time of a club outing.
- 3.8 Members are responsible for ensuring that their 4WD vehicle is carrying minimum recovery gear on Club outings. Minimum recovery gear on Club trips is deemed to consist of the following:
- Snatch strip of suitable capacity
  - Shovel
  - Front and rear tow points fitted to the vehicle
  - First Aid Kit
  - Two (2) rated shackles (D or Bow type) rated appropriately to your vehicle
- 3.9 No unofficial competitions or display or "Four Wheel Driving" shall take place during Club outings.
- 3.10 Prior to entering private property, the Trip Committee must obtain permission from the owners, and for Crown Land, obtain and comply with the required permits.
- 3.11 Tracks and roads must not be deviated from. Unless totally unavoidable, and then only with the Trip Leader's permission. Any damage caused to tracks and roads will be repaired where required and/or where practicable.
- 3.12 Members and non-members will not give 4WD property access information to any person who is not a member of the Club. Upon revisiting any property, individuals should seek permission from the club trips committee, and advise the property owner that they are not on a club trip.
- 3.13 Convoy Procedures are to be adhered to at all times from the point of departure of all Trips unless advised otherwise by the Trip Leader.
- 3.14 Where a Club trip exceeds ten (10) or more vehicles a "Trip Assistant" may be nominated to travel and remain in the middle of the convoy at all times.
- 3.15 All vehicles participating in Club activities not already in the register must be inspected and such inspection will be noted in the "Register of Vehicle" inspection booklet for Tow points and recovery equipment.
- 3.16 All club Members/Non Members and Visitors intending to participate in a Club trip/outing are expected to be at the designated meeting place 30 minutes prior to the announced departure time. Members/Non Members, if necessary may join convoy at a predetermined point as arranged with the trip leader. (it is advisable to confirm the point of interception with the convoy within 24 hours of the trip departure yourself).
- 3.17 The Trip Leader's instructions will not be deviated from except in the case of discussion by all members on the trip, and a majority vote on the proposed deviation by those members present.
- 3.18 Bushfire regulations shall be obeyed at all times.
- 3.19 Club members will have preference on all limited vehicle activities. 2 Positions should be allocated for non-members per trip.
- 3.20 Fauna and Flora will not be disturbed. Fishing is accepted where legal.

**4 GENERAL**

- 4.1 Dogs are not allowed on club organised trips.
- 4.2 Porta Potties or portable toilets are recommended and for particular trips may be required at the Trip Leaders discretion.
- 4.3 Camp and billy fires must be made safe before being left unattended and must be totally extinguished before breaking camp. Do not bury fires.
- 4.4 Before breaking camp, members and non-members will ensure that the campsite is left clean and free of litter and that all rubbish is disposed of at an approved dumpsite.
- 4.5 The Road Transport Rules and the Traffic Act and Regulations must be adhered to at all times.
- 4.6 The use of generators is permitted with consideration for members and non-members.
- 4.7 Illegal drugs are not permitted on Club outings and drunken behaviour will not be tolerated.
- 4.8 Firearms and weapons are not to be carried on all club trips.