



*ACT JeepTrAction Newsletter  
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Postman's track campsite



## Presidents note...



Hi Jeeples, As we get ready to head off to another Camp Coffs at Easter time again this year there has been so much to reflect on that has happened in the last month or so. So here goes...

We started off the year with a great club social night out at the Bilski's residence. It was great to see so many club members turn out as well, with close to 30 people in attendance, all enjoying catching up & connecting with everyone. The club provided all the food & drink on the night which went down like a treat. The next one of these nights will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April at the Newman's residence. Make sure you look out for the Facebook event invite.

Troy & Laura Rollan lead a club trip on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> of February down into the South East National Park area via Candello, taking in the Postman's Track & we have some more info about this trip later on in the newsletter from Antoinette Karsten plus we are looking forward to Troy's trip report as well.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome too all of our new members which include Hermon & Antoinette Karsten, David Watson, Giles Venske & partner Amy, Aaron & Marianna Sheahan, Pym & Amy Prescott. Welcome too all & we hope to see you on the trails soon.

We also had our Club AGM & Awards night of which there is a full report of the awards following this page, but I would like to thank all those involved in the committee for their efforts & achievements in 2015, in particular our retiring volunteers Mandy Wade, as Secretary & Gavin Bartell as our PR Officer & Trips Coordinator. At the same time I would like to welcome in the new committee for 2016 which is as follows:-

- President - Paul Simmons
- Vice President - Louise Macdonald
- Treasurer - Paul Hannelly
- Secretary- Clare Newman
- PR Officer - Peter Little
- Trips Co-ordinator – Marek Bilski
- NSW & ACT 4WD Assoc. Rep - Troy Rollan
- Sergeant of Arms – PJ Blayney
- Web Master - Alan Macdonald

We have included a new light-hearted position this year which is the "Sergeant of Arms" role, of which PJ has agreed to task. As mentioned this is a light-hearted role where members may be fined throughout the year for various achievements/misdemeanors on or off the trails. For instance turning up to a club event, social, trip or meeting without some form of Jeep clothing

on, needing to be recovered on the trails, missing an important club event or just doing something stupid. All fines will be issued at our club meetings by our SOA & will be capped at \$1. All proceeds raised throughout the year will go towards our club xmas party event so that all members can enjoy the fruit of their efforts throughout the year.

Following our AGM we also had our awards night, This year all of our award winners received a club Jeep trophy, a \$50 Gift Voucher from Supercheap Auto & special map pack from Hema Maps. The list of awards for 2015 are as follows:-

- 2015 Club Person of the Year - Paul Simmons
- 2015 Best Trip/Event Leader - Troy Rollan
- 2015 Multi-Media Post of the Year - Marek Bilski
- 2015 Recovery Award - Andrew Slattery
- 2015 Recovery Award - Troy Rollan
- 2015 Recovery Award - Alan Adams
- 2015 Recovery Award - Maree Bartell



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Supercheap Auto & Hema Maps for the support of our club awards nite this year, the map packs & gift vouchers were a welcomed addition to our awards & I have no doubt that will all be all put to good use by our award winners.

There's plenty of activities, events, meetings, trips & socials happening throughout the year so make sure you stay up-to-date with all that's happening. I'm also pleased to announce that we have RFI Antenna's in conjunction with Watts Communications coming along to our August meeting to do a presentation & they will have a whole heap of goodies to giveaway. Regards Paul Simmons.



## Postman's Track - Club trip 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February

### River crossings, butterflies & mountain huts

by Antoinette Karsten

We did our first outing with the ACT Jeep club the other day. We had decided not to camp at Six Mile Creek with the rest of the group, but after getting acquainted with the guys and seeing the lovely campsite, we would have liked to stay a week! I loved the massive trees, ferns, soft grass tufts and background music of water from the nearby stream, but the leeches were on to me, which I was much less enthusiastic about. After crossing a river, negotiating multiple creeks and a network of roads beckoning us to come back, a bridge presented the convoy with an interesting photo opportunity, so we lined up the Jeeps for all round pic taking. Coming to think of it, it's a good thing that bridge was able to stand the weight of six 4x4's... A magnitude of butterflies, some wallabies and a roller-coaster ride through the forest later, we reached the pretty Alexander's hut hideaway. It was good to see the impressive group action by the boys in a constant drizzle to get Andrew back on the road, because we may well be needing it next. We spotted a few good swimming holes for future trips on warmer days. There was a variety of wild mushrooms and other interesting fungi to be found, and the intoxicating smell of wet eucalypt leaves often combined with a mysterious mist to make the forest even more beautiful. We enjoyed the company and although we were stunned to learn that coffee will not be served in bed on camp mornings, we are really happy that we joined the club!











# 2015 Club Award Winners



## 2015 Recovery Awards

This Recovery award is awarded to  
**Andrew Slattery**  
in recognition of needing to be  
recovered not once, but twice from that same  
Bloody Bungendore Bog Hole!



## 2015 Recovery Awards

This Recovery award is awarded to  
**Troy Rollan**  
in recognition of Troy's epic diff fail at his first Camp  
Coffs & having to be recovered by 2 other Jeeps & then  
rebuild his diff at the Bowen Ranch & then making it into  
JAM in the "Out in the Shed" section.

### CAMP COFFS REPAIRS

The Wrangler had a rear differential  
internal bearing which forced a broken  
part out through the housing. The front  
subframe was also twisted and broken. A  
second hand diff was sourced from a fellow  
Jeepster at Camp Coffs. The diff was picked  
up and delivered to the Jeep Action shed  
where it was changed over by the owner  
then driven back to the ACT.



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SHAFT



## 2015 Recovery Awards

This Recovery award is awarded to  
**Alan Adams**  
in recognition of being the Jambo Rookie!



## 2015 Recovery Awards

This Recovery award is awarded to  
**Maree Bartell**  
in recognition of not making it out of the campsite at  
Jambo!



## 2015 Multimedia Posting

The Multimedia posting of the year award is awarded to

**Marek Bilski**

In recognition of gracing the front cover of JAM!



## 2015 Event/Trip Leader

The Event/trip Leader of the year award is awarded to

**Troy Rollan**

In recognition of leading multiple club trips & organising a joint Club trip with ACTATC.



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## 2015 Club Person

The Club Person of the year award is awarded to

**Paul Simmons**

In recognition of all his work as President.



# SEVEN NEW JEEP CONCEPT 4X4S

Article taken from PAT CALLINAN'S 4X4 ADVENTURES NEWSLETTER



**Jeep Crew Chief 715 Concept.** Jeep take their heritage very seriously, probably more seriously than any other 4X4 manufacturer out there. This big unit is a big shout-out to that heritage, modeled off the military workhorse Kaiser 715. Visual cues to this old model abound, with bar tread tyres and that Jeep Gladiator front end. Underneath is Jeep Wrangler running gear, so maybe this is a bit of a taste of what Jeep's dual-cab ute could look



**Jeep Shortcut Concept.** Showing how much has changed over the years, and how little has changed over the years, Jeep's Shortcut harks back to the current JK's granddaddy, the CJ-5. CJ stands for Civilian Jeep, essentially demilitarised and sold to the public as a no-nonsense, capable and cheap 4X4. Have a go at those plaid seats, hey? Awesome.



**Jeep Renegade Commander.** Ever thought of doing a ute chop on Jeep's smallest car? No, no, we haven't either. Whether you asked for it or not, here it is, in all of its glory. It doesn't make a tonne of sense, but it does show that Jeep designers do have utes on the mind. It's been toughened up with a lift and variety of bolt-on kit from the Mopar catalogue, & has been given a bit of a military look. Why? Because who doesn't like a bit of Desert Sand, here & there. Oh, sorry. Jeep called this colour 'Beige Against the Machine'.



**Jeep FC 150 Heritage Vehicle.** Personally, I think this is my favourite. It's one of those designs that shouldn't really make sense, but is still great. It's not a concept, rather a 1960 model FC150 (Forward Control) that has been modified under the skin for better driveline and diffs. Once again, Jeep is pushing the utility heritage hard this year, I think smoothing the road for a Wrangler-based ute release.



**Jeep Trailcat Concept.** Here's where they really let the cat out of the bag, please excuse the pun. Trailcat refers to the Straight-Outta-The-Fiery-Pits -Of-Hell powerplant: Chrysler's ridiculous Hellcat V8. It's a 6.2 litre supercharged Hemi, spitting out 527 crazy, crazy kilowatts. If you want to see this motor in action, google 'Hellcat'. If that's not enough, 39.5 inch tyres are used, and the roof is chopped. And the paint is, well, a bit of a shame.



**Jeep Trailstorm Concept.** A bit of an 'overland' tourer, under the Minecraft-inspired paintwork sits the Pentastar V6, upgraded diffs front and rear, and extra room for fuel and supplies. Interestingly, the interior of the Trailstorm has been finished off in bedliner, allowing for a full hose-out after a day of fun.



**Jeep Renegade Commander Concept.** This unit shows just how tough a Jeep Renegade can get, without going to the extremes of a ute chop. A 2" lift and bigger rubber compliments another long list of bolt-on Mopar goodies. Like the factory models, this Renegade unit runs a 9-speed automatic gearbox, with special electrictrickery to help with off-road driving. Is it any good? We aren't sure yet, but are planning to find out.

### Upcoming Events:-

9<sup>th</sup> April — **Club Sponsor Event** - "Show n Shine", BBQ , Prizes - Rolfe Jeep

11<sup>th</sup> April — **Club Social BBQ** – Newman's Residence – 6pm

7<sup>th</sup> May — **Club Recovery Training Day.** Bungendore Shwgrds/Sand Mines

9<sup>th</sup> May — **General Club meeting** - Eastlake club. (7pm - Oxley St, Manuka).



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