



Australian Recreational Motorists Association

ARMA Delegates Meeting Minutes

Date: 18th of May 2022

Chairman/President opens the meeting at 7:15pm AEST and 5:15pm AWST.

Meeting Chair: Bruce Fenwick.

Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Bruce Fenwick, Geoff Couper, Malcolm Harrison, Peter Cole, Michael Lake, Roger Sheath, Ray Mackaway, Paul Ryan, Jeff Trewick, Mark Cowling.

Quorum achieved: Yes.

Apologies: Richard Cooper, Tony Collins, Bruce Brinkley, Alan Brown, Shane Rose, Dean Plumridge.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

16th of April 2022

Accepted as tabled

Moved: Geoff Couper

Seconded: Peter Cole

Carried: Unanimously

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence

As per the presented statement. Inwards received and outwards endorsed.

Moved: Geoff Couper

Seconded: Malcolm Harrison

Carried: Unanimously

Business Arising: Nil

Treasurer's Report

As per attached report

Moved: Peter Cole

Seconded: Michael Lake

Carried: Unanimously

Financial report sent to delegates.

Business Arising: Nil



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Insurance Products Portfolio:

Tony Collins

MJOC (Peter Fleming) meeting with ARMA on Wednesday the 25th of May.

Meeting related to a MJOC review process which includes insurance queries but not limited to insurance.

MJOC have requested ARMA to qualify ARMA's insurance component which is purely due diligence.

Bruce Fenwick: So, with ARMA's Constitution, previously, we were allowed an organisation to be insured under an entity.

MJOC were insured via the Victorian Association and they still desired to be affiliated with ARMA to have a foot in both organisations so they could have a say in what was going on in each body and ARMA welcomed MJOC to the table at that stage because we appreciate the input from Victoria.

And I think that's what Peter wants to talk to ARMA about next week about the insurance so Peter can go back to his members and say, you can have your insurance from Victorian Association, you can have your insurance from ARMA.

And I think it's also to discuss whether they're going to be affiliated with both bodies again, moving forward.

We'll certainly have that discussion and will welcome MJOC and Peter.

ARMA will give MJOC our new members fee structure and then support whatever decision they make, affiliated or not affiliated with ARMA

We'll have a beer with them or a cup of tea anytime we catch up with them on the track.

So, we're there to work with them.

Ray Mackaway queried consolidated membership fee, if in fact MJOC will be paying two lots of insurances. Bruce Fenwick replied with, that will be determined at the meeting on the 25th of May.

A recent insurance claim was discussed, the claim was successful against a winching exercise on an official club trip. Payouts were handled several times over a period of time including medical.

Tony Collins, Bruce Fenwick, and Geoff Couper to sit in with the President of MJOC, Peter Fleming in a ZOOM meeting, Geoff Couper to setup the ZOOM meeting.

Vehicle Standards Portfolio:

Miles Brennan

Two interested ARMA members to join Miles to create a subcommittee for the vehicle standards portfolio.

It is ARMA's intention to have each State and Territory represented across Australia to work on the vehicle standards portfolio.

Secretary to set up a ZOOM meeting with Miles Brennan (QLD), Michael Lake (WA) and someone from MCC (NSW).



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Volunteer Projects Portfolio:

Bruce Brinkley (Geoff Couper in Bruce's absence)

Geoff Couper – 14th of May 2022 the Wilbinga Conservation Park (WA) - 100+ Volunteers, approximately 70 vehicles, some with trailers, 3 to 4 tonnes of rubbish extracted, heap of glass and cans picked up.

Several wrecked vehicles removed out of Wilbinga by West Coast 4x4 Recoveries with their Unimog.

The event was dedicated to a community effort so all in sundry were invited to help, and they did. Clubs with the WA 4wd Association attended, Track Care WA was represented, two 4wd training organisations helped, Ultimate 4wd Training and Eureka 4wd Training, social media 4wd groups again, very well represented and of course, the 4wd club of WA.

Lunchtime BBQ at the Wilbinga Shacks with Parks and Wildlife Services in attendance.

Post event procedures in play after the event as over 600 volunteer hours needs to be registered with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

The volunteer hours equate to State Government funding for Wilbinga's management.

It was very pleasing to see everyone pitching in to help.

Here are a few photos of the event.

<http://www.wilbingashackscrew.com.au/2022-cleanup>

Volunteer efforts coming up to place in club calendars.

Fraser Island Clean-up 20th to the 23rd of May - annual beach clean-up 4WD Qld.

Mundaring Powerline Track (WA) – 10th of September 2022

Land Management Portfolio:

Malcolm Harrison

Western Australia - Nannarup Beach, Harvey Dam, White Hills Beach, not much more can be done for these past issues.

Julimar Forest, waiting for the outcome of the federal elections.

Moving forward with the Julimar State Forest, WA Chapter of ARMA to try and engage with Chalice Mining to get an understanding of long-term development of the Forest with regards to mining activities.

New South Wales: South Ballina Beach was badly affected by the recent rains. People living on the banks of the river lost everything. The council has been mopping up so any sealing with South Ballina Beach access is now on the back burner with the working group and the council.

NSW – Garden of Stone National Park on the 6th of May, the NSW Parks and Wildlife released their draft management plan to the public for comment. Public comments been to be submitted by the 6th of June 2022.

What Parks and Wildlife are asking is public comment to be forwarded to Parks and Wildlife by recognised key stakeholders (Peak Bodies) and a unified front rather than all the individual motorised recreations clubs and groups engaging by their 100's, this will only slow down any progress with too



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many voices all at once as what has been suggested by the NSW State Association, encouraging everyone to forward public comment as suggested in the recent NSW State 4wd Associations Newsletter.

Malcolm Harrison as ARMA Land Manager plans to digest, understand, the Garden of Stone Management Plan in its entirety to identify specific areas that ARMA needs to comment on, then to draft some submissions for consideration of Ray Mackaway, Bruce Fenwick, and Roger Sheath with their intimate knowledge of the Garden of Stones in NSW.

Malcolm Harrison will seek further input and then package the submission from ARMA on behalf of its members and representative of ALL motorised recreation then send the submission off to Parks and Wildlife.

Malcolm reiterates that too many individual submissions will not be as effective as a submission from a key stakeholder, a peak body.

What's the point of being a part of the greater good if the greater good does not represent its members in these public comment submissions?!

General discussion continues among the members about the management plan for the Garden of Stones National Park.

Back to Western Australia: Turquoise Coast and NRM (National Resource Management - <https://nrmregionsaustralia.com.au>) funding application submitted by Michael Payne of Lotteries West (Geraldton), a member of ARMA being the Wilbinga Shacks Crew is on that Turquoise Coast working group. More information to come if the application for funding is successful.

Membership Portfolio:

Roger Sheath

Membership subcommittee of Roger Sheath, Peter Cole, Paul Ryan and Geoff Couper now well established.

Roger Sheath and Peter Cole worked on a mail out on the 19th of May to potential new clubs to join ARMA.

202 clubs approached with Paul setting up a Mail Chimp effort as a mail out to these clubs.

All Terrain ACT application for membership is currently being processed and very likely to join ARMA. The club membership is between 60 to 70 members.

From the Chair Bruce Fenwick.

I think the ACT club if nothing else has highlighted the fact that honestly, the majority of 4wd clubs these days don't really care what the Association's doing for them.

If the club was surviving on its own merits, when clubs are doing their own thing and they're looking after their own members, they're running their own events and they're healthy and really don't turn up to their State Association meetings which for the last two years have been null and void because of COVID, then the difference between an Association membership at (approximated figures) \$25 per head to what is it \$9.30 per head? That is a dramatic saving!



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As you just said Roger, even on a 70-member club, that's 700 bucks or more a year that can be spent of the club's membership forward to the clubs' own projects and events in benefit of their members.

So, a lot of the smaller clubs are genuinely looking at it and saying, we'd rather have that \$700.00 in our bank, we'll just happily do our own thing. I think that's a little bit of a highlight.

We'll see, as I said earlier on, all we can do is tell them how we can help them and how we can support them and move forward.

In conclusion, ARMA is all about supporting its members, not so much ARMA's members having to support the management of ARMA.

Roger Sheath call out to ALL ARMA members, can we please, please get the membership numbers of the clubs for insurance purposes well before the 30th of June at 5:00pm.

I NEED to know the club's member numbers from the 31st of March.

Website IT

Paul Ryan

Asked is there any follow up with the passwords Spreadsheet from Miles Brennan.
Short answer, yes!

General Business:

All

For the delegates do not present at the last Delegates meeting in April, Miles Brennan stepped down from the Management Committee, but he will remain on with the subcommittee of the vehicles modifications portfolio to assist where he can as Miles passion is still with vehicle modifications.

Miles also steps down from 4wd QLD due to ill health.

Chair became vacant at the March management meeting with Bruce Fenwick replacing Miles Brennan as President to ARMA.

Vice Chair is now a vacant position – nominations for Vice Chair have been sent out to the members via the Secretary.

Garry Doyle resigned from the committee as he has plans to travel and he can't now get to meetings when occasionally travelling remote around Australia. The lead position of Ministerial Advisory Committee becomes vacant. The Ministerial Advisory is not a crucial role to fill, so no need to fill this position as a matter of urgency.

ARMA structure to refer to...

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/smpnkn1of6ehxjrj2bp1c1/ARMA-Structure-2022.pptx?dl=0&rlkey=tl26pkv1n4j53obabnhzgvb2r>

Mark Cowling asks what it entails to be Vice Chair, Bruce forwards a brief outline of what is mentioned already in ARMA's constitution...

<https://www.arma.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Constitution-of-Australian-Recreational-Motorists-Association-Inc-December-2019.pdf>



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General discussions about associations executive, management committee positions from different clubs and how it all works.

Jeff Trenwick mentions that his club he is President of, the Isuzu 4wd club of WA <https://www.isuzu4x4clubwa.com.au> is working its way to becoming Isuzu 4wd national, hence being a member of ARMA for ARMA to assist where possible in their pathway to become a recognised national entity.

Isuzu 4wd club of WA has already achieved regional chapters within Western Australia which all agreed is a great and worthy effort.

Three Sydney based 4wd clubs to assist in the National 4wd Show schedule for July in Sydney in the Sydney Show Grounds.

Bruce Fenwick has been very busy getting invited to a couple of NSW 4wd clubs to get them engaged with ARMA at the coming National 4wd Show in Sydney.

Numerous meetings with the event organiser Jon Perry with Bruce Fenwick to the lead up of the show.

The contact Jon Perry was introduced by Shane Rose to Bruce Fenwick as the QLD State Association already has a healthy relationship with the organisers of <https://4x4show.com.au/sydney>.

This National 4wd Show is also run in Melbourne and of course Brisbane with hopes to extend to Perth and Adelaide.

What is ARMA doing at this show...

7 areas

- Coin donations.
- Marshal the test track proving group vehicle manufactures. Mad Matt to compare.
- Garage talk... 2 o'clock segment of 30 minutes.
- Bush mechanics stand.
- Two show and shine day, run by 4wd show 24/7.
- ARMA in conjunction with Superior Engineering \$2500.00 up for a prize / raffle.
- ARMA broker – insurance.

Mark Cowling asks if ARMA is running the 4wd Show, Bruce Fenwick replies that ARMA is merely a co-sponsor of the show so there are no liability issues and there is no direct financial gain to ARMA. '

The only outlay is the cost of ARMA marketing materials at the show.

Mark asks if ARMA has spoken to NSW Toyota Land Cruiser Club (TLCCNSW), Bruce Fenwick replies that he has reached out to NSW Toyota Land Cruiser Club and mentions it was a shame that Nesta Barr was not present from TLCCWA as she could contribute on anything related to TLCC's.

Jeff Trenwick offered a space in their stand for ARMA to be present at the Perth 4wd Show.

Further discussion on Premier events that run the Perth 4wd Show and how they could work in with ARMA and



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ARMA work in with Premiere events - <https://perth.4wdshow.com.au>.

Premier Events also run 4wd shows and caravan, camping stuff in Sydney, Adelaide and of course Perth.

Dates:

- <https://sydney.4wdshow.com.au> – 9 to the 11th of September.
- **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** – 22nd to the 24th of October 2022.
- <https://perth.4wdshow.com.au> – 5 to the 7th of November 2022.

General discussions continue about the 4wd/caravan/camping/boating shows across Australia among the management and delegates.

Drawing to the end of general business Bruce Fenwick gives a brief overview of who the management committee are and what they do within their adopted portfolios to Mark Cowling.

Mark Cowling suggests maybe ARMA could be approaching some of the other motorised recreational enthusiasts as well as not just limited to 4wd drivers, motorbikes, quads and so on.

There seems to be a monopoly of 4wd drivers represented with ARMA presently.

Bruce contributes that many of ARMA members have their foot in many other outdoor recreational interests, even around the ARMA delegates table, many have caravans, camper trailers, some ride motorbikes.

So, there is a unilateral effort from ARMA to represent ALL motorised recreational enthusiasts, not just 4wding.

By representing all the interests of motorised recreational nationally as a peak body of peak bodies will give a larger, healthier representation when working with local, state, and national government at all levels / divisions be it vehicle modifications or land access for legitimate outdoor recreational activities.

More and more healthy discussion between the delegates on the way forward.

On closing Ray Mackaway shared his experience on a 4wd Jamboree stating the event was brilliant. This jamboree being held – NSW.ACT some time ago before COVID.

A lot of 4wd clubs came and everyone had a fantastic time, all clubs got the opportunity to mingle, share ideas at the grass roots level.

Unfortunately, with all the things that have happened with NSW/ACT State Association, it hasn't been altogether good of recent times and could negatively impact on future efforts of such events as the 4wd jamboree.

All agreed that somehow, someday, we need to get back to everyone enjoying their chosen legitimate outdoor motorised recreation in a responsible manner.

All at the table agreed that it is so, so important that everyone, EVERYONE plays their part to work together amicably, recognise what everyone is doing out there, respect it and support it.



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Great discussions on who is doing what trips and events, even stuff about delegates vehicles among the delegates. AWESOME meeting achieved this evening.

From the Secretary to the delegates, thank you for your attendance tonight right across Australia.

Meeting closed at: 7:50pm AWST and 9:50pm AEST.

Next delegates meeting: Wednesday the 15th of June 2022.

Start times (Daylight saving has ended for some States and Territories).

•	Adelaide	6:30pm	ACDT	UCT + 9:30
•	Brisbane	7:00pm	AEST	UCT + 10
•	Canberra	7:00pm	AEDT	UCT + 10
•	Darwin	6:30pm	ACST	UCT + 9:30
•	Hobart	7:00pm	AEDT	UCT + 10
•	Melbourne	7:00pm	AEDT	UCT + 10
•	Perth	5:00pm	AWST	UCT + 8
•	Sydney	7:00pm	AEDT	UCT + 10

ACDT	Australian Central Daylight Time
AEST	Australian Eastern Standard Time
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ACST	Australian Central Standard Time
AWST	Australian Western Standard Time

Meeting Chair: Bruce Fenwick

Signed:



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