



Australian Recreational Motorists Association

ARMA Delegates Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 28th July 2021

Chairman declares a quorum present and opens the meeting at: **08:04PM (Brisbane / AEST)**

Meeting Chair: Miles Brennan

Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Derek Mikolaj, Bruce Fenwick, Marcel Gomperts (Eureka VIC), Alan Brown (Perth 4WD), Miles Brennan, Bruce Brinkley, Peter (Mitsubishi WA), Nesta Barr (TLCC WA), Ray Mackaway (SD 4x4), Brian (AWDC), Geoff Couper (All Tracks WA), Malcolm Harrison, Guy Camilleri (QLD Nissan Patrol),

Apologies: Tony Collins, Garry Doyle, Jarrod Davies, Michael Elliott, Shane Rose

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

16th June 2021

Accepted as tabled

Moved: Derek Mikolaj

Seconded: Bruce Fenwick

Business Arising: NIL

Carried Unanimously

Correspondence

Shane Rose

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

Moved: Derek Mikolaj

Seconded: Bruce Brinkley

Business Arising:

Carried Unanimously

Noteworthy: Tasmanian Shadow Minister for Transport Meeting Request with ARMA

- They want to setup a formal arrangement to provide guidance, etc.

Treasurer's Report

Derek Mikolaj

As per the report

Moved:

Seconded:

Business Arising:

- Holding off on moving the Income & Expenses report until quotations are done & finances are reviewed – Want to try & get this done before the next delegates meeting



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Merchandise:

Bruce Fenwick / Craig Upton

Stickers have arrived – Will start getting these out to members this week & next week – These will be posted to the nominated address to clubs

- Harold (AWDC) asked if there are any benefits to members for having stickers on their vehicles
 - o Not at this point in time, it's just a badge to have on your vehicle

The new merchandise kit will be available on the website – Currently being produced – If members want cloth badges on their jackets/jumpers or anything, they will be available on the website

Craig will accumulate orders once a month, then review & send them off

First point of call will be to ensure numbers & delivery addresses are correct

Arrangement currently being looked into to bring down risk & exposure (particularly capital exposure) is bringing a third-party company in to manage the merchandise, carry stock, asset, liabilities

Insurance Products Portfolio:

Tony Collins

As per report.

Insurance Products Portfolio has been established to look after Insurance Requirements

- Never had access to other Insurance products, which are key to what ARMA members want/deserve
- Insurance Products Portfolio will look into the compulsory requirements to provide constitutional insurance liability & to look into other potential insurance products (i.e. 4wd vehicles, trailers/caravans, home & contents)

Expressions of interest to join the Insurance Products sub-committee are welcome

Vehicle Standards Portfolio:

Miles Brennan

Time to Align is a campaign that was started as it was understood that every single jurisdiction across Australia has different vehicle standards – Idea of the campaign is to push it & get it within the political arena, which has been very successful

- Miles was asked to join the QLD Labor Party in regards to some of the vehicle issues they had – ARMA has no affiliation with any motoring group/political party
 - o QLD Labor had their state conference about 6weeks ago – Got some significant changes put into the QLD Labor Party platform that support incorporated motoring clubs & supports modification standards
 - ESC Testing: Have been able to negotiate with the QLD Labor Party that we want to be able to come up with an alternate testing standard, which will be



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developed by ourselves, aftermarket industry & vehicle engineering industries in Australia (i.e. AAAA) – Test has to be safe, practical & affordable

Recently presented to QLD Parliament about the mismatch of vehicle modification standards – Miles brought along Superior Engineering - Presentation was video recorded & has been put on the ARMA website

Last week ARMA put in a submission to Victoria Regulations – Every 10 years the regulations in Victoria get reviewed - Victoria has released a draft vehicle regulations 2021, which ARMA made a submission to - A formal response will be made in October

Tasmanian Shadow Minister for Transport has reached out to ARMA & has requested to meet – The management committee will organise a meeting with him – Need to engage & exploit all political activities where possible – Open to discussion, feedback & guidance

Ready to move Time to Align into Western Australia as next planned activity

Volunteer Projects Portfolio: Bruce Brinkley

Within this portfolio would like to see in their own state, bring information in to show what different clubs/states do differently, to encourage others to do more

Look at increasing the visibility of ARMA & spread the name

Eureka Club VIC is running a 'clean up the bush' campaign on the 13th & 14th November, which has a lot of traction from the local community, local government & other organisations – Marcel will touch base with ARMA in the next month

Malcolm Harrison suggested an idea for each state does a clean up event each year, like what 4WD QLD does with their "Fraser Island Clean Up" event – Local clubs within the state select an iconic area in that state to do a clean-up

Identification of suitable grants for state associations/clubs - Would like to exploit grants & opportunities for members – Look into having another committee/group that looks into grants

Land Management Portfolio: Malcolm Harrison

Vision for Land Management Portfolio is to maintain the tracks that are open to keep them open – Make sure for whatever reasons, we try & stop any authorities to close the tracks down & in addition, work with landowners to open up tracks that have been closed in the past



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- Basis for the portfolio is to have a committee to look after this, however it becomes difficult when there are issues in other states & you only reside within one state – Vision is also to have a state sub-committee that is more in tune with their own state issues
- Looking at parks, forestry, councils that maintain beach access, crown lands & aboriginal land

Would like to get MOU's in place with landowners, states, national parks & state forestry – It would help if Malcolm was aware if any clubs have existing MOUs with landowners

- 4WD QLD has given Malcolm a copy of their deed of understanding with National Parks – This is something that ARMA can then replicate at a higher level

Earlier this year, South Ballina Council decided to close the South Ballina Shire beach access

- Malcolm has tried to get the beach reopened, but has been unsuccessful – He drew up a submission from the 4WDiving community & did not receive a response
- A lot of residents of Ballina have registered a Ballina Shire South Beach Users Club & have started a lobby to try & get it reopened
- Ray Mackaway (SD 4x4) said there was a petition put in with over 500 signatures – He thought this may help & will FWD to the ARMA committee

Recently Malcolm was sent a link to a news clip from GWN7 about the Mayor in Albany proposing to open up the beach to 4WD – Getting in touch with the council to see if they are willing to liaise with ARMA to put in place some beach driving codes & policies

Association Affiliation Portfolio: (Membership Officer)

Peter (Mitsubishi WA) put up his hand to be the Membership Officer for the Association Affiliation Portfolio

Ministerial Advisory Portfolio: Garry Doyle

N/A – Garry apology

Respective Club / Association Briefs: As Required

Brian (AWDC)

- Currently in lockdown, so not much to report - Doing club zoom activities to maintain club interest
- 220 memberships
- Few trips away at the moment in the Outback – They have not come back yet



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- Trying to get interclub trips going – They do a lot of club trips throughout Australia, so would be good to stop along the way & engage with other clubs

Ray Mackaway (SD 4x4)

- Club has now had their AGM & have a new committee
- Had a lot of trips planned which had to be cancelled

Nesta Barr (TLCC WA)

- All the National Toyota Landcruiser Clubs had planned to meet in Broken Hill on the 01st August to celebrate Toyota's first vehicle coming off the production line in 70yrs, which had to be cancelled – Will be doing a livestream instead

Jeff (All Tracks WA)

- Club has been very active supporting a bunch of projects in WA
- Recently had their AGM, still have the same committee
- Moving forward with Land Management in WA

Peter (Mitsubishi WA)

- In recent times, had a lot more communication with clubs like Toyota, South West, Cockburn, who are interested in joining ARMA – Want to retain close contact with these clubs
 - o Want of the results from these close contacts is between Mitsubishi & Cockburn where they are restoring wells in regional WA

Marcel Gomperts (Eureka VIC)

- Suggested that ARMA looks at putting an interclub calendar on their website where anything that is posted on that is open to other clubs
 - o There is a calendar already on the ARMA website in their hidden area, so you have to be logged in to find it – Hasn't been used yet but need to get clubs to start using it
 - o Clubs can register events through their membership login & add their events to the calendar
- Lockdowns have cancelled quite a few of their local trips
- Marcel will be catching up with Garry in the next 4wks – They are looking at heading to Googs Track in SA but will depend on restrictions
- Had a clean up event in the Wombat State Forest a couple of weeks ago – Got hit by a massive storm, where trees fell over & they ended up helping private home owners to clean up their area

General Business:

All

National Fleet Discounts have been established with Jeep, Fiat, Alfa Romeo, Mitsubishi

- Go to ARMA website to access NFD codes – Can then login & get discounts from manufacturer
- NFD still working on Isuzu, Nissan, Ford



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- Toyota does not do NFD with associations – Miles believes that they would look after Toyota clubs if they are to approach them & show their support
- Need to be Individual / Group Member for 90 days - Will require ARMA approval using the Letter of Authority form

ARMA phone number has been set up - 1300 830 260 contact number – iPhone on Boost mobile pre-paid plan – Phone has been given to the secretary's office & will be answered, otherwise will go to voicemail

HubSpot CRM for managing club and member details has been setup

Jira system has also been setup for managing all activities and tracking progress

Discord channel has been setup for providing communications between team / committee members through real-time – May progress this for portfolios, which will help with communication

Superior Engineering have picked up platinum membership

Looking at getting an ARMA brand ambassador – Miles has been chatting to Simon Christie (4WD TV), who could be a potential ambassador – He supports our political standpoint

Next representatives meeting: 18th August 2021 – 8:00PM (Brisbane) / 6:00PM (Perth)

Meeting closed at: 10:46PM (AEST)