

February Newsletter 2007



Brisbane Hinterland 4wd Tours

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Hi all

Already we are well into 2007 and things are moving along extremely fast. Sadly our Victorian High Country tour had to be cancelled due to the shocking fires that have been in the High country. Safety was a major factor as warnings were still in place about fire danger. Although the media hype had totally slowed down we were receiving daily reports from Parks Victoria and had to make the decision a few weeks prior to the trip. Along with the track closures due to the fire damage, trees over roads and still active fires. Parks are hoping to have all tracks re-opened by next season so to all those that had to forgo their trip, next year will definitely be another option.

Bob and I are already pushing well into 2007 which is going to be even bigger than last year.

Many hours/days are spent in planning to make sure that each tour has that something special, so everyone that comes along will go home with some great memories of their trip away.

Our Extended tours RED CENTRE SURVEY TOUR

We are all very excited about this trip and by having some lovely people joining us on this survey trip should see it as a great time away. This will be an insight along with a remote experience of what it is like for us to put together a tour. We meet in Charleville on the Queens Birthday weekend and will be in remote areas of the Australian red centre up to 20 days. We are nearing a full tour so if you are still contemplating it, please be quick, as we will take only a certain amount of vehicles on this trip with us.

Remember that this is a new trip in the offering and will be added to the calendar and conducted as a new tour in 2008 (but at full cost) by the sister company to Brisbane Hinterland 4wd tours being - Off Road Adventures Australia. The Red Centre, Alice Springs, Uluru, McDonald, Davenport & Harts ranges are just a few destinations on the itinerary. We plan to visit the geographic centre of Australia, Chambers pillar & the Olgas. We will use tracks less traveled such as the Sandover & Cattlewater pass.

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Along the way we will seek out Aboriginal sites, local history & property stays that may be included in the end product.

If you would like to join us on this trip we only have a couple of places left. For this recon trip we can offer an extremely reduced price. Of course we provide all the usual back up & campsite amenities ensuring your tour is hassle free, we just ask every one chips in at days end. This truly is an offer too good to let go.

NSW SAFARI

We are happy to say that the NSW 4 day Safari is confirmed to go ahead. Easter will see us once again in the New England region. What a great holiday, no setting up camp each night yet getting all that great 4wding and scenery. You think that sounds great? Well I haven't finished yet! This 4-day safari is going to be catered; breakfast and evening meals will be cooked for you each day.

We have recently tried and tested the facilities and are happy with the final product. Our aim is always to offer that little bit more of something special and this is all very exciting. We will all set up camp with tents or campervan trailers and head out from there each day. All you will need to bring is lunches for each day.

Confirmed dates are.

6-9 April, 2007 This is Easter & 22-25 September 2007

Cost is \$520 per vehicle (includes 2 persons)

AWD Courses

We have had over the past 12 months had numerous requests about AWD courses so Bob put together a specially designed course specifically for the AWD (soft roader) vehicle. We have been pleasantly surprised with the way these vehicles perform. We held our first AWD course only a few weeks ago and are very happy to say these events will now be a permanent day on our calendar. All of the drivers did exceptionally well to drive their vehicles to the best of the vehicles capabilities.



SAND Courses-INTRO Courses

These days have become very popular and since we put both the sand and the bush on the same weekend many people have been taking the opportunity to make a weekend away of it all. Our sand courses are held at Noosa north shore so we recommend they stay around the North shore on the Friday evening meeting for the course in the morning Seeing the course finishes around 1pm most choose to go for a drive up the beach for a few hours then head toward Dayboro and stay overnight at a cabin in Mt Mee area or a B&B on the outskirts for a start in the morning for the Intro course. . You require no permit for the beach. This could be a great weekend away for those that are looking for an introduction to 4wding.



Bloomfield falls

CAPE YORK EXPERIENCE

We head off to the Cape on the 16th July 2006 and already have minimum numbers confirmed on this tour. We start just north of Cairns and finish back at Cairns. We have contacts in Cooktown who Bob is busy communicating with to gain access to areas that are a bit special that not many people are aware of, so we are hoping to add these areas to our tour as well.

Cape York is a four wheel driver's paradise, with challenges such as the old Morton Telegraph line & the Frenchman's track. Swim beneath crystal clear waterfalls, go fishing for barras from Weipa and visit the infamous Palmer River Goldfields. We also visit places such as Vrilya point, Captain Billy landing, Portland roads to name a few. The beauty of sunsets over the Gulf of Carpentaria is truly a photographers delight. Commencing just north of Cairns we travel via the Bloomfield track through the world heritage listed Daintree rain forest.

Tackle the overland telegraph track. Today reminders of the hardships faced by those who worked on this line can be seen. The track along the line provides us with a challenge that continues for 2 days with numerous water crossings & plenty of opportunities to try out you 4WD skills.

GOLD COAST 4x4 & camping show

If you are heading down to the 4wd, caravan and camping show at Parklands showgrounds, Southport be sure to pop by our stand and say giddyay. We are inside the pavilion and are always happy to have a chat. Show is on the 16,17 & 18 March.

Australian X-Trail forum

Tag along tour

We recently had the pleasure (and I must say pleasure) of hosting a weekend tagalong tour for some of the People that belong to the Australian 4wd forum, Australian X Trails. Bob modified one of our tours and these cars did not question any of the terrain that Bob offered them (Well I don't think any of the drivers questioned it) We took them to some of the heights in Northern NSW as well as some of the lower areas (downhills I mean) Bob was happy to report that he completed the entire trip in high range and was particularly pleased with the performance of these extrails. The weather was nearly perfect but a storm on the way into the evenings campstop offered some slippery conditions which was a different challenge for the days end. With a touch of history throughout the mines and a bit of 4wding we think every one had a good weekend away. If you would like to view their trip report visit their forum at this link.

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Up coming events.

| MARCH | |
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| 11 | Mt Mee tag along tour (1 day) |
| 17/18 | Northern Rivers Goldfields tour (2 day) |
| 24 | Sand driving course |
| 25 | 4WD Introductory bush driving course |
| APRIL | |
| 6/9 | NSW Easter safari NEW EVENT 4 day |
| 14 | Ladies day bush driving course |
| 15 | 4WD Introductory bush driving course |
| 21/22 | Advanced driving & recovery course (2 day) |
| 28/29 | Hidden Valleys tour (2 day) |

Brisbane city ladies day

We are pleased to announce that Brisbane city has asked us to put together a ladies day for their (real adventure women program) RAW. We have put together a day set out in Gymkhana style.

This should be quite an exciting day as Bob has let me loose at the training ground with ladies in 4wd's So if you happen to know of anyone that has yet to experience life behind the wheel of a 4wd let them know what happening and perhaps can check out the RAW program with the Brisbane city. Sorry guys..... This is organized by BCC as program for adventure women.

Well, that's our news for another 2 months. Until next time.

Cheers

Bob and Marian