We did our weekly Sunday trip up to Bribie today. We normally leave home no later 7.30 am and get up to the air down car park by 8.30 and set up by the lagoon by 9 to beat the rush.

It use to be nice, but lately, I think everybody has started to get into this 4wd thing that we do. It use to be a secluded club that few people would be in and go to places like Bribie Island to get away from the rat race.

Today, I have never seen so many in-component 4wders. Screaming along the beach, valve bouncing to get accross the soft stuff.

I had to help 2 people myself. New to the game and their tires were sitting at 38psi and 44psi.

One bloke was in a series 2 Landrover V8 he had only just purchased 48hrs before. He arrived with his dog. His dog was free to run around, however, the rangers arrived. I issued him with a $800 fine for the dog and warning for no permit.

He then proceeded to valve bounce the V8 to drive off. Tires still sitting at road pressure.

I dont know if it is just me, but more and more idiots are making the rest of us look bad.

Should people have a 4wd license and some form of qualification before they can proceed off road. We do it for boats and PWC (jetski's) then why not 4wd's?

Rob
Re: Bribie Island - should 4wders need a 4wd license (p1645906)

I was on Moreton Island a few weeks back and the same on there. Came across a bloke on the main track (middle road) that runs from west to east bogged towing a camper still running road pressures.

cheers Darren

Re: Bribie Island - should 4wders need a 4wd license (p1645908)

To some degree this would be very hard to enforce, as like with boat PWC's etc if its on private property then you don't need any licence or any rego.

But I certainly think that people who can not show some type of training/qualification then the permit is priced higher. As the things you are talking about causes so much more damage.

Puff

Re: Bribie Island - should 4wders need a 4wd license (p1645928)

I reckon they could offer a discounted fee for permits if you show proof that you have done a certified and accredited 4wd course of some sort, and I don't mean those self proclaimed club courses either. They arent worth the paper they are printed on.

mean something from a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) that is recognized by the government.

Rob

Re: Bribie Island - should 4wders need a 4wd license (p1645942)

And how do you handle things like current competency or recognition of prior learning? Most of my 4WD learning was way before there was any formal training (other than maybe the military), in fact it was probably before there were even too many 4WD clubs. So I have no formal training, presumably I would have my license taken off me.

Nanny state here we come.

Bushie

Re: Bribie Island - should 4wders need a 4wd license (p1645942)
Re: Bribie Island - should 4wders need a 4wd license (p1645956)

I'm a bit like bushy... Except probably a good 30 years younger... Where I grew up there was no 4wd clubs or training organisations but we all grew up with 4wds. I may only be 24 but I grew up driving my old man's 60 series on the beach or down tracks to the local swimming holes.

Since moving to Queensland I thought I would take the opportunity for my missus to do a course provided by an RTO to get her more confident behind the wheel. She came back and said it was a waste of time and money as they taught her nothing she didn't already know.

So how do we prove our experience and ability behind the wheel? Maybe a licence but not discounts for "trained operators".

As for people who have 4wds that never see dirt. We have 3 kids they take up an entire car, no spare seats, no room in the boot because of the pram... Me and the wife both hate the look of taragos and carnivals, so if we want to have another kid or a friend/relative in the car we need a 4wd.

Why have two cars that you take offroad and don't deny that they are more susceptible to damage offroad?

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Re: Bribie Island - should 4wders need a 4wd license (p1646006)

Hey Rob I saw you today on the access track. I was heading towards the beach as you were leaving.

I fully agree with you. The last few weeks have been a bloody disgrace up there the way some drivers behave. I too go there very regularly and have noticed it getting bad. A few weeks ago the Coppers were there and the behaviour of most drivers was much better, but last Sunday and then today the idiot crew were out in force.

Speed limit on Bribie is 50 kph, yet people haul ass along the beach like their life depended on getting to the other end as fast as possible.

Some of the more stupid incidents witnessed today was a bloke in a maroon D22 doing fish tales on the access road and ending up sideways off the tracks into the scrub, and a plater in a white single cab Triton valve bouncing through the carpark on his way out. If you're reading this buddy, bloody wake up to yourself.

Then there was the usual people speeding on the beach, a ute driving up and down the beach with two girls standing on the tray, and the noobs getting bogged on the cutting due to high tyre pressure.

Unfortunately its only going to get worse coming into summer. I was just saying to my son today how much better it is in winter because not many people go then.

What's the answer? Not sure, but I'd like to see the Police on the beach way more often.

NM Pajero, Front & Rear Bars, Lokka, 2" Lift, Winch, Spots, UHF, Snorkel, 33" KM2s


Re: Bribie Island - should 4wders need a 4wd license (p1646011)

A noble idea, but any permits tend to attract small minded bureaucracy and creeping fees and restrictions. There's an awesome thread in here somewhere about all the random permits and certifications required to function at home work and play.

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Re: Bribie Island - should 4wders need a 4wd license

People are quick to whine about rules for chainsaws, gen sets places been locked up etc. Its exactly these sentiments that get legislation instated “someone should do something”, be careful what you wish for you might just get it!

[User gqjay]

Part of the furniture

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Joined: June 20th, 2007, 8:42 pm
Location: Logan/Daisy Hill

Re: Bribie Island - should 4wders need a 4wd license

If it comes to needing a extra licence to own a 4wd I reckon things have gone stupidly wrong. People who act like this on the beach also act like this on the roads. I’m a regular bribie island driver as well and you will always get these muppets no matter what island your on.

If you have a new 4x4 and you don’t know the basics of beach driving or have any common sense of offroading, keep on the bitumen. My best is that I’ve skulled drag a barina up of the shore line early one morning, with the boozed young fellas looking for the keys they lost in the sand.

Parks should put up a basic what to do 4x4 guide sign on the entries to the beaches. There are also basic tips on the Qld gov website about what to driving on sand.

[User AlphaGen]

Been here a while

Posts: 347
Joined: June 25th, 2008, 5:17 pm

Re: Bribie Island - should 4wders need a 4wd license

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I think that no matter the history of 4WDing there is always something new or better we can learn to upgrade our skills.

as with a learner driver if your parents (or similar) teach you to drive you can expect to have the same good and bad habits they do


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Avid Poster

View topic - Bribie Island - should 4wders need a 4wd license... [http://www.4wdaction.com.au/forum/viewtopic.php?f=21&t=25028] 4 of 5 22/10/12 12:26 PM
But your still assuming that everyone has access to these courses... Small towns and mining communities don't have the facilities or the resources for these courses but 4wds and 4wding are a way of life and even a necessity in these places... I'm all for a 4wd licence similar to a motorbike licence... Sit a written test complete a practical examination and bobs your uncle Janes his wife... Educated trained 4wders

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Trax Cornbeef[/quote]

Morning,
I have slept on it and I reckon I have found the solution.
A multiple choice type assessment at the local RTA/Cop shop sort of thing like your learners.
Questions regarding right of way, tire pressures, what that second gear lever is.
I reckon an assessment of say 30 questions, multiple choice, would help the uneducated too.
Just a thought.
Rob