

New 4WD codes protect environment

Brett Lynch | 22nd January 2011

RECREATIONAL four-wheel drivers are being encouraged to help protect wetlands and sandy foreshores by following a newly-launched code of practice.

The Burnett Mary Regional Group (BMRG) partnered with community four-wheel-drive groups and P7 Offroad Driver Training director Dave Darmody to provide support material for drivers and raise their awareness of their environmental footprint.

"This information is a one-stop page for drivers to consider the impact of planning their trips," Mr Darmody said.

The sandy foreshore codes include tips on planning a trip, information for driving on beaches and how to prepare a camp ground with minimal human impact.

The wetlands codes list significant behaviour changes people can make to reduce the damage to tidal areas.

BMRG business development and planning manager Sue Sargent said four-wheel drive access on foreshores posed a continual threat to wildlife and their habitats.

"We are getting the message out about how important these habitats are," she said.

"Damage to these areas takes a long time to rehabilitate."

President of the Bundaberg 4WD Club Brett Lynch has been involved in the campaign to help promote a more sustainable usage of the environment for the younger generations.

"If we don't look after the environment, our kids won't be able to when they grow up," Mr Lynch said.



OFFROAD'S Director Dave Darmody was in Bundaberg yesterday to launch the Burnett Mary Regional Group's 4WD-Offroad code of practice.

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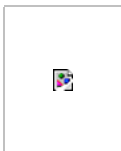
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