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Presidents report for AGM October 2015

First I would like to say that I considered it again an honour to serve as president of 4WD NT for the past year.

I wish to thank all those who have helped out in support of the operation of this association.

This association is held in high esteem as demonstrated by my invitation, as president of 4WD NT, to last year's Chief Ministers Xmas reception. I also received a VIP invitation this year's NT Ranger awards. I made useful contact with senior ranger staff here.

Relations with the NT Government & in particular Parks & Wildlife NT are now well established and considered quite favourable to all.

The MOU with P&W NT has certainly provided us with 4WD opportunities that the other Australian states and territories are quite envious of. It is most interesting to compare the situation elsewhere with other delegates during the 4WD Australia meetings I have attended.

The three year MOU with P&W NT expires next year so we have an opportunity to review our current MOU document and present to P&W any changes we may consider to be appropriate in a new document. The current document was negotiated almost entirely by me and I consider it has been highly successful in raising our profile and providing the opportunity to enhance the objects of our recreation.

The MOU and our opportunities to open up old disused 4wd tracks, and the provision of more 4wd tracks, rate considerable mention in the recently produced Mary River National Park plan and the draft Litchfield National Park plan.

John McClement has now served some time on the Kakadu Tourism Consultative Committee.

I am sure he well represents our interests here and hope that soon we may see some access gains here also.

I have attended four national meetings since the last AGM. Much of the business at these meeting revolves around access and financial issues of the states which do not affect us here. The knowledge of their successes or otherwise however may be useful in the future.

An ongoing issue which hopefully is now on its way to completion, is a more modern and friendly 4WD Australia Web site.

Issues such as vehicles being legally registered in one state, being illegal in another state are being addressed by the national body.

The Recent September meeting in Victoria gave us the opportunity to meet with Senator Ricky Muir of the Australian Motorist Enthusiasts Party. This enabled us to gain some valuable knowledge about the operation of federal parliament. Kakadu National Park is a federally managed area and Ricky could be helpful here if an issue with the park should arise.

My recent survey in the East Kimberly was a 4WD Australia Project.

They were approached by the Indigenous Land Council in Perth to survey the 4wd recreational potential of the area. A Federal Government contract was subsequently awarded of which I was the survey party leader due to my vast 4 Wheel drive experience.

My report was presented and although the ILC has verbally accepted it, the contract is still to be finalized.