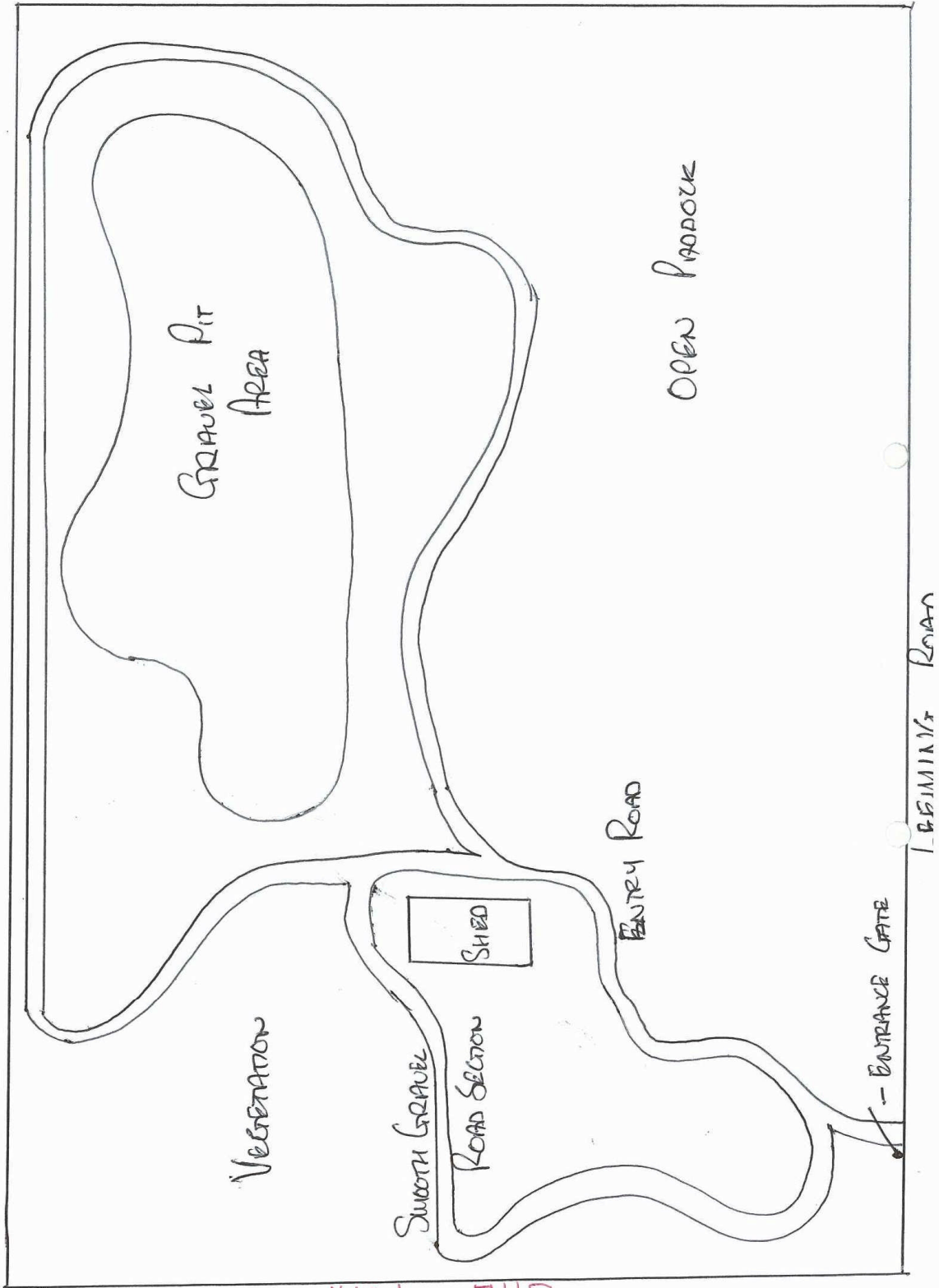


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**LETTER FROM APPLICANT**

**Jacky Jurmann**

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**From:** Mark Haybittle [mark@extremedriving.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 May 2011 8:07 PM  
**To:** Jacky Jurmann  
**Cc:** saraharmstrong78@westnet.com.au  
**Subject:** Extreme Driving.net's Advanced Drive Day Planning Application.

Dear Jacky,

I hope and trust that this evening finds you fit and well.

We have considered the concerns of Ian and Sally Hooper, as well as the concerns of others regarding the proposed use of the property located at 35, Leeming Road, Mount Hardey, W.A. 6302, and have compiled the following letter to more clearly describe our Modus Operandi within the many states of Australia that we currently operate in. We believe that the business of training members of the General Public in ways to more appropriately drive their motor vehicles can be done with great consideration to the local community, and trust that this letter shows our intent to do so.

**The question of noise control**

Ian and Sally ( Hooper ) have kindly raised the issue of noise, and we thank them for doing this so that we may illuminate Council with a little information regarding our methods of operation over the past 22 years.

Fortunately enough, all of the vehicles that Extremedriving.net use are very quiet, as they are actually fully road registered on each state of use, and as such are completely and utterly bound by the rules of the road in Western Australia in this case. The vehicle compliance for our cars is set by the Department of Transport, and the regulations for the compliance of our cars may be found at [www.transport.wa.gov.au](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au). The reason why all of our cars are Road Registered is that we currently drive our cars to and from each of our National Locations on a daily basis, as we go about delivering needy members of the public with good safe driving instruction. Our intention would therefore be to continue this good practice if we are allowed to do so within the York Shire Council Region, by again driving these Road Registered cars to and from the land at 35, Leeming Road, Mount Hardey. Driving the cars around on the roads of Perth and York means that our cars have to comply with all of the local road rules, which makes them emit exactly the same number of decibels of sound that any other motor vehicle does, or less. By way of example, a 2009 Holden Commodore SV6 emits 59-62 decibels of exhaust noise at 3000 rpm, whereas our cars, which are predominantly from the older Subaru Impreza range emit just 54-57 decibels at the higher engine speed of 4200rpm. Therefore, our cars are actually quieter by definition of their make and model, than a Holden Commodore SV6. Now, when considering the exhaust noise that is generated by much of the heavy machinery that is used upon a farm, a figure of 58-68 decibels is a far more common a reading on our sound meters, and this has come from machinery that is very similar to the Headers, Tractors and Quad Bikes that Ian and Sally, and many other farm owners use on their property during Harvest Time. With regard to noise control, we have 14 sound measuring devices within our National Organisation, and would insist on providing council with a full report of all sound create upon our land during each single day of useage, utilising one of our devices to measure the sound level created during each and every of the four ( 4 ) days that we propose to operate during each calendar year. This device will also be offered to council both before and after usage, in order that they can test the device for accuracy.

**The question of Advanced Drive Day Duration**

Ian and Sally have also kindly raised the issue of the duration of our Advanced Driving Days , with

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particular regard to how much time we are actually in operation for. In accordance with our National Operations Manual, we commence driving activity at our locations at 9.30 a.m., and we cease all driving and movement activities at 4.30 p.m. We do continue work on the property after 4.30 p.m., although this revolves around administration, as well as the cleaning up and packing away of the many aids that we use to assist in the teaching of valuable vehicle control skills. We generally operate one day at a time, although on the odd occasion, we have run 2 days back to back at some of our locations. In essence, this means that we would be in operation for four (4) days during each calendar year should Council allow us to operate within the York Shire Council region, between the hours of 9.30 a.m and 5 p.m.

#### **The question of fire protection upon rural properties**

Ian and Sally have also brought to our attention some of the activities that took place in the past, upon the property located at 35, Leeming Road, Mount Hardey, W.A. 6302. Whilst these events took place a long time ago, and whilst taking note of the fact that the past does not equal the future, we thank Ian and Sally for reminding us of what had occurred. During a period of time between 2006 and 2007 a family member by the name of Kevin ( Jim Armstrong's younger brother, and the son of James Armstrong ), attended the property at 35, Leeming Road, Mount Hardey, W.A. 6302, and when he did so he would sometimes take to driving old unregistered road cars around. He would drive cars that he had purchased from the local Trading Post Newspaper, as it was known then, when it was still in existence. Unfortunately it would seem, one of these visits to the property located at 35, Leeming Road, Mount Hardey, W.A. 6302 resulted in Kevin driving a recently purchased Holden Commodore to the point where it firstly overheated, and then caught fire due to the excessive heat of the vehicles cooling system, coupled with the combination of an extremely hot day in York. This fire of a standard road car occurred prior to 2005, and there has never ever been any such event upon the property since. Despite the fact that there have been no further such events, fire fighting apparatus was purchased immediately, and this is now permanently available at the property site. It is understood that Kevin has rarely visited the property in recent years, and that the likelihood of him doing so would be very remote. In any event, Kevin, who never has, nor never will ever have any involvement with the Extremedriving.net, is much older now, and has a far, far more responsible attitude to life.

We at Extremedriving.net have always had a very extensive list of safety measures in place, and all of these measures receive equal attention. One such measure is the control of fire, and so any activities that would take place under the control of Extremedriving.net at the property located at 35, Leeming Road, Mount Hardey, W.A. 6302 would be accompanied by a minimum number of six ( 6 ) full size industrial fire extinguishers on site, as well as the essential Water Truck that we always have in attendance at all of our days Nationwide. This Water Truck has a tank capacity of 16,500 litres, and this would be filled in the morning, and again at lunch time following usage during the morning for dust control, which is once again in accordance with our National Operations Manual. Equally well, it is also part of our National Operations Manual to have a minimum of one member of our staff in attendance at each and every one of our Advanced Driving Days that is fully trained and qualified in fire fighting. A copy of our National Operations Manual is always available to Council for it's persusal.

#### **The question of the use of Leeming Road, and our undertaking to assist Council**

Ian and Sally have also kindly echoed our thoughts regarding Leeming Road at Mount Hardey. We completely agree that this particular piece of gravel road could benefit from a more regular grading management schedule, and would only look towards the solution for this situation. Whilst it is the case that Ian and Sally regularly use Leeming Road on a daily basis, and we are only suggesting the use of our farm on 4 occasions during each calendar year, we still feel that an offer by us to provide regular grading of the road at our expense should set aside any concerns that Council may have. We are more than happy to provide grading upon Leeming Road from the junction with Quarading Road, for a distance of 3 kms, which is well past the 300 metres or so down to the front gate of the property located at 35, Leeming Road, Mount Hardey, W.A. 6302. We will be able to offer this service to Council at the same time as we have a contracted grading machine and grader driver on-site to prepare our farm roads for safe use by Advanced

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Driving Day clients.

**A Summary of the content of this letter**

We would like to say that we very much value the concerns put forwards by Ian and Sally Hooper, as well as other members of the local community in the York Shire Council region. We also wish to say that whilst may sometimes be a little resistance to change, there have been many cases in the past where change has brought great benefits to local communities. We feel that we can become a significant asset to York, and consider that by bringing people to York that would otherwise never visit this beautiful rural town, and allowing them to spend money in the township itself serves to greatly benefit the region. We also feel that be offering to assist with the grading of one of Council's roads, as well as providing a very valuable service that is safe, quiet, clean, and focusses on saving the lives of drivers young and old, we will be helping rather than hindering.

Thank you once again for all your help Jacky, and for being so informative along the ways with the steps in this process. We look forward to hearing from you soon regarding the proposals progress, and wish you a lovely evening.

Best regards,

Mark Haybittle

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