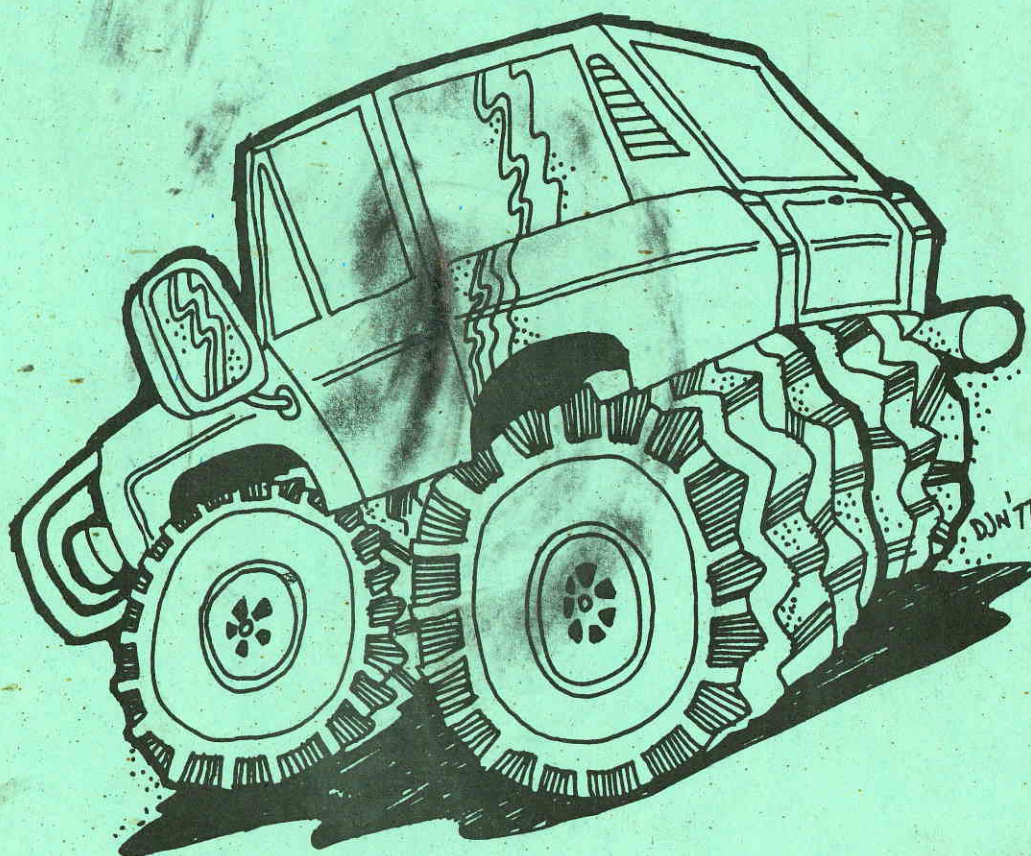


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PRESIDENTS REPORT (DECEMBER)

Surprise! You thought the last newsletter was the last one for the year - so did we. Anyway this one is the last and as such is just a little one.

Last meeting Keith Brown and Peter Rowe showed films and slides of recent trips which were well received. Thanks fellows.

Next year we have a variety of trips lined up for you all starting Australia Day Weekend with a trip to the Flats which is near Aberfeldy.

Narbethong is on again soon so if you want to go ring Steve Squires.

I'd like to welcome Andy Merlo as our new Vice President and Werner Ditterich as new Public Relations Officer.

Well I'll just wish you all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year and have a good safe holiday.

The President.



MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND
A
HAPPY
NEW YEAR



THE SOCIAL - SECTION CONNECTION

All enjoyed themselves at the film "Grease" on 17/11/78. Due to the fact that we sold 22 seats we received 2 complimentary tickets which were duly raffled and won by Steve Alder and John Brennan. We all trouped off to the "Pancake Parlour" afterwards and finished the night at about 11.30.

"Stockmans Reward" was the venue for the kids Xmas Party which was held on Sunday 3rd December.

Unfortunately, not as many members could come this year as in the last few years but we hope all who did come managed to enjoy themselves. Certainly, the spitted beef was done to a turn - beautiful - the pavlovas, cake, etc., were all up to their normal high standard, and the kids seemed to enjoy themselves, which is what its all about anyway. "Santa" was the star of the day and deserves a special vote of thanks for donning that heavy costume on such a hot day.

Talking of "Santa" , I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

PAM BRENNAN.

V.F.W.D.C. CALENDAR

DECEMBER 16th:	CLUB BREAK UP AT JOHN HANCOCKS - MT. ELIZA
DECEMBER 26th:	CLUB CHRISTMAS TRIP - LEADER MIKE BOLING.
JANUARY 27-29th:	AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND 'C' GRADE TRIP TO DONNELLYS FLAT WITH 'A' & 'B' GRADE TRIPS EVENTUATING FROM DONNELLYS.
JANUARY 30th:	MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 17-18th:	'B' GRADE TRIP TO JAMIESON AREA LEADER ANDY MERLO.
FEBRUARY 24-25th:	C.C.J.C. GET TOGETHER AT NARBETHONG.
FEBRUARY 26th:	MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 10th:	KING HUT - 'C' GRADE WITH SOME 'B' GRADE RUNS TRIP LEADER - T.B.N.
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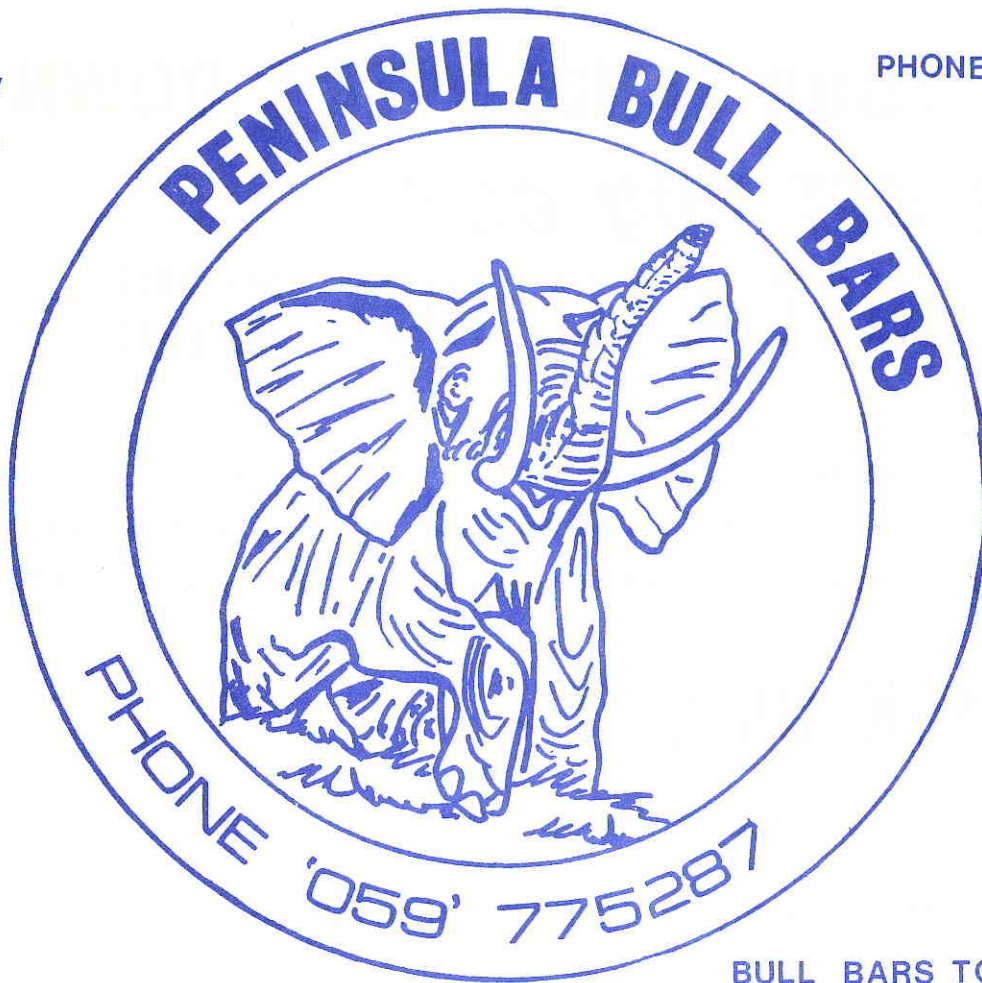
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IT'S AND BITS

SEASONS GREETINGS

Well the Christmas Holiday period is now with us, so on behalf of the Committee I would like to wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and hope to see lots of good slides and movies and also hear many a tale of new places explored on your return.

CHRISTMAS TRIP

A Christmas trip to Tamboon Inlet and surrounding area has been kindly planned by Mike Boling. Apparently there are no facilities at the camp site but there is a good flowing river and a safety beach to look after your needs. At the last meeting approx. 4 families indicated that they would be going along, and further members may also join up by being in Cann River on Boxing Day, 26th December at 3.00 pm. Congregating outside the local General Store. Duration is approx. 7-10 days. (Please contact Mike Boling via Steve Squires if you intend to go along).

WHATS ON IN THE NEW YEAR

As you can see by our Club Calendar in this issue, the Committee have endeavoured to give the members a vast range of trips in the near future. Firstly - Australia Day Weekend. Trip Leader Geoff Mann. We are to meet at the Band Rotunda in Walhalla on Saturday morning 27th January at 9.00 am. sharp. Full tanks and weekend supplies must be carried for this "C" Grade trip to Donnelly's Flat, which is approx. 1 hour drive.

February 17-18th Weekend spent in the Jamieson Kevington area, camping overnight on the Goulburn River. Trip leader Andy Merlo. Departure point and time will be announced at the January meeting, where numbers will be taken.

February 24-25th Narbethong. The 6th Annual 4 Wheel Drive get together. Run by the Cross Country Jeep Club will be held on the weekend of the 24th and 25th.

This will be held at Valley Farm at Narbethong, which is approx. 3 miles past Narbethong on the Maroondah Highway. Various trips will be run on Saturday and Sunday, as well as the Saturday night run, for the more adventurous. Also a Saturday night Barbeque and bonfire.

We require for catering and camping arrangements a list of names including children and vehicle registration numbers by the 20th of December 1978. Please contact Steve Squires. A.H. Ph. 792 3570 Work 24 0331. All persons attending must pay by January meeting. 30th January 1979. \$5.00 per head for adults, and \$1.50 per head for youngsters of school age up to 12 yrs.

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March 10th, King Hut, this trip proved so popular with the members last June that we have decided to repeat it. Again access is by two wheel drive roads and caravans are no problem. Members are required to be at the Mansfield Pub on Saturday 10th March at 9 am. sharp.

The Easter trip will be discussed further at the January and February Meetings.

TALI KHAN CLOSURE

Steve Alder has reported that this track was walked on 24th November by the Forest Commission and members of the Gippsland 4 W.D. Club who represented the Association. The outcome of their findings has yet to be disclosed.

OFF ROAD SEMINAR

The Off Road Seminar is to be held in Canberra and two members of the Cross Country Jeep Club have volunteered their services for the weeks duration. They are Tony Leicester and Peter Sherlock who is our Association President.

FANCY DRESS PHOTOS

The Pres. has requested that payments for Ball photos are due at the January meeting. While on the subject of photo's we are now planning to publish two photos a month in the Magazine, so please help in forwarding along your subjects for consideration.

NAME TAGS

We request that members each wear a suitable name tag at every meeting, so as to help others around them to get to know you.

We now have many new members in the club and a name is better to talk to than a strange face. Fines will be strictly enforced in the New Year!!

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a welcome to the following new members, John Smyth S.W.B. Toyota. Raymond & Deborah West - Nissan Ute.

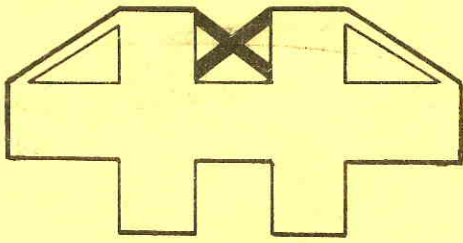
It was noted that at the last Meeting John Thom was seen driving a new vehicle.

SECRETARY'S NEW PLOY

It was noted that our Christmas Party at Stockmans Reward the Secretary's new winch was tested in recovery of Treasurer's vehicle from mud hole.

A welcome also to Andrew who has joined the Been Over Sect.

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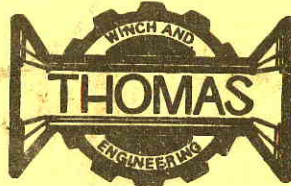
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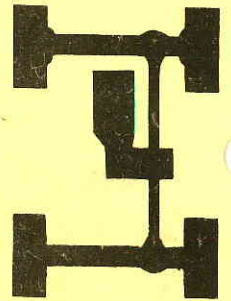
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