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MEETINGS LAST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH AT DANDENONG
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome To Our First Issue For The Year.

First Off, there is a possibility of another cricket match against the Nissan Club in the near future, (our chance to avenge the defeat they inflicted on us last year), so be prepared to give your all for the club.

Nice to see John Lake back at the club, could not make out what type of four wheel drive vehicle he's got.

Heard that two of our country members Mike and Dot Bell are coming down from Sydney for the Jeep Club's Narbethong weekend, be nice to see them there.

Phil and Debra (Alder) were married on Saturday 31st January, on behalf of the club, I would like to wish them the very best for the future and Bon Voyage for their round Australia touring. I hope they remember us with the occasional post card.

Till we meet again,
JOHN

COVER: MT. TERRIBLE TOWER CUP DAY WEEKEND WITH NISSAN CLUB.

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Half finished pack rack \$5.00

See Peter Wall 547 3991

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Lift up camper roof suit any vehicle with roof rack \$250.00 O.N.O.

Contact: Paul Taylor (547 3353) or Peter Wall (547 3991)

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5 Nissan Patrol Rims \$15.00 each

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THINGS TO COME :

Narby

The gate to the camping area will be closed at midnight on Friday 27th February, people arriving later may go down to the camping area but must return in the morning to collect meal ticket and entry sticker.

Trips :	Leaving	Returning
Saturday	9.00a.m.	4.00p.m.
Morning	10.00a.m.	4.00p.m.
	11.00a.m.	4.00p.m.
Saturday	1.00p.m.	4.00p.m.
Afternoon	1.30p.m.	4.00p.m.
	2.00p.m.	4.00p.m.
Saturday Night : Easy	8.15p.m.	Early
: Mod.	9.00p.m.	12.00p.m.
	10.00p.m.	Whenever

"Bog Ole" - Sunday 10.00a.m. - 2.00p.m.
Competition after 2.00p.m.

CLUB MEETING DANDENONG LIBRARY - 24th February.

LABOUR DAY WEEKEND - 7th, 8th, 9th March.

Venue : Nothing as yet planned, perhaps a willing member could have a suggestion at the February meeting.

SUNDAY 15th MARCH. CRICKET MATCH. 10.AM.
SUNDAY, 22nd March.

Venue : Day Trip into Bunyip and surrounding area.
Time : 8.00a.m. Dandenong Library.
Fuel : Full Tank.
Lunch : 1/2 hour break - made lunch in case T.F.B.
Grade : 'B'
Trip Leader : Brian Tuck

EASTER 17th, 18th, 19th 20th April.

At the moment Mike and Dot Bell are leading a N.S.W. club on a trip into the Cooma area. Our club has been invited to attend this trip. More details available later.

Dave Heard is going to Quambatook which is North of Sea Lake for the "Annual Tractor Pull" anyone interested should contact Dave Heard.

GIPPSLAND 4WD CLUB - 2nd and 3rd May, 1981

Venue : Annual "Go-Down" at Lardner Park, similar to activities at "Narby".

Cost : \$ 10.00 per head, under 16 free.

Details : Appear in later newslette

THINGS TO COME - Cont'd

SATURDAY - SUNDAY 9th, 10th May.

Venue : Mt. Terrible - Gaffenys Creek.
Time : 8.00a.m. - Outside Food Factory, Warburton.
Fuel : Full Tank and 40 litres.
Grade : 'A'
Trip Leader : David Heard

STAY AT WOODS POINT PUB FRIDAY NIGHT

SUNDAY 24th May.

'B' Grade - Powelltown
Trip Leader : Andy Merlo - More details later

SUNDAY 21st June.

Venue : Wilhilmina Falls.
Trip Leader : John Thom - more details later.

IN THE FUTURE

TRIPS TO	- WOODS POINT	- MOUNT TERIBBLE
	- NOOGEE	- WATERWHEEL DONNELLYS
DAY TRIP TO	WILHILMINA FALLS	- OTWAYS
	- FISHING TRIP	- BIG RIVER (Training Trip)
	- CANOE	

Also the usual rallies and navigation trials.

LAST MEETING - 27th January.

Don montague gave us a trip report on the Avon River trip. Bluey Male reported on the Admiral Ben-Bow and thanked all concerned for an excellent night. Terry Hincks reported on the Kids Party at Kirth Kiln. After the break - David Heard's film of Narby 1980 was shown and Don had a few slides from the Cape York trip. The raffle which were 2 camping chairs was won by David Heard.

Last meeting there were 32 members present.

NEXT MEETING 24th February.



Social Section Connection

Hi there,

We're starting another year and we hope you can join in the activities of the future.

We intended to have a mid year dance night at the Admiral Benbow which is to follow the same format as the Christmas Party. It seems that most people who attended the christmas do had a good time so I hope we can get some more people to come. The date should be around Saturday 4th July.

Another film night is to be organised at the Limburger Kangaroo Club on Friday 3rd April. We will try to hold the function in the same room, with bar service.

Would members who are able to bring films please contact me at the next meeting.

The fishing trip out in one of the bays is to be looked into and organised.

More information all this and more will be available next meeting any inquiries and I am on the phone.

see you at the meeting

Tom

TRACKWATCH NO 26

(News and views of the Victorian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs)

Helping ourselves and others

Two proposals have recently been suggested at Association meetings which could be of benefit to clubs and of particular value to the community in general.

The first proposal concerns the donation of blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank. The Motor Cycle Association of Victoria has issued a challenge to all organisations to better the number of donations made by members of their Association.

To date no organisation has successfully met this challenge. While there are no doubt many club members who are already regular blood donors we suggest that these members, and others make a donation together and have their clubs registered along with their names. If clubs were to get behind this campaign and had an annual donation night at the blood bank we could possibly make more donations than the Motorcycle members?

The second proposal has resulted from talks with the C.F.A. following the bushfires of Gippsland earlier this year. The idea is that interested club members offer their services to/or join the CFA as volunteers. This is particularly relevant to country clubs who are likely to have been involved in some capacity with bushfires in the past. By offering the services of several vehicles or by joining the CFA in a volunteer capacity, members are likely to be given some training and to become registered members with the benefits of vehicle insurance, etc. Many members are already involved with some branches of the emergency services and it is worthwhile in times of emergency to be able to put our vehicles and expertise to some official public use.

A list of all regional CFA offices was distributed to clubs at the November general meeting.

In either of the above two examples we can only be helping ourselves by helping others.

ITS & BITS

First of all congratulations to Kathy and Brian Tuck on the arrival of a baby boy, Lindsay Peter. Also Santa's wife is expecting in April and Sue Ditterich in July. No wonder no one goes away anymore, there must be better things to do!

Ex members of the club who wish to receive a newsletter each month can do so for a fee of \$ 3.00.
Contact secretary for details.

We have a good response to Narby so far we have 52 people attending. Mike and Dot Bell are coming from N.S.W. and are entering the Suzuki in the 'Bog Ole' competition. No more numbers can be accepted.

The mean machine of the club (Dave Heard's V' Toyo) was recently rescued by a diesel Diahatsu not many details have been released.

If any of our cricketers are still around we intend having another crack at the Nissan Club in the near future.

Radio licence fees are now due and fees are payable to the Club. See Geoff Mann for details. They have now been reduced to \$ 20.00

Australia Day Weekend lost a bit of flair when no one from the club ventured into the Aberfeldy river at Merrington's because for the first time in three years the annual club drowning never occurred.

1978	Tom Brackna
1979	Andy Merlo
1980	Geoff Mann
1981	?

Slight spelling mistake in the last newsletter caused quite a lot of interest in the Neerim "Go Down" everyone thought that it would be a value weekend. It should have been annual "Ho Down".

Avon River weekend caused a few headaches for Don - Thelma with the Landy breaking the back diff and the front universal joint inside the hub. It took 6 hours on the Sunday to winch, tow and push 12 kilometres.

Wanted : Would any member who has an old typewriter they do not want could they please lend or donate such to the committee.

TRIP CLASSIFICATIONS:

'A' Grade: Extensive use of 4WD: Tracks maybe difficult to negotiate - chains should be carried along with towing slings and anchor points: good winter tread pattern tyres are a must. Trip leader has the right to refuse a vehicle if above points are not met. Types of conditions likely to be met include: steep climbs and descents on all surfaces - rocky, muddy etc. mud & snow, deep river crossings and overgrown tracks. Max. six vehicles.

'B' Grade: Virtually same conditions as 'A' Grade but track condition is more favourable. Good tyres are a must as well as necessary recovery gear. Max 10 vehicles.

'C' Grade: Very limited use of 4WD. These trips include car rallies etc. Type of tyres doesn't matter and recovery gear not essential. No maximum number of vehicles

In all above cases vehicles should be in sound mechanical condition and carry the basic spare part requirements as listed in previous Newsletters.

THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE EXPRESS THE FACT THAT IF IN THE OPINION OF THE TRIP LEADER A VEHICLE IS NOT SUITABLE FOR A TRIP THEN THAT VEHICLE MAY BE REFUSED PERMISSION TO PARTAKE.

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