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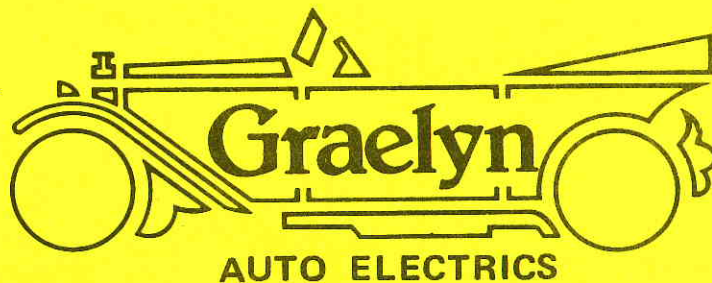
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TRIP CLASSIFICATIONS

'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 does not 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 to 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.

Newsletter items to Peter Rowe by last Tuesday in every month.

Radio Officer: Geoff Mann 233 2229

Club has one radio for hire at \$1.00 per day, or free if you are leading a trip. All enquiries must go through the officer regarding purchases, licences etc.

MEETINGS LAST TUESDAY
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JULY 1983 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Members,

As I write this report I wonder where the last twelve months have gone to.

I would like to thank firstly the Committee for the help and understanding they have given over the last twelve months, things have not always been easy.

Secondly I would like to thank all the members for their participation in the various activities we have set up over the last year.

It has been good to see so many families going on trips again as it used to be in the past.

The Committee still would like ideas from you the members as to trips you would like to do, or social nights out, etc.

We had another new member join us last month, he is Glen Rodwell - Nissan Patrol. Welcome to the Club, Glen.

The raffle last month, a camp light was won by Trevor West. Don't forget to bring all sold or unsold raffle books back by July meeting or you will miss out.

Don't forget next meeting is the Elections so it would be helpful if you attended so you can vote.

See you next meeting - 26th July.

PETER ROWE

Please remember to bring to the next meeting all sold and unsold raffle books.

SNAKE BITES

Consider ALL snakes as dangerous. Snakes are generally nocturnal, especially active on hot summer nights. At least 95% of bites occur on limbs, perhaps 75% on the lower limbs. Recent research has shown that VERY LITTLE venom reaches the blood stream if FIRM PRESSURE is applied OVER THE BITTEN AREA and the LIMB IS IMMOBOLISED. Severe envenomation only occurs in perhaps 15% of cases and death is most unusual in less than 14 hours in adults.

RATIONAL FIRST AID TO DELAY SNAKE VENOM ABSORPTION :

- 1...IMMEDIATELY apply a broad firm bandage or pantyhose around the limb and the bitten area. It should be as tight as one would bind a sprained ankle. As much of the limb should be bandaged as is possible. SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW .
- 2...Keep the limb as still as possible. Use some type of SPLINT. Mobilization only speeds up absorption of venom into blood.
- 3...Bring transport to the victim whenever possible. Rather than take the victim to the transport.
- 4...Leave the bandage and splint on until medical care is reached.
- 5...NO ALCOHOL.
- 6...DON'T WASH the bitten area. The snake may be identified by the detection of venom on the skin.
- 7...DON'T CUT OR EXCISE the bitten area.
- 8...DON'T APPLY ARTERIAL TORNIQUET.
- 9...If possible kill the snake and take it to the hospital for identification for help in administering specific anti-venom.

SPECIAL AREAS.

10...Bites to the TRUNK_ if possible apply firm bandage over the bitten area.

11...Bites to the HEAD or NECK_ usually no first aid for area.

SNAKE BITE SITE :

IT will be variable in appearance, sometimes it shows "classic" paired fang marks, but frequently will be of single or multiple, or a linear laceration. The fine sharp fangs of the Australian snakes combined with very little, if any, local reaction to the venom, often render the actual bite site very difficult to find. The bite site is often relatively painless and the bite may go unnoticed. Continued bleeding from the bite site may be a feature. Tender or painful lymph glands is a common feature and a definite indication that significant envenomation has occurred.

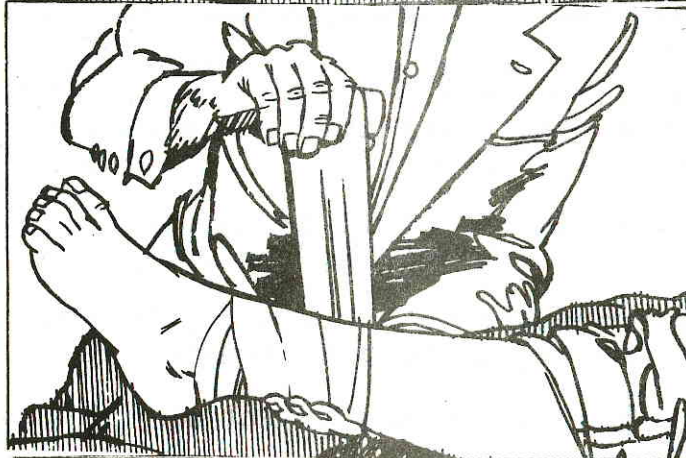
PRESSURE / IMMOBILIZATION TECHNIQUE.

The following diagrams show the recommended first aid procedure for snakebite of the lower limb.

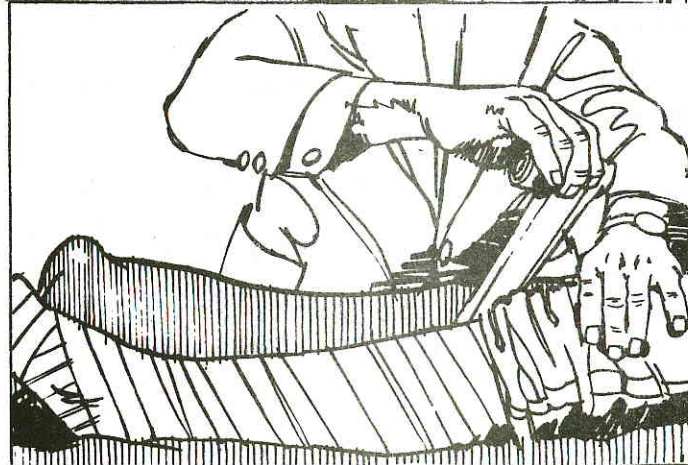
1. Apply a broad pressure bandage over the bite site as soon as possible (don't take off jeans as the movement of doing so will assist venom to enter the blood stream. Keep the bitten leg still!).



2. The bandage should be as tight as you would apply to a sprained ankle.

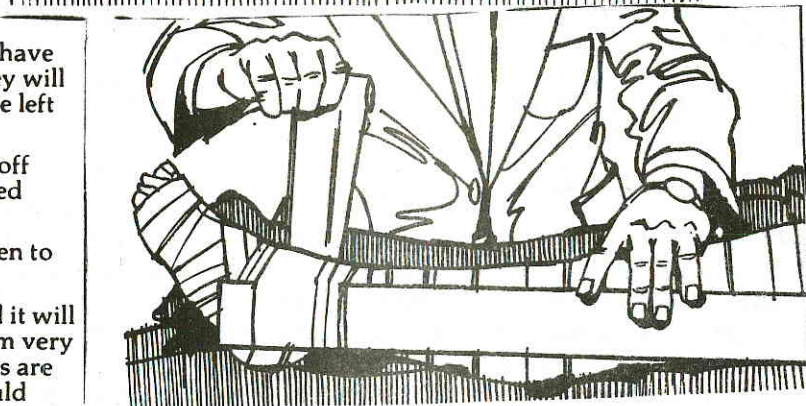


3. Extend the bandages as high as possible.



4. Apply a splint to the leg.

5. Bind it firmly to as much of the leg as possible.



If the bandages and splint have been applied correctly, they will be comfortable and may be left on for several hours.

They should not be taken off until the patient has reached medical care.

The doctor will decide when to remove the bandages.

If venom has been injected it will move into the blood stream very quickly when the bandages are removed. The doctor should leave it in position until he or she has assembled appropriate antivenom and drugs which may have to be used when the dressings and splint are removed.

THE SYDNEY FUNNEL-WEB SPIDER.

Male venom is five times stronger than the female. An aggressive spider. Often MULTIPLE BITES INFLICTED and the spider may have to be torn off.

BITE EFFECT....severe PAIN, within minutes SWEATING and MUSCLE TWITCHING and these often become GENERALISED WITHIN 15 MINUTES UNLESS FIRST AID APPLIED.

FIRST AIDIMMEDIATELY APPLY ARTERIAL TORNQUET, and PRESSURE BANDAGE, and seek URGENT MEDICAL ATTENTION. ANTI-VENOM is now available.

RED - BACK SPIDER.

Male spider is extremely small, too small to bite man effectively and is considered harmless. Usually not aggressive. Most bites occur on the limbs, but 22% of bites occur on or near the genitals.

BITE EFFECT....severely PAINFUL, may progress to SWEATING, HEADACHE, VOMITING, STOMACH PAINS.

FIRST AID....often not required as venom works very slowly. Usually NOT FATAL. ANTI-VENOM is available.

BUSH or SCRUB TICK.

Found along the coastal side of the eastern mountains from Queensland down to the rain forests of eastern Victoria.

Unless a specific search is made for the tick, it may not be noticed. Death from tick paralysis is moderately rare. The diagnosis should always be considered, particularly, when children present with a VAGUE ILLNESS, and INVOLUNTARY MUSCLE WEAKNESS several days after a holiday or picnic in a tick infested area. Examine the family dog.

TREATMENT involves prompt removal of the tick and specific antivenom, if needed. The tick may be first killed by dousing it with turpentine. The removal is best achieved by using a pair of sharp-pointed scissors and sliding them open around the tick and then lever the tick out (usually with its biting mechanism intact). The tick should not be squeezed during this procedure as this may release more venom into the person.

SCORPIONS

The sting may be painful. No specific treatment is available, but immersion of the stung area in fairly hot water to which ammonia has been added may help. Seek medical help if worried.

BEEES, WASPS and ANTS.

May be very serious, especially if person is allergic to these bites. Bee stings should be scraped off, not pulled off, as this may cause further injection of venom from the venom gland which remains attached to the sting. Pain killers and antiallergy creams and tablets may be required.

BLUE-RINGED OCTOPUS and CONUS SHELLS.

The pressure/immobilization method is recommended. Prolonged artificial respiration may be required following a bite.
Seek medical aid in ALL CASES.

BOX JELLY or SEA WASP.

Pour vinegar (never methylated spirit or alcohol) over the adhering tentacles to inactivate them as soon as possible.
Artificial respiration and cardiac massage may be required.
ANTIVENOM is available.
Seek medical in ALL CASES.
Arterial tourniquet nor pressure/immobilization method is NOT recommended.

STONEFISH, PLATYPUS and other STINGING FISH.

Do NOT attempt to restrict the movement of venom. Pain relief may be required. Most stings respond to bathing in warm water.
A stonefish anti-venom is available.

ANTI-VENOMS AVAILABLE .

1. Black Snake.
2. Brown Snake.
3. Death Adder.
4. Polyvalent. (ie: General.)
5. Red Back Spider.
6. Sea Wasp.
7. Sea Snake.
8. Stonefish.
9. Tiapan.
10. Tick.
11. Tiger SNAKE.
12. Sydney Funnel web Spider.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDS THESE IMPORTANT TOPICS ,
PLEASE ASK ME AFTER THE MEETING.

PATRICK CASEY.

WHAT IS MAN??

Between the insecurity of childhood and the security of a second childhood we find the fascinating group of humanity called man!! They come in assorted shapes, sizes, weights and states of drunkenness. They can be found anywhere, in planes, in trains, in streets, in love, in bars, even in 4 W.D's and always in debt.

Girls love them, towns tolerate them and their parents (or wives or girlfriends) support them.

A man is laziness (with a deck of cards), bravery (with a tattoo) and the prospector of the earth (with a copy of "Man" and "Playboy"- free wheeling!?) He has the brains of an idiot the energy of a sea turtle, the slyness of a fox, the stories of a Sea Captain, the Sincerity of a Liar, The Aspirations of a Cassanova and when he wants something, it's usually connected with Birds, Money or Booze (Sometimes all three.)

Some of his interests are Birds, Females, Women and members of the opposite sex. He can claim into one pocket, a little black book, a crushed packet of smokes, a comb, a pack of cards, a can opener, a picture of his bird and what is left of last weeks pay.

He spends money on birds, beer, port, cards, gambling, repairs to his 4 Wheel Drive and the rest he spends foolishly.

A man is a magical creature; you can lock him out of your house, but not your heart, you can scratch him off you mailing list, but not off your mind. He's a one and only bleary-eyed, good for nothing bundle of worries, but all your shattered dreams become insignificant when he comes home, looks at you with those bleary-eyed and says (as best he is able considering he is in no sober state). "Hiya Sweetheart"!!!

P.S. This is not my life story.

PETER ROWE.

OUR NIGHT AT THE BOWL

Geoff & Wendy; Brian & Kathy; John Dawkins & family; Alan & Mary; Peter Rowe; Don & Thelma; Kevin & Jenny; Trevor & Kim; Ray West; Hincks family and Peter Hadley.

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WELL What can one say except that after arriving around 7.30, we collected our proper footwear and this rather large black object they call a ball. We made our way down to aisles 1 - 4. As you can see by the roll call there were quite a few of us.

It was interesting to see how the kids handled this rather large, round black looking object that they knew must be gently rolled down the bowling lane. A few grunts, bangs and away they went. Surprisingly at times, a few pins fell at the other end or a Dad screamed something about one large black ball landing on his foot! You see you must hold this large bowl in the hand until the arm is EXTENDED FORWARD not BACKWARD which was happening from time to time.

WELL So much for the kids. What about the boys & girls --- It's like this you see. Only three out of the eight girls played. The others sat back and scored while giving their full support. All three girls were bowling mean balls and scoring strikes. The Boys ??? Well you know the boys !!! They must show their strength, speed and accuracy. Well not all of us. I saw Peter Rowe trying to put the ball out of sight (mind you, he did have a good eye) and John, Brian Ray & Geoff showing that they had all played before. On the other side, Kevin & Jenny, both of whom play competition were showing Don & myself how it is done. I'm sure Peter Hadley has played before : he got no fewer than four straight strikes.

From lowest to highest? Well there was not much in it. Around 85 to 150 or so.

The night finished around 10 or so, which really was not late. I'm sure all enjoyed themselves and would like to see another night out in the near future.

TERRY.

ANNUAL BOYS TRIP - 4TH & 5TH JUNE

Roll Call: Andy Merlo, Peter Mole, Grub & Bill, David Heard & Andrew Guiney, Kevin Montague & Glen, Don Montague, Andy Williams, Kim Ferrier & Paul Howden, Brian Tuck & Ray Etchell.

We all met at Warburton at 8.00 a.m. We headed towards Big River where Andy Williams took us to the Scouts Mud Bash Course after a drive around the course we headed towards Woods Point. We arrived at the hotel at about 4.15 p.m. Saturday night was very long with most of the boys staying till the small hours.

Sunday morning came, very foggy and cold and we left about 9.30. We had lunch at the junction of Aberfeldy River & Donnelly's Creek then headed towards Walhalla we encountered a spot of bother at the Aberfeldy River where we all had to be winched, making it to Walhalla just on dark.

Some of the crew were a bit sad & sorry but it's a bet they will be there next year raring to go.

BRIAN TUCK

NEVER OUR FAULT.

THE FOLLOWING ARE ACTUAL STATEMENTS FOUND ON INSURANCE FORMS WHERE CAR DRIVERS ATTEMPTED TO SUMMARIZE THE DETAILS OF AN ACCIDENT IN THE FEWEST POSSIBLE WORDS. THE INSTANCES OF FAULTY WRITING SERVE TO CONFIRM THAT EVEN INCOMPETENT WRITING MAY BE HIGHLY ENTERTAINING.

Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.

The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intention.

I thought my window was down, but I found out it was up when I put my head through it.

I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.

A truck backed through my windshield into my wife's face.

A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.

The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.

I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment.

In an attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole.

I had been shopping for plants all day and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection a hedge sprang up, obscuring my vision and I did not see the other car.

I had been driving for 40 years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.

I was on my way to the doctor with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way causing me to have an accident.

As I approached the intersection a sign suddenly appeared in a place where no stop sign had ever appeared before. I was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident.

To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front I struck the pedestrian.

My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.

An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished.

I told the police I was not injured, but on removing my hat found that I had a fractured skull.

I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the road when I struck him.

The pedestrian had no idea which direction to run, so I ran over him.

I saw a slow moving, sad faced old gentleman as he bounced off the roof of my car.

The indirect cause of the accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.

I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows.

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July 26th General meeting &
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JUNE					BOWLING NIGHT 24th of JUNE.
JULY		23 & 24 th MT TERRIBLE	DAVID HEARD.	A	SOCIAL NIGHT at PITRONIES 8th of JULY.
AUGUST		SAT 27th AUG Depart Melb for Birdsville.	PETER ROWE & DON MONTAGUE.	B.	14th AUG Football Match with Nissan Patrol Club @ Mentone Grammer.
SEPTEMBER	Thursday 22nd Show Day	SNOW TRIP 6 & 7th Aug BIRDSVILLE RACES.	PETER ROWE & RAY WEST.	B.	
OCTOBER		COROWA & DISTRICT	D. MONTAGUE & P. ROWE	C	Wine & Pokies Trip 15 & 16th Camp at WAHGUNYA.
NOVEMBER	Tuesday 1st Cup Day			S	25th November Chinese Restuarant Annual Xmas Dinner. <i>Emperor Court 370 Miteham RD. Miteham.</i>
DECEMBER	Xmas & Boxing Day Holiday			S	Xmas Picnic 11th of December BIMBIMBI.
JANUARY	Monday 2nd New Year Holiday				

