

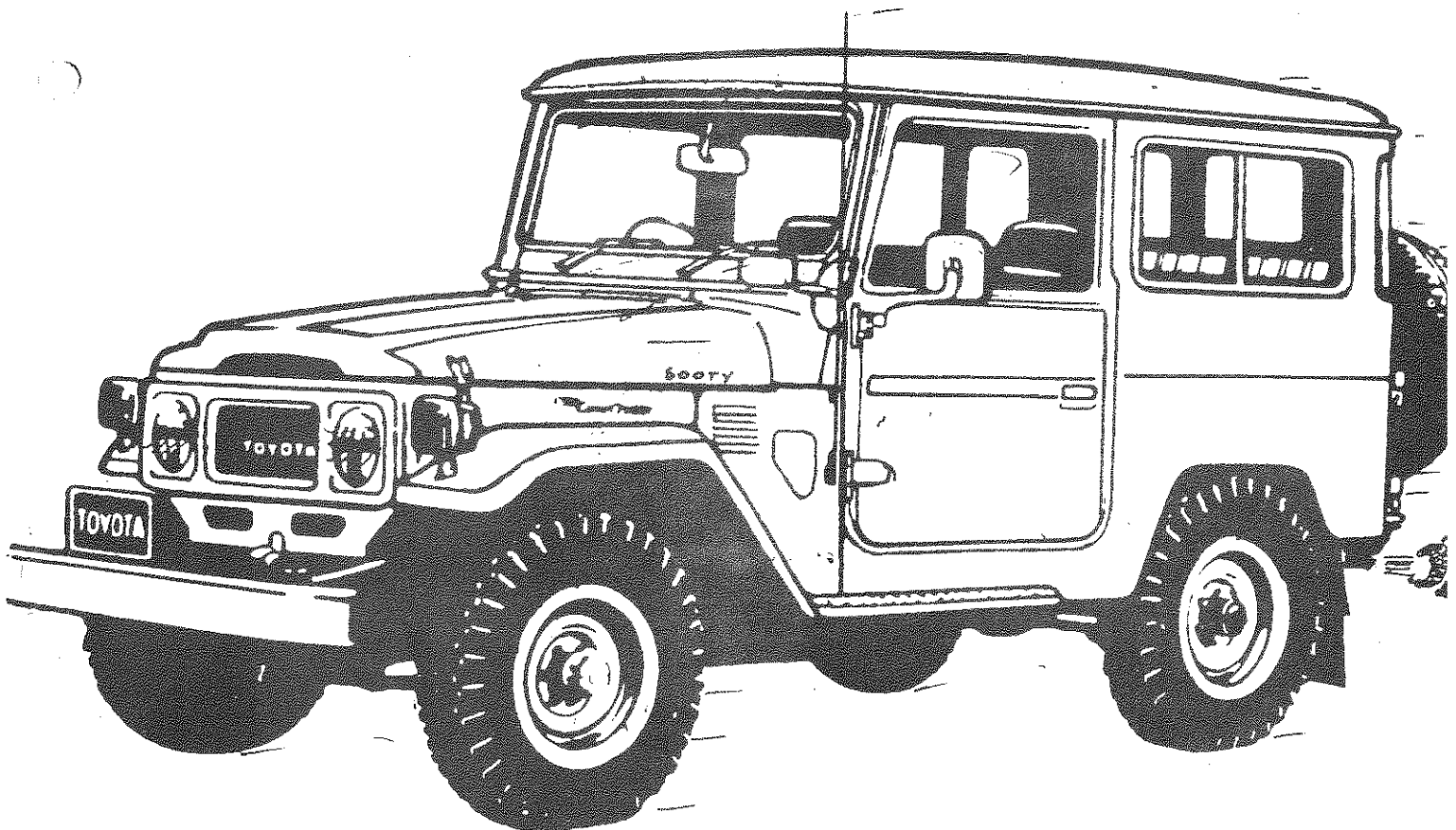
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AUGUST 1986

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Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.

COMMITTEE 1986-87

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TRIP CLASSIFICATIONS:

'A' Grade: Extensive use of 4 WD. Tracks may be 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, mud & snow, deep river crossing and overgrown tracks. Max. 6 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 4 WD. These trips include car rallies etc. Type of tyres does not matter and recovery gear still essential. No. Max. Vehicles.

In all above cases vehicles should be in sound mechanical condition and carry the basic spare part requirement 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 Tom Brachna by General Meetings at the latest.

MEETINGS LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE DANDENONG LIBRARY
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CORRESPONDENCE P.O. BOX 778 DANDENONG VIC 3175
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT AUGUST 1986

Welcome to another year and the new committee. Don't forget, the committee is a body elected by you, not to do all the work, but to represent the members. Our phone numbers are listed in the front of the newsletter, so if you're scared to raise your hand at the meeting, give us a ring and your views can be put forward by ourselves.

You'll notice on the front cover, after the word Victorian, it says FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB, that means we own and use 4WD's.

WHY DID YOU JOIN THE CLUB?

To go four wheel driving or just talk about that time when you did. We need club trips and trip leaders; otherwise you are defeating the purpose of having a CLUB. We might as well be "BLACK-TOP COWBOYS" in our "TOORAK TRACTORS".

While I'm having a whinge, have a look at what's in the magazine, same thing each month. If you have something interesting or read something which would interest other members, share it in the club newsletter. Don't just leave it up to the editor.

Those of us who went to the Last Laugh had a great time and it was good to see a better attendance this year. Let's hope the snow trip gets the same response.

WINNERS of the A.G.M. Raffle were:

1ST	R. KENT	No.	0096
2ND	M. SMITH	No.	0784
3RD	B. MALE	No.	0569

Let's make this year an active one, last year I think we jumped the gun and held our own "YEAR OF PEACE".

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE IF NOT PAID THIS WILL BE THE LAST MAGAZINE YOU WILL RECEIVE.

See you at the meeting.

DAVID HEARD.

FAIR DINKUM



BUSH DANCE



O'TOOLE'S FLAT (DONNELLY'S)

OCT. 25-26



'BOBSY DIE' BUSH BAND

\$10- per head \$20- per family

BEEF ON SPIT + B.B.Q included.

B.Y.O. salads + drinks.

Don't forget your hat + boots



Trackwatch in brief

AUGUST 1986.

No. 1986/8

FROM THE VICTORIA ASSOCIATION OF FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUBS

JOHN CRIBBES ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE

CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF VICTORIA.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the C.C.V. held on July 9th 1986, John Cribbes, Vice President of the V.A.F.W.D.C. was elected a full member. He advised later that this was something of a surprise as he had been advised that the nomination was to be for a co-opted, non voting seat. He added that this move has to be seen as a big step forward for the 4WD movement and that would now be seen as a full and legitimate member of the conservation movement.

Mr Michael Hogan, Director of the C.C.V. stated after the meeting that it was a very welcome appointment and he looked forward to the input of such a large and significant body.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE V.A.F.W.D.C.

The Annual General Meeting of VAFWDC saw two members retire.

Thanks must go to Warwick Woods of the Range Rover Club for his guidance as Chairman through a very difficult year.

Bernard Parfrey also retired as P.R.O. but, as he put it, "you aren't getting rid of me". Bernard is a member of the Track Sub Committee, and will be offering his talents and services to any other sub-committee's that are formed. We look forward to his support.

Newcomers to the Committee are John Wilkinson from the Pajero Club in the capacity as P.R.O., and Geoff Bingham from Westernports as Committee Member. Welcome.

DIARY UPDATE

Barnadwn Run-Around.	Bendigo Club.	19th-21st September
Boho Bounce	Goulburn Valley	17th-19th October
Forrest Frolics	Geelong Club	14th-16th November
Wandin Field Day	LROCV	23rd November
Clean Up Weekend.	VAFWDC	29th-30th November
2X4 Wheel Drive Show.	"	Early February.
4WD Extravaganza - Phillip Island.	"	Easter 1987.

SUB-COMMITTEE'S.

There is only one sub committee at present, the Tracks Sub-committee operated by Dave Horne.

The Executive of the Association would like to form sub-committee's for Public Relations, 4WD Shows and Conservation. The former two would be operated by John Wilkinson, the latter by John Cribbes.

Membership of sub-committees is not restricted to delegates. Any 4WD'er who feels they have a contribution to make will be very welcome to participate.

AUSTRALIAN TRUST FOR CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

& MOWBRAY COLLEGE PLANT-A-FOREST DAY-----SEPTEMBER 14th.

ATCV and Mowbray College at Melton have a combined project. Plant 10000 trees on 8 acres of land on the college campus and raise enough money to pay for a Land Cruiser Troop Carrier that ATCV have just purchased.

We have been asked for 40 volunteer vehicles who will provide joy rides over a cross country course, complete with bog hole. All expenses will be paid and Public Liability Insurance for \$10M has been arranged. The joy riders will pay \$2 for the ride and out of this money, drivers will be re-

imbursed for their expenses and the organisers are prepared to give our co-operation a great deal of publicity.

There is a prize of \$1000 cash for the person who plants the greatest number of trees on the day.

If a club was willing to adopt the project, Mowbray College would be willing to make the cross country course an annual event. More details from Deadly Dave Horne.

CLUB NEWS

Peninsula have recently held a Saturday morning display in a Frankston Shopping Centre. They have achieved good publicity and they have 6 new members. Very good work.

Werribee District 4WD Club (they didn't take up the name of West Side) have applied to join us. Apparently they already have 35 members. Welcome. This does mean that if anyone residing in the Western Suburbs wishes to use the name West Side 4WD Club, they can.

On 26th July, Esther Cribbes will be talking to a newly formed group of Seventh Day Adventists who have formed their own 4WD club.

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

This will be held on Friday 29th August at the South Camberwell Tennis Club, Burke Rd Glen Iris, Melways Map 59 H 6, at 7.45 pm. This is the second Friday meeting for 1986. As before, if any country clubs wish to stay overnight, there are a couple of beds and lots of room at the Cribbes place, 29 Nerissa Street, Burwood.

CLUB CALENDAR 1986

OCTOBER 25 & 26	BUSH DANCE
NOVEMBER 23	LROC FIELD DAY (WANDIN PARK)
DECEMBER	KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY
	(DATE TO BE ARRANGED)
DECEMBER 26	XMAS TRIP BUCHAN AREA
	(FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT JOHN LAKE)

IF YOU WISH TO LEAD A TRIP PLEASE CONTACT COMMITTEE.
WE STILL NEED TRIP LEADERS!!!!!! AND ACCOMPANYMENT PLEASE, THANK YOU.
PHOTO COMPETITION:

PLEASE I BEG YOU BRING YOUR PHOTO'S ALONG TO THE MEETINGS.

TRIP DATA

PLEASE FILL IN AND RETURN IF YOU WISH TO LEAD A TRIP.

PUBLIC LAND USE REPORTS

ONCE AGAIN PLEASE FILL IN AND RETURN IF YOU LEAD A TRIP.

ROLL CALL - Murray Shaw & Brian Tuck, twincab hilux.
Patrick Cassey & Terry Baker, cream puff.
David & Michelle Herd, chevota or was it a toylet.
Ricky Rycken & Tanya Buchanan, four runner.
Steve Alder & friend one straight range rover.
Jim & friend jeep.
Neil & family twincab hilux.
Andrew & Lisa hilux.
Rodney Lee & Mark Templeton landcruiser.

We left Upper Pakenham at 7.00 am Sunday morning on our way to meet the others at the Glenburn Pub. Just after turning left at Saville towards Lilydale, Rod was getting a bit concern about a noisy rear diff, which seemed to build up a bit more noise the further we got down the road. Rod decided to pull over to check the diff for any damage. After a quick diff repair by changing one flat tyre, we were off again, arriving at Glenburn at 8.21 am.

After a short wait everybody had arrived and the convoy headed off. Ten minutes down the road we were in the Toolangi State Forest where we were confronted by many hills, this one Nick named the Widow Maker. Murray Shaw was the first to go up with his hair dryer whistling, eventually followed by a couple of other vehicles, then it was Rod's turn. After a small creek crossing and going about 25 feet up the hill we stopped, because of broken front axel, so we reversed back down the hill to a bit of a car park where we checked the damage on the axel. Meanwhile, while doing this Steve Alder was making his way up the Widow Maker where he got caught up in some runts, after trying a couple of different lines of approach, Steve became un-stuck with the left hand side of his vehicle lifting off the ground, Murray tried jumping on the bull-bar to put it back on its feet but the vehicle continued to roll over on to its side. With the vehicle on its side the occupants where quickly removed, in case the vehicle continued to slide down the hill, where we placed Dave's vehicle on top of the hill to stop it slidding and with two turfers the vehicle was put back on its feet and slowly winched to the bottom of the hill, where the items in his vehicle were sorted out again and the necessary oils were replaced.

Steve decided to head home from there for a cold drive home because his windscreen had been knocked out. So the rest of the vehicles headed off leaving Rod's vehicle at the base of the Widow Maker. We were chauffer driven by the courtesy of Pat's cream puff, where we slowly found ourself's to the lunch stop which was Dinidi Mill site. About 1.00 pm we headed off again, tripping quietly around the forest and coming to another ruther steep hill, where on this hill we had a choice of left and right tracks, the left being harder.

The hiluxes except for Murray's took the easy side, with Dave and Pat also opting for the harder side with the four runner with the new independent (f!*S!*) front end, getting into all sorts of strife trying to tap dance its way over the first rut finding out TAP DANCING was not going to help him get over this rut, he tried a few pirouettes, after filling the rut in with a few rocks and a helpful push from some by-standers, the four runner once again on its way up the hill, but decided to try another tap dance and waving the front end around while off the ground (just like a puppy). It was decided then, to whinch him up the rest of the hill where we turned Murray's vehicle around, and with an aid of a snatchen strap the four runner was towed the rest of the way over the crest of the hill, where we slowly wound our way back down towards the highway. On the radio we heard a little poem: "I love a sun burnt country, a land of sweeping plains, with rugard mountain rangers, and four runners stuck in drains". Just before the highway, we came to the last river crossing, where we said our farewell and everybody made their way home with Murray taking Rod and myself back to the Widow Maker to pick up Rod's vehicle.

Many thanks to Murray and Brian for a good days drive.

MARK TEMPLETON

P.S. COULD ALL MEMBERS PLEASE HAVE A GOOD LOOK INSIDE THEIR VEHICLES TO SEE IF IN AN EVENT OF A ROLL-OVER THAT THERE IS NO LOOSE JUNK JUST LYING IN THE BACK. JUST IMAGINE WHAT DAMAGE AN AXE OR TOOL BOX FLYING AROUND IN YOUR VEHICLE COULD DO. PLEASE TRY TO SECURE ALL LOOSE ITEMS.
ALSO HAVE A GOOD THINK ABOUT FITTING ROLL BARS.
(HAVE A LOOK NEXT TIME YOU ARE AT THE WRECKERS AT VEHICLES THAT HAVE BEEN ROLLED AND SEE WHERE THEIR ROOFS ARE)!!!!

VICTORIA ASSOCIATION OF FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUBS

PUBLIC LAND USE REPORT

CLUB NAME

DATE

The object of this report is to provide accurate information on the use four wheel drive clubs' and their members make of public land for submissions to government and Statutory Authorities. All information is confidential and club names are not used. Please fill out this report for both Club and personal trips, with number of vehicles, people and distance travelled.

NO. OF VEHICLES

NO. OF PEOPLE

KMS TRAVELLED

REGION

TRACKS USED

COMMENTS: (use reverse if insufficient space).

Please return this form to: Victoria Association of FWD Clubs,
G.P.O. Box 401C, Melbourne, 3001.

VICTORIAN 4. WHEEL DRIVE CLUB.

TRIP DATA.

DESTINATION.										
LEADER.						PHONE NUMBER.				
DEPARTURE DATE						DEPARTURE TIME.				
DEPARTURE POINT.										
FUEL REQUIRED.						LAST FUEL AVAILABLE.				
MILES.										
GRADE.	A	B	C		DURATION.					
BASE CAMP	YES	NO.			NATIONAL PARKS.			YES	NO.	
ROUTE.										
ACTIVITIES.										
SPECIAL CONDITIONS.										
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PLEASE RETURN TO COMMITTEE 4 WEEKS PRIOR TO TRIP (TO ALLOW PUBLICATION).

Victoria Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs



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Melbourne, 3001.

TRACK CLOSURES 1986/87

ALPINE AND MOUNTAIN AREAS

The following lists are the gazetted Track Closures for 1986/87 received from the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands.

Part 1: CLOSED 16/6/86 TO 31/10/86

1. No. 3 Road.
2. King Basin Road.
3. King Hut Jeep Track.
4. Bindaree Jeep Track.
5. Circuit Road - Corn Hill return Road to Telephone Box Junction.
6. Clear Creek Track.
7. Brocks Road - 4 km SW of Rocky Ridge. *NEW*
8. Rocky Knob - High Ridge.
9. Mitchells Howqua Hills Track.
10. Jamieson Spur Track. *NEW*
11. Mitchells Creek Track.
12. Silvermine Spur Track.
13. Clarke Spur Track. *NAME CHANGED BREWERY 1987*
14. Bill Hill Track. *REPORT 1986*
15. Weber Spur Track north of Helipad.
16. Champion Spur - lower section
17. Barnewall Plain Road.
18. Rubicon River Road.
19. Mt. Bullfight Road.
20. No. 5 Track (Royston Range Track to Royston Road).
21. Park Road (Pine Track to Rubicon).
22. Boundary Track (Blue Range Road to Ruooks Road).
23. McFadyen Track
24. Greenhill Track.
25. Newman Track (Dane Spur Track to Mt. Terrible Tower).
26. Section of Old Coach Road at Chaffe Creek.
27. Section of Old Coach Road at Railway Creek.
28. Old Chitty's Ridge Road (Bulls Lane to Blue Range Road).
29. Buxton Spur Track (Black Range Road to plantation).
30. Taylors Creek Road.
31. Jerusalem Creek Road.
32. Dry Ridge Track.
33. Cambarville Track.
34. Upper Taggerty Road.
35. Banticks Road.
36. Vinegar Road.
37. Poleys Road
38. Snowy Road.
39. Oaks Track

40. Quarry Road.
41. Myrtle Gully Road.
42. Mt. Despair Road (Northern Section).
43. Winch Road (Northern Section).
44. Limberlost Road (formerly 206)
45. Phasmid Track (formerly 207)
46. Sisters Track (formerly 208)
47. Christmas Creek Road (formerly 62)
48. Buckpit Road (formerly 64)
49. Pitmans Creek Road (formerly 65)
50. Buckles Spur Jeep Track (formerly 66)
51. Mundic Creek Track (formerly 70)
52. Mt. Toorong Jeep Track (formerly 70)
53. Britannia Spur Track (formerly 77)
54. Davies Plain Track.
55. Dartmouth 6 Mile Creek - Granite Peak.
56. Riley Creek Track.
57. Walker Spur Track. *> Walker Spur Track 1941 Mount*
58. Mt. Hart Track.
59. White Track.
60. Circuit Road - No. 3 Road to Peters Corner.
61. No. 3 Road (on region 10 boundary).
63. Black Landing Track.
64. Humffray Track.
65. Samba Spur Track ✓
66. Trapyard Hill - Millers Hut.
67. Caledonia River Track.
68. Butcher Country Spur Track.
69. Coleman Creek Track.
70. King Billy Track
71. Kellys Lane.
72. Arbuckle Track
73. Blue Rag Range Track
74. King Spur Track
75. Mayford Spur Track
76. Bleak Hill Track
77. Monetts Road
78. Woodalls Track ✓
79. Kobiolnes Track ✓
80. Ezards Spur Track ✓
81. Sumner Road. ✓
82. Black Sands Road. ✓
83. Wildhorse Gap Track
84. Unnamed Track
85. Cobbler Lake Track
86. Speculation Road.
87. Howitt Plain Road.
88. Wonnangatta Track
89. Zeka Track.
90. Zeka Creek Track
91. Caledonia River Track
92. Long Spur Track
93. Butcher Country Spur Track
120. Sims Track
121. Kroules Gap Track ✓
122. Danes Track ✓
123. Murdering Spur Track ✓
124. McFarlanes Flat Track ✓
125. Cobberas Trail ✓
126. Playgrounds Track ✓

127. Forlorn Hope Track.
128. Wombargo Track.
129. Diggers Hole Road.
130. Diggers Hole Track.
131. Wheatfield Road.
132. Wheatfield Track.
133. Hellick Munjie Road.
134. Nunniong Plains Track.
135. Jam Tin Flat Track.
136. Nunnnett Road.
137. Mundy Plain Track.
138. Betts Creek Track.
139. Quarry Creek Road.
140. Haunted Stream Road.

PART II: CLOSED 16/6/86 TO 30/9/86

94. Baw Baw Access Road.
95. Road 21 - Ovens Plantation.
96. Twins Jeep Track.

PART III: CLOSED UNTIL 31/11/86

97. Newlands Road - Alpine Walking Track.
98. Upper Thomson Road.
- 98A. Basalt Hill Track.
99. Sucklings Road.
100. Park Road.
101. Mt. Gregory Track.
102. Pills Road.
103. Cream Can Hill Track.
104. Poole - Jordan Divide Road.
105. T-J Divide Road.
106. Pooles Road.
107. Link.
108. B.B. - Jordan Track.
109. Jericho Track.
110. Mt. Victor Spur Track.
111. Violet Town Track.
112. Caspers Creek Track.
113. Aberfeldy - Swinglers Track.
114. New Bells Track.
115. Bells Link Road.
116. Bells Track.
117. Alstergrens Track.
118. Little Boys Road.
119. Sharpes Road.

ROADS CLOSED UNTIL 31/12/86

(This closure is subject to further extension).

- A Long Spur Track
- B Mt. Wills Road (from Ski Hut to Summit)
- C Mormontown - Long Tunnel Reserve Track
- D Roads Closed by Thomson Dam.
- E Tarli Karng Road.
- F Mt. Wellington Track (Part).

SEASONAL ROAD CLOSURES - OTWAYS

CLOSED 1ST JUNE, 1986 TO 31ST OCTOBER, 1986

1. Duck Ponds Track
2. Cumberland Station Tracks.
3. Lake Elizabeth Track.
4. West Barwon Dam Catchment Tracks.
5. Loves Track.
6. Halls Ridge Road.
7. West Barham Road.
8. Ironbark Spur Tracks.
9. Eastern Link Track
10. Rennick Track.
11. Garvey Track to Coast Link. *new*
12. Jamieson Track.
13. Kennett-Wye Track.
14. Clearwater Track.
15. Redwater Track.
16. Logging Road to West Barham.
17. Calder Ridge Road.
18. Jacksons Track.
19. Sayers Track.
20. Bridge Track.
22. Cowley Track.
23. Goat Track.
24. Hayden Road.
25. Newcombe Spur Track.
27. Bennett Road.
28. Number Nine Ridge Track.
- 29. Grey River Road.
30. Coopers No. 2 Track.
31. Curtis Road/Cumberland Line.
- new* 32. Five Mile - Little Erskine Track.
33. Upper Gellibrand Plantation Track.
34. Brown Town Track.
35. Mt. McKenzie Road.
- 36. Tuckers Orchard Road.
51. Parker Road.
52. Blanket Bay Track.
53. Sandy Ridge Track.
54. Red Hill Track.
55. Ryans Den Track.
56. Calder River Track.
59. Elliot Road.
60. Snowy Ridge Track.
61. Johnson Track.
62. Rotten Point Track.
63. Knowledge Creek Track.
64. Cannan Track.
65. Kippings Track. *new*

LERDERDERG GORGE STATE PARK

CLOSED 1ST JUNE, 1986 TO 31ST OCTOBER, 1986

No. 1 Firebreak.
No. 2 Firebreak.
Bluegum Track - O'Brien Road to Camerons Road.
Bluegum - O'Brien Link Track.
Bluegum - Hogan Link Track.
Hogan Track.
Hogan Tracks Nos. 1,2,3,4,5 & 6.
Watties Track.
Watties Tracks Nos. 1,2 & 3.
East No. 1 Track.
Robson Track.
Ratcliffe Track.
Ratcliffe Tracks Nos. 1,2,3 & SA.
Nuggetty Track.
New Nuggetty Track
West Tracks Nos. 1, 1A, 2,3 & 4.
Holts Road.
Lerderderg Track.
Cowans Track.

ROADS CLOSED UNTIL 31ST DECEMBER, 1986

Blackwood Ranges Track.
Whites Track.
West No. 5 Track.

GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK

CLOSED 1ST JULY, 1986 TO 30ST SEPTEMBER, 1986

1. Goat Track.
2. Victoria Range Road.
3. Launder Track.
4. Mt. Cassel Fireline.
5. Rosea Track (Part only).
6. Mair Track.
7. Moora Track (Part only).
8. Billywing Track.

CLOSED 1 ST JULY, 1986 TO 30ST NOVEMBER, 1986

9. Stockyard Track (Eastern Section).

TALLAROOK AND MT. DISAPPOINTMENT

CLOSED 6th JUNE, 1986 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1 1986

1. Telephone Track.
2. Phosphate Road.
3. Freds Track.
4. Wheelers Track.
5. Hefferen Track.
6. Falls Creek Road.
7. Falls Track.
8. Steep Track.
9. George Road.
10. Inness Link.
11. Bridge Track.
12. Brodwell Track.
13. Reservoir Track.
14. East Loop Track.
15. Phone Track
16. Dam Track
17. Magazine Track.

EAST GIPPSLAND

CLOSED 1ST JUNE, 1986 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1986

1. Mt. Kaye Track
2. Bluegum - Tonghi Swamp Track.
3. Survey Camp Creek Track
4. Mt. Ellery Track
5. Old Coast Road.
6. Yerung - Pearl Point Track.



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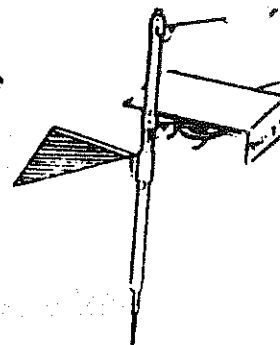
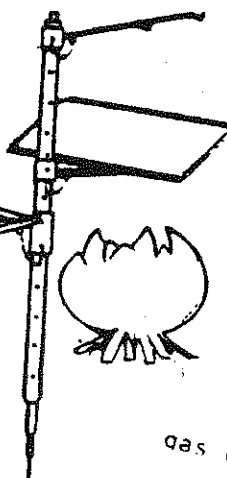
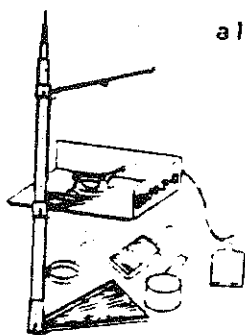
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