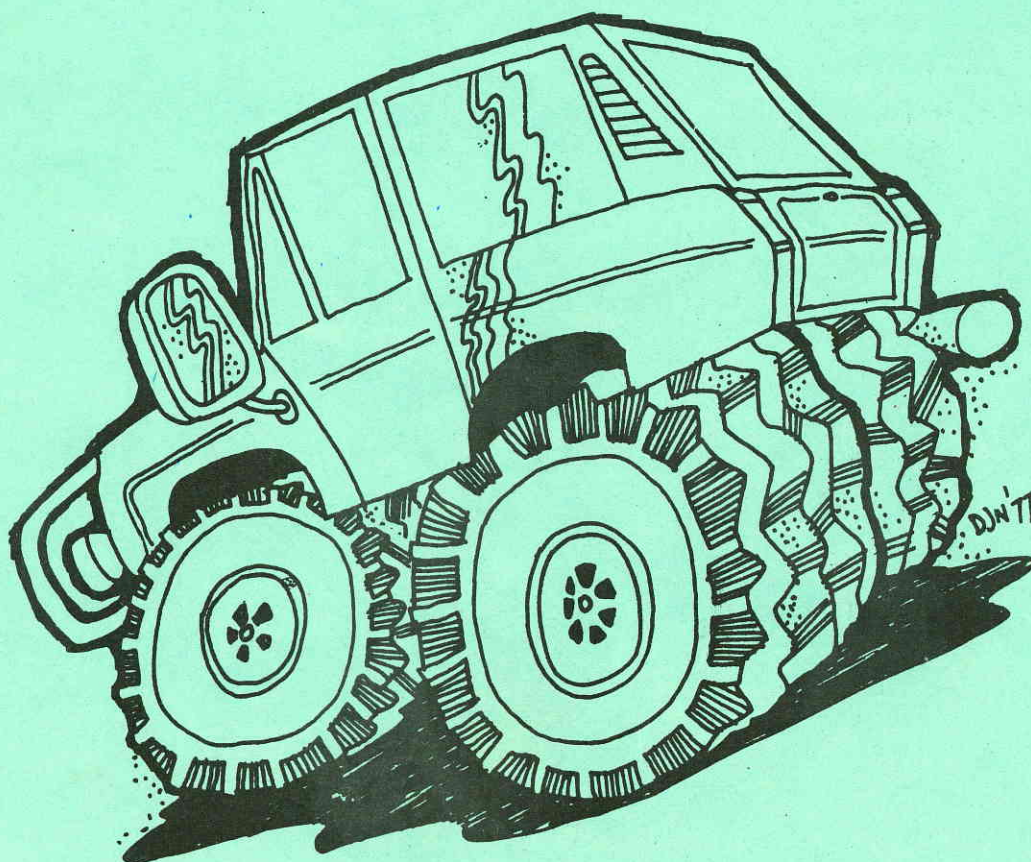


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TRIP COMMITTEE: Brian Tuck, Paul Howden, Andrew Merlo.

Contactable on above address. For any enquiries on trips, conditions and potential trip leaders.

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 rallys 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 Editor: A. Merlo (as above) all copy to be in by 2nd Tuesday of the month.

RADIO OFFICER GEOFF MANN (AS ABOVE)

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
OF THE MONTH AT DANDENONG
LIBRARY**

**CORRESPONDENCE
P.O. BOX 778,
DANDENONG**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Hi There.

First of all I would like to apologize for not attending the January meeting. I hope you had a good break over Christmas and the New Year.

The first outing for 1982 was the navigation trial held around the Whalhalala area. This was one of the best attendences we have had for a long time and I think that everybody that attended had a good weekend. I would like to thank John Lake, Peter Rowe, and Vin Handley for the exceptional job they did of organizing the weekend. Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd next meeting and I would like to thank all who attended.

Andy Merlo will be leading an Easter trip to Mitchells Homestead, leaving Friday, 9th April. More from Andy next meeting.

The Committee is buying a gift for the typist who is not associated with the Club but has for the last 18 months been doing the typing of the newsletter. The Committee would like to thank her for her tremendous effort.

The Four Wheel Drive Calendar is coming along well and a number of sponsors have been obtained.

To those attending Narbethong on 26th and 27th February at the Happy Valley Farm; see you there.

To all other members see you at the next club meeting on 23rd February.

Yours,

The Pres.
Tom.

THINGS TO COME :

CLUB MEETING - TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY.

NARBETHONG GET-TOGETHER - 27th, 28th FEBRUARY.

FINAL NUMBERS TAKEN.

SATURDAY 13th MARCH.

Venue : Social Night at Bunratty Castle
Cost : \$ 19.50 per head

SATURDAY and SUNDAY 20th and 21st MARCH.

Venue : Water Skiing and 4WD weekend at Eildon
Destination : Delatite Arm - picnic point
Departs : v Mansfield Saturday morning 9.00a.m.
from toilet block
Trip Leader : Ross Fergusson.

SATURDAY and SUNDAY 27th and 28th MARCH.

Girls trip on the Rutherglen Red.

CLUB MEETING - TUESDAY 30th MARCH.

EASTER - 9th, 10th, 11th 12th APRIL

Venue : "B" Grade trip to Mitchells Homestead
MORE DETAILS LATER

LAST MEETING

Don Montague gave a trip report on the Christmas trip to Mitta-Mitta including Dartmouth Dam, Mt. Benambra, Tawonga and Myrtleford.

ITS AND BITS.

As reported in the previous newsletter Wonnangatta Station is not shut except during seasonal closures.

Seems our club is very efficient as we received a rebate from Telecom for over payment of radio licences by \$ 17.00.

The Association is planning an Australian wide clean-up. More to come from Geoff later.

Reason that the "Little Desert Trip" was cancelled was due to the bushfires that have ravaged the area.

Navigation Trial over Australia Day Weekend was a huge success. Thanks very much to all concerned in making it a great weekend (although the clues were illegible). Besides that the winners were :-

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| 1. | LINDSAY WELLS | LWB TOYOTA DIESEL |
| 2. | GEOFF DOWELL | LWB LANDROVER
(with diff lock) |
| 3. | ROSS FERGURSON | LWB V8 LANDROVER |

Prizes will be presented at February meeting.

Some members who entered the rally got lost (no names), others found their way without a speedo (thanks to Dave Heard's Halda) and Ross managed to scratch his new paint job going down Fulton's on his side (no harm done).

Keith Brown had an exciting weekend travelling up Flats Track, he had to use the winch, which broke sending him down the mountain at a few knots into a tree, no damage occurred but sometime until he was mobile again. Thanks to Bluey.

On Australia Day Weekend I have never seen so many male hero's have early morn' bathes in the freezing water. Silly them)

Trackwatch in brief

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INFORMATION FROM THE VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION OF FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUBS

NEW FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUBS!

This Association supports the concept of four-wheel-drive vehicle owners joining a club. In the same vein it is pleasing to note the formation of two new Victorian four wheel drive clubs.

The 'Bendigo 4WD Club' has been in existence for 6 months with a membership of about 20 vehicles and 30 members.

The 'Diamond Valley 4WD Club' has been operating for only a matter of weeks and already has about 10 vehicles.

We wish the Clubs well and hope to see them become affiliated with the VAFWDC.

CAMPING ON CROWN LAND

The Secretary for Lands has provided the following information concerning where you may camp on Victoria's Crown lands.

Camping is permitted on uncommitted Crown land in Victoria, but you are limited to a duration of one night only. If a longer stay is desired the Dept. requires persons to camp in approved camping grounds. Camping is not permitted within 20 metres of any stream or lake.

The Dept. of Crown Lands and Survey has rangers located in the following areas, to whom local enquiries should be directed.

Portland	W. McCallum	Ph. 23 1905
Warrnambool	G. Robertson	Ph. 62 4351
Lorne	G. Redenback	Ph. 39 1674
Geelong	R. Preech	Ph. 26 4666
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Inverloch	M. Wellings	Ph. 74 1236
Bairnsdale	H. Hodge	Ph. 52 3975
Orbost	D. Mathews	Ph. 54 1132
Seymour	R. Speechley	Ph. 92 1221

ROAD CLOSURES?

Did you know that the Forest Commission has the power to close privately constructed logging roads on State Forest to the public as well as its own road. This amendment was made to the Forest Act earlier in the year.

OTWAY NATIONAL PARK

The Otway National Park was proclaimed on the 1st July, 1981.

It includes much of Cape Otway and extends north beyond the Ocean Road to include some good four-wheel-drive touring country.

The total area exceeds 12,000 hectares. About 12 tracks are included in the park. No blanket closures to four-wheel-drive tourists is immediately likely as logging and grazing is to continue in the area for several years in a phase out program.

FOR SALE

The Association has an electric typewriter for sale. It is in working condition, with all enquiries to be directed to the Secretary. \$100. or N.S.O.

FOR SALE

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