



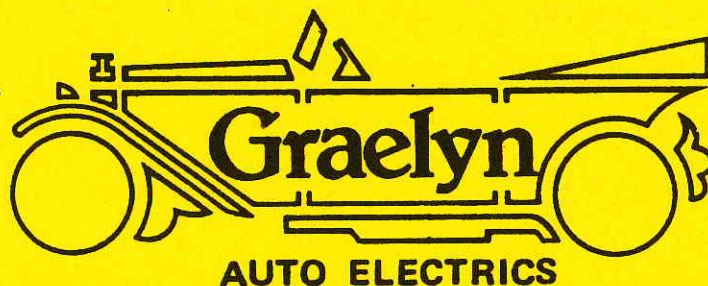
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# TRACKWATCH

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NEWS & VIEWS OF THE VICTORIA ASSOCIATION OF FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUBS

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## AUSTRALIA GAINS NATIONAL FWD VOICE

AT THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FWDC ASSOCIATIONS' CONFERENCE HELD IN APRIL, AUSTRALIA'S EAST-COAST ASSOCIATIONS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE CREATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FOUR WHEEL DRIVE COUNCIL.

Four-wheel-driving as a national recreation has been recognised and this historic step is a landmark in four-wheel drive initiative by Australian FWD Associations'.

The Associations' of Victoria, NSW & ACT and Queensland represent in the vicinity of 100 FWD Clubs' representing approx 20,000 four-wheel-drivers'. The potential of an Australia-wide united FWD front can only benefit all four-wheel-drive owners.

The creation of the Australian National FWD Council now means that there is a national body to which all FWD owners - club members, Associations', and individual operators - can refer to advise or seek assistance in matters relating to four wheel driving.

A national voice, united in the cause of promoting, educating and protecting the rights of all four-wheel-drivers'. The National Council is primarily concerned with defending and influencing national opinions, but it similarly will have a capacity to be a depository of information on all matters relating to four wheel driving. The Council is available to assist or direct individuals or Associations', and it is stressed that it is not envisaged or proposed that it should cause any loss of State Association powers or intrude into State affairs. Their awaits numerous tasks which cross all State boundaries which once tackled will only enhance and add stature to any State Association activities.

Four wheel drive touring is now a national recreation and the establishment of a National Council is a welcome addition to

the Australian four-wheel-drive scene.

Over the past 15 years there have been extensive losses in FWD opportunities across Australia, as government and conservation movement extremists have placed and encouraged restrictive access to public lands. The end result for the four-wheel-driver has been an enormous amount of restrictions, and responsibility placed on him/her when they traverse public lands in Australia.

Defending the rights of access to public land the FWD Associations have made many notable achievements, but generally they have acted in isolation to other like Associations in other States.

While there has been achievement, the FWD movement as a national entity has fallen behind the lobbying and professionalism of organised and coordinated national conservation groups.

While these groups have not always opposed our point-of-view, and have in fact on occasions been supported by the FWD movement they have had an enormous advantage in coordinating interstate views and lobbying in Canberra on national issues.

Similarly, there exists a wealth of talent on matters relating to four-wheel-touring within our ranks in Clubs' and Associations'. There now exists a forum where these people can collectively contribute and assist other States in their individual fights. Similarly, they can contribute to the National Council which will support the States by providing whatever advice and assistance in the way of submissions, etc which can be produced and researched by members across Australia.

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# NATIONAL FWD COUNCIL

The objectives and functions of the Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council are:

1. Receive, collate and distribute information between member Associations'.
2. To liaise with, and approach government and land management organisations at a Federal level.
3. To develop a national policy on promotion, communication and understanding of our recreation and its needs.
4. Provide support to State Associations, as a National Body in matters which may be of concern or interest to other State Associations'.
5. Meet annually to discuss matters of mutual concern between member Associations'.
6. To initiate programs to create greater awareness of four-wheel-drive recreation within the media, and influence national four-wheel-drive advertising.
7. To initiate programs of education within user and management groups and the general public.
8. Act in other capacities as required by the member State Associations.

Membership to the Australian National FWD Council is available only to FWD Associations (ie rights of voting etc). However, in States where an Association does not exist to represent the four-wheel-drive clubs', membership is available to individual clubs. Unless individual clubs already members of Associations do not wish to be part of the National Council, membership is automatic for clubs already in the foundation membership Associations. As such they will receive news from and other benefits negotiated by the National Council.

Individual, or Club enquiries, or donations may be made to the Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council, G.P.O. Box 79, Canberra ACT 2601.

The establishment of the National FWD Council is a major achievement which will benefit all four wheel drive owners and the Victoria Association looks forward to contributing to the national development and well-being of our recreation.

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## FWD Show

MOTOR CYCLE & LEISURE SHOW - OCT 19-21st

The Association will again be participating at a major exhibition to be held at the Exhibition Buildings from Friday October 19th, through to Sunday 21st.

The show while in name is not FWD oriented, will comprise the complete recreation spectrum, and the organiser assures that the FWD and camping component of the show is not over looked.

The Association will again require the assistance of members to construct, man and dismantle our exhibition.

Similarly, those clubs that are producing display material, as per instructions and specifications previously distributed you will need to have this task in hand by the end of September.

The Association stand was extremely popular at the off road show, and was instrumental in gaining new members for many clubs. We expect a similar result from this show.

We look forward to your support.

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# First off-road reserve?

On the 12th July a Task Force was established to investigate the establishment of an Off Road vehicle reserve on public land at the rear of Anglesea in the Otways.

The VAFWDC is represented on the Task Force. The impetus for the establishment of such a reserve has been the encouragement of the government for the establishment of 6 such reserves across Victoria.

The creation of such off-road reserves was first recommended by the Land Conservation Council, when studying the Melbourne Study Area (1978). The VAFWDC has supported the establishment of such reserves for several years and encouraged through submission such establishment. An off road reserve is essentially an area set aside where "off road" vehicles can 'do their thing' without fear of the law, or land management authorities. This of course doesn't mean that the area envisaged will not be managed, nor considerations of environment issues be ignored.

For the four-wheel-driver it will be an area where limited "off-road" activity can occur, but essentially the areas are being created to provide a venue for current illegal usage of trail bikes to occur. Under age trail bike riders, non registered vehicles etc are a problem in many areas of the State and it is hoped that through the establishment of such reserves the problem will be contained.

Since FWD vehicles are properly registered vehicles there is not likely to be much demand for access from FWD clubs.

The area being considered is on Alcoa (Aust) leasehold land at the rear of Anglesea. Alcoa hold the rights to mine the area at any time, but has no jurisdiction over the actual surface of the land, hence its appeal to Authorities!

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## NATIONAL FWD CONFERENCE

The Second National Conference of FWD Associations was held at the Southport Surf Life Saving Club on the 14th/15th April, 1984. While the theme of the Conference was "Lets Go National", and the highlight of the Conference was the subsequent establishment of the Australian National FWD Council, other business and ideas were circulated and exchanged.

Delegates from Victoria, NSW & ACT and Queensland FWDC Associations were present as were numerous representatives from Queensland Association member Clubs. Special representatives were from the New Zealand FWD Association.

Following registration a representative from the Queensland Forestry Department spoke on the extensive permit system in operation in Queensland parks. We are fortunate not to be subjected to numerous permit systems by land management bodies and Ken Campbell attempted through some deliberate and probing questions to awaken other delegates to the perils of such systems. Many Queensland representatives noted the falter in the Forestry Reps argument, and Kens contribution in this respect bore some results.

The Forestry representatives were followed by Angus Innes MLA, who spoke on the legal aspects of four wheel driving in Queensland. His talk was colourful and of interest to all delegates. Following an excellent lunch supplied by the Queensland Association InterState papers were presented.

Peter Long of New Zealand compared FWD in his country with ours, and I think he has a preference for Australian four wheeling. Vehicle prices are somewhat excessive in NZ with a Range Rover costing \$80,000, and a SWB Toyota \$25,000! Vehicle makes and the type of tyre etc they use are very much regionalised as conditions vary considerably across the country. In their favour Insurance costs are minimal and few restrictions are placed on vehicle modifications.

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## NATIONAL FWD CONFERENCE

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Rhys Jones of the NSW & ACT Association spoke on getting along with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, and explained the mixed success they have achieved by working through park advisory committees. While generally out numbered on such committees, it is another chance to present an alternative view and attempt to educate these people to balanced landuse philosophies.

Phil Kirk, also of the NSW & ACT Association followed with an account of the preparation and reasons for the Association preparing their "Submission on Land Management for Recreation Use by FWD vehicles".

Brian Tanner concluded the days activities speaking on "getting the best deal from government departments". The Victorian Association's experiences in handling the alpine issue and the flow on results were of interest to interstate delegates.

Saturday evening activities involved a massive bush dance held in Brisbane, with delegates and local club members transported the 80 km in.

Sunday morning Jan Scudamore spoke on the Queensland Association and the "Lets Go National" proposal was discussed in detail. Jan spoke on the needs and reasons why the FWD movement must go national. Brian Tanner followed with a look at the more practical aspects of how we can go national and presented a report, titled "National FWD Strategy" which was subsequently accepted by the meeting.

A National Council was formed and Office bearers elected were Brian Tanner, Chair man/President and Jan Scudamore Secretary/Treasurer. Further consideration to internal structure will be given at a delegates meeting to be held in October in NSW.

In conclusion the Conference was very professionally prepared and organised by the Queensland FWDC Association, and the results and papers presented again reinforced the value of regular Conferences. The Next major interstate conference will be held in Melbourne in 1986.

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# Watch your wheelies in the woods

**I** DON'T know whether you've ever had the picnic cloth suddenly straddled by two leaping trail bikes while peacefully partaking in some leafy forest glade.

And one of the biggest fears travelling on bush roads is to be confronted on a blind corner, by someone unlicensed, inexperienced, and travelling in or on an unregistered vehicle.

It's not funny, I can tell you — and it's why the Forests Commission has strict controls on all off-road vehicles — bikes and cars, and ag machines.

The commission's attitude is that trail-bike riding and four-wheel-driving are a legitimate form of recreation on the roads and tracks in our forests.

It must be understood, though, that all forest roads and tracks are public roads, and this means that all vehicles must be fully registered and controlled by licensed drivers.

Under the Land Conservation Vehicle Control Act 1972, vehicles must not be used off-road in state forest.

The law says that:

1. Any vehicle used on a road or track in state forest must be road registered in the normal way and the driver must have a current driving licence appropriate to the type of vehicle he is using. Vehicles which carry a recreation registration only may not be used on roads. Since no vehicle may be used off a road in state forest, recreation vehicles may not be used in forests.

2. The commission may close sections of forest roads and tracks and it is illegal to use such roads or tracks while they are closed. Road Closed signs are put on these sections.

3. There is a general prohibition of off-road use of motor vehicles on all public land in Victoria. Public land includes state forest, coastal foreshores, water and recreation reserves, national parks, wildlife reserves and other unalienated Crown land that is outside the boundaries of cities, towns and boroughs.

There are over 40,000 km of roads throughout the state forests of Victoria, and nearly 50 forest offices throughout the state, so recreational vehicle users have ample opportunity to follow their pursuit, as well as obtaining up-to-date and detailed information on these roads and tracks and any other facilities.

But in some forest districts unthinking or inconsiderate use of cars and bikes has created management problems for the commission. In some areas, the results of illegal use have caused a number of roads and tracks to be closed indefinitely.

Maps and information about these road closures, and use of recreational vehicles in various state forests, are available from district forest offices, or Forestry House, 601 Bourke St., Melbourne.

----- CLUB NOTICES -----

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NAVIGATION    TRIAL    20th October

A Navigation Trial has been organized in the Daylesford/Trentham area on the 20th & 21st October .

The Map required for this trip is "The Daylesford/Trentham Marked Up Map 1:50,000"

The "STARTING POINT" is at the Bridge at Map reference G.R.772499.

The Camp Site for Saturday night is a point off the road at G.R.634486. (Note:- This is not the finish area,)

Anyone wishing to take part in this Trial should notify Pat Casey at the September Meeting.

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## Quick Meals

500 g/1 lb elbow macaroni  
2 tbs butter  
salt and pepper  
chopped parsley

### SCRAMBLED EGGS BUSH STYLE

Cooking time: 30 minutes.

Boil the macaroni until it is nearly cooked then let it stand in the hot water for 1 hour with the lid on. Drain off the water thoroughly. Place the butter in the camp oven, when it has melted add the macaroni and fry. Keep stirring. Add the salt and pepper to taste and some chopped parsley. Serve on buttered toast.

oil for frying  
6 slices thick bread  
1 teas salt  
¼ teas pepper  
6 eggs

### HOLE IN ONE EGG

Cooking time: 15 minutes.

Put oil in camp oven and heat. Cut centres from the bread using a scone cutter or doughnut cutter, keep for croutons. Place prepared bread in oven. Break an egg and drop it in the hole of the bread. Also fry the centres of bread. Keep turning the bread until it is a nice brown then lift out and do the rest the same way. Add a little more oil if needed.

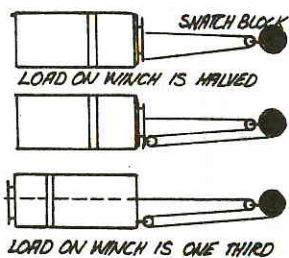
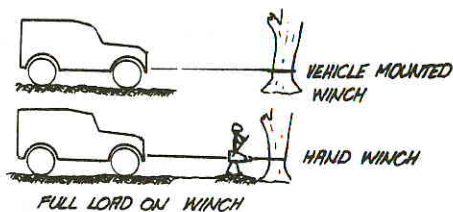
3 eggs  
salt and pepper to taste  
nob of butter

### ROO SHOOTERS' OMELET

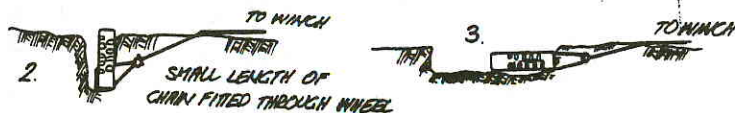
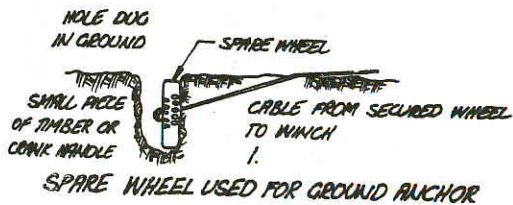
Cooking time: 10 minutes.

Break the eggs into a bowl and beat with a fork until well broken up. Heat camp oven, use a small oven if you have one. Smear the base of the oven with the butter then stir in the eggs. When in the oven stir about lightly with a fork. When set fold the omelet in half and leave a little longer until well heated, remove from oven and serve at once.

## WINCHING TECHNIQUES

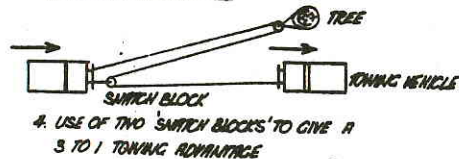
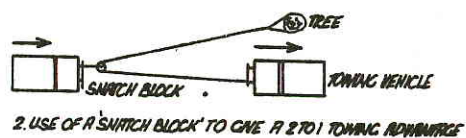


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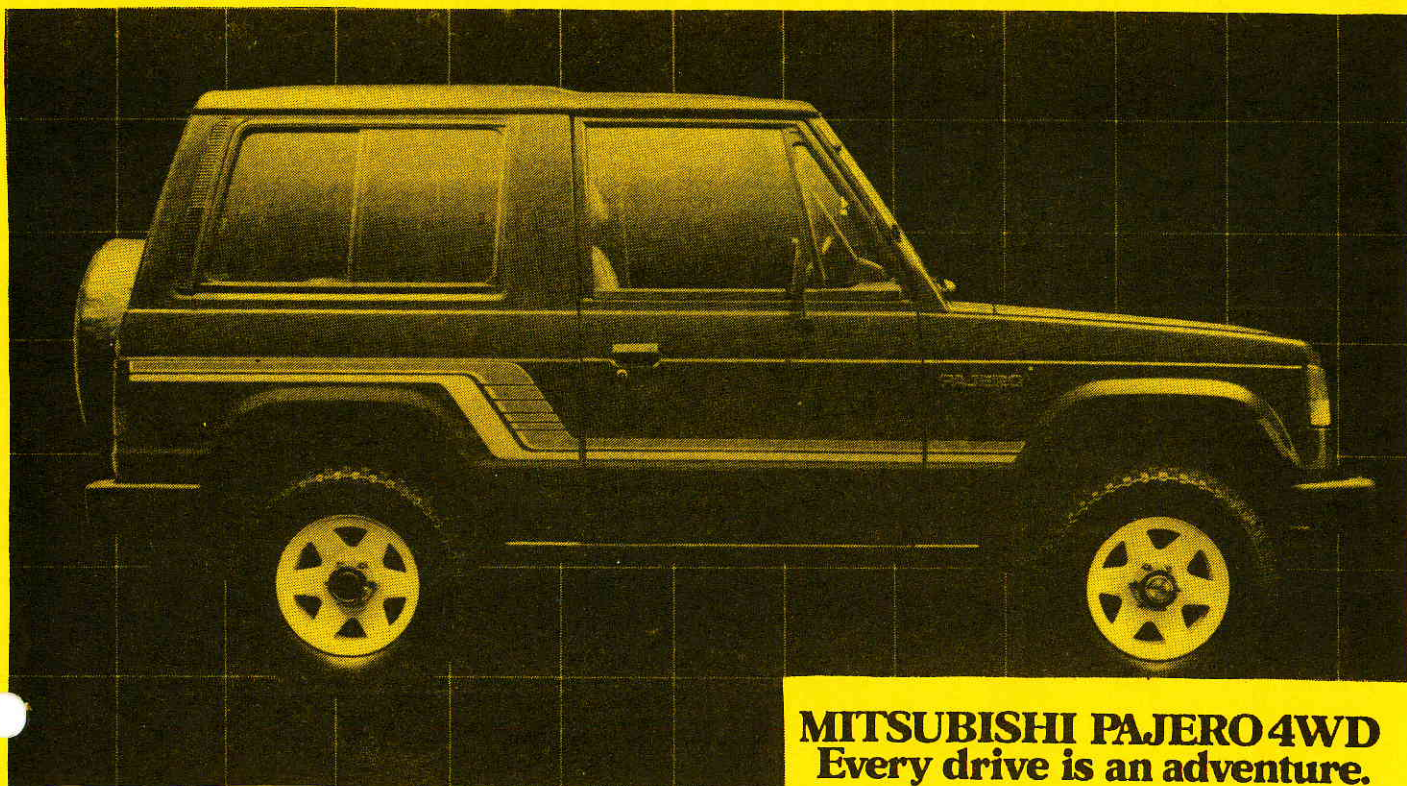


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MONTH	TRIP DATE AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	TRIP LOCATION	DEPARTURE TIME AND LOCATION	TRIP LEADER/S	CLASS	SOCIAL FUNCTION TRIP DETAILS
AUGUST	26th 2 pm Start	Film day & Night Mentone Grammar Sp.Gd. B.B.Q.	T.Hincks		Social	B.Y.O. Meat,Grog,Films.
	31st Aug	Restaurant Night(BETH'S) Epicurian	David Heard		Social	308 Koonang Road Carnegie
SEPTEMBER	8th & 9th Sept	Noojee Area / Noojee Pub.	Andy Merlo	B.S.		Stay at Noojee Pub O/Night
	23rd Day Trip	Fildon Area (8.00am Opp Y/V Toyota Lily.)	Dave Hocking Trevor Nelson	B		
OCTOBER	6th & 7th Oct	Wine Trip Rutherglen Area 7pm Fri (Big Flag)	Don & Thelma	B.C.S.		Saturday Night
	20th & 21st Oct	Nav Trial(Daylesford/Trentham) G.R.634486. Pat Casey		B.C.		Tea at Corowa Golf Club
	20th & 21st Oct	Walhalla Area (CANCELLED)				Start G.R.772499 See detail: This issue.
	19th & 21st Oct	Motor Cycle & 4 WD Show Exhibition Bdg. N...Vic.	Combined Exhibit	S.		Latest Advancements 4X4.
	26th 27th 28th Oct	Boho Bounce	G.V.4.W.D.C.	A.B.C.S.		Trips,Contests,Night Dance
NOVEMBER	Cup W/End Fri 2-Tues 6th	Portland Sand Dunes Area	T.Hincks/P/land	A.B.C.S.		Sand/Forest/Fishing
	Cup W/End Sat 3 -Tues 6th	Upper Dargo Wentworth Riv. Beaconsfield Pub.	Ralph Kanngiesser	A.B.		
	10th & 11th Nov.	Forrest Frolics	W.D.4WDC.	A.B.C.S.		End of year night out.
	Fri 23rd 7pm	Ming Horse Restaurant F.T. Gully B.Y.O.	Club Committee	Social/Dance		
DECEMBER	Sun 25th Day Trip	Latrobe River Neerim Sth	Ralph Kanngiesser	A/B.		
	9th Dec	Bimbibi Wildlife Park Annual Xmas Picnic	S.Claus.	S.		Father Xmas. Have presents ready at meeting prior to date.
IMPULSE TRIPS CONTACT:-	SEPTEMBER	Gerry Lavery Ph. (05)67-2899				Co-ordinator only, Not necessarily trip leader.
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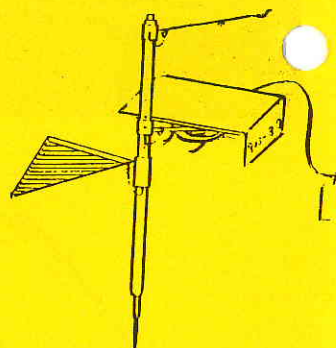
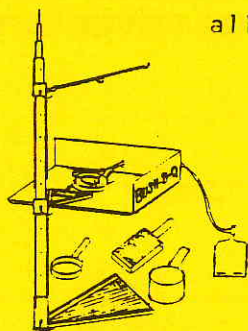
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