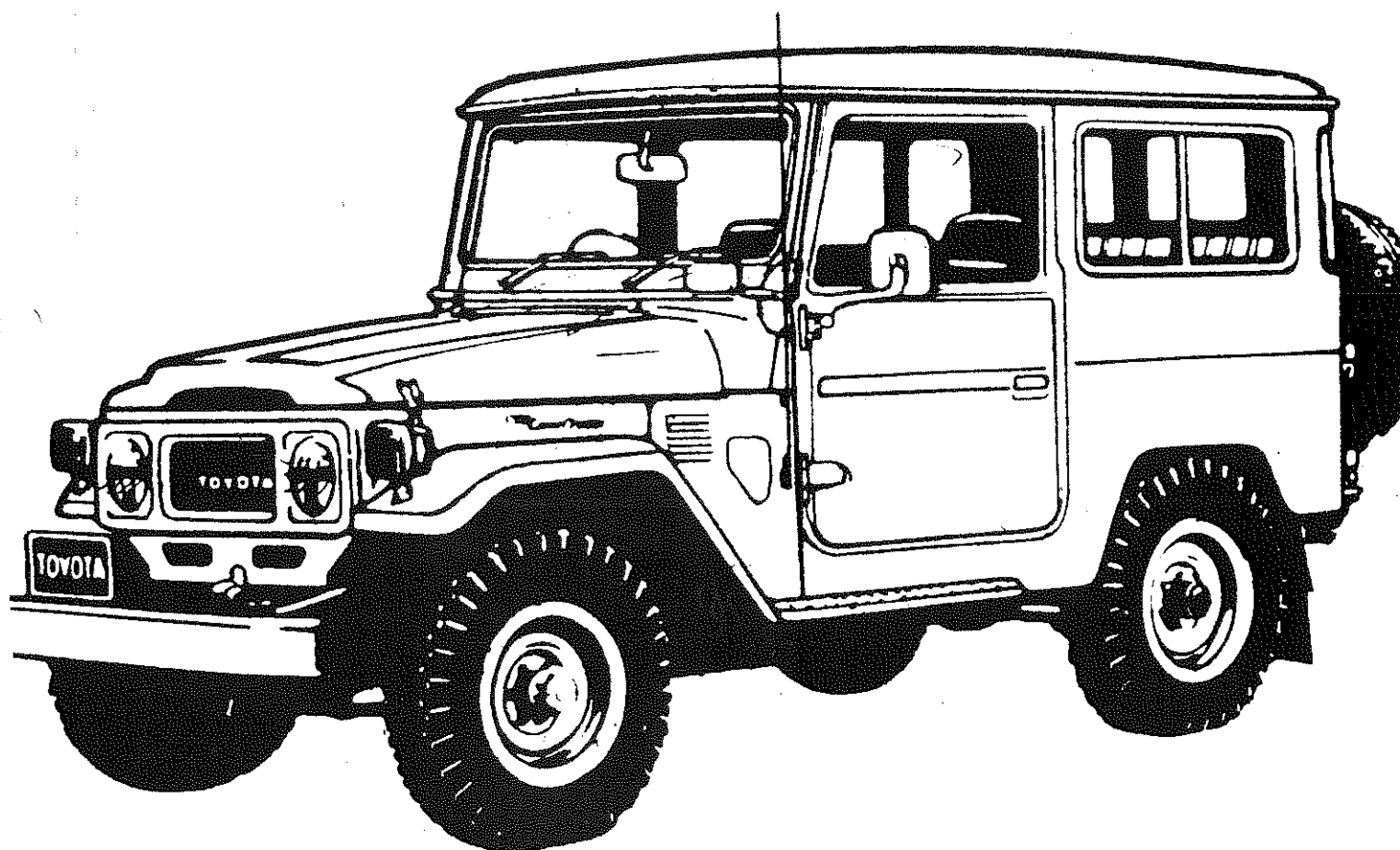


# FREE WHEELING

SEPTEMBER  
1987



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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, snow, deep river crossings 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 ect, 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. Also all drivers must be licenced and shall remain below 0.05 while on club trips.

Newsletter items to Mark Templeton by General Meetings at the latest.

MEETINGS THE LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
AT THE DANDENONG LIBRARY TIME 8.00 pm

ALL CORRESPONDENCE  
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(VICTORIA'S FORGOTTEN GOLD FIELDS)

## PRESIDENTS REPORT SEPT 87

Our restaurant night was a huge success, Ken Beith should easily be able to afford his front-end alignment now. Thanks very much to Ken for a great evening and exquisite food. Many thanks again to Ken for a superb job of preparing the food ( and buying it ) for the Bush Dance. Those who bothered to attend could see just how much work went into the event. It was a great night out, with everything running smoothly. The hall had a good sound, the band played well and kept us all entertained, the food was good and in abundance, all we needed was another twenty people. The committee and all those who helped set up and clean up should be proud of their efforts, so now we can move on to more dances with confidence. We hope to hold two dances a year with a summer outdoor venue being Bimbimble Wildlife Park and Heatherton Hall for winter. The date for our next one is Feb. 13th at Bimbimble.

While we are talking of Bimbimble, the Kids Christmas picnic will be held there once again this year on Dec. 13th. The Christmas dinner this year will be at the Cuckoo Restaurant Olinda, on the 14th of November with the ladies day at Gembrook on the Sunday.

Don't forget Cup Weekend at Mayford. This is a first for the club so try to make it, but don't forget your fishing rod if you like trout. We need trip leaders once again ( same old story ) so if you want to lead a trip or have any suggestions please let us know.

See you at the meeting

DAVE HEARD.

P.S. I've just heard that John Smith received a lousy nine entries for the last port puzzler. John puts in time and money to entertain you and you couldn't be bothered supporting him. This is supposed to be a club.

HOW ABOUT A CLUB EFFORT?



## PORT PUZZLER No. 4

Once again the price of a postage stamp has ruled supreme, with entries in the August Port Puzzler being less than half of those received for the previous month. However, one correct entry was received, this being from MICHELLE HEARD. A bottle of Brown Bros. Reserve Port is awaiting her collection at the September meeting.

The correct answers were;

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Green Green Grass of Home         | 2. The Way we Were                     |
| 3. Una Paloma Blanca                 | 4. Afternoon Delight                   |
| 5. Just the Way you Are              | 6. My Way                              |
| 7. The Rose                          | 8. Do Wah Diddy Diddy                  |
| 9. Billie Jean                       | 10. You've lost that Loving Feeling    |
| 11. Return to Sender                 | 12. Ruby, don't take your love to town |
| 13. Up, up and away                  | 14. Daydream believer                  |
| 15. A Whiter shade of pale           | 16. Happy together                     |
| 17. Can't take my eyes off you       | 18. Yellow Submarine                   |
| 19. Wichita lineman                  | 20. MacArthur Park                     |
| 21. (sitting on) The dock of the bay | 22. Stand by your man                  |
| 23. Get back                         | 24. Spinning Wheel                     |
| 25. Proud Mary                       | 26. He ain't heavy. He's my Brother    |
| 27. I'll never fall in love again    | 28. I still call Australia Home        |
| 29. Friday on my mind                | 30. Goodbye Yellow Brick Road          |
| 31. Money for Nothing                | 32. Hotel California                   |
| 33. Close to you                     |  |

## HERE IS THIS MONTHS PORT PUZZLER

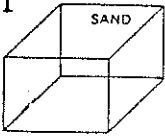
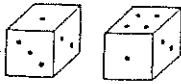



Just in case last month's puzzler was a bit difficult, we have decided to make September's one much easier. Listed on the next page are the clues to well known words or sayings. Your job is to find as many correct answers as possible.

FOR THIS MONTH ONLY all entries to be send to;

PORT PUZZLER  
55 MARTIN STREET  
BELGRAVE, 3160

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 9TH  
OCTOBER, 1987

# PORT PUZZLER No. 4

1 	2. <u>STAND</u> I	3 R O ROADS D S	4. T O V N	5. 	6. <u>GONE</u> CCCCCCCC
7. BLOUSE 	8 AGE A G E AGE	9 MOMANON	10 M CE M CE M CE	11 <u>KNEE</u> LIGHT	12 12SAFTEY345
13 C O M I C	14 <u>0</u> M.D. B.A. PH.D	15 T O U C H V	16 MIND MATTER	17 HE'S/HIMSELF	18 ECNALG
19 R E A D I N G	20 DEATH/LIFE	21 ESTIMATE 	22 ii 00 00 00 00	23 ESCAPE	24 MORNING
25 CHAIR	26 LE VEL	27 WEAR LONG	28 MAN BOARD	29 CYCLE CYCLE CYCLE	30 GROUND 

## SAGE SNIPPETS

It's not the time you put in, but what you put in the time.

The biggest difference between men and boys is the cost of their toys.

## NEWS READER'S NIGHTMARE

A truck full of cottonwool collided with a truck loaded with chooks and it took two hours for the cotton-picking chicken pluckers and chicken-picking cotton pluckers to clean up the mess.

## OUCH!!

A single fly can have thousand offspring. Just think what a married fly could do.

Every child would learn to write sooner - if allowed to practise in wet cement.

## **NOOJEE**

### **ROLL CALL:**

Leonie & Garry Harris, Karen & Rusty  
Brian Luck  
Deano & Loretta & Family  
Jeff (visitor)  
Tom, Lisa, Dustin, Lee & Spike  
Sunday: Debbie, Peter & Bridgitte  
Ken, Maureen & Family  
Jim Lee & Friend  
Terry Moore

The meeting place was the Hallam Pub as usual at 7 a.m. Five gleaming vehicles headed off down the Highway to the secret spot at Noojee.

We passed through the town and hit the dirt road and before we knew it we must have been in Switzerland because all the kids began to "Yodel" in the back seat. A quick cut and polish of the kids and away we went again. Before long the secret track had been reached.

All vehicles stopped, locked in the hubs, selected four wheel drive and off we went.

About 1KM down the track came the first obstacle - a water channel along the track with a creek running through the middle. I, being trip leader decided to go around this and ended up firmly bogged. Tuckie took the other route and made it through. The technique required - a trailer full of beans, Samyangs, spinning to clear the muck and lots of praying and he got through.

All the other vehicles made it through without much trouble.

Further down the track we were required to negotiate several ravines filled with a combination of diamond dust, sand, mud and water. With a little snatching, a lot of pulling and a few more of those beans, we made it through to "the hole".

For those who do not know what the word hole means, let me explain. The "HOLE" is a deceptive puddle in the middle of a track which makes Narby look like a Sunday drive with the family. It is capable of devouring vehicles one by one and has no mercy. Once in it's clutches, it will slowly, fill your pride and joy with a smelly sloppy ooze. Once the headlights disappear in the mirky depths, the monster underneath refuses to let go even when winches are hooked on!

But with perseverance, even the hole can be beaten. Vehicle after vehicle attacked the monster in the hole until finally all were through with not too many casualties.

NOOPE cont....

The "HOLE" is the final test to see if you are worthy of entering the valley. A quick climb and an even quicker slide down the other side and you are in the valley which is like a small paradise and almost worth the trouble to get there.

Once we reached the valley we crossed the creek and decided to camp on high ground.

All the tents were set up, fire wood was gathered and tarp was set up as the rain began. It was very cosy sitting under the tarp, beside the fire in the rain.

A bit of exploring was done and fishing by those inclined.

At approx. 4 p.m. the "Slug mobile" slid down the hill to greet us.

Hello's said, we set about cooking our evening's meal and ate them under the tarps in the rain. After eats all kids went to slumberland and all the big kids began to drown their sorrows. Some people did a lot of drowning because later in the evening the tide was brought up again in the front of one of the landcruisers. It was a very lumpy tide, full of debris and all.

Approx. bewitching hour we all wandered off to our respective apartments and went to sleep.

Most of us rose early and proceeded to have breakfast although some were having trouble filling their bodies with some more debris.

A little later we were talking to the day trippers from the club and trying to tell Ken not to come down the hill as we watched him slide past. People from the other two vehicles decided to walk down.

Most of the morning was spent chattering and packing and by 12.00 we began our torturous 4 k.m. trip back to the main road.

The hill presented a few problems but the real problems were down the other side and around the corner.

Did you guess the problem? Yes it was the "HOLE". When we got to it, it was trying to eat a motorbike. As we watched in horror, the man on the motorbike was trying to kick the monster to death. As the man kicked, the monster must have been squeezing his motorbike because it was spitting water and mud out of a funny little orifice at the back of the bike. The man on the bike was sweating profusely as he struggled, and uttered words which definitely did not come from the English language. His friends jumped to his rescue, (after they had finished their stubbies and cheering and encouragement) and pulled him and his bike from the clutches of frustration.

NOOJEE cont....

After all this excitement it was my turn again to challenge that formidable "HOLE". My little red truck tried to beat that monster down but alas it grabbed us and we were in, and I mean IN.

After 2 short (?) hours of struggling. (at one stage it had me down to the pockets).

We beat it with the aid of an elephant's trunk or was that "elephant looper".

We spent 4½ hours dragging all nine of those vehicles through that "HOLE".

We struggled from puddle to puddle and by the time we had reached the main road depression had set in. The vehicles were covered inside and out with muck. The people were covered in muck. The children were covered in muck. The dogs were covered in muck and burrs and most of the equipment we owned between us was covered in muck.

On the main road in the dark the hubs were found and unlocked. the vehicles quickly locked over and off we limped in convoy to our homes.

The muck played havoc with everyone's brakes and assorted running gear and cost more than one weekend to overcome those 2 days in the secret spot, which will remain secret for ever more.

The place will be kept secret to prevent others suffering the same fate as those who attended.

Won't see you (or me) there again.

Your fearless (?) triplader Tom.

CONT..... BIG RIVER TRAINING WEEK-END

Off to the quarry we went but hark and alas the track had been officially closed so back to the fire trail.

Everybody stopped and the procedure was explained and demonstrated to them before they all had a go. A few hours were spent here by all as they practised while a few attempted to drive to the top of the hill and made it. They actually got into more strife descending the slope than they did trying to get up. Then it was back to camp, to where the fire was just hot enough to cook an evening meal which we did and ate.

Then came the evening ritual training the artificial fire. At about 9 pm I decided to get my trusty dry wood gatherer (shifter and string) and get some wood from the trees. This takes years of practise and can be quite hazardous. Pat Casey decided to tag along and help carry the wood back to the fire. In the process I was attacked by branches, my shifter tried to embed itself into my Akubra, my shifter hit my nether regions on the back swing and Pat nearly wet his pants, but we did get the fire going.

The rest of the evening was spent getting totally happy and warm by the fire. Later in the evening everybody wondered off to bed in all sorts of funny directions.

In the morning when we all arose it was quite plain to almost everybody that we must have got too totally happy for it felt as though somebody was trying to hammer a tent peg into our heads.

We all managed to slide breakfast down pack up in the teaming rain and prepare ourselves for a trip to the snow. We made our way to Mt Margaret but guess what???? NO SNOW!!!!!! We looked around for a while and in the meantime down it came. We had lunch in the snow and got cold in the snow and drove around in the snow. In the hour and a half we were there we had approximately six inches of the white stuff.

From here we headed back down the mountain, through Buxton and home. I hope everybody who attended learnt something and we will try and hold another training week-end in the warmer weather.

I HAD A GREAT WEEK-END AND I HOPE ALL THOSE WHO ATTENDED HAD THE SAME. SEE YOU NEXT TIME. YOURS TRULY,

T O M  
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## B I G R I V E R

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### TRAINING WEEK-END

ROLL CALL:           DAVE & MICHELLE HEARD  
                      STEVE & SHARON ALDER  
                      BARRY  
                      PETER ROWE  
                      STEVE & WIFE (VISITORS)  
                      PAT CASEY

The meeting place was the Sanitarium at Warberton at 9 am on the Saturday morning. Greetings were said and Steve Alder's pooch decided to have breakfast while waiting but Rowe's pooch did not enjoy getting chewed on at that time of morning.

Everybody jumped into their vehicles and we proceeded onward to Big River camp. At this point at time there was a hint of drizzle in the air. We arrived at the camp to find it vacant so we went to look for a camping spot above the high tide mark for that drizzle had now turned to rain. In that rain, camp was set up, and "FIREWOOD?" cut. Some of the people there decided to light the fire which turned out to be a full time job.

There was a break in the weather so the training began in earnest. First thing on the agenda was the changing of tyres, split rim and others. Thanks to Peter Rowe & Dave Heard for supplying the tyres for the learners to attack. Peter Rowe demonstrated the art of changing the split rim type of tyre. After he had completed his comprehensive documentary on tyre change and equipment necessary, persons who had not had the pleasure of changing one had a carefully supervised attempt at the art of changing a tyre.

As the rain was still holding off the next thing on the agenda was the use of a tirfor. All the equipment was set out as Steve backed the Landrover into a gully. A tree sling was placed around the nearest sizeable tree and all the appropriate fittings attached to the vehicle. The next step was to have the crowd of onlookers ready the tirfor for operation. It was explained to them how the system worked and what all those knobs and levers on the winch were for. Then, everybody had a go at loading the cable and experienced the joys of pumping on a handle (tirfor).

When this section of the day was completed all the equipment was put away and a touch of socializing was done while we watch the professional fire-bugs still trying to light the fire. Later in the afternoon it was fine to go for a drive and practise the "stall recovery procedure".

CLUB CALENDAR 1987

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SEPT 19 - OCT 17  
COUBURG PENN  
TRIP FULL  
TOM

OCT 17-18 BOHO BOUNCE  
GOULBURN VALLEY  
4X4  
( INTERCLUB )

NOV 1-2-3 CUP WEEKEND  
MAYFORD AREA  
TOM

NOV 14 XMAS DINNER  
CUCKOO RESTAURANT

NOV 15 LADIES DAY  
GEMBROOK AREA  
GLORIA

NOV 29 ZOO TRIP  
MELBOURNE ZOO

DEC 13 KID'S XMAS PARTY  
BIMBIMBIE PARK

FEB 13 BUSH DANCE  
BIMBIMBIE PARK

OUTBACK TRIP 2WD WITH 4X4 BACK  
UP PETER ROWE  
4 WEEKS

OUTBACK TRIP 7 WEEKS TOM  
KIMBERLEYS

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We would like you to draw us a picture of anything you might find in the bush. Please make the drawing the same size as the box around this writing. If your picture is chosen as the best drawing received for this month, we will use it in the next magazine for our colouring competition.

We are also giving prizes for the best colouring entry and the best drawing entry.

- Every entry will receive one prize token.
- The best colouring entry will receive three prize tokens.
- The best drawing entry will receive five prize tokens.

\* When you have collected 15 prize tokens, send them to us and we will send you \$5.00. \*

Please send entries to: "KIDS PAGE"  
4-16 Hardy St.  
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and clearly mark each entry with your name, age and address.

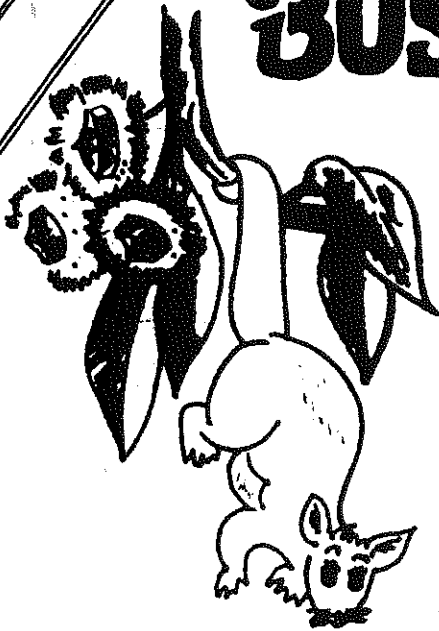
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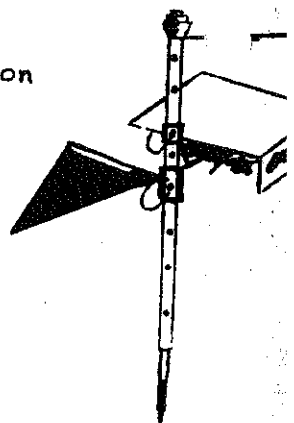
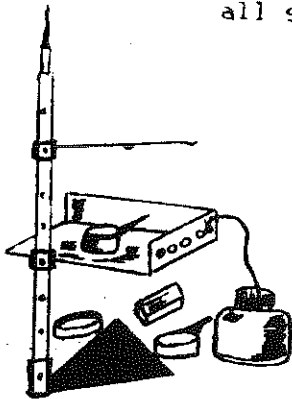
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