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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

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## APRIL '88

Pat Casey's Otway trip sorted out the men from the boys, apparently no-one made the full distance without assistance, and I use that term loosely. Labour day week-end saw a trip into the Avon River. This was the last trip into the area as it has now been declared wilderness. Yet another favourite spot is lost to foot-prints only.

Last meeting we talked at length about children's behaviour around camp. The Saw family have drawn up a page in this magazine to help remind us of some of the consequences. Should we relax a little too much while we're away. We can't emphasize enough the importance of controlling children around the fire, playing with burning sticks and running close to the fire can have disastrous consequences, as we have heard in the past.

So too, with running around with bare feet or thongs, there are lots of things out there to bite, stab or otherwise attack your pedal extremities. To help teach your children we will also accept the safety page as an extra colouring competition and it will be appearing regularly in the magazine.

Up here for thinking mate, and see you at the meeting.

DAVE HEARD



# PORT PUZZLER No. 9

The quality of entries in last month's puzzler, indicates that some members have been doing a hell of a lot of homework. Dave Heard and Tom Brachna had correct answers to all of the 24 questions. The trusty Akubra was once again used to decide the winner. Dave Heard can collect his bottle of Brown Brothers at the next Club Meeting.

THE CORRECT ANSWERS WERE:-

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| 1. PEOPLE IN GLASS HOUSES SHOULDN'T THROW STONES | 13. WHAT'S UP, DOC?                                |
| 2. DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES                        | 14. THAT'S ANOTHER FINE MESS YOU'VE GOT US INTO    |
| 3. DON'T DO AS I DO, DO AS I SAY                 | 15. DON'T COUNT YOUR CHICKENS BEFORE THEY HATCH    |
| 4. GET THEE BEHIND ME SATAN                      | 16. FAINT HEART NEVER WON FAIR LADY                |
| 5. I HAD A DREAM                                 | 17. ONE MAN'S MEAT IS ANOTHER MAN'S POISON         |
| 6. I WANT TO BE ALONE                            | 18. LIFE WASN'T MEANT TO BE EASY                   |
| 7. IT'S A FAR, FAR BETTER THING I DO             | 19. A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS                      |
| 8. ROMEO, ROMEO WHEREFORE ART THOU               | 20. PRIDE COMES BEFORE A FALL                      |
| 9. IT'S NO USE CRYING OVER SPILT MILK            | 21. BEWARE OF GREEKS BEARING GIFTS                 |
| 10. A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE                  | 22. ALL THE WAY WITH L.B.J.                        |
| 11. ET TU BRUTE                                  | 23. EVERY DOG HAS ITS DAY                          |
| 12. BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH                     | 24. THIS IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE |

## NOW FOR THIS MONTH'S PUZZLER

This month's puzzler should stretch the imagination a little. The idea is to complete the sentences given, a significant number and the first letters of each word. Here is an example: 36 B K on a P = 36 Black keys on a piano.

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. 8 B on a S W    | 12. 29 D in F E L Y  |
| 2. 4 A in a D of C | 13. 15 R B on a S T  |
| 3. 26 L of the A   | 14. 6 S on a D       |
| 4. 92 N O E        | 15. 37 C to P a L    |
| 5. 9 P in the S S  | 16. 8 C on a C       |
| 6. 3 S on a T      | 17. 100 R M a C in C |
| 7. 60 M in O D     | 18. 12 N on a C F    |
| 8. 39 B in the O T | 19. 13 B in a B D    |
| 9. 7 W of the W    | 20. 32 B S on a C B  |
| 10. 18 H on a G C  | 21. 5 S in the S C   |
| 11. 6 S on a G     | 22. 12 S of the Z    |

IF YOU CAN'T MANAGE TO GET THEM ALL, JUST SEND IN WHAT YOU CAN

ALL ENTRIES TO BE SENT TO:-

PORT PUZZLER  
21 BEILBY STREET  
BAYSWATER VIC 3153

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 11TH APRIL, 1988

# NEW YEAR 1988

## AVON RIVER TRIP

ROLL CALL:

PETER ROWE (TRIP LEADER)  
PETER & DEB PINK  
RON & ALICE CAM & FAMILY  
ROBERT PITZER & FRIEND NOBBY  
TOM & LIOLA BRACHNA & FAMILY  
DAVE & MICHELLE HEARD  
STEVE & SHARON ALDER & FAMILY  
KEN BEITH & SNOWY 1 + 2 + 3

Well when I woke at 6 am New Year's day to find it still raining I almost changed my mind about going on the trip, I'm now glad I didn't.

I rolled up at the Hallam Pub at 7.25 am for a 7.30 departure, to find 3 vehicles there ready to go. Three vehicles had left on New Year's Eve to secure a good camp spot on the Avon, and 3 vehicles had pulled out for various reasons.

We had a good trip down the highway to Moe where Robert filled up with gas, from there we went up through Tyres (with tread which I declined) to Heyfield and Maffra where Pinky, Robert and Ron all re-fueled. It was still pouring rain and I was not looking forward to what might be ahead.

From Maffra we went through Boisdale to Valencia Creek and the Valencia Creek track, by now the rain was easing from heavy rain to drizzle, the track was slippery in places but no dramas, we turned left into Stans track, and started climbing only to find track in very good condition with one or two slippery patches.

Ron was now finding that his packing had let him down a couple of times. We turned right onto Mt Angus track. Weather conditions now had improved some what, there were some big bits of blue overhead and drizzle was light.

We then turned left onto Avon Turton track where I made radio contact with Tom, Dave, Steve at the 8th river crossing. It looked like the mob had been camped there for weeks with big tarps up everywhere.

It was 12.15 pm when we rolled into camp. Most set up camp right away, I had drinkies first then feed the inner man with some can muck which will not be on the camp list again.

Everyone took it easy for the rest of the day, having the odd staminade, tea or coffee, or going down to the river which wasn't all that cold so I'm told. Much to everyone's surprise it wasn't very cold at all, in fact, it was shorts all weekend, the flies and mozzies were the biggest problem.

CONT..... AVON RIVER TRIP 1988

After we had all eaten our tea I laid my tend on the ground under Steve's HUMUNGUS tarp which wasn't far for me to fall after a few ports around the fire I think it was about 1 am when we gave it away.

DAY 2 02.01.88

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It was up at 7 am got the fire going and into something to eat for the big day ahead. It was about 8 am or so we heard a voice on the radio, it was to be the Beith creature, he and the boys had left late to head up and meet us but took a couple of wrong turns and made camp. They found our camp about 10 am. After lunch we went for a little drive to have a look at another camp spot it would only be good for 4 or 5 vehicles at the most, then back to camp.

It was now time to get fire wood, we were lucky there was a big tree just behind the camp. So Dave with his kick start chain saw, the tree was into liftable lengths, then the wood splitter came into its own, next we had wood to burn. After tea which everyone had early it was time for telling stories most real some I have my doubts and a few drinkies again, boy am I glad my bed was close by, it was about 1 am again, still no rain.

DAY 3 03.01.88

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Thank goodness the weather had been good to us and it was quite mild as well, anyway I woke about 6 am got the fire going and had breakfast one by one everyone got up and ate, then packed up. We left the camp at 10 am for the return trip. We headed along the Avon track to the Ben Cruachan Creek track to Golden Point Hut.

It has been some years since going down there myself, the track is not real good in places I thought we would have trouble getting out, but to my surprise it looked worse than it was. The Hut was in good condition with some supplies still inside, someone had drunk all the grog though.

Once up to the top it was fairly easy going. I forgot to mention before lunch just past Mt Hump track turn off we came across a big tree over the road. So it was up to Dave with his kick start chain again and my winch and many willing hands and about 1 hour later we were mobile again. About 2 or 3 Kms down the track there was another tree, this time Ron came to the rescue with his motorized tooth pick. From there it was down to the river and lunch at the Hut and old bus.

CONT. AVON RIVER 1988

We ended up on Miller Rd then around the back of Glenmaggie to Heyfield where it was time to raid the Milk Bar for junk food smokes and drinks. From here it was black top all the way home through Tyres, Moe then the main drag. I got home at 6pm.

I would like to thank all for coming and hope you all had a good time, it was also good to see more people coming on trips again.

CHEERS FOR NOW  
PETER ROWE

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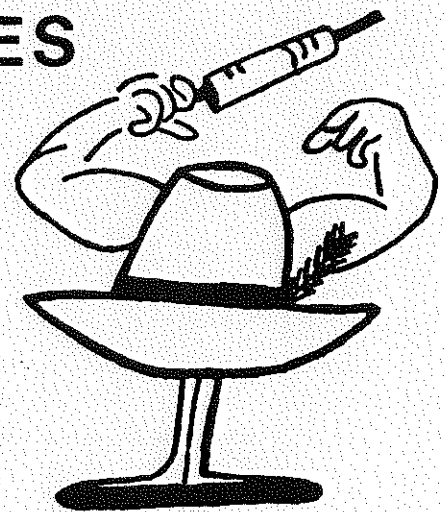
# How to cure your DRINKING PROBLEM

PROBLEM	REASON OR PROBABLE CAUSE	SUGGESTED REMEDY
1. Drinking fails to give any satisfaction or taste. Front of shirt wet.	Mouth not open while drinking or glass applied to wrong part of face.	Buy another pot and practise in front of a mirror. Continue with as many pots as necessary until drinking technique is perfected.
2. Drink fails to give any satisfaction or taste. Beer usually pale & clear.	Glass empty.	Find someone who will buy you another pot.
3. Feet cold and wet.	Glass being held at wrong angle.	Turn glass the other way so that the open end is pointing upwards.
4. Feet warm and wet.	Loss of self control.	Go and stand next to the nearest dog, after a while complain to the owner and demand a pot in compensation
5. Bar blurred.	You are looking through bottom of empty glass.	See remedy No. 2.
6. Bar swaying.	Air turbulence unusually high - may be due to darts match in progress.	Insert broom handle down back of jacket.
7. Bar moving.	You are being carried out.	Find out if you are being taken to another pub. If not complain loudly that you are being hijacked.
8. You notice that the wall opposite is covered with ceiling tiles and has a light fitting in it.	You have fallen over backwards.	If your glass is full and no one is standing on your drinking area stay put. If not get someone to help you up and lash yourself to the bar.
9. Everything has gone dim and you have a mouthful of fag ends and broken teeth.	You have fallen over forwards.	As for No. 8.
0. You feel sharp pains in your rear.	You are standing too close to the pool table.	Ask to have the pool table moved.
1. Everything is going dark.	The pub is closing.	(a) Panic (b) Go find another pub.
2. You wake up and find your bed hard, cold and wet, you cannot see your bedroom walls or ceiling.	You've spent the night in the gutter.	Check your watch to see if it is opening time. If not treat yourself to a lie-in.

# PINKY'S BUSH RECIPES

## FOR THE

### CULINARY ARTISTS



#### VEGERONI PASTA

##### INGREDIENTS:

1 Packet 250 Gram Vegeroni Egg Noodles.  
3 Rashes of Bacon or 3 slices of Ham  
1 Small Onion  
1 Small can of Champignons  
250 Grams of grated or finely chopped chesse  
250 ml of fresh or long life Thickened cream  
Other ingredients can be added to your liking

##### METHOD:

- Step 1 Finely chop bacon & onion
- Step 2 Fry on barbie plate
- Step 3 Boil enough water to cook the noodles in a billy or camp oven
- Step 4 Boil for 9 mins
- Step 5 Drain noodles
- Step 6 Add bacon, onions & champignons to noodles while stiring over flame
- Step 7 Add chesse keep stiring until chesse melts
- Step 8 Add cream stir until warm do not boil
- Step 9 Remove from billy or camp oven & Pig Out
- "NOTE" Be sure to soak billy or camp oven or you could need to hire a jack hammer to remove the groutons

# CLUB CALENDAR 1988

APR	1-5	EASTER TRIP DOG FENCE SA - VIC PETER ROWE
APR	22-25	ANZAC WEEKEND WALHALLA O'TOOLES PETER PINK
APR	24	GEMBROOK DAY TRIP RODNEY LES
APR	29-30	G. F. W. D. C. GO-DOWN LABERTOUCHE INTERCLUB
MAY	1	SPIRIT OF VIC BOAT TRIP
MAY	15	LADIES DAY GEMBROOK GLORIA
MAY	27-29	GOULBURN VALLEY LANDROVER ROUND UP
JULY	2	A. G. M. DINNER TEX MEX
JULY	26	A. G. M. MEETING
SEPT	9-11	BENDIGO 4 X 4 BARNADOWN RUN-AROUND
OCT	29	BUSH DANCE
SEPT 10 to OCT 8		OUTBACK TRIP 2WD WITH 4X4 BACK UP PETER ROWE
OUTBACK TRIP	7 WEEKS	TOM KIMBERLEYS

## OTWAYS

## WEEKEND

ROLL CALL: Pat and Ann Casey & Kids  
Joe and Mrs Lavery & Kids  
Peter and Debbie Pink  
Rob and Julie Ayton  
Dary and Jan Naper  
Peter and Liza  
Barry Ellis  
Ron Camm and Son  
Jim Lee  
Ken and Maureen Beith & Kids

Pete and I arrived at Pat's Palace out of Torquay at about 11pm Friday night. Finally after several discussions decided on site for tent, then spent next hour bending numerous pegs before finally securing tent in place.

By about 10 am next morning all had arrived except Jim Lee and Beith's, and after required refreshments we all set off about 10.30 am for our trip to the Otways Boghites.

Round by the tip up a nice little pinch and then down to the first mud hole, low and behold it was dry. The troops were getting ugly they wanted mud so Pat quickly headed for the next hole praying for rain. Pat got bogged and Joe had to pull him out, the rest of us got through alright nearly. I drove through in two wheel drive and nearly made it, but had to reverse out and after selecting 4 x 4 made it through with no worries.

Then along a bit further a few more tracks and lunch stop before we tackled the "BIG BOGHOLE". Well it really was one of those impossibles, no one made it through, although the way Joe was carrying on about moving one of the Rangies one could have been forgiving for thinking he was going to make it. Super Sootie put up a good show not at one stage was it stopped, but the exit ramp was right at bull bar height and impossible to hurdle. We could have backed out but not gone forward and on up the track, which considering what was to happen next might not have been a bad idea.

Peter left the car to do some filming, so being the enterprising person I am, I moved the car down the track and picked him up. At this point I wish to declare I did offer to give up the drivers seat, but no, Peter was going to do some more filming so I was told to stay.

CONT. OTWAYS WEEKEND

Well we started out alright, down the winding hills in and out of very deep washouts when someone suggested afternoon tea. I tried to negotiate a very tricky and deep washout, but alas, I fell in and to make matters worse thought I could drive out. Well, the bank cracked away and I ended up with the car sitting on both diffs and all four wheels free spinning.

Barry who was travelling in front nearly had a heart attack trying to tell all over the CB. Then over the club radio came a very sniggering inquiry as to whether or not he could bring back the winch to help us. Needless to say after the number of tows Pat had had that day he felt the need to being humble with his assistance. Not our Pat, else he would be writing this report not me. So we hooked up the winch and soon we were out minus two front mud flaps.

Down to the creek for afternoon tea, then we returned via the Alcoa Opencut to Pat's for an evening of wine, beer, port and lovely warm open fire.

The next day when Jim Lee and Beith's arrived we headed back into the Otways basically to show the new arrivals the fun of the day before. We did, however, find another bog on persistant request for mud from a certain quarter. It proved one way and another to be rather disastorous, Jim did his clutch and Beith's monster was running hot. Finally after convincing Ken that he couldn't get through the impossible boghole, we returned back to Pat's..

Coffee and a chat, a bit of video, and some organising as to whom was towing whom home and we departed just after 5.30 pm for home.

Thanks to everyone for their company and especially to Pat and Ann for their hospitelaty.....

DEBBIE PINK

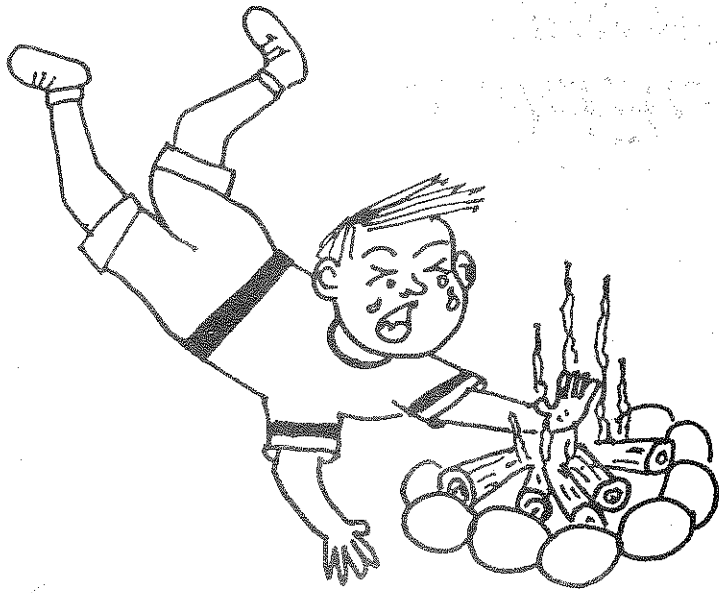


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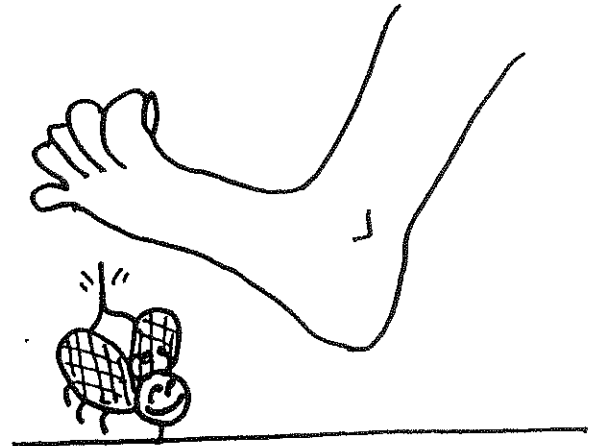
TO CONNIE AND BRIAN WEST

ON THE ARRIVAL OF THEIR NEW BABY DAUGHTER

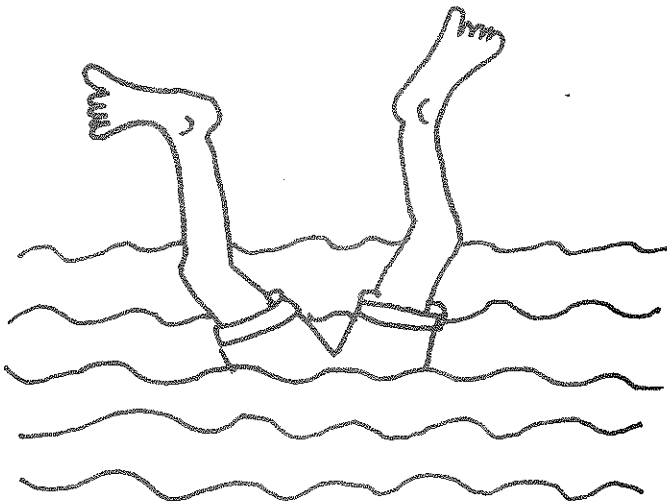
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NEAR THE FIRE



SAFETY FOOTWEAR



NEAR WATER .



AROUND CAMP.

# VICTORIA ASSOCIATION OF FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUBS PUBLIC LAND USE REPORT

CLUB NAME		<p>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.</p>
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REGION	TRACKS USED	COMMENTS: (use reverse if insufficient space).



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VICTORIAN FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB  
TRIP DATA.

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DESTINATION : \_\_\_\_\_

TRIP LEADER : \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER : \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTURE DATE : \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTURE POINT: \_\_\_\_\_

FUEL REQUIRED : \_\_\_\_\_

LAST FUEL AVAILABLE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAPS REQUIRED : \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE :        A    B    C                      DURATION : \_\_\_\_\_

BASE CAMP :    YES   NO                      NATIONAL PARKS :   YES   NO

ROUTE VIA : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITIES : \_\_\_\_\_

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS : \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE RETURN TO COMMITTEE 4 WEEKS PRIOR TO TRIP (TO ALLOW PUBLICATION)

VICTORIAN FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB  
TRIP DATA  
WHAT'S ON

Destination; Easter Trip SA-VIC Dog Fence

Contact; Peter Rowe Ph 703 2346  
Departure Date; 1 April Departure Time; 6.00am SHARP  
Departure Point; Crn. Robinsons Rd & Western Hwy.  
Melway map 25 A-6  
Fuel Required; Full Tank + 2 Jerrys  
Last Fuel Available; Nhill or Kaniva  
Maps Required:  
Grade; A Duration; 5 Days  
Base Camp; No National Parks; No  
Route Via; Western Highway to Nhill  
Activities; Four Wheel Driving in the sand exploring  
a new part of Victoria  
Special Conditions; Extra fuel if no long range tanks  
Full recovery gear with tow points  
both front & rear  
Tyre pump, spare tubes to suit  
your type of tyres

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Destination; Walhalla - O'Tooles *GOING.*  
ANZAC WEEK END  
Contact; Peter Pink Phone: 763 7434  
Departure Date; ~~23~~ 24 25<sup>th</sup> April Time: 7.30 pm  
Departure Point; Hallam Pub.

Fuel Required; Full tank and Jerry can  
Last Fuel Available; Moe or Trafalgar  
Maps required; Beardmore, Topographic 1-25000  
Grade: A B Duration: 3 days  
Base Camp; Yes National Park: No  
Route Via; Moe, Erica, Walhalla, O'Tooles  
Activities; A+ Grade navigation trial - Saturday  
Waterwheel trip - Sunday  
Mount useful and Home - Monday  
Special conditions; Vehicles entering Nav Trial must  
have recovery gear and winching  
or towing points.

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VICTORIAN FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB  
TRIP DATA

Destination: Gembrook

Trip leader: Rodney Lee Phone No: 059 427 227  
Departure Date: 24.04.88 Time: 8.30 am  
Departure Point: Pakenham Highway Pub.  
Fuel required: Full Tank  
Last fuel available: Pakenham  
Maps required: Yarra Valley and Gembrook Forest

GRADE: B Duration: One day trip  
Activities: Just plain four wheel driving, fun day, and  
trying B grade tracks.

Special Conditions: Full Recovery gear.

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LADIES DAY PART TWO

Destination: Gembrook  
Trip Leader: Mark & Gloria Templeton Phone: 754 3667  
Departure Date: May 15th, 1988 Time: 10.00 am  
Departure Point: Gembrook car-park Main Rd Gembrook  
Fuel Required: Full tank  
GRADE: B  
Maps required: As per above

Activities: LADIES, ITS OUR TURN!!!!  
It's time for us to get behind the wheel of the  
four wheel drives. Lets enjoy and learn how  
to handle these beasts, and have fun, So that  
we too can drive through 4 wheel drive country,  
through bogholes, ruts, down and up hills,  
without the slightest hesitation.  
BUT ABOVE ALL, LETS SHOW THEM (MALES) WHAT WE  
(FEMALES) CAN HANDLE.

Special Conditions: All females are required to turn up,  
plus  
Full Recovery Gear.

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## O'TOOLES FLAT - (first impression)

Peter Pink rang Thursday night - "What are you doing this weekend? Come to Donnelly's to set up a Nav. Trial. Tom and I went last weekend - Gees it was wet - lots of sliding, bleak and ugly." So I discussed it with Ann - "Want a quiet weekend camping with the Pinks, just out of Melbourne?" "No worries Pinky see you 7.30 tomorrow night".

After a feast of take-aways at Pinky's, we left at 7.30. How far? says Ann. "200 km" says Pinky. Fuel up at Trafalgar. Turn off at Moe, on to the gravel that was very twisty. Across one creek, more twists. As we approached the next creek crossing, Pinky radioed back - "Tom drowned a Landy in here!" "HELL" I thought, and suddenly Ann's alert. "Big hole out to the right on the old track" says Pinky. Ann relaxes. "Tom and Ken had lots of scratching on this next bit last weekend". I lowered my head towards the dashboard, and looked up at Pinky's. Tail-lights bouncing around as he nibbled up the track. Well - low 4 second, diff lock in. Headlights bouncing about and spotting possums - half way up - Pinky radio's back, "seen a few Landy's break axles here". Despite those words of encouragement, we easily made it up. A fairly easy run into O'Tooles after that section. We had the whole flat to ourselves, and the Forest Commission had done an excellent job of mowing the flat. A fantastic camping spot.

SATURDAY MORNING - weather brilliant. Over a coffee we discussed various tracks and routes for the Nav Trial, after all, we came here to work, not to play. The first track really set the scene for the day - ugly, 30 odd degrees, washaways, gibbers, ledges and a variety of ?? correct lines! Winch control, tree sling, shackles appear in the front seat - Diff lock in, low 4 first (my panic gear). "I'll give you a yell if I get to the top" radios Pinky. I did not like the sound of that "IF" - after all, he had 2 switches. (I was to get this message on many occasions today). Gees, Pinky's scratching, but he made it up the first section. So I start up, plenty of traction, no worries so far - half way up - Pinky radios back "Andy Mello's Rangie got stuck there - seen a few Landy's do axles along here - saw another Rangie get stuck here". Encouraging fellow. Ann's still holding on tight and looking out the side window. Scratch, angle nibble (hate driver side down), scratch and finally we are up. Three more sections like that and we get to the top of the track. We felt good, NOW.

The next track was also good, but not difficult - a few interesting slopes and creek crossing. We even travelled along the main road - for 700 yards. Onto this other track that "mein host" wanted to try. "Gees, Pat, this looks ugly". Hell - diff lock in, low 4 first, and down and down we went, until we got to the creek.

CONT. O'TOOLES FLAT - FIRST IMPRESSIONS

"This would be very interesting going up in the wet". "Have a look at the contours on the map for the next ridge". Track very overgrown (hates vegetation growing in the middle of the track), but it was an interesting trip to the top.

We travelled along another track. Pinky camly came over the radio, "that will be Trigg Track over there", even from this distance it looked really mean and awesome - STRAIGHT UP. I was pleased to keep Trigg Track in my rear view mirror. Pinky radioed "I-know another spot, did a Landy axle there one day, and another day got horrible hung up." Yes - interesting little entrance and exit to the creek. Then we slowly descended another slope into a creek - where's the road???? Out of the vehicles and we went looking - found it - into the creek for 100 yards and then out, a few scratching sections, some moist, (possible winch point in the Nav trial) and then up to the top again.

Around a few more tracks, and then we found this other track that we had to check out (only for the sake of the Nav trial, mind you). Track looked easy. "Gees, hell, a bleak ledge here, Pat. Real stand on the firewall shiff - gees, hit 40 degrees on the indinometre - GREAT STUFF - come on down!!!" Again low 4 first, diff lock in, left foot under the seat - eased over the rock face, only got to 35 degrees as I took different line - hell, big gibber chasing me down the hill. This track had a few more down hill sections, another ugly spot or two, but eventually we arrived on the main road.

Back to camp, refreshments and plenty of talking about today's events. That evening we panned some gold colour for the kids, thanks to Pinky's experties. Now the kids have got gold fever. A good night around the camp fire.

SUNDAY - End of daylight saving. Another brilliant day. "Pinky, if you are going to put them up that track (the last one we came down yesterday), then we had better go up it and see if we can get up the ledge." Silence. "Nah!" Silence. "Do you think so?" Silence. "OK, back later girls." Off we went - try the first section with out a diff locker. Scratch and scratch - umm - well, try the rear locker. Scratch and away we go. (Thank you Mr Roberts). Eventually we came to the ledge - bad, looked at the various lines, still bad. Up came Pinky, scratching, nibbling, bouncing and bucking, spitting rocks and tyre lugs out the back - but he made it. "We will put a winch point here", "A three switch hill - says Pinky - a rear switch, a front switch and a switch of under pants!"

CONT. O'TOOLES FLAT - FIRST IMPRESSIONS

We travelled around a little, and then went down the track that we first went up yesterday - only for the sake of the Nav trial. It still looked ugly, but seemed much easier to amble down in low 4 first, picking your lines through the washouts and ruts.

Back to camp - lunch, swim, panned for gold, and then packed up. Travelling back the main road, we turned up Beardmores Track - to save time said Pinky, besides it was "really slippery last weekend, nearly ended up in the Thompson Dam". Such encouragement. Down we went, no drama, great view of the dam wall and spillway. "Gees, someone left the tap on" radios Peter. The creek in front was fairly full and raging. "I'll nibble across", says Peter with a laugh (because he has a great big snorkel). "You can't go in there" says Ann. "Go on in, Dad" chorus the kids. "Come on in, Pat" invited Pinky over the radio. Low 4 first, diff lock in - remember the air intake is in the front right fender, fan okay - I waited as Pinky might have some encouraging moral boosting words - he did - "Thank goodness, they did not open the spillway". Anyhow, into the water, water lapped the top of the bull bar, but we crossed uneventfully, "Oh, what a feeling."

That was a great way to finish a great four wheel drive weekend. Pinky and I both agreed that we had not done so much good scratching for a long time.

THE NAVIGATION TRIAL ON THE ANZAC LONG WEEKEND IN APRIL, PROMISES TO BE GREAT. SO BE THERE. IN THE MEANTIME PRAY IT DOES NOT RAIN.

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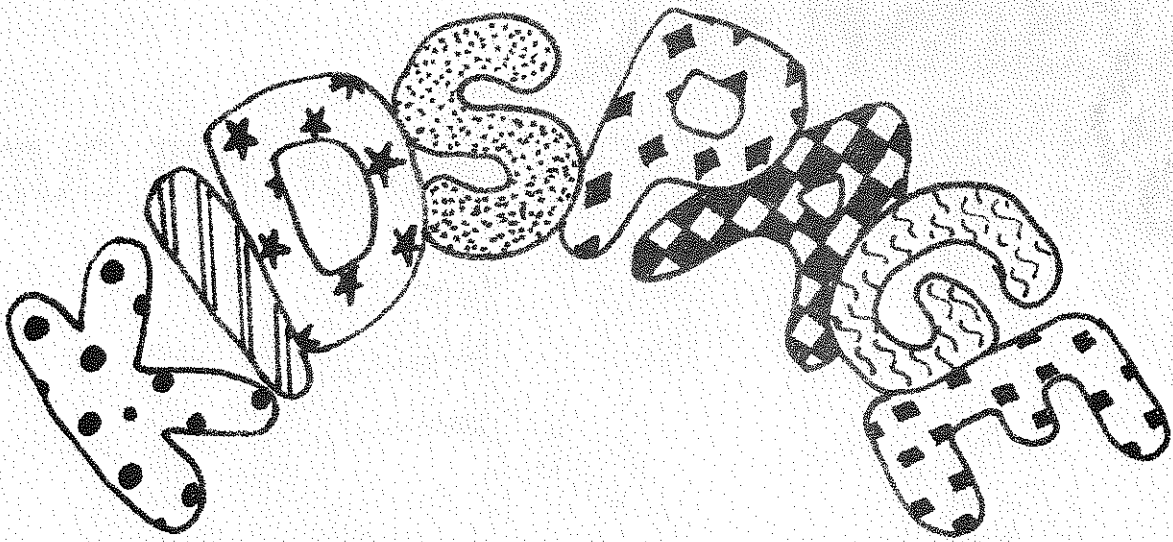
Our drawing competition was won by:

Kellie Stephenson

and the colouring competition was won by:

Tina Weller and Steven Beith

Well done to all those who sent in entries.  
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.



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.

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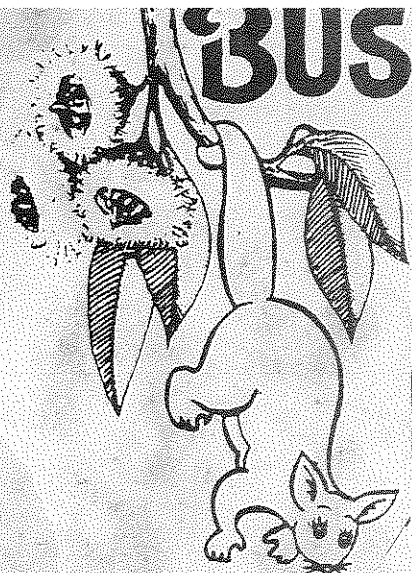
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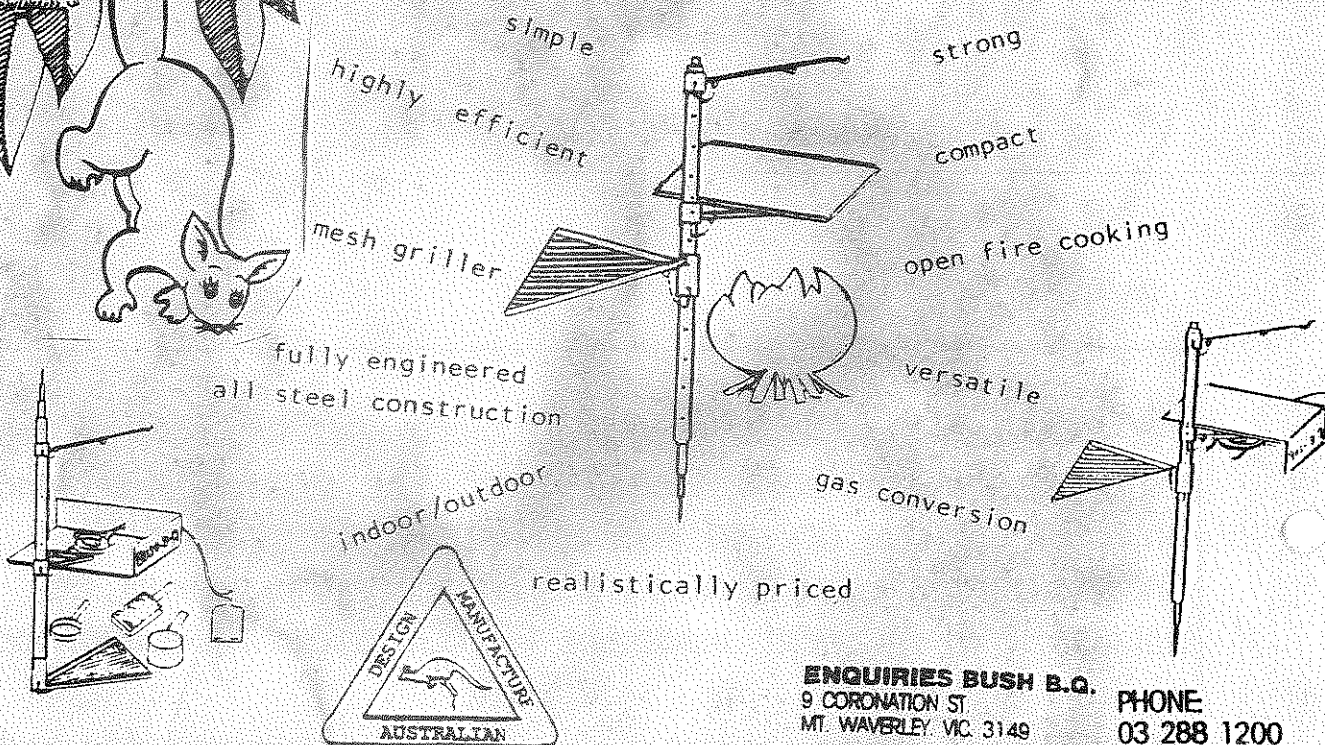
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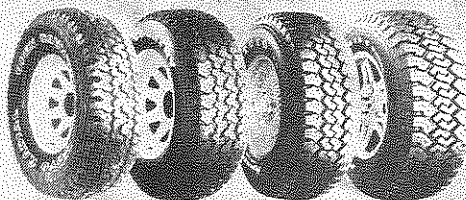
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