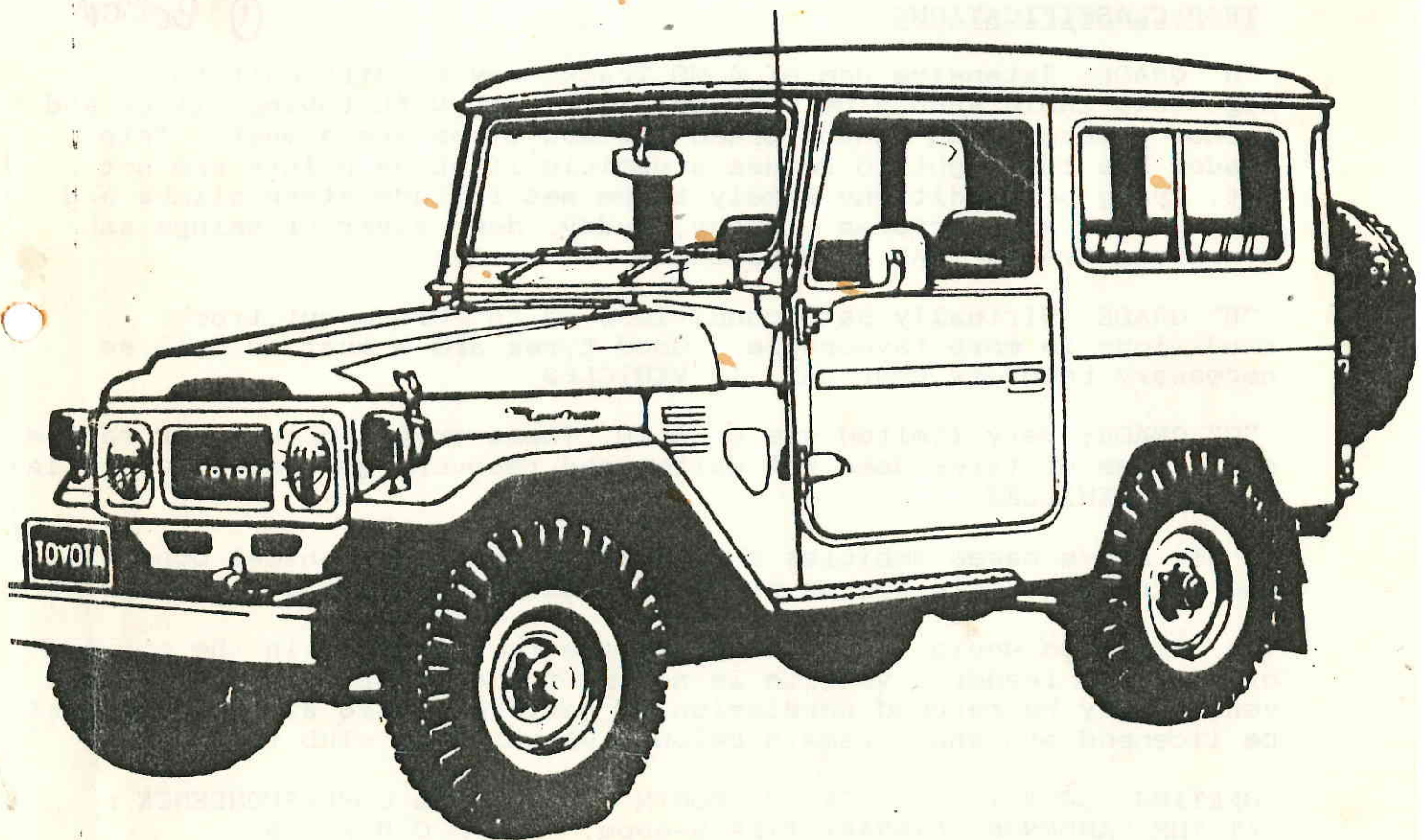


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TRIP CLASSIFICATIONS

① Bottom

"A" GRADE; Extensive use of 4 WD Tracks may be difficult to negotiate chain should be carried along with 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, deep river crossings and overgrown tracks MAX. 6 VEHICLES.

"B" GRADE; Virtually same conditions as "A" Grade but track conditions 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. Types 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 spares parts 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 licensed and shall remain below 0.05 while on club trips.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Its been awhile since the last magazine , but we have had a few problems over the last two months. Hopefully next month everything will be back to normal.

This magazine Has been put together by Ron. Camm ,and the Committee would like to thank Ron. for stepping in to help.

Its good to see the Kimberley Mob back. And we are looking forward to hearing all the stories and seeing the videos at the next meeting.

Finally, we need a good turn up to the clubs BI CENTENNIAL BUSH DANCE to make it a success . PLEASE BRING ALONG AS MANY FAMILY AND FRIENDS AS YOU CAN.

# Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club (Inc.) **BI CENTENNIAL BUSH DANCE**

MUSIC BY OZZIE MOZZIES

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 1988**

**7-30 P.M. → LATE!**



at **Gaelic Hall,**  
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**Beef on spit, snags, rolls provided.**  
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**Bring a salad for the salad bar.**  
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## TRIP COMMITTEE

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Below is a list of equipment recommended for vehicles going on "A" grade trips.

This equipment would also be handy for vehicles on "B" grade trips or for that matter , any trip into the bush.

IT IS STRESSED THAT ANY TRIP LEADER OF ANY TRIP HAS THE POWER TO REFUSE A VEHICLE TO PARTICIPATE ON A CLUB OUTING ,IF HE THINKS THAT THE VEHICLE IS NOT ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED.

"A" BAR OR FITTING LUGS ON BUMPER BAR

TOWING CABLE ,CHAIN OR SNATCH STRAP AT LEAST 20' IN LENGTH

TOWING POINTS = FRONT AND REAR

SHACKLES TO SUIT CABLES AND TOWING POINTS

WHEEL CHAINS

SPADE AXE OR CHAIN SAW

SNATCH BLOCK

JACK AND GROUND PLATE

AIR PUMP

TUBE TO SUIT TYRES ,PATCHES AND SPARE VALVE

50mm OR 2" TOW BALL

TYRE GAUGE

C.R.C. OR SIMILAR WATER REPELLENT

DECENT TOOL KIT

BRAKE FLUID

GLOVES AND HAND CLEANER

GOOD FIRST AID KIT

JUMPER LEADS

It is also handy to carry a supply of appropriate oil for use in engine gear box and diff.

VALUE FROM A MATE ?

There were a bunch from good old Vic,  
Who went out Coburg way,  
And for some respite from the dust,  
They stopped at Mataranka on the way.  
At Cahills Crossing they met with Geoff,  
A real good bloke through and through,  
He was travelling 'round Australia,  
Not for one year but for two!  
So off they trucked in convoy style -  
In Toyotas everyone,  
Most of them in Hilux's,  
But some in Landys with air on.  
They got a hundred yards it seems,  
Before they took their first wrong turn.  
The navigation would have to improve a bit,  
Or along the way they'd have to learn.  
The track was really good,  
Through Arnhem Land to Murganella.  
With occasional patches of bull dust,  
and Truck loads of black fella.  
The track was still O K,  
Until Black Point was first struck,  
And we hit the corrugations,  
That threatened to destroy the bloody trucks.  
So there we were at last,  
A pit dyke and tank shower,  
With all the tents assembled,  
And several beers sunk within an hour.

The next day was the first of many,  
They'd go fishing in Geoff's boat,  
With all the fish that were coming back,  
There was danger of suffering from the bloat.  
But none of the catches got anywhere near,  
One night at Caiman Creek,  
When more sharks were pulled ashore,  
Than beers sunk within a week.  
And if enough excitement had not been had,  
When they gutted 'em that day,  
A mighty big Croc almost came into camp -  
to feed on what was thrown away,  
So the next night they all sat down,  
To have themselves a feast,  
Twenty Seven people there were -  
All feeding on one beast.  
They never knew so many diff'rent ways,  
It was possible to cook flake!  
Or putting it another way,  
To get VALUE FROM A MATE!

Geoff Rushmer

1 / 10 / 1987

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If you have any queries, contact Patrick Casey please.

## Map

Advice

UMRJ - Road Junction between a Mapped Road(s) and an Unmapped Road.

## Advice

- START RJ 509216 EXIT SE

VIA 1 RJ 498197 EXIT W

VIA 2      RJ 458187    ENTER FROM NNE (Not ENE)  
EXIT S

VIA 3 RJ 494169 ENTER FROM W

VIA 4 RJ 513191 ENTER FROM S

VIA 5 RJ 524216

FINISH RJ 509216 ENTER FROM ENE

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Tabletop Navigation - Questions

1. At VIA 1 - name the Two roads.
2. At VIA 2 - What road did you use to enter the intersection?
3. At VIA 4 - Approx. height above sea level.
4. At VIA 5 - Would you turn right or left?
5. How many creeks or rivers would you cross?
6. Between VIA 4 and VIA 5, would you be travelling uphill or downhill, and what gear would you probably be in?

## G o n e   F i s h i n       -       Series 2

Now that we have the gear, lets get the map out and see where we can go.

With the onset of cold weather and rising waters, most of Victoria's lakes are giving good catches. These include Lake Toolondo (just past Horsham), Lake Dartmouth (situated at Dartmouth township in the Victorian Alps) and of course Lake Eucumbene and Jindabyne - the mecca for Victorian fishermen. Copeton Reservoir is good for native fish (approx. 35 kilos South West of Invenell).

Don't forget the mountain rivers and streams. Chris and I have just returned from Jamieson with 5 tasty trout in one afternoon.

This time of year worms are the most popular.

### Bottom Fishing

During the wetter part of the year when the streams are banked high and discoloured and again throughout the season when heavy rains have fallen, the trout move away from the swirling currents, and into the quieter backwater, where they feed on worms and other creatures washed into the stream.

As the discoloured waters restrict the trout's vision, it prefers to feed in the slacker waters away from the gill irritation silt, on items it can find by using the sense of smell and taste.

And of these items, earthworms are the most taste appealing and most abundant in a flooded stream.

Because of the strong current, even in the backwaters, it is often necessary to use a sinker to prevent your bait being carried downstream.

To enable the trout to take the bait and move away with it without feeling the weight of the sinker, the latter is slipped on the line 1 metre above the bait and a single split shot nipped on the line to prevent the sinker sliding down to it.

Fishing with worms, the fisherperson (non sexist) can allow plenty of time before striking because most trout mouth the bait a few times before taking it properly

As he/she will usually be fishing in discoloured, snaggy waters the fisherperson need not worry about using exceptionally light lines or leaders.

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Gone fishin ....

A 2 - 7 to 3 - 6 kg. line and a No. 4 hook provides the best choice for the experienced worm fisher. 2 or 3 worms are threaded on the hook for this type of fishing, in contrast to the single worm used by the clear water fisherperson.

The best spots to fish are the backwater behind stream debris but if the stream has few backwaters, the next best spots are found close to, or under the banks.

I'll finish this article by asking members to let me know where and how they are catching fish to inform other club members of their luck.

See you on the bank.

F. Smell

P.S. What constitutes the difference between a river and a creek? Please let me know as I'm a butcher and not very bright.

## MY COUNTRY

The love of field and coppice,  
Of green and shaded lanes,  
Of ordered woods and gardens  
Is running in your veins;  
Strong love of grey-blue distance,  
Brown streams and soft dim skies,  
I know but cannot share it,  
My love is otherwise.

I love a sunburnt country,  
A land of sweeping plains,  
Of ragged mountain ranges,  
Of droughts and flooding rains;  
I love her far horizons  
I love her jewel-sea  
Her beauty and her terror -  
The wide brown land for me!  
The tragic ringbarked forests  
Stark white beneath the moon,  
The sapphire misted mountains,  
The hot gold hush of noon.  
Green tangle of the brushes  
Where lithe lianas coil,  
And orchids deck the tree tops  
And ferns the crimson soil.  
Core of my heart, my country!  
Her pitiless blue sky,  
When sick at heart around us  
We see the cattle die -  
But then the grey clouds gather  
And we can bless again the drumming of any army  
The steady soaking rain.

Core of my heart, my country!  
Land of the Rainbow Gold,  
For flood and fire and famine  
She pays us back threefold  
Over the thirsty paddocks,  
Watch, after many days,  
The filmy veil of greenness  
That thickens as we gaze.  
An opal-hearted country,  
A wilful lavish land -  
All you who have not loved her  
You will not understand -  
Though earth holds many splendours,  
Wherever I may die,  
I know to what brown country  
My homing thoughts will fly.

Dorothea Mackellar

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## TRIP REPORT

SUNDAY MAY 19, 1988

DESTINATION: TEN PIN BOWLING - DANDENONG

### ROLL CALL:

Dave & Michelle Herd  
Peter & Debbie Pink  
Brachna Family  
Beith Family  
Rodney & Karren Lee  
Terry & Chris Moore

Stephenson Family  
Jim & Jenny Lee  
Mark & Gloria Templeton  
Maria Carou  
Gary & Shiralee Burchell

With the wrap on the knuckles we received, I thought it was my turn to contribute to our magazine.

As you can see by the names above, the bowling day was quite successful. It was great to have a different kind of family day.

With the shoes organised we arranged our teams and the fun was to begin.

In lane 1 the Beiths and Jim & Jenny Lee showed us a unique style, with the occasional ball going backwards instead of hitting the pins.

In lane 2 the Pinks and Brachnas were astounding with constant strikes but the odd one or two did manage to find the gutter.

In lane 3, the Templetons, Burchells, Maria and us. It was good to see that we all have a sense of humour because if we took it seriously we all wouldn't be speaking to each other.

In lane 4 were the Herds and the Moore family. It is nice to see the kids being involved and learning new things. We were all trying to master the curve of the ball as it went down the lane.

In lane 5 were the Stephensons who were very quiet but also showed us a thing or two. They also crept away quietly before I could get their score sheets. They either raced home to celebrate their success or did they have something to hide?

The first game was full of encouragement from the guys who obviously thought the girls couldn't stand the pace.

As soon as the second game began it was full of distraction from the guys. I think we were a little bit of a threat!

Overall, we had alot of fun and plenty of laughter at all the unique styles of bowling. There were legs up in the air, bums hitting the ground, bowling balls being thrown half way down the lane. It was more like an aerobics class than a bowling day.

Gary Burchell was the winner of the guys with a score of 164. Well done Gary. Ken Beith came a close second with a score of 163. Nearly Ken, you'll do it next time.

Suprise Suprise. Well it was to me when I read the score sheets when I got home. I was the winner of the ladies with a score of 108.

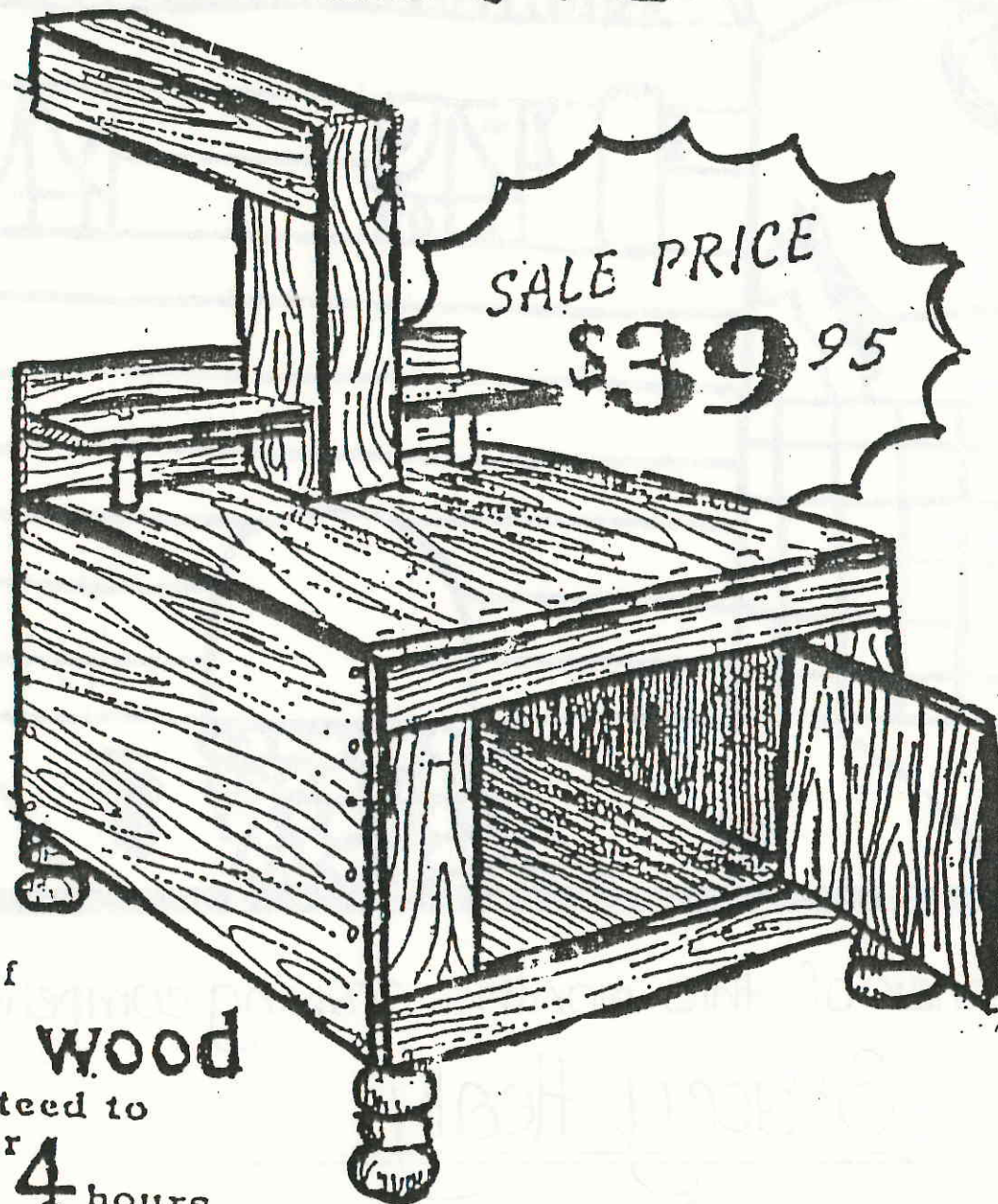
Everybody did really well. We had alot of fun.

I hope that we see alot more people next time. Enough maybe to fill the whole place!

Regards,

Karren Lee

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The winner of this months drawing competition is:

Stacey Healy

and the winner of our colouring competition is:

Damien Casey

Please make sure all entries for drawing competition have your name + address on them.