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TRIP CLASSIFICATIONS

"A" GRADE; Extensive use of 4 WD Tracks may be difficult to negotiate chain 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, 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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MAGAZINE EDITOR

Steve Alder. Phone: 798-2432



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

March 1989

Our magazine is brightening up again, but once again I must ask members to assist the usual few who seem to be lumbered with the lot.

I don't expect much of a response, it never seems to happen, but if you can't help with an article of interest, how about some advertising?

We need some income to help finance the printing costs which, along with everything else, are skyrocketing, so if you know someone or if your own business would care to place an ad in the magazine please don't hesitate to contact STEVE ALDER or JOHN LAKE with details or just 'likely prospects'.

The club calendar is looking fairly healthy with a good response at the November meeting, so please keep things rolling for the rest of the year.

On the social side, there is our A.G.M. dinner at DRACULA'S on Saturday 29th July, it's not exactly the cheapest night out we have had, but I can assure you it's great entertainment, so save your pennies and help us get a good response.

See You at the Meeting

DAVE HEARD

TRIP COMMITTEE

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 OR CHAIN AT LEAST 20' IN LENGTH

TOWING POINTS = FRONT AND BACK

SHACKLES TO SUIT CABLES AND TOWING POINTS

WHEEL CHAINS

SPADE AND AXE OR CHAIN SAW

SNATCH BLOCK

JACK AND GROUND PLATE

AIR PUMP

TUBE TO SUIT TYRES OR PATCHES

50mm OR 2" TOW BALL

TYRE GAUGE

C.R.C. OR SIMILAR WATER REPELLANT

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 your engine, gear box and diffs.

G O N E F I S H I N '

SPINNING FOR TROUT.

Spinning for any species of fish is just not throwing out a metal lure and hoping that something will grab it. Spinning is an art just like fly fishing.

The Goulburn River is an ideal spinning stream. When the river is high and clear and the bait person and fly fisher persons are confined to the banks because of the water level, the spinning enthusiast is in his element.

By using balanced gear and filling the reel to its capacity with 4 to 6lb monofilament you can cover areas not normally available to other anglers.

Cast short first, then if you take a fish you will not disturb the other fish within casting distance. By casting meticulously and retrieving in an erratic manner, you can entice even the laziest of trout to take a bite at the lure.

Best lures for a selection of trout takers in Victoria are:

CELTA'S
SPINWELL TYLOS
SUPER DUPER
TASMANIAN DEVIL

Of course the WONDER WOBBLER takes a lot of beating.

SEE YOU ON THE BANK.

F. SMELL



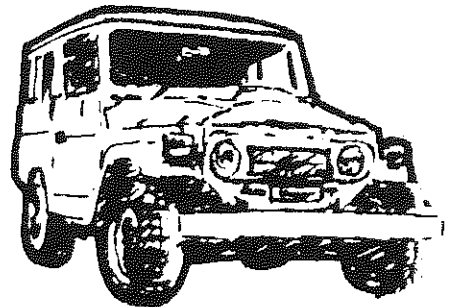
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Chris Moore

BLEEDING (Plenty of tomato sauce type)

Control by elevating the bleeding area, arm or leg;
if body wound, lay person down;
applying firm pressure directly to the wound and firmly
bandage a thick pad over wound.

If bleeding continues, apply a further dressing firmly
over the original dressing.

Rest casualty.

Seek medical assistance if in a shocked state and for
suturing (stitches).

SHOCK

If patient is seriously injured, he may pass into a
state of shock.

Symptoms - pale face;
 cold sweat;
 weak, rapid pulse;
 shallow, irregular breathing;
 nausea.

Do not move patient unnecessarily. Keep him/her lying
down and comfortable.

If patient is cold, wrap them in a blanket but apply no
other warmth.

Seek medical aid urgently.

FRACTURES (Broken Bones)

Seek medical attention for all suspected fractures.
If it is necessary to move patient, fracture should be
splinted first.

Splints are easily improvised; the important thing is to
immobilise the joints above and below the fracture. If
fracture of the spine is suspected, do not move patient
except under medical supervision.

First Aid Guide cont.

ANIMAL BITES

Wash wound immediately with weak antiseptic solution to remove saliva. Apply dressing and bandage.

If wound is deep or torn, see a Doctor for suturing and/or Tetanus Toxoid Booster.

SNAKE or SPIDER BITE

1. Do not cut or wash bite or use a tourniquet.
2. Keep patient still to prevent spread of venom.
3. Apply a firm bandage over the bite and as much of the limb as possible.
4. Use a splint if possible.
5. Identify snake or spider (if possible).
6. Do not let patient walk.
7. Transport to hospital quickly - with the dead snake or spider if possible.

DRUG OVERDOSE or POISONING

1. Identify the poison taken, collect tablets and containers (if possible).
2. Telephone Poisons Information Centre - Melbourne
03-347-5522
3. Do not induce vomiting or give any fluids, until you ring Poisons Information Centre. They will tell you what to do.
4. If unconscious treat for collapse.
5. Transport to hospital quickly.

N A V I G A T I O N T R I A L

O ' T O O L E S F L A T

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND

R o l l C a l l : Spiro and Rita
Jim Lee
Peter and Debbie
Thelma and Don
Ron, Alice and daughter
Tom, Liala, Dustin and Lee
Pat, Anne, Martin, Damien and Jane
Andy, Josie, Ben and Vanessa
Terry, Chris, Ann and Penny
Cheryl, Richard and family
plus a sprinkling of six dogs to keep us on our toes.

Our trip began from the Hallam Pub where our trip leader made allowance for any late commers by turning up last. We then proceeded to O'Tooles by the bitumen as darkness made the four wheel tracks a bit doubtful on the first night.

As we neared the Camp Site and made radio contact with Tom and Pat, we were told they had just started on a bottle of 10yr Old Port to give them something to do while we dropped down Merringtons and followed the creek in.

It didn't seem to take us that long but when we arrived the bottle was done. DO WE HAVE TO IMPROVE OUR NIGHT DRIVING OR GET BIGGER BOTTLES! We all selected our sites, made camp, then took over where Tom and Pat left off.

The next day was a rest day where most checked out the best water holes in Donnelly's Creek and generally cooled off while Jim went out to meet his mother, sister and husband at Erica.

While we were all in a moment of weakness laying around in what was perfect weather conditions, Pat and Peter grasped the opportunity and began a high pressure sell to wear down some of us not so willing participants in the Nav/Trial, who foolishly thought our marital bliss was worth more than the problems of turning a passenger into a navigator. Maybe it was the warm weather or the cold tinnies but five starters were signed up by the end of the day.

Nav/Trial cont...2

Another social evening with lots of goodies and a variety of ports moving around the circle put us in good stead for the trial to come.

Morning saw us all eager to go.

Breakfast down, last minute checks of vehicles then the issue of instructions with plenty of time to peruse them. Just as well! The typist got the blame, but some number of alterations later the first car left to take on the first challenge climbing 'S' track, (a very close relation to Flats track I believe), giving most a thorough knowledge of the capabilities of their machines.

It was at this point that Terry with Spiro navigating had some trouble deciding if this was the track to follow, or the car flatly refused to turn up 'S' track. About half an hour later and many confusing decisions later, Terry, Spiro and the car came to an agreement and arrived back at the bottom of 'S' track and began up.

After much scratching, bouncing, reversing etc the Toyota came out as the winner. Its earlier decision was correct. It should not have gone up that hill. With the Toyota sideways on the track and begging for a winch cable, Tom as recovery officer for the section was faced with the problem of having to reverse up the same track to provide the necessary LIFE-LINE. Proving just how good these lockers are when the going gets tough!

Once righted Terry and Spiro decided to call it quits as so much time was lost and the heat and flies were getting the upper hand, they returned to camp while the rest of us soldiered on with what was becoming a very enjoyable, well layed out trial. That was giving us the confidence and experience needed to the degree that I thought I might even end up in the top five. Even though I got jammed on a rock and had to get the girls to help me get off.

Then Ron following, slid down a wheel rut, got two opposite wheels in the air and had to call HELP. Glory was not to be, as the last time heat and flies resulted in a unanimous decision to abort the trial at the halfway lunch break rather than continue on late in the day where more troubles could occur.

Nav/Trial cont...3

We all returned to Camp, got stuck into some more swimming, eating, drinking and another of those terrible social evenings around the campfire. Where we celebrated Josies birthday with a cake baked on site with ingredients scrounged from various members, D E L I C I O U S !

Being the coward he is, Pat left at 08:00 am supposedly to go to work knowing full well we would all be suffering and desperately in need of his medical advice and supplies.

A very casual breaking of Camp plus more swimming had us on the track where we headed up Merringtons along the main road. Then down Beardmores to the wall of the Thomson Dam where we had lunch and some of the 'icebergs' had yet another swim.

On to Erica for a tinny stop where a few continued on, followed by the main party to end up Home in time for tea.

After what was a very enjoyable Trip which under different conditions some time later in the year will be an excellent trial done in its entirety.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ORGANISERS.

THELMA AND DON

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 : | | | |
| SPECIAL CONDITIONS : | | | |

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

C U P W E E K E N D

M A Y F O R D

R o l l C a l l : Tom, Liala, Dustin and Lee Brachna
Ron Camm and family
Tony and Vincent O'Brien
Terry, Chris Moore and family
Vin Hanley
Bluey Male
Bill McKinnon
Roger and Dad
Mr and Mrs Brown
Peter and Deb Pink

Deb and I rolled up at the Hallam Pub at 05:05 am to find all the vehicles on the early shift ready and waiting.

With a brief chat and 'Good Morning' exchanged we boarded the vehicles and set off down the highway heading for Dargo.

A few words jibbered over the 'CYRIL BAXTER', a quick stop after Bridgid had a yodel and we pulled into Dargo about 08:15 am. Only to be met by a colossal queue at the servo, all waiting for juice. We fueled up the vehicles and grabbed some breakfast or morning tea, which ever applied.

I heard a rumor that Terry's fuel bill financed the shop owners next trek up north. Hates to have a thirsty limo. Before long we'd headed up to the loo's and then regrouped.

Next was the dusty road and the steep climb out of Dargo up onto the high plains heading for the King Spur Track.

About half past, here we are at King Spur turnoff, a brief wait for the last vehicle to catch up, I exchanged a few words with Vin and Bluey over the club radio. They informed me the valley was empty and the Trout and Couta's were on the nibble.

All hubs were locked in and off we tootled to do a bit of scratching. The plains were surprisingly dry though the rocks, commonly called 'diff bashers' were still there. Bluey, Vin and Bill must have worked hard on their way down as they had cleared a lot of fallen trees off the track. The track itself was in very good condition, most of the washaways and ravines had been filled in, making the trip a smooth one.

Mayford cont...2

Seconds after the first river crossing we heard Tom on the club radio, he had just pulled off the main road.

Deb and I waited at the first river crossing for the other three vehicles before heading up the valley at a leisurely pace to meet the others and set up camp. Everyone picked a plot and set about erecting their tents. Within minutes the work was done, so we sat back and watched Terry erect enough scaffolding to scale the Rialto. Then he threw an old Ashtons tent over the whole lot. We shouldn't have bothered taking tents.: Terry had enough room to house EVERYBODY.

About an hour and a half later, Tom and his crew pulled into camp and proceeded to set up.

The next most important thing to do was to have a look at the river and suss out a good 'coutaring' spot. As Terry and I had a wager, (A bottle of Port to the person who catches the largest trout). As it turned out we need not have bothered, Bluey had beaten us to the biggest fish by a day.

We soon set out collecting firewood to cook the meal and to keep warm while socialising.

After dinner the kids were put to bed, the adults got to have a relax around the campfire and a couple of quiet heart starters. It wasn't long before we all hit the hay, the early start had taken its toll.

S U N D A Y

Awoke to a perfect day, the beamer was beaming, the birds were twittering and no-one was stirring.

Vin had been out early and caught some underground mutton, about 08:30 am people started to stir and within minutes you couldn't get near the fire. Due to an influx of jaffle irons and billies, the smell of those jaffles and the stirring of the coffee cups soon had people popping out of tents everywhere.

After breakfast things were soon cleaned up, and as the temperature rose steadily the kids headed for the river. While us lazy oldies sat around and soaked up a few rays.

'WE HAD OUR SUN BLOCK ON THOUGH.'

Mayford cont...3

It wasn't long and the keen fisher persons had itchy feet so we donned the wadders and headed downstream, with the intention of snavelling an enormous trout.

About three hours later we arrived back at camp thoroughly depressed as all we had caught was a sack load of tiddlers (pan size).

A few sandwiches were made and then we set about doing what we do best, RELAXING!

When we had totally recooperated the kids informed us it was their turn to scare the fish, so off we trotted down to the deep pool.

There's nothing quite like sitting by a peaceful stream, dodging and ducking as hooks and sinkers go sailing past your earhole, 'Oh the advanced kids were using lures they've got three hooks.'

The novelty soon wore off and time was getting on and we needed wood if there was to be a cooked meal.

Soon after the evening meal people started to gather around the fire as they gradually got their kids off to bed.

Next thing we knew Vin came over to the fire, pulled up a log and sat his idiot box on it. I thought I heard someone utter 'beauty, we haven't missed Disneyland after all.'

Vin proceeded to show us a film of Rowy nibbling over sand dunes or at least he was trying too. Good entertainment.

When the film had finished we settled down to some serious port drinking, about 12 o'clock the crowd dwindled so we headed off to bed.

M O N D A Y

Crawled out of the tent reasonably early only to be greeted by another Queensland day (BEAUTIFUL) or was it P E R F E C T.

The troops were soon stirring. I set about cooking our breakfast early, as it turned out I was cooking Terrys as well. He smelt the bacon and sent his dog out on a reconaissance mission. Well that was the last we saw of that bacon. I'm not sure whether Terry got it or not.

Mayford cont...4

As the day moved on the die hard fisher people set off again only to return three hours later with even smaller fish than the previous day.

A bit more relaxing and some fishing with the kids and we soon found ourselves cooking the evening meal again.

With no rain in sight even after all the praying and hoping we set about diminishing our port supplies. I cooked up a damper just to keep everyone firing. After the damper had been devoured we wandered off to bed.

T U E S D A Y (C U P D A Y)

An early start again, most people were up reasonably early. Bluey, Vin and Bill headed off at 07:30 am so they'd be home for the cup. The rest of us had our breakfast and packed up.

The convoy headed off at about 10:30 am. We were spread out along the track as it was fairly warm and dusty. The trip out was uneventful until the rocky out-crop at the top of King Spur where Roger and Ron were going for the high jump record.

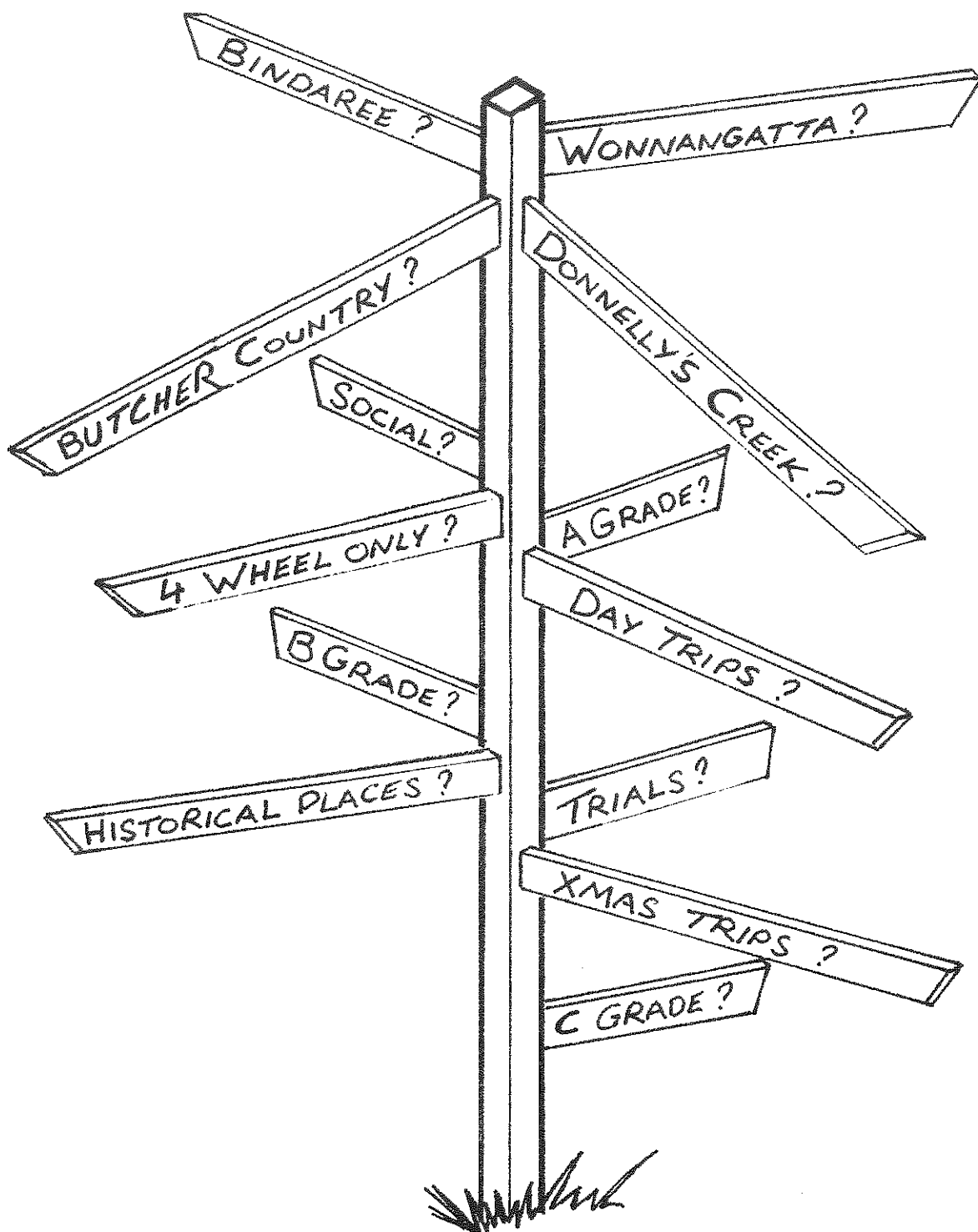
A quick stop at the Devils Hollow and then on to Dargo for lunch.

Most of us were having a quiet lunch when all this tooting and shouting started. It was only Terry attracting interest as he tried to run over his bacon nabbing dog. He'd forgot that 'Chocolate' was tied onto his bull bar.

After all that commotion the trip home was a quiet one.

THANKS TO TOM AND EVERYONE ELSE FOR A GOOD TRIP.

P. PINK



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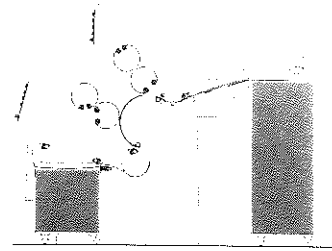
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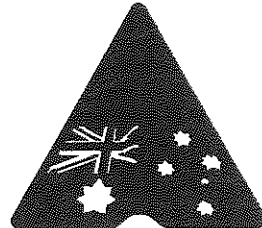


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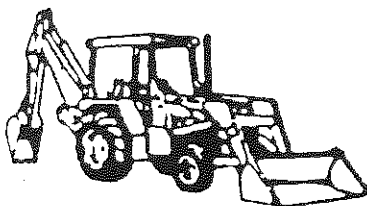
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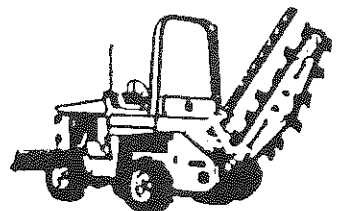
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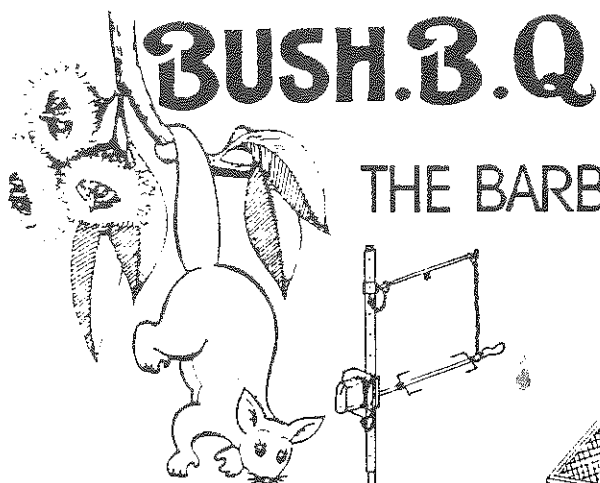
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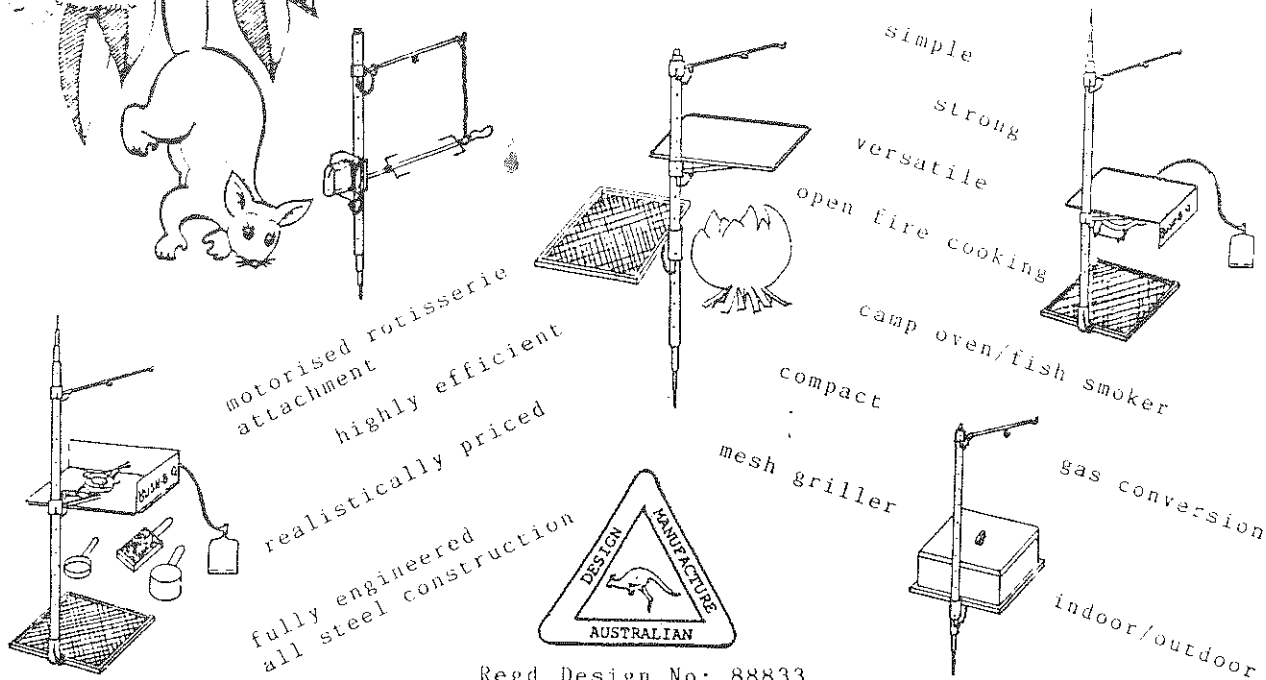
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