



FREE WHEELING

July 2020



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Ninety Mile Beach

Official Newsletter of the
Victorian Four Wheel
Drive Club Inc

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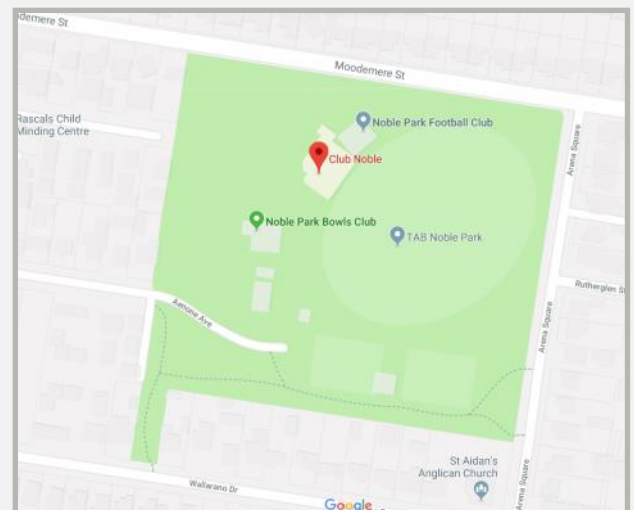
VFWDC General Meeting Venue

The club meets on the first WEDNESDAY of each month at 8:00pm. With the following exceptions; No meeting in January. November meeting is at a selected location, watch the calendar.

Blue and Gold Room

Club Noble
46-56 Moodemere Street
Noble Park
Melways ref: 89 D4

Members and guests are welcome to dine at the bistro before attending the meeting from 6:30pm.



The General Meeting will be held online on Wednesday 1st July 2020 at 8.00pm due to the current restrictions in place.
Log in via the app Zoom or dial in using your mobile phone.
Please check your emails for further information to log into the meeting.

Aberfeldy Track

In association with [Westland Gippsland Relic, Mining and Heritage Protection Inc](#), the club maintains a section of the Aberfeldy Track with working bees throughout the year. View the club calendar for the next upcoming working bee.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

2019-2020

President	Steve Pitcher	president@vfwdc.com
Vice President	David Bruinsma	vicepres@vfwdc.com
Secretary	Sally Higgs	secretary@vfwdc.com
Treasurer	Ly Ho	treasurer@vfwdc.com

General Committee

Trip Coordinator	Des Whall	trips@vfwdc.com
Magazine Editor	Mary Griffiths	editor@vfwdc.com
Association Delegate	David Bruinsma	delegate@vfwdc.com
General Committee	Callum Brown Jeff Griffiths	

Support Positions to Committee

Web Manager	Ben Whitworth	web@vfwdc.com
Training officer	Phillip Griffith	
Training officer	Ashley Martin	
Merchandise	Des Whall	merchandise@vfwdc.com
Catering	Ann Crockett	

Club Details

Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club
Registration No	A002184F
Correspondence	PO Box 778 Dandenong VIC 3174
Email	secretary@vfwdc.com
Website	www.vfwdc.com

The Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club is an affiliated club of [Four Wheel Drive Victoria](http://www.fwdvictoria.org.au) - www.fwdvictoria.org.au

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi everyone,

Welcome to another edition of *Free Wheeling* magazine.

I am pleased to report that we have begun to resume club trips. It was a bit of a slow and cautious start over the Queen's Birthday long weekend but we do have additional trips planned and in our trip pipeline for the period ahead. So please, watch this space...

As most of you would be aware, recent outbreaks of COVID-19 due to increased community transmission rates has resulted in some tightening of group gathering restrictions in outdoor spaces. The maximum number of people allowed to gather for recreational purposes under the current State of Emergency has been reduced to groups of 10 people or less. Until the situation changes, please bear this in mind for future trip planning and participation purposes. Our trip leaders are putting contingency plans in place to help us adapt and comply with the restrictions as they evolve.

Some of our members may have heard about the recent formation of a new motoring body - Australian Recreational Motoring Association (ARMA). This organisation is appealing to a number of recreational interest groups across the country, including our Club, to become a financial member of their association. After careful consideration, and based upon the information currently available to us, the Committee resolved at its last meeting for our Club not to become involved with ARMA at this time. I am happy to take any questions that anybody may have about this at our next General Meeting.

Finally, I would just like to remind everyone that we are nearing the end of the current Committee year. Next month (August), we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. Each member that is financial as at the AGM date can nominate themselves (or be nominated by another member) if they wish to join the Committee. To help our members understand the different Committee roles and the types of duties involved (which aren't onerous), Committee position descriptions will be available for review in this and next month's edition of the Club magazine. If you are interested in becoming a Committee member but you'd like to know a little more about what's involved, please feel free to reach out to me or another member of the Committee for a chat.

Take care, tread lightly and remember to keep safe.

Steve Pitcher

President

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

To All Members

2020/2021 Club Memberships are now due for renewal and are open to New Members.

Can you please complete VFWDC Membership Application & Renewal Form now available from the website and forward this to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

You can download the Membership form now [Click here](#)
(Payment details can also be found here too).

Email : treasurer@vfwdc.com

Postal Address: The Treasurer
Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.
PO Box 778, Dandenong, Vic 3175

For any member who may be finding it difficult to renew their annual Club membership the Committee has resolved to allow affected members an extra 3 months (ie. until 30 September 2020) to complete their membership renewal, additionally, membership renewal fees will be reduced by \$20 (all membership types) where members renew by 30 September 2020.

If you intend to renew your membership, please complete VFWDC Membership Application & Renewal Form now and forward this to the treasurer so we can keep you updated with the latest information.

CLUB MERCHANDISE



PRICING

Club Polo Shirt	\$28.00	Club Hoodie	\$50.00
Club Singlet and T-Shirt	\$15.00	Club Sleeveless Reversible Vest	\$50.00
Club Polar Fleece Full Zip Jacket	\$45.00	Club Bucket Hat	\$16.00
Club Caps	\$10.00	Club Beanie	\$10.00
Club Wide Brim Hat	\$18.00	VFWDC Windscreen stickers	
Club Drivers Jacket (Coat)	\$70.00	Small	\$6.00
		Large	\$8.00
Club Cloth Badges 120mm	\$8.00		

We encourage all members to purchase a Club Polo shirt.
 Email your order to merchandise@vfwdc.com. Please ensure you advise size required.

CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

July				
1st	Wed	General Meeting	Online	Log in Via Zoom Dial In Via Mobile Ph.
20th	Mon	Committee Meeting		
25th	Sat	Mt Skene—Snow Trip	Sally H	0435 782 207
August				
5th	Wed	Annual General Meeting		
17th	Mon	Committee Meeting		
September				
2nd	Wed	General Meeting		
21st	Mon	Committee Meeting		

Something goofy happened to someone on a trip? Nominate them for the next “Good on ya” trophy! Send a quick summary to trips@vfwdc.com

IMPORTANT

To All Club Members

- **The General Meeting will be held ONLINE on Wednesday 1st July, 2020 at 8.00pm. Log in via the app Zoom or dial in using your mobile phone. Please check your emails for further information to log into the meeting.**
- Outdoor gatherings are now permitted . New Limit. Maximum of 10 People. Please check Parks Victoria for seasonally closed areas if you are going into State or National Parks.
- Reminder to renew your membership if you haven't done so. [Click here](#)
Note: YOU MUST BE PAID UP FINANCIAL MEMBER(S) prior to attend the Mt Skene Snow trip, and/or to serve on the committee.
- Invitations are now open to join the committee
The Annual General Meeting is on 5th August. Nominate a member (or yourself!) to become part of our committee. Read the available roles at the end of this month's edition of the magazine.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

June 3rd, 2020 Virtual Meeting Zoom

Attendees

- As per attendance sheet
Ben W Megan, Tristan & Sally,
Steve P, Callum, Carolyn and David, Stuart
and Maree, Sally H, Joe S, Brett and Nikki,
Daryl, Ly, Barney

Apologies

As per attendance sheet

- Alan and Ann, Des, Joe Yammouni

Minutes from Last Meeting

Accepted by Stuart Bowker

Seconded by David Bruinsma

Matters arising from Last Meeting

- Accounts update from Treasurer Report to be updated in the Agenda tonight

Correspondence In/ Out:

Emails In and out:

- FWDV—Mt Skene Road Closure Update
- Treasurer's Report update circulated to Committee
- President Email to members on update of camping and overnight trips
- From Austravel SafetyNet Inc. committee to discuss HF Radio Net
- Email from David on St Annes Winery
- Email from Parks Victoria relating to Early Closures of Tracks
- Trackwatch Delivery has been changed to PO Box

Mail

- Not been to post box

Treasurer's Report

- Ly presented Treasurer's report for March, April and May
- Addition error in March has been corrected

Accepted by: David Bruinsma

Second by: Stuart Bowker

Association Delegate Report

- Jamison-Licola Road has been closed early by the Mansfield shire—Email was sent out by 4WD Victoria

COVID-19

- Restrictions have been eased which means overnight camping is now available. Email sent out on current requirements—May 30.
- There are still limits—not everything is open so please check restrictions if you are on a trip for the area that you are going to.
- Membership renewal fees are extended to end of September
- Membership fee has been reduced by \$20 which is a pass through from Four Wheel Drive Victoria.

New Members/Guests and Prospective Members

- No enquiries and no new members
- Steve welcomed Daryl Lynch

General Business

- Discussion on track closures—be careful if running trips as many tracks are closed early. Take chainsaw if travelling as many trees might be down across tracks.
- AGM is coming up in August—If you are interested in joining the committee please speak to one of the committee members to learn more about the rules. Will need to determine a mechanism to get nominations and complete voting—This will be discussed at the committee meeting. The rules enable voting to occur not in person.
- David provided an update on St Annes Winery—If you want to put an order in, call them and speak to Shirley and let her know you are part of the club. As restrictions lift will be open to doing an event.

Past Trips

- Nil.

Upcoming Trips

- King River—Queens Birthday Weekend—Sally and Tristan Leading Trip. Still looking for other participants to attend

Meeting Closed 20:48 Hours

Next meeting: 8pm Wednesday 1st July

TRADING POST

Members can advertise any four wheel drive or camping related items they wish to sell or buy.

Just email the editor, editor@vfwdc.com, with the following:

1. Description of the item
2. Price
3. Contact details
4. Photos (highly recommended)

2007 Toyota Prado Land Cruiser Brush Bars & Side Steps

Brush bars and Side steps are used but in good condition.

For Sale Only \$300.00

*If you buy the brush bars and the side steps
we throw in the bash plate too.

Contact: Ann & Allan

Mobile: 0455 289 168.



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Treasurer's Report May 2020

<u>Cheque A/C</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/05/2020		\$4,468.89
	Closing Balance as at 31/05/2020		\$4,468.89
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/05/2020	\$6,753.63	
	Closing Balance as at 31/05/2020		\$6,753.63
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/05/2020	\$49.85	
	Closing Balance as at 31/05/2020		<u>\$49.85</u>
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position		<u>\$11,272.37</u>

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Stuart and I were lucky enough to go camping on the June long weekend. We went to Wonnangatta Valley via Howitt Plains. It was a really cold weekend.

I was talking to the local ranger and I am adding his personal details because he said that if you or anyone in your club has a question on what tracks are open in the Heyfield area. This will give you a contact for your trip planning.

Maree Bowker

Contact Details:

Wayne Foon Ranger at Heyfield

Phone: 03 8427 2582

Mobile: 0409 369 588

wayne.foon@parks.vic.gov.au

Parks Vic General No: 131963

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Mt Skene
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Sally Higgs MOBILE: 0435 782 207
DATE	25th July Snow Trip Friday 24th to Sunday 26th July 2020 NOTE: This is TBC as it depends on the ability to get a permit for this day. The date may need to change
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBC—Jamieson 8.00 am
GRADE	WET: Medium DRY: Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Seeking permit to drive on the Jamieson-Licola road up to the summit of Mt Skene. How far we get will depend on the snow. We can go and look at Crowes Hut, drive Barkley Jeep Track and have fun in the snow. Meet at 8am in Jamieson to then head up Mt Skene. We intend on heading up on Friday night and will be camping. Location to be determined. You can choose your accommodation type in the area there are pubs, air bnb or you can choose to do a day trip up.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: 10 (we may have to cap it based on total group numbers due to COVID-19)
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	100Kms round trip from Jamieson
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Jamieson DIESEL: Jamieson Recommend Mansfield to get Alpine Diesel
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	50Kms
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Full recovery gear Warm clothes, blankets etc. in vehicle in case we get stuck on the mountain Food Camping gear or what ever is needed for your accommodation Chains must be carried for the permit - you can hire them from Mansfield (it will be very unlikely you will need to use them though)
MAPS REQUIRED	Trip Leader will have all maps
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	11
GOOGLE MAPS	

Queen's Birthday Weekend - *A little touch of Camping*

Ninety Mile Beach

With Sally & Tristan Higgs



6th–8th June, 2020 by Sally Higgs

Following the COVID-19 lockdown we used the easing restrictions to plan a trip away camping. We had set up a trip for the Queen's Birthday long weekend to head up to the King Valley and Craig's Hut area. We did not get any takers so we decided that we still wanted to head away to get the smell of a campfire again and also try out our new draw set in the vehicle. There had been snowfalls in the King Valley area so we decided that we did not want to head there by ourselves so we stayed closer to home.

We had not been down to the Loch Sport area so after chatting with Des we got some great tips on some camping areas down near The Honeysuckles. We left Melbourne on Saturday morning. It was an uneventful trip down and there was not much traffic. The clouds were rolling in as we headed out of town and there had been mention of a few showers. This did not deter us as we had the awning and tent with lots of coverage from the rain if needed.

On arrival in The Honeysuckles we checked out a number of the campsites and found a beautiful spot with no one close by. There were a few people out but the camps were spread out so we had our space. We got the tent and awning set up just after lunch and a sprinkle of rain came through. We were tucked in behind a dune and could hear the waves pounding on the beach. There were a few people out on the beach surf cast fishing. We did not see if they caught anything but just being by the ocean was good enough.

We got the fire going and settled in for an afternoon and evening by the fire.

The weather cleared and we relaxed in front of the fire. I had heard about cooking chocolate mudcake inside an orange in the fire so I got a couple of microwave triple chocolate mudcake brownies and prepared the oranges with the cake mix to put in the fire. They took about 15 mins to cook and came out tasting great with a touch of orange through the chocolate it was a great finish to the meal.



We woke to an overcast Sunday morning and had a lazy get up and pack up before heading up the coast towards Loch Sport. We checked out the Trinculo Shipwreck on 90 mile beach. There was only the spine of the ship left in the sand. We had the Hema maps and it looked like a nice four wheel drive track up the sandspit so we went to check it out as it looked like you could then get across a bridge into Loch Sport. Unfortunately there was a gate half way up the spit so we turned around and headed down the tarmac to Loch Sport. We had lunch supporting a local cafe before heading up to The Lakes National Park. We entered the park and went about 500m. The corrugations on the road were terrible and we had a speed limit of 40km so we decided that we did not want to rattle the car to bits so turned around and headed home.

It was a great night away and so close to Melbourne. The drawer set was fantastic and I cannot wait to use it again. We will definitely head back there again.

COMMITTEE DUTIES

As it is coming close to the time for the Annual General Meeting (5th August), the committee has decided to add the basic descriptions of the duties accepted from the Executive Committee positions.

Title: President

The President's role is a voted committee position and it is the President's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- Attendance of general meetings making sure meetings are held in accordance with the requirements as specified in the Constitution
- Draw up an agenda for General Meetings and ensure meeting is run in a structured manner.
- Lead the meeting through the agenda, keeping discussion relevant, decision making clear and encouraging member participation when required.
- Appoint general committee roles and delegate duties to the committee members.
- Make sure Committee Meetings are held in accordance with the requirements as specified in the Club Rules.
- Draw up an agenda for Committee Meetings and ensure meeting is run in a structured manner. Write monthly President's report for the newsletter to report relevant information to members.
- Attend Four Wheel Drive Victoria president meetings when required
- Oversee and assist in resolving any members disagreements
- Welcoming new members or visitors at general meetings

Title: Vice President

The Vice President's role is a voted committee position and it is the Vice President's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- To convene and run orderly meetings in accordance to the Clubs Constitution in the event of the President is absent
- To organise guest speakers for each meeting and be responsible for providing the necessary support, assistance and fellowship to ensure that their presentation is of the highest quality and they leave our meeting with a deep respect for the organisation they have just visited. Furthermore, to introduce those guest speakers to the meeting and move an effective vote of thanks for their presentation.
- Assist in all necessary aspects of administration of the Club Official Newsletter of the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc

Title: Secretary

The Secretary's role is a voted committee position and it is the Secretary's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- Collect the club mail from the club PO Box (778) at Dandenong Plaza Shopping Centre prior to the General Meeting.
- Attend the General Meeting ensuring that the Attendance, Apologies and Visitors books are available for members / visitors to sign in
- Take the minutes of the General Meeting
- Present the incoming and outgoing correspondence at the General Meeting
- Type up the minutes noting number of attendees, apologies and visitors
- Attend the committee meeting
- File correspondence in and minutes of the general meeting
- Attend to any outgoing correspondence as determined by the committee
- Ensure new member kits are up to date and available as required
- Maintain the membership list
- Print membership cards for current year ensuring that they are signed
- Attend to annual duties, fill out the Committee Details and Membership numbers and hand to the Treasurer to return to the Association with payment
- Ensure that you have become signatory for Club Bank Account (coordinate with Treasurer)

Title: Treasurer

The Treasurer's role is a voted committee position and it is the Treasurer's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- To receive all new member application, and member renewal forms and monies and issue receipts Deposit all monies received into club bank account (from membership fees, club raffles, sales of merchandise etc.
- Keep a record of the accounts—which can be made available by request of any club member
- Prepare a monthly financial status report for the General Meetings Prepare the AGM report with full annual financials, which will also include president and trip coordinators reports.

Title: Trip Coordinator

The Trip Coordinator's role is a voted committee position and it is the Trip Coordinator's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- Ensure attendance to each Club General Meeting fully prepared with relevant information.
- If unable to attend it is the Trip Coordinator's duty to ensure another committee member has the Trip folder with the up to date information for the Club Meeting
- Ensure attendance to all Club Committee Meetings
- Be up to date with the Trip Leaders Guidelines as specified by the Adventure Activity Standards and FWDV (copies are in the front of the binder)
- Ensure all trip information is correctly recorded in the Trips binder
- Ensure the Trip Information Forms are up to date for each meeting.
- Ensure copies of other relevant forms are available if or when needed (Track survey reports, Accident Survey Form, Trip Incident form, Personal Information forms, Trip rating information)
- Ensure all TDF (Trip Data Forms) are filled in correctly and a copy is passed onto the Newsletter Editor
- Liaise with the Newsletter Editor and follow up any trip reports that haven't been submitted

Title: Association Representative

The Association Representative's role is a voted committee position and it is the Association Representative's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- To attend all Association meetings with the President, and to report back to committee and also the General meetings with all items pertaining to the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Association.



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Nomination for Election to the Committee of Management 2020/2021

I.....Signed:.....

Nominatefor the position of

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Trip Coordinator

Association Representative

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**CONTINUING ON THE
JOURNEY BACK IN TIME**

**HERE IS A LITTLE BIT OF LIGHT
READING FROM
JULY 1989**

MEMBER

July 1989

Victoria Association of
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TRIP CLASSIFICATIONS

"A" GRADE: Extensive use of 4WD 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, deep river crossings and overgrown tracks. MAX. 6 VEHICLES.

"B" GRADE: Virtually same conditions as "A" Grade, but Track conditions are more favourable. Good tyres are a must as well as necessary recovery gear. MAX. 10 VEHICLES.

"C" GRADE: Very limited use of 4WD. These trips include car rally's etc. Types of tyres does not matter and recovery gear still essential. No MAX.

In all above cases vehicles should be in sound mechanical condition and carry the basic spares.

The Committee would like to express that in the event of the trip leader deems a vehicle not suitable, then the vehicle may be refused permission to partake. Also all drivers must be licensed and shall remain below 0.05 while on club trips.

MEETINGS: FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE DANDENONG LIBRARY TIME: 8.00PM.	ALL CORRESPONDENCE: P.O. BOX 778 DANDENONG. VIC. 3175
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MAGAZINE EDITOR: Steve Alder. Ph: 7982432



JULY 1989

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well this is a new Club year, 1989/90, with a new committee elected. As your new President I would like to thank those committee members who have stood down, for their efforts and support in the past.

We look forward to the endeavour of the new committee and the support of the general members of the club for the next year.

We have introduced some new jobs for the committee. Rob Ayton will be the Club Historian & Librarian, anybody with anything to contribute in these areas, please contact Rob.

Glen Smith will be looking after New Members / Enquires and sales of badges, mugs, stickers etc.

Peter Rowe and Tom Brachna will be the Association Delegates with assistance from myself.

All magazine articles will be handled by myself, so please all of you think about what you can contribute.

As this is the Club's 15th Year, we are organising a dinner to be held at The Phoenix in Cockatoo in early December, all enquires to Thelma Montague, now is not too early!

Whilst on the Social Scene, don't forget Draculas on Saturday 29th July, at 7.30pm sharp.

Congratulations to the winners of the A.G.M. Raffle and to the ticket sellers. Mary Wade sold 1st prize and is \$50.00 better off for it. Spiro Abela sold 2nd and Andy Moore sold 3rd.

Till next month

Steve Alder.



Trip Report

DAYTRIP GEMBROOK / POWELLTOWN AREA

Roll Call: Rod Lee Leader
 Rick Rycken
 Ron
 Glen & Family
 Frans & Family
 e.a.

Our trip began at the Highway Pub in Pakenham on Sunday at 8.30a.m. After a brief chat and a goodmorning, we left for the Gembrook forests.

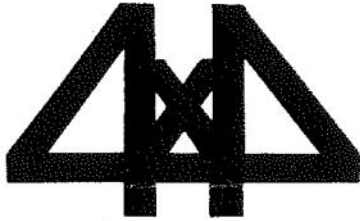
Rod was the Leader and Rick was "Tailend Charley". Over Morrison Rd. and Olsen Rd. onto the Yarra Bubba Tk., the Tynong Rd., Lupton Tk., Yolley Tk., and Black Back Tk. onto Burgess Rd., Hakea Tk., then Black Snake Creek Road.

We then followed the powerlines towards the Western Fireline, where Rod had to pull us up the hill and out of a few bogholes. We finally arrived at Gentle Annie where we had a B.B.Q. for lunch. We left Gentle Annie for the Thee Tree Firebreak where we met The Holden Jackaroo Club, which didn't want to move out of our way. We finally past them and came onto a downhill section, where Rod had to help us, as most of us bottomed out. The Jackaroo Club finally caught up with us again and after some advice from us on how to do things, turned back because it was too hard for them to do.

After we were all down we followed Thee Tree Road and past a big hole and ended up at the powerlines again, where we had a chat and split up on our way home.

It was a day well spent.

Frans Vanderbergen.



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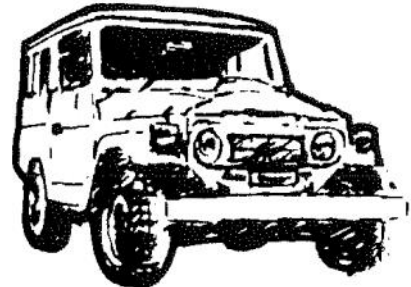
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TRIP DATA

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:

NATIONAL PARKS: YES NO

ROUTE VIA:

ACTIVITIES:

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:



TRIP REPORTS.



Kimberleys 1988 - part 3

Early start next day. Everybody had packed and we left at half past for Kalumburu to get some artifacts, a talk with Bazil (the Aboriginal Ranger), fuelled up with unleaded for the genny (\$31) and left Kalumburu about 9 am. Out on the road again.

Andy got a puncture and we all stopped for lunch. After lunch we had a pretty good run back to the Gibb River Road, which was fairly good going. It had just been graded.

It's a real shame all the bush around the area had been burnt and looked really ugly.

We had a quick drive in to see a gorge but it was more like a creek.

On to Mt. Barnett Station camping ground and gorge. We found a good spot to camp then down to the river to swim. The old boys put a snatchem up a tree so we could swing in. Not long after we saw a snake and a few decided they had had enough swimming.

Back to camp to have dinner and set everything up and an early night had by everyone except Tom. He went visiting neighbours.

Next morning we had the luxury of a late rise. The women did their washing - a mamoth task - then down for another swim. After the swim we had a little potter around camp, until the Brachnas and some of the Beiths decided to go to the gorge about 1 hour's walk away. Little Ken was in all terrain mode while we were all melting and stumbling our way through the track. Wow, what a sight. We had a drink and a swim (we could put one of these in the back yard) then another hours walk back for a coldie and yet another swim - great life. After dinner we had a sit around, chat to our neighbours and off to a well earned sleep.

Early rise next morning and pack up. Then down to the river for a farewell swim. A quick splash then off to the Station to fuel up (85¢ per ltr). Got 100 litres then we all headed off down the road. Down to have a look at another gorge. Just a short walk. Beautiful fish and plants and a small water fall. Andy found a dead snake and showed the children. Missie didn't like it.

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Back into the cars and off to Bell's gorge. About an hour's drive off the main road/track - pretty rough. We lunched then trekked down into the gorge. What a fantastic spot. The children had a swim and the big boys climbed down the first falls and swam down the gorge. A dead Kangaroo was floating in the first pool and boy was he high! Down the gorge a bit further to the next falls but they were too high for the old fellas to climb down. A swim back up the gorge and a mammoth climb and we were back with the others. Some sunbaking, some paddling and some swimming.

Tom took the girls and kids down the first step off the falls to have a shower. It was great. Then back to the cars to find a camping spot. A spot was found near an old mustering camp and small river. An early night had by most and an early start the next morning.

Camp packed and we headed out to look at Leonard Gorge and a swim but after a long walk down a steep cliff we found the gorge to be too hard to get down to for the children so we headed for Tunnel Creek.

Lunch had at Tunnel Creek then a walk through the Mountain. Rather eerie and the water was freezing cold. About half way through the roof of the cave had collapsed in and the bats were hanging in the trees in the sunshine. Walked through the other part of the tunnel to be greeted by a big Goanna. Back through the tunnel to the cars then down to Windjana gorge. Camp set, we had dinner and a walk around.

Talked to one of the rangers and he gave me some Kimberley rabbit to try (Donkey). Late to bed for a great night's sleep.

Late rise next morning and off down the gorge to see the Crocodiles. First pool - surprise - heaps of crocs about 50 - we counted altogether. Walked about one hour down the gorge then turned around and went back. Just as we arrived at the first pool we saw a croc catch a bird. Took some photos of a big croc. He didn't seem to worry about us at all. Back to camp for a cool, very refreshing shower.

Had lunch then headed for Derby with Tom. The others had gone ahead for a Counter attack. Met them, after lunch and went to see the Prison Tree then on to Broome.

Just out of Broome got fresh fruit and vegies. Down to Crab Creek but no good for camping. It's all Aboriginal now so into Broome.

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Wow, what's happened - it's an uptown Yuppie place - expensive Caravan Park. Chow's for dinner, a long hot shower then to bed.

Early rise next morning. A lot of running around to do. Into town to get a tyre and get auto elec to check solenoid - another \$180 down the drain.

Groceries got and met at Cable Beach. Jim decided to stay at Broome so Andy, Tom and Ken headed for Cape Leveque.

Heaps of woopy doos and the road was really bad - the worst we had been on so far. We arrived at Cape Leveque about 5.30 p.m. to find it was being turned into a terrorist resort. We went down to the beach and found a little shelter. All had dinner and decided to sleep outdoors - no tents tonight fellas. A good, friendly night's sleep was had by all.

Up early next morning and Liala's gone. Pottered around camp, had breakfast and then the boys took the boat down to the sea. Set up and out we went. Not an over-exciting day fishing as we only caught a few cod, reef fish and a bit of sun. Tom had caught a small shark the night before.

Back to camp for some lunch and then repairs to the cars. Ken has to put in a new hub seal which with a lot of help from Tom was successfully completed, in the searing heat.

Andy phoned his parents on the Flying Doctor radio and Tom tried to ring Pinky, but nobody was home.

Tom did a little job on Andy's car and tightened up his front bearings then down for a swim in the crystal clear water. The ladies tried their hand at fishing off the beach but no luck.

Fish for dinner that night - yum yum. After dinner, the children asleep, the oldies wandered down to the beach to try again but still no luck. A great night sleep had by all and an early rise next morning.

We videoed the rising of the sun then into breakfast. All ready for another great day in this wonderful spot.

Josie went back down for another try at coutering and caught a little Parrot fish. We loaded up the cars and piled in the kids.

Headed down to One Arm Point for a quick look but the Aboriginals wouldn't let us stay - even with a permit.

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Andy snavelled a big Turtle shell off the beach, then we headed off to Lombardini. A little look at a creek - beautiful spot and then onward bound. Arrived at Lombardini, hoping to camp on the beach but once again the originals told us to go away. We could not stay there or go down to the beach, so we tootled off down the road to Quondon Beach. A very late camp. Set up and an early night was had by all.

Arising next morning most of us had a walk down the beach. After breakfast we tried fishing in the pond, but again no luck so Ken put a garr hook on a small rod and bingo, he caught a little fish (made good bait for the big ones).

The kids had a ball catching the little fish. Ken, Tom and Andy went to try down the beach. Ken and Tom saw a giant turtle but when it saw us it took off.

Back to camp with no fish again. Lunch was had then we headed back to Broome to meet up with Jim again, the next day. We found a camp on the side of the road about 200 km out of Broome.

Early rise next morning and onto the 80 mile beach. Had a bit of trouble finding access to the beach but finally succeeded just past Sandfire. Zipped down the beach (boy does the sand sap the power!) to a dead end so turned back and headed upward. Had a bit of fun getting over the sand dune and camp was made on the sheltered side. Not a tree for miles - a long way to take the shovel!

That night the boys had a go at the surf fishing but the cross tow was so bad that our bait kept on getting washed up the beach. After about 3 hours of trying only two moggie fish caught so back to camp to sleep.

Arose next morning to the sunshine and dew. Once tents were dry packed up and headed for Port Hedland. On arriving we decided a counter attack for dinner would be good but nothing was open for lunch - on a Saturday believe it or not! We found a little place to eat but it was a bit of a joke. After we were all fed headed off to Marble Bar. Jim went ahead and the rest of us got a great deal on fuel. We couldn't catch up to Jim before we arrived at Marble Bar so a late camp was set at the Park. Great value - everything free and only \$2.50 per adult.

Next morning the ladies did another mammoth amount of washing. Then we set out for a look around.

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Firstly we stopped at Comet Mine - great rocks and a lot of souvenirs boughts, then down to the flying fox. What a great view. This would be great in flood.

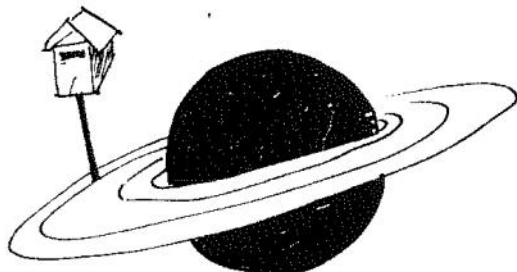
Then down to the Jasper deposit. A few very interesting rocks. Andy got attacked by a rock when he hit it with a chissel.

After a short while we went down to Marble Bar pool to have a swim. A really nice spot. The Jasper rocks were absolutely brilliant. Shame we couldn't take a sample from here! The children built some dams and played for about 3 hours while others basked in the sun and yet others listened to the footy.

Then back to camp for dinner and an extremely difficult time writing this as Josie was being mischievious. Then to bed and ready for tomorrow.

to be continued again!

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TRIP REPORTS.

GOLDEN POINT HUT RUN

Roll Call: Tom, Liala, Dustin, Lee and Spike
Steve, Sharon, Sara and Hunna
Ron, Steve and Karen
Peter and Clancy
Glenn and Richard
Phil and Steve

The day began at 6 a.m. at the Hallam Pub. Tom was on time. The journey down the highway was uneventful, until Heyfield. Phil in the Nissan had a puncture. Phil & Steve changed it in the rain, while others sat in their warm, dry vehicles.

Left Heyfield and made our way around the detours to the start of Stan's Track. Here hubs were locked in, trees and bull bars watered, it's up Stan's Track we go. The track was in pretty good nick, which made for an easy run up to the Avon track, Avon track was in good nick also. The rocks and washouts were a breeze. At the entrance to the Avon, we stopped to have a look at the ugly lock on the gate. At the top of Avon Track, we turned right onto Golden Point Tk. This track for the first few K's was in good nick too. Then about 20 minutes or less from the hut, the track turned a bit nasty. With some deepish washouts. The Landy & Nissan got thru with very little drama, next came the Rocky, (with the Nissans spare wheel on the roof rack). She came over a small washaway, the rh wheels got caught in a rut and steered her towards the lh bank. I tried to steer her away, but to no avail. The lh wheels rode up on the bank, by the time I could stop her it was too late. She sat there and balanced for a few seconds, then she must have got tired, cause she just layed down. With a fair bit of huffing, puffing, pushing and pulling she was back on all fours within about an hour. The rest of the ruts down to the hut looked even deeper, a couple of river crossings were a bit rough, one I asked to be snatched from, we finally arrived at the hut.

The hut consisted of no windows, one door, a big fireplace, gaps between the logs stuffed with paper & rags, one single bed and one double bed. Sleeping arrangements were quickly made Peter grabbed the single bed, Steve, Sharon & Sara the double. Tom & Liala had already pitched their tent, Phil & Steve erected theirs, Ron Steve & Karen opted to sleep in their Car, and Richard and I did too.

Peter & Tom decided that Phil had to give the oral report and I had to hand in the written report. This was Phil's punishment for the flat & mine for laying down on the job: Come tea time, the fire was busy and had to be cooked in shifts. Brother-in-law and I had a quick meal, we had noodles in a bowl. While others had roast, veges & steak etc. Once tea was consumed, the cooking fire was turned into a beacon, and we all settled down to some warming beverages. I went to bed a bit early, but most didn't have a late night.

Sunday we awoke to the sounds of rain and the creek running quite swiftly, it had also risen. The day was put in by fixing a couple of punctures and ducking in and out of the rain. It was a very relaxing day. Tom tried out his new hot shower, while Sharon & Steve had an afternoon nap. Ron tried to beat Sara at triangles, of course the younger person won! Tea time was once again done in shifts. Tea over with again and the fire stoked up. We proceeded to get wet inside, or for some wetter inside.

Monday morning we rose to the sun shine. That is the the stuff that keeps you warm. It is funny, the day you are going home, the rain stops, the sun comes out from behind those grey clouds.

Phil and his mate Steve had left on Sunday morning, so there was only three vehicles going out on the Monday. Steve & Peter were staying and coming out on Tuesday. All packed and ready to go and Ron's Hilux needs a jump start. Through a couple of river crossings with water lapping at the doors and all handling things pretty well. We even passed the rollover section without a drama and waited for Ron. He seemed to be taking his time, so I walked back around the bend, there he was, trying to get over a deep rut, with a few backups and runups he finally bounced over and out. From there it was a straight run out. Up onto Avon Road, Tom had a chat to a hunter, who was looking for a couple of his dogs. Down the main road, and we said our goodbyes to Tom, Liala, Dustin & Lee, who were off to see some friends. Ron & I were on our way, a quick snack at Heyfield and then home.

NOTE: Some of the damage done in the roll over, would not have happened if the Esky had have been secured. So make sure your gear is packed, securely so it does not do unnecessary damage.

Rolled over Rocky - Glen Smith.



Calendar.

JULY 29th A.G.M. Dinner
 DRACULAS Theatre Restaurant

AUG 5 & 6 SNOW TRIP - DETAILS AUGUST MEETING

AUG 5th OUTBACK TRIP 6 weeks
 PETER ROWE

SEPT 2 & 3 NOOJEE WEEKEND - DETAILS AUGUST MEETING

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 PETER ROWE

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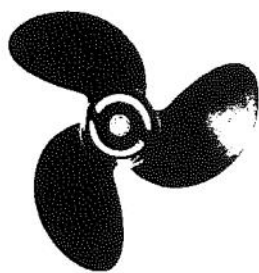
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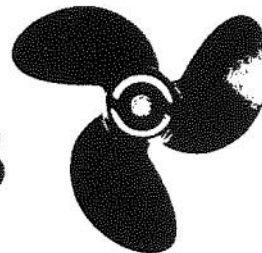
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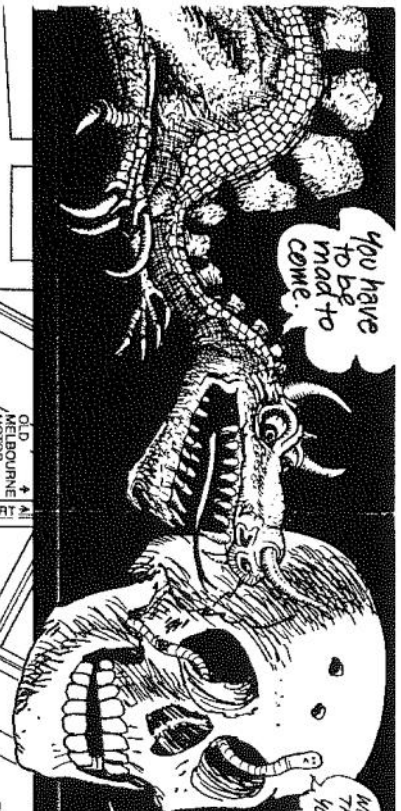
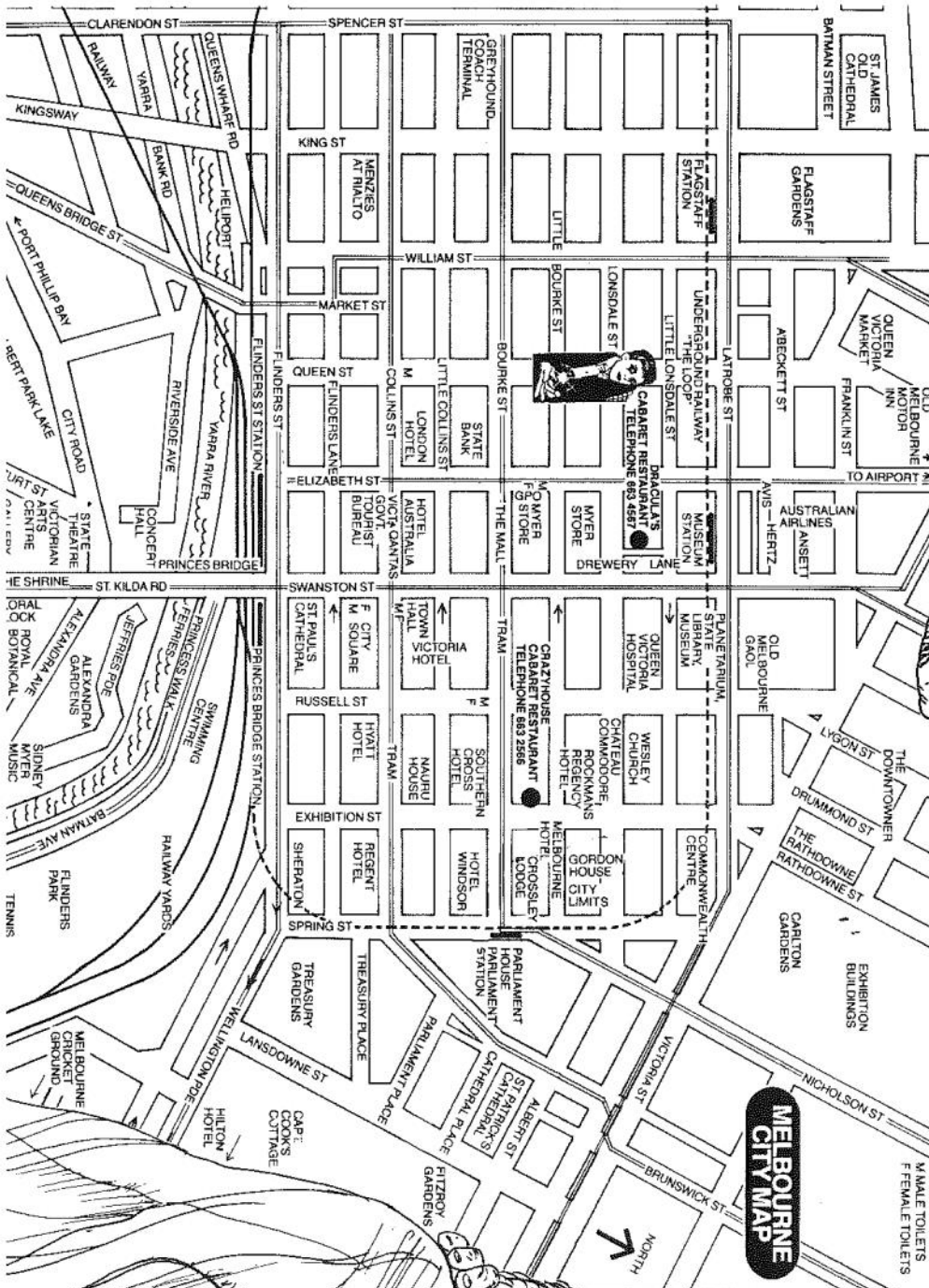
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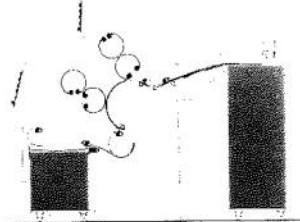


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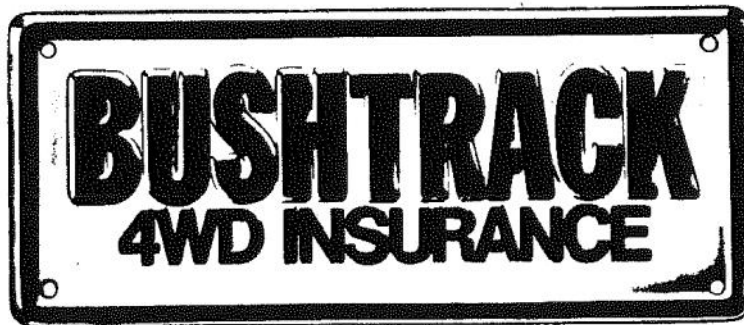
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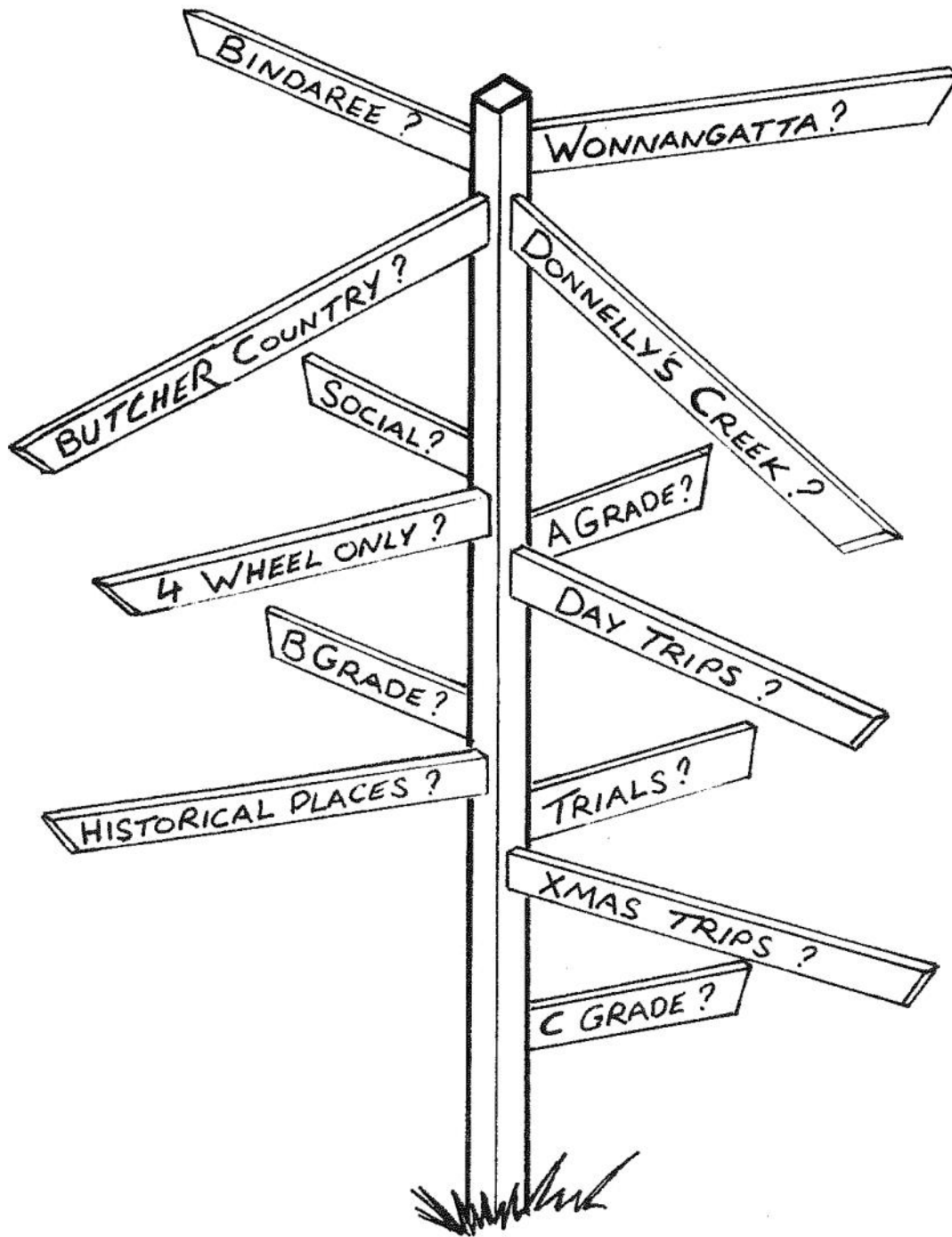
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MEMBER PROFILE

NAME: GLENN SMITH
HEIGHT: 173cm (5'7")
WEIGHT: ?
AGE: ?
HAIR: Brown, with grey tips
MARRIED: Yes. JESSIE for 17 years
BRATS: Two. SHANE 15, KIM 12 & a dog
CAR TYPE: DAIHATSU ROCKY SWB, Fat Burner.
OCCUPATION: Carpenter, Truck Driver, Backhoe & Bobcat Operator.
LIKES: Women, Beer, FWDiving, Women, Port, Scotch & Coke, Women, Camping, Driving thru mud.
DISLIKES: Stupid Drivers, Flat, Warm Beer, Flat tyres Wet fire wood, Greenies & Laying the Rocky on her side.

I've lived in the house at Edithvale, for 35 years, except for the first two years of marriage. The two brats Shane & Kim, were born at Dandenong Hospital.

I met Jessie at a party in 1968. Jessie once told me, that her and a couple of girl friends, were about to leave, when this handsome Aussie walked in. That dull party came alive. It was love a first sight.

Jessie was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to Australia by herself in 1966. That was the year St. Kilda won the Grand Final! She went back to Scotland in late 1969 for 17 months. When Jessie returned to Aussie land, we became engaged and married a year or so later.

I did my apprenticeship in carpentry with a firm that built Kentucky Fries, McDonalds, Service Stations etc.

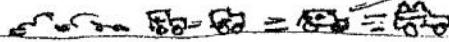
I drove Taxis for 6 years, before starting work with the Necropolis, 6 years ago. I started there as a Maintenance Carpenter. The opening for a truck driver came up, so preferring to drive than carpentering, I applied for it. After only 11 months there I lost a couple of fingers. When the money came through, the Rocky was purchased, instead of a new kitchen.

I'm glad I bought the Rock, because I've become involved with the 4WD movement. Joining this club has been an enjoyable experience. The members of this club, could not be any friendlier.

Yours in 4WDiving



TRIP REPORTS.



MITCHELLS HOMESTEAD

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ANZAC DAY LONG WEEKEND

Roll Call: Tom Brachna and family
Steve Alder and family
Peter and Kim Corrigan
Glenn and family
Jim and family
John Lake and David
Frans and family
e.a.

Our trip began from Mansfield at 9.30 Saturday morning. With a brief chat and a good morning exchanged we boarded the vehicles and set off.

John was leading, Tom was tailend Charley.

After a smooth trip to Sheeppyard Flat we had a short break. We locked the hubs and went on again, first Howqua Hills track onto Tobacco Flat then onto Mitchells Track past the old slate mine and then steep downhill to Mitchells Homestead where Vin and a boghole were waiting, as John found out. He needed a pull from Vin that cost him a fuel tank fitting on his Range Rover. He saved most of his fuel in a bucket.

After all the other vehicles got pulled through, Vin showed us the way to a nice camping spot. It was nearly lunch time and we made camp and a big campfire.

Tom had to go back to Sheeppyard Flat to pick up some friends, he arrived back at about 11 p.m. to find most people already in bed.

Sunday we went for a walk to the Homestead or what is left of it. We found some apple and some chestnut trees, after that we collected some pine wood for the camp fire - a big heap of it that surprisingly burnt all night. We had some very sick people that night.

Monday we went for a walk to the gorge where we collected some leeches, and in the afternoon we collected another pile of wood for our last camp fire. It was a terrific night again.

Tuesday morning we went for a walk to the Mitchell River Gorge which had some beautiful views. Some vehicles left at 1 p.m., the rest left at 2 p.m. after we had lunch.

We left the other way over Potato Patch and Wrens Flat. We came across a bogged vehicle which Tom pulled out. For most of our way to Jamieson we got stuck behind a log truck and after a short break at Jamieson we took all the back ways and had a BBQ and a Birthday party for Ross and Dustin at Cumberland Junction big river camp.

We came back via Warburton.

Frans had a bingle at Kallista with somebody in an E.H. Holden who didn't take any notice of the double lines on the road and who need the whole road. Everybody did his best to get Frans's car running.

We lost a lot of time and arrived home by 10 p.m.

Frans Vanderbergen

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

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PUBLIC LAND USE REPORT

REGION/AREA OF TRIP:

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.....					REMOVED FALLEN TREES/LIMBS	CLEARED BLOCKED DRAINS/CULVERTS	TRENCHED/CLEARED STANDING WATER	UNDERTOOK MINOR TRACK REPAIRS	REMOVED RUBBISH	e.g. Bridge Building, Removal of Large Trees, Recutting or Grading of Track, Advise significant Safety Hazards, Better Signposting.				
NUMBER OF VEHICLES:		NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:								(Use reverse side if insufficient space)				
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Bushwalkers Fishermen Others (please specify)

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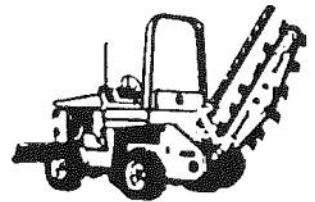
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