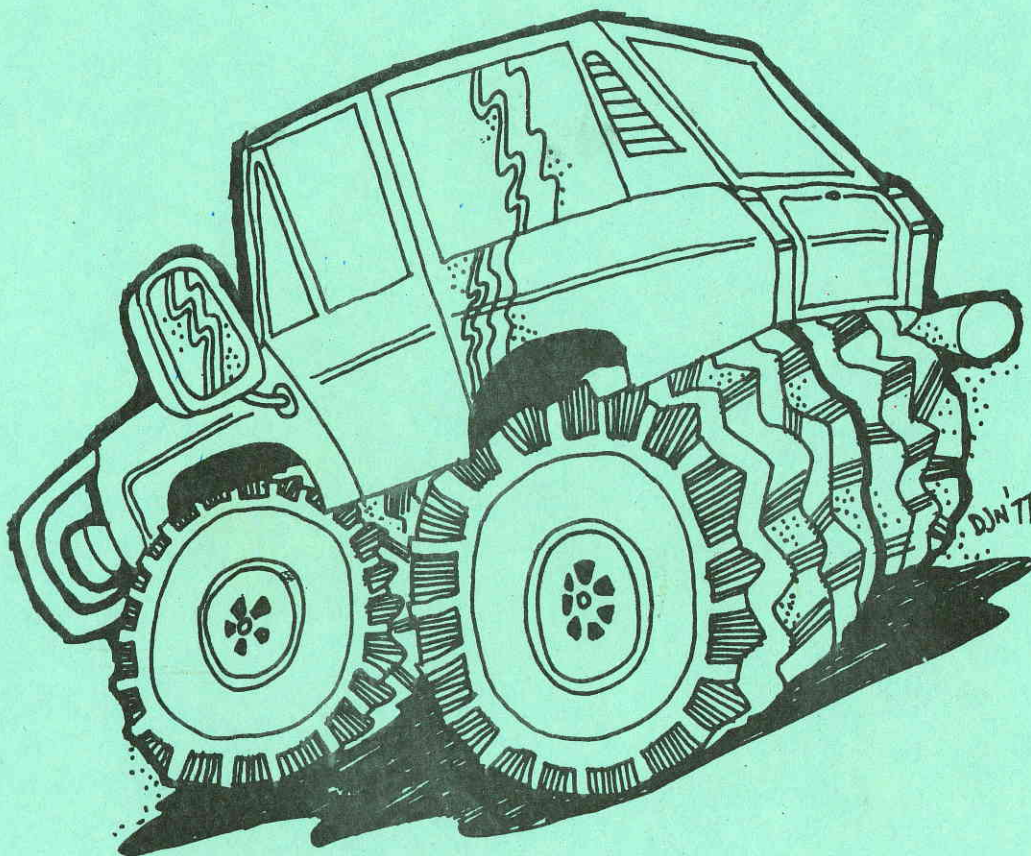


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MEETINGS LAST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH AT DANDENONG
LIBRARY.

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P.O. BOX 778,
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Hello,

This month there is not much to say except thanks to Colin Prigoone for his talk on metal detectors.

The Christmas Raffle has already sold out so this is a success. The Gymkhana was held as planned, and I would like to thank all those who attended. The short wheel base section was won by Phil Alder driving a Land Rover and the Long wheel base section was won by Peter Adams unfortunately the weather was not the best but most people seemed to enjoy themselves.

In closing I'll just remind you of the Kids Christmas Party on the 2nd of December and the Adults Party on the 7th of December.

As I will not be available for the next meeting due to a pressing engagement, Phil will do the Honours.

See you soon,

GEOFF.

SOCIAL - SECTION CONNECTION

Childrens Xmas Party - December 2nd - Gembrook

This long awaited event begins at 10 am. with fun for all. We have arranged races (3 legged, sack etc.) and this year due to a suggestion from one of our members, Don Montague, we are holding an "egg throwing competition". The mind boggles at this event. I'm packing aprons for my 2 girls and suggest other parents do the same, how the big kids keep themselves clean is their business!!!!

Invite your friends, nephews, neices, grandchildren, the more the merrier but please remember final numbers and money at the November meeting. Prices are, children free, \$1.50 per adult member, \$2.00 per adult non-member. Meat, pavlova and cake supplied. B.Y.O. salad, cutlery, crockery etc. Clearly name your childrens gifts and bring them to the meeting so that Santa can present them at the Xmas Party.

Its a great fun day and whether you have children with you or not you will be made very welcome.

Xmas Dinner Dance - Friday December 7th. at the "Windsor", 53 Dandenong Road, Dandenong. (2.30 pm. - 1 am.) Your choice of a three course menu. \$26.00 per double. B.Y.O.

Due to the fact that a few people are awaiting confirmation from their friends for tickets I have extended the closing date for the Dinner Dance to the November meeting. Please finalise your numbers and monies owing by that time as tickets will be available to be picked up then. For those of you who wish to make up a table, seating arrangements are for 8 or 10 people per table.

Many thanks to all members at the October meeting who took raffle books to be sold. Please return them all at the November meeting whether sold or not, as many members have requested more tickets for sale. The raffle will be drawn as arranged at the Windsor on the 7th December.

See you soon,

PAM BRENNAN

Roll Call:

John & Robyn Thom, Brian & Paula Langille, Geoff Mann, Peter Rowe, Mike & Mal, Wendy & Andy Bruce.

TRIP LEADER: John Thom

We left from near Hallam Hotel at 6.30 Friday night with John and Robyn, Geoff and Peter, and arrived at Erica around 8.30. While waiting for Brian and Paula to meet up with us we decided to wait in the pub as it was warmer!!!

Made Donnelly's Flat after doing some mean 4 wheel driving (in the dark) arriving sometime around midnight. A fire was lit by those keen enough to find wood and sit amongst the frost.

Saturday morning was sunny and fine after a heavy frost, and after breakfast was finished we found a track which Geoff, John and Mal (Robyn bailed out) tried to climb, but was too greasy even with deflated tyres/or doughnuts. It was decided to give it a miss and have a lunch break back at an old miners hut at Store Point.

After a few more tracks we went onto Flat's Track which was extremely rough and steep, particularly at one end, but exciting.

Returned to camp early in the afternoon to collect firewood, refreshments and gossip. That night's fire would have been the biggest Andy and I have seen, we all ended up sitting back at least 20 ft. from it, it sure kept the frost away.

After an early night and breakfast over, we went up Flat's Track again, where Brian Langille had to be Tirfores over one wash out, then up a short distance to another rough and rocky track (Merringtons 4 x 4) and some beautiful scenery.

We stopped for lunch after passing over the Aberfeldy River at Knapping Track, saw the Thompson River Dam site, light snow at Loch Valley Plantation where we stopped for afternoon tea and a friendly snow fight.

Paula and Brian left the convoy for home via Noojee, the rest of us followed Mal who said he knew the way home. One hour later and going in the wrong direction fearless leader was lost. John and Robyn, Geoff and Peter consulted their own map and went home through Warburton. Andy and I stuck with fearfull leader and went home eventually via Noojee. Arriving home 7.30 after a great weekend, weather wise, tracks and company.

ASSOCIATION REPORT

Due to the fact that the next Association meeting is on Wednesday the night after our own General Meeting, I will go over the report I gave at the October meeting.

The position of a paid part time secretary was voted on by the delegates and a unanimous vote in favour was cast.

The Land Conservation Council of Victoria held their annual meeting last month at the "Zoo".

The advertisement on T.V. made by the L.C.C.V. cost us (The Taxpayer) over \$3,000 and the written response to the ad totalled only 194 out of the whole viewing population of Melbourne and the Metropolitan area.

The L.C.C.V. receives an annual grant of \$26,880 (again Taxpayers money.)

The Club has a copy of the Use and Management of Cathedral Range State Park - extracts of the report are printed in the Newsletter.

Don't forget about the new bumper sticker campaign - if you can think of any slogans please mention them at the next meeting.

Volunteers are wanted by the Association with film-making or scriptwriting ability to help with the production of a short film clip on four wheeling.

Thanks to Peter Rowe for attending the last Association meeting with Geoff and me. Glad to see some club members are interested. Peter said he would like to go to the next Association meeting. Any other member(s) who would like to come are more than welcome.

JOHN THOM.

CLUB RADIO

VH3 HTQ Calling: Hello there, as requested this month a list of mobiles is provided:

Moblle 1	Vin Handley	Mobile 11	Steve Squires
Mobile 2	John Lake	Mobile 12	Chuch Morgan
Mobile 3	Jim Sparkes	Mobile 13	Paul Taylor
Mobile 4	Bonnie Lindsay	Mobile 14	Andrew Merlo
Mobile 5	Club Mobile	Mobile 15	Wolfgang Zander
Mobile 6	Geoff Mann	Mobile 16	Brian Tuck
Mobile 7	Bluey Male	Mobile 17	Paul Howden
Mobile 8	Lindsay Wells	Mobile 18	Phil Alder
Mobile 9	Peter Adams	Mobile 19	Peter Rowe
Mobile 10	Keith Brown		

That's it, anyone else is pirating on the frequency and is putting the Club Licence in danger of being revoked.

Now for the good news, bad news segment.

THE GOOD NEWS

1. The 50 mile limit has officially been removed.
2. Some radio's have become available for sale. The more mobiles the better see me for details.

THE BAD NEWS

The Licence Fees are due November 16th.

TECHNICAL

For the good ladies of the club I thought a few definitions of a few technical terms might be helpful. So you can understand what "He" is talking about.

Antenna:- A conductor (usually wire or metal tubing) suspended in space to radiate and receive electromagnetic waves. In other words the black thing on top of the car.

Antenna mount:- This mechanical device to which the base of the antenna is attached to secure it to a vehicle or other support. (the thing the black thing sits on).

Attenuate:- To weaken or reduce in power or strength.

Conductor:- A metal containing numerous free electrons which conducts electricity, not the bloke on this tram.

C.P.S:- Cycles per second.

Dipole:- A half wave length antenna.

Hertz:- One cycle per second.

Impedance:- The opposition a circuit offers to the flow of alternating current.

Mega Hertz:- 1,000,000 Hertz our frequency is 161-35 Mega Hertz or 161,350,000 Hertz.

Standing Wave Radio SWR, VSWR:- Voltage Standing Wave Radio. The ratio of size of outgoing wave to the size of the reflected wave on a transmission line robs the transmitter of power.

Transmission line:- The wire which carries the power from transmitter to antenna to receiver (the black cord you keep tripping over).

Wave length:- The distance a radio wave travels during one Hertz. The wave length or 161.35 MHz is about 1.86 meters.

Confused! There will be more next month, Ha. Ha.

Goodbye for now,

THINGS TO COME:

Ted Plastow.

Tuesday November 27th - Club Meeting.

Sunday December 2nd - Childrens Christmas Party

Venue: Kirth Kiln Logging Camp - Gembrook - see Map in this issue.

Time: 10.00 am.

Eats: Meat supplied (B.Y.O. Refreshments, salad, cutlery & Sweets)
\$1.50 per head, N/member \$2.00 (See social sec. notes for further details).

Friday December 7th - Annual Break up/ Dinner Dance at the Windsor
(Details social section).

No Meeting in December.

Christmas Trip: December 26th - 1st January. Approx only.

Departure : Licola

Time : To come

Destination : Dargo via Butcher Country, Calendonia, Wonnangatta, Talbotville, Dargo - for New Years Eve.

Fuel : Full tank and 2 jerry cans ex. Licola.

Eats : 1 weeks supplies

Grade : 'B' Grade

Trip Leader :

Saturday - Sunday, Monday, January 26th - 28th

ANA Weekend - Donnelly's Flat

Venue : Donnelly's Flat via Walhalla

Trip Leader : P. Rowe

Details : Next meeting, and next newsletter

Grade : 'B' Grade

Sunday eith 3rd-10th-17th February

Tentative date being set for a challenge cricket match between the Nissan Club.

Saturday & Sunday 24th - 25th: Narbethong

Venue : Annual C.C.J.C. Get Together at Happy Valley Farm, Narbethong.

Anyone interested in goint is to contact Brian Tuck as soon as possible.

Events include, 2 standards of 4WD Tracks, Scenic drive, Bog Hole - Bog Hole Competition (Sunday), Saturday nite B.B.Q. meal is included in the admission fee, The majority of members venture up on Friday nite.

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NEW MEMBERS:

No new members were reported last meeting. But don't forget the committee would like to see vehicles fitted with towing points front and rear.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:

Apparently all the tickets have been sold, so could all members who took out tickets return the stubs and money at the November meeting.

LAST MEETING:

We were treated to a talk on metal detectors by John Lorimer. I am sure the members learnt quite a few things and his talk was most enjoying. Geoff Mann won the raffle - three bottles of wine. Trip Reports: Narbethong - Keith Brown, Gymkhana - Geoff Mann, Reeves Beach - Paula Langille were given.

NEXT MEETING:

This meeting Nov will be the last for the year and we hope to see you there. Phil Alder will hold the floor as Geoff Mann will be on his honeymoon. We do hope to have one more newsletter before Christmas but if that doesn't eventuate on behalf of everyone we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, along with a good and safe holiday.

CLUB DISCOUNTS:

From now on a list of Dealers allowing discounts on their products will be published monthly.

1. Le Mans Toyota, 1547 Dandenong Road, Oakleigh. 568 0933 Trade Discount
 2. ULR Holdings Pty. Ltd., 1339 High Street, Malvern. 20 2130 " "
- These only apply to financial members.

ITS & BITS

At the kids Christmas Party there will be a raffle for a christmas stocking. We almost lost Santa on the navigation trial, we passed his sled when he alighted with shifter in hand.

Members and friends attending the "Windsor" on December 7th should bring along their tickets as there will be a prize won off the lucky ticket number. (Steve Alder can leave his at home). Also the three prizes from our current Xmas raffle will be drawn on the night.

Have not yet heard any results on the navigation trial yet, but Nissans came in 1,2 & 3. They were Peter Rowe, Andy Merlo, Andy Bruce, with Mike Bell arriving at the Calendonia checkpoint 12 hours late, which was not too bad as most never got within coo-ee of it. Hope to have a report for next magazine.

On the weekend of the navigation trial many members did quite a few kilometres, I doubt if anyone beat Werner's 1,000 Km. effort. (Who siad he was lost.)!!

Good to see Chuck Morgan out with us again in his recently turbo-ed Landy. Gave us all a fright when going up Dingo Hill in 2nd low and said he was going for one of his lightening fast down changes. (Memories of last navigation trial).

Congratulations to my driver Caron, who completely drove the entire navigation rally on her second 4 x 4 outing.

Last heard Peter Rowe was trading in his 2 Nissans for a S.W.B. Toyota Diesel, it is a bit hard to take because I thought that it took 2 Toyota's to make a Nissan.

Club technical officer is John Lake available on 95 4000 during Business hours.

Books available from club library through Peter Adams at monthly meeting. Fee 10¢ per month.

Name tags at meetings - failure to do so 20¢ fine.

The magazine urgently needs some advertisements, could members please ask around for some suitable takers.

FEES OVERDUE!!!!

THE REEVES BEACH FISHING EXPEDITION

Roll Call:

Paula & Brian, family, dogo and block of flats,
Lindsay and Julie and dog,
Liala and Yours truly Tom and friends.

The above mentioned expedition left our Hampton Park abode nice and early on Saturday morning, much to the joy of the women in attendance. We were off by seven with the "Trusty Landrover" at the helm and Paula & Brian in the Nissan in hot pursuit.

Everything was going smoothly until the poor, grossly overladen Landrover had an instant flat tyre. We removed our persons from the vehicle while Paula and Brian came back to lend assistance. After a careful inspection, a cigarette, and a lengthy discussion we all agreed that the tyre was definitely flat, so we got out the tools and changed the tyre with the landrover only falling off the jack once. A new tube was fitted in Kurrumburra and we had breakfast.

We arrived at the beach in the late morning and watched Brian manipulate the Nissan and the block of flats in, along the track as far as he could, which was quite a way in. The van was then unhitched and we continued the rest of the way to the point and fishing spot. We all had a look around while we discussed the tactics to be used and the giant fish they would yield.

Brian and co went back to the flats for lunch while we set up camp and had a drink. While the wives finished packing my friend Pete and I went down to the beach and set about the task of catching fish. Unfortunately by the time Paula and Brian and family had returned, Pete and I managed to thoroughly soak our baits without a bite. Paula and Brian got out the gear and joined us in our quest. After many hours of serious fishing Paula caught a bay trout. THIS WAS GOOD! We knew there were fish.

As we sat on the beach in the glorious sunshine we noticed a rattling noise accompanied by a cloud of black smoke; Lindsay and Julie had arrived in the diesel Toyota. At this point greetings were exchanged and questions asked. After this Lindsay and Julie went and pitched their tent and came back with fishing gear in hand. Now, we were all fishing, ten lines in the water. Everything was quiet until dusk; then IT HAPPENED, the mosquitoes moved in with a fury unparralleled in human history. We then lit a fire making sure it smoked profusely to drive away the furrocious mozzies. IT WORKED. The fish weren't keen that night so we all went to bed.

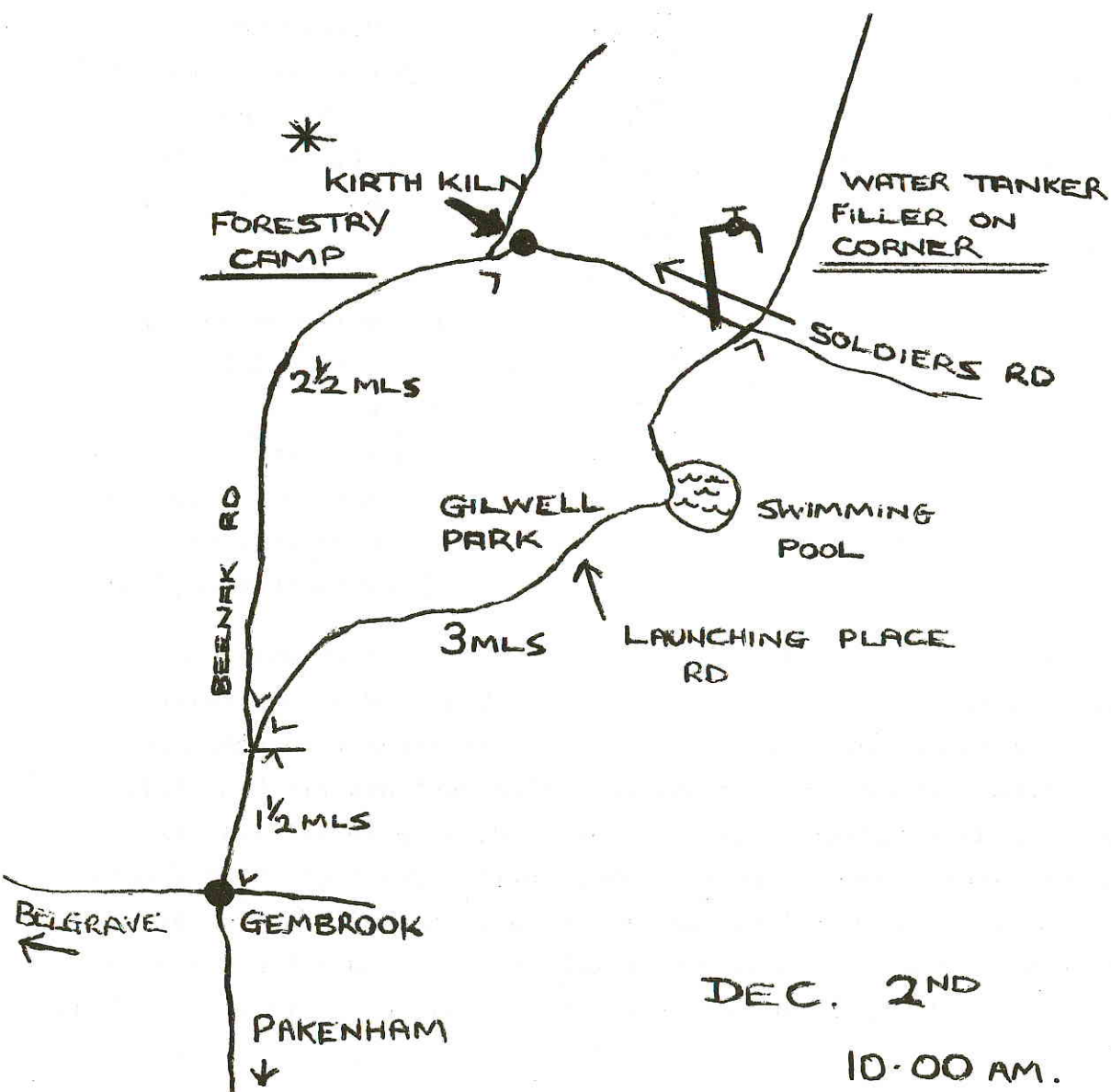
Sunday morning we awoke early to the sound of the surf and the "butchers canaries" (blow flies) bizzing around outside. We had breakfast and then back to fishing. During the morning we caught a few mullet, bay trout and you guessed it a toadie.

Those who weren't terribly interested in the fishing relaxed in the sun making sure they burnt well.

In the afternoon we asked a couple of regulars and learnt the art of catching mullet around our feet. (In knee deep water that it). We caught a dozen or so fish and it was getting late so we cleaned our haul, packed up our belongings and our camp and headed for home.

The fishing wasn't that great but the main ingredients of a good weekend were there; GOOD COMPANY, PERFECT WEATHER, AND RELAXATION.

This is Tom your loving fisherman signing off until next time the big ones bit. See you.



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THE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF CATHEDRAL RANGE STATE PARK

Management Recommendations

1. The Cathedral Range should be maintained in its present natural state and no further development of the area should occur as Fraser National Park has the facilities to cater for caravans and crowds.
2. The use of trail bikes and four wheel drive vehicles within the Cathedral Ranges should be restricted to reduce the conflict between them and campers and naturalists. To ensure that trail bikes and four wheel drive vehicles do not destroy the natural vegetation and terrain, the best possible proposal would be to clearly designate where such vehicles may travel, namely only on established tracks.
3. A further recommendation to ensure that the Cathedral Ranges retains its natural element is to appoint a full-time ranger (or at least a ranger for weekends).
4. The Scout Hut, located at the southern entrance to the park, should be renovated in a style which will blend in with the natural environment. The maintenance of the hut could become the responsibility of the ranger. The hut is a valuable asset, as it can be used not only for scouts and venturers, but by campers as well.
5. An Information Board, indicating walks, climbs, four wheel drive and trail bike routes and other data, should be constructed at the Scout Hut so that travellers to the park can easily become aware of the Cathedral Ranges' potential and use restrictions.
6. The northern road leading in the Cathedral Range should be developed to a stage where it is on par with the southern entrance. In its present condition it is dangerous.
7. The provision of barbecues, toilets and other facilities is not necessary within the Cathedral Range because the primary users are more concerned with preserving the naturalness of the park and deterring the excessive pressure which these facilities invite.
8. The potential fire hazard of the pine plantation in and adjacent to the park area should be ascertained and reduced if found to be high. Camping should be excluded from these areas if the risk of fire is prevalent.

Reply from the Victorian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs.

It has previously been noted that the Four Wheel Drive Clubs have been unrepresented in our report. As a result we have included the reply from the Victorian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs as an Appendix. This reply encompasses all Four Wheel Drive Clubs within Victoria and consequently provides a general overview of how they use the Cathedral Range.

Four Wheel Drive Clubs are regular users of the Range, visiting it several times in each season throughout the year. The numbers of people who have visited the park over the last three years and the duration of their stay, as members of a four wheel drive club, warrants the recommendation that the four wheel drive vehicles should not be totally banned from their use of the park, but restricted to established tracks. As the four wheel drive clubs also use the range for camping and hiking, their use of the park is not purely for the purpose of four wheel driving, but for other recreational purposes.

The Victorian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs considers that the development of camp sites, toilet blocks, fences and signs would detract from the beauty and naturalness of the Range, hence it promotes the maintenance of the park in its present state. In reference to conserving the environment at the Cathedral Range, the Association asserts that the best protection would be to leave the access to the State Park as it is and therefore deter any excessive use. A final recommendation put forward by the Association is that evidence of man-made interference should be kept to a minimum.

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