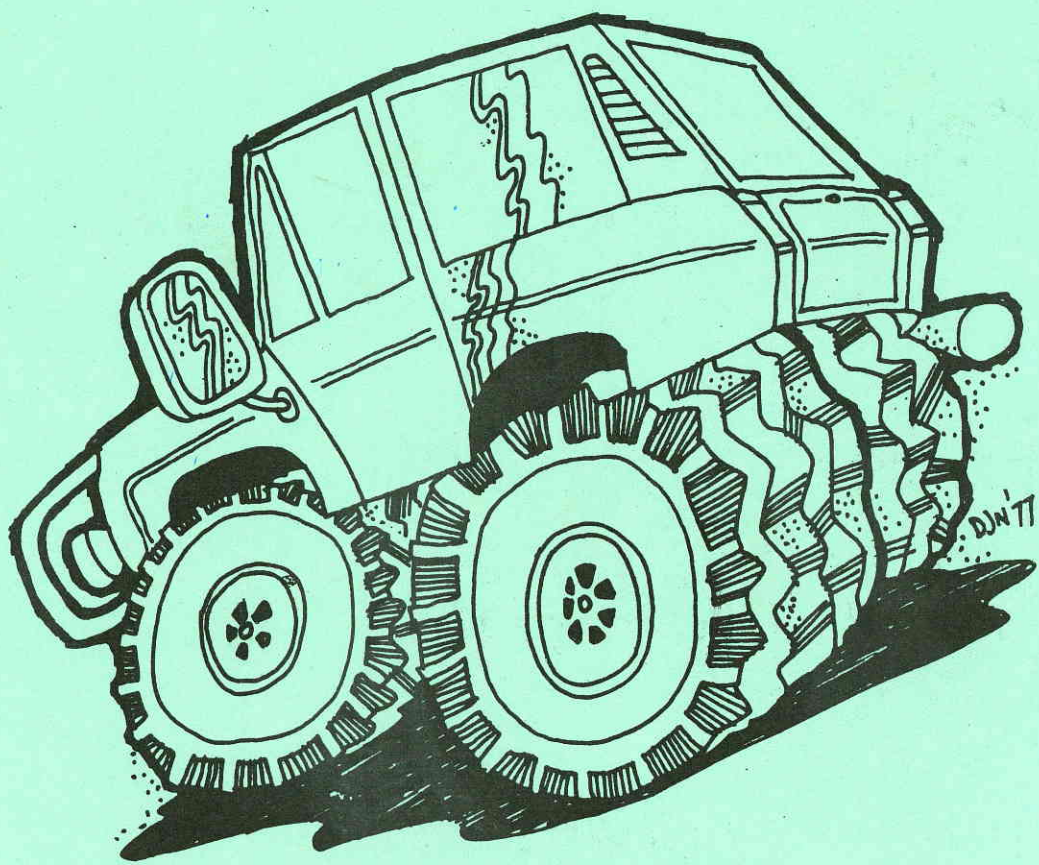


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MEETINGS LAST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH AT DANDENONG
LIBRARY.

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SOCIAL SECRETARY

Our social secretary Pam Brennan has resigned from this position for personal reasons. On behalf of the committee I would like to thank her sincerely for the tremendous effort she put into this important position over the last two years - well done Pam. Tom Brackna will be filling this position therefore we will be after committee person at the January meeting.

VH3 HTQ Calling,

Hello there again. Nothing much has happened on the Radio scene since the last newsletter. I have been away for two weeks to Talbotville and the Tom Groggin area. Well worth visiting if the time is available. This has put me out of touch a bit. I have had enquiries from three members to purchase radios and join the network. Very good. The more the merrier, we get more use out of the sets. I notice in the "Things to come" department there are two trips organised for December and January. The club radio is for hire for these trips at the moment anyone wishing to use it may contact me at home. The fee of \$1.00 per Weekend day goes to pay the Licence fee for that radio so the club does not have to bear the cost of licence and maintenance, the users do fair enough I think.

Any enquiries you have regarding radio's technical or other wise, do not hesitate to call me, I will be only too happy to help.

Well thats about it for this year. I would like to wish every member a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Lets hope we can make the club bigger and better in 1980. Drive carefully over the Christmas break. See you in 1980.

THINGS TO COME:

TED PLASTOW.

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

Departure	:	Dandenong Library
Time	:	9.30 am. Boxing Day
Destination	:	Macalister River (2 days) Wonnangatta (2 days) Dargo New Years Eve.
Fuel	:	Full tank and 2 jerry cans ex - Licola
Eats	:	Enough for 5 days
Grade	:	'B' Grade
Trip Leader	:	Werner Ditterich

All members wishing to go please contact Werner on 93 5525 Home
93 2383 Work

ANA Weekend: January 26th - 28th.

Venue : Donnelly's Flat via Walhalla
Departure : Rotunda at Walhalla
Time : 8.00 am. sharp Saturday morning.
Fuel : Full tank Walhalla
Grade : 'B' Grade with trips on surrounding tracks.
Trip Leader : P. Rowe ring him for further details (857 6422)

Club Meeting: Tuesday 29th January

Cricket Match: Sunday February 10th.

Venue : Mentone Grammar Playing Fields. Melways map
We had a good show of willing hands at the November Meeting so please
come along to this challenge match with the Nissan club.
B.Y.O. Bar-B-Que and Drinks!

Narbethong: Saturday & Sunday 24th-25th February.

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

Anyone interested is to contact John Thom immediately along with \$5.00
per adult.

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.

In the New Year - date to be set - Navigation Trial.

Last Meeting:

Phil Alder chaired the meeting due to Geoff's absence. Peter Rowe gave us
a trip report on the navigation trial which he narrowly won from me. He
received a Graviner fire extinguisher for this. After the tea break Don
Montague treated us to some films on the Noojee and Narbethong trips - they
were really good - thanks Don & Thelma.

Next Meeting:

Not held until January 29th. Perhaps a member could bring in some films
of a trip over the break.

While on the subject, on behalf of myself and the committee I would like
to wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and a safe and
enjoyable holiday.

CLUB DISCOUNTS

1. Le Mans Toyota, 1547 Dandenong Road, Oakleigh. 568 0933
(Trade Discount)
2. ULR Holdings Pty. Ltd., 1339 High Street, Malvern. 20 2130
(Trade Discount)
3. Lonsdale Tyre Service, 26 Plunkett Road, Dandenong. 791 8666
(35% Discount)

IT'S AND BIT'S

One of our members, Barry Hipgrove has resigned from the Club due to work pressure and he has a 1977 S.W.B. Toyota for sale, \$5,500.

The Club received a letter from the Woods Point Progress Assoc. regarding our clean up on the weekend of the 22-23rd September. Again they praised the amount and quality of the work done in such a short time, they will endeavour to keep the area maintained.

Along with the above letter the club was officially invited to the launching of a book about the Jordan Goldfields, to be held on December 1st.

Phil Alder chaired the November meeting in Geoff's absence, if it happens again he will use a sledge hammer not a gavel to maintain order. (noise smurfs up the back).

There will be a social cricket match to be played against the Niss club on the 10th of February, the venue will be at the Mentone Grammar School playing field in Springvale (See newsletter for map).

Missing at the last meeting were Brian & Cathy Tuck, who were attending a St. John's first aid course. Phil Alder and Debbie are also attending. Keep this in mind who to call on as they may prove very handy in an emergency in the bush. A good suggestion would be for more members to attend this course.

Boy did the egg-throwing contest create a stir at the kids party - I doubt if anyone escaped the wrath of a broken egg (especially myself, Peter Rowe and Lee).

Can't wait till next year when I hope the contests instigator Don Montague comes along, we will put him at one end and all the members can throw to him at once (see how many you can catch).

One of our members, Stefan Trnacek is travelling to Cameron's Corner on January 25th for one week. He is interested to know if any other members are interested in going along with him, as he will be by himself. Contact Stefan on 557 3751.

The club has lost yet another Nissan owner in Andy & Wendy Bruce, they have purchased a 1976 Range Rover - good luck Andy, hope I can have a ride.

Seems that all members and friends had a good time at the Windsor, our club "Panda" ended up taking home ex-president John Lake, a perfect match I thought. The major prizes was won by Paul Taylor's father-in-law, second by friends of Terry Coventry and third prize by - you guessed it Debbie Godson (who by the way won last years and this years Christmas Stocking at the kids party).

Cricket Match - Sunday 10th February 1980

Place	:	Mentone Grammar Playing Fields, Springvale Road, Keysborough. (Between Cheltenham Road & Wells Road, approx. ½ mile from Cheltenham Road, opposite side to Hailbury College.)
Start	:	11.00 am.
Equipment	:	All supplied.
Lunch	:	Bring a B.B.Q. or cold lunch, and of course the liquid refreshments.
Whats available	:	Tap water & toilets.

Please wear soft soled shoes or bare feet on oval.

The game starts at 1.30 pm. but come and have lunch there, and get into the warm up. If enough numbers of our side arrive, we can always overwhelm them with our great source of knowledge and skill of the game. Laid on with as much bull.... as we can think of. They don't know we don't know all that much. (Well I don't anyway). So you can see we'll need all the support we can muster. And girls if we can't get enough recruits from the men, it will be a mixed side. So look out fella's, that's a threat, and if we win you'll never live it down. Needless to say so will the opposition.

So come along, bring your friends and family. Even if you don't want to play we can always use a large cheer squad for when we're winning!!! And of course all the unbiased umpires we can get.

So come along, enjoy yourselves, lets make it an occasion the Nissan Patrol Club wont forget, especially when we beat them.

Kids Christmas Party Kirth Kiln - Sunday December 2nd.

Geoff, Heather, Debbie and myself arrived at Kirth Kiln late on the Saturday arvo, to begin the task of setting the place up for the Kids party the next day. Despite my assurances that we didn't really need it all, Geoff cut big heaps of firewood and we stoked the fire up so there would be plenty of hot coals to cook the meat.

At 4.30 am. Geoff had the most difficult job of them all - trying to get me out of bed to help him cook the meat. When we eventually got the beef on the fire at about 5 am. I realised why he'd cut so much wood - the 40 lbs. of heat beads I had brought, which I'd imagined would be enough to cook an elephant, disappeared in about 10 minutes. We then spent an enjoyable morning cooking the meat and discussing, at great length, the delights of the bottle of red ned that we were slowly demolishing.

People began to arrive from about 9.30 onwards and soon we had about 40 adults and a whole tribe of kids present.

Pam and John then got the kids organised for a few races. They had egg and spoon races, three legged races and so on, and the kids had a ball. The competition between the not-so-young-kids gets pretty fierce when a bag of lollies is at stake too!

After the races we all had a feast of roast beef, pavolva and Christmas cake. There were more icy-poles than you could poke a stick at and heaps of coke to drink.

After a respectful break to allow all of this tucker to settle, Santa Claus arrived, having forsaken his traditional sleigh and reindeer for a carriage that looked very similar to Geoff's Land Rover. Once again the kids had a ball and I don't think Santa minded too much either - he even got a hug from Lakey.

Next we had a few heats of tug-o-war, the first being a team of Land Rover owners (a fine body of men) against a mottly crew of drivers of "other makes", the second being a ladies event which was marred by an unfortunate accident in which Debbie Pink hurt her wrist, and had to be taken away for x-rays. Happily, there were no bones broken.

The next event was the dreaded egg throwing contest, which was finally won by Andy & Caron. Apparently Peter Rowe copped the first egg during an unofficial "practice" earlier in the day, and I have first hand experience as to who wore the last one. Many Thanks to John Thom and his incredibly accurate aim.

We then finished off the day with a light hearted game of cricket which provided good practice for our match against the Nissan Patrol Club, and I was again faced with the problem of packing a 12 foot spit into an 88 inch Land Rover.

Thanks again to Santa's little helper, Tom Brackna, and everybody else who helped make the day a success.

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Bull bar tubular type suit Toyota \$25.00 Contact Andy Bruce 546 6024

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4.1 Diff Centres suit Toyota Land Cruiser. Perfect Condition. \$400.00

Standard fuel tank \$40.00 Contact: 743 6465

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6'6" x 5'6" All steel heavy duty trailer, fitted with Toyota Wheels.

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Contact: Paul Taylor (547 3353) or Peter Wall (547 3991)

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Contact: T. Brackna

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Tow bar suit Nissan Patrol - \$15.00, 2 Tyres Sand Grabber Radial 12 R 15 L.T.

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V.D.O. Tacho, Cowl and wiring loom. Contact: L. Wells 059 85 3206

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