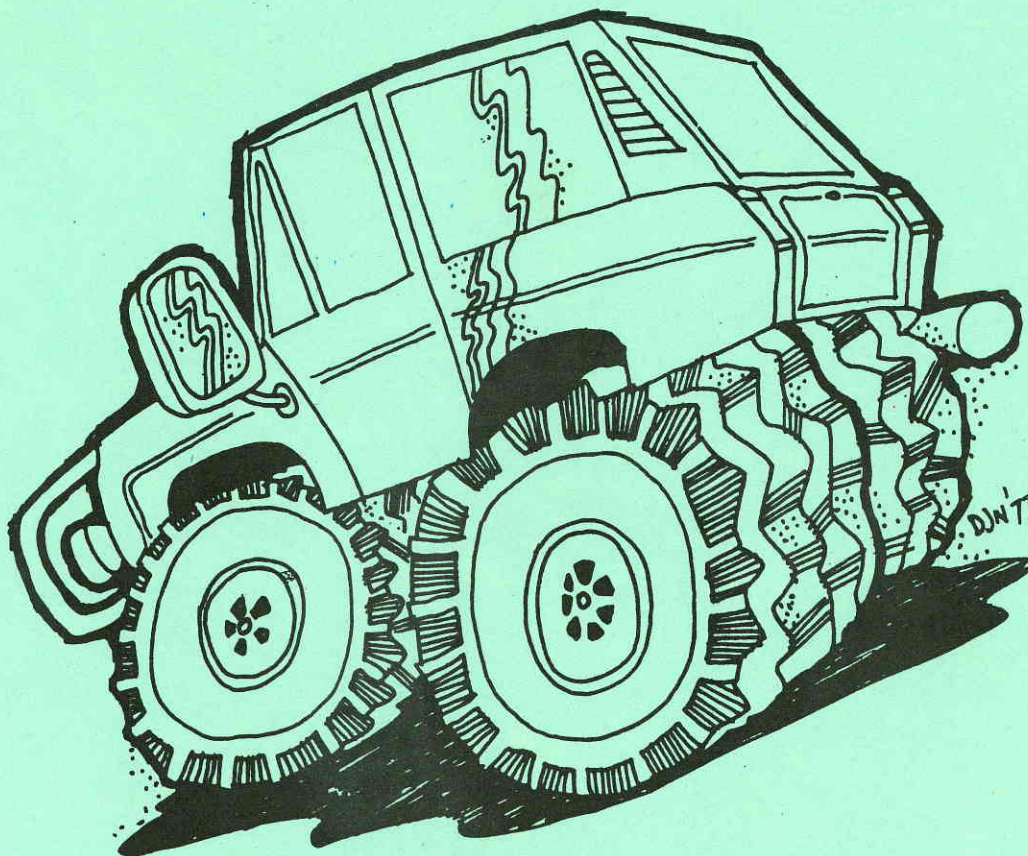


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MEETINGS LAST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH AT DANDENONG
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - SEPTEMBER

Hi,

I'll use this space to thank Brian and Keith for showing their films at the last meeting; as usual they were very entertaining.

I would also like to remind all members that the Woods Point clean-up is definitely on, on 22nd and 23rd September, and we would like to see a big turn up, as this sort of exercise is good public relations.

On the subject of club outings, I was a bit surprised that so few people put their hands up when the Gymkhana at Bunyip on 28th October was announced. Club members go to a lot of trouble and spend a lot of time arranging these sorts of outings, so please try to support them.

As I announced at the last meeting, the new radio officer is Ted Plastow. Ted will give us a talk on the subject of the radios and their usage at the next meeting, and anyone who wishes to obtain a radio must see Ted and fill out an application form. In the past this has not been done and problems have arisen.

See you at the next meeting,

GEOFF.

SOCIAL SECTION CONNECTION

Due to the good response indicated at the last club meeting I have finalised arrangements for the Xmas Dinner Dance. This is our annual break-up party for adults. There will be the usual door prizes, raffles, etc. a la Xmas. Venue is "The Windsor" - Dandenong Road, Dandenong.

You may recall the "Fancy Dress Ball" was held there last year. It was a great night and this year will be better. Sherries will be served at 7.30 pm. followed by your choice of a three course meal. Keep Friday, December 7th free for this event. Just a word of warning however, if our numbers don't exceed 65 people the night will be cancelled and the club will lose the \$100.00 deposit. Please give me your names and deposit money at the next meeting. If you are undecided whether to ask your friends or not - ask them, the more the merrier. Price is \$26.00 per double.

More details on the "Progressive Dinner" and Childrens Xmas Party at the next meeting.

See you then,

PAM BRENNAN.

Club Radio Officer.

Due to Vin Handleys resignation from this position our new radio officer is Ted Plastow, who works in the licensing branch of Telecom. Anyone desiring a radio or the use of the clubs own radio must approach Ted. Teds address and telephone number is on the front committee page.

Since the inception of the radio network, our club has been under the belief that we are not permitted to use our sets within a 50 km. radius of Melbourne (this is stated on the licences issued). Ted has since found out that this is not so at all and has never been enforced, as we are a fully licenced network.

As from July this year the annual fee for a radio licence rose from \$25.00 to \$50.00. The committee felt that since we are a non-profit organization, and that we don't use the radio's on a commercial or full time basis we should ask Telecom for a reduction in fee on those previous grounds, a letter to this effect has been forwarded on.

Things to come:

Navigation 9 AM AT WARRY PUB.
October 14th: Day Trip into Bunyip area led by Geoff Mann (Details later).

October 19th, 20th, 21st: Tom Brackna will be leading a fishing trip to Reeves Beach, via Woodside, departing either Friday night or Saturday morning. A limit of six vehicles will be imposed so please pass your names onto Tom at the September meeting.

October 28th: This day has been set aside for a gymkhana on private land at Bunyip. There will be novelty events such as obstacles course, slalom and pole and barrell. All events will be timed and prizes awarded for:- individual event winners. Hope you can make it along as we have not had an event like this before. *9:30 AM AT Bunyip Road House.*

November 10th - 11th: Navigation Trial - area undisclosed, will require the use of map references and map appreciation.

December 2nd: Childrens Christmas Party to be held at Kirth Kiln logging camp near Gembrook. More details next meeting.

New Members.

Two new members recently joined the club, they are:

Mike and Dot Bell 1977 Suzuki Soft Top

H. Schaeffer 1968 S.W.B. Toyota

Next Meeting.

Our radio officer Ted Plastow will be giving a talk on radios. Also hopefully tickets for our next raffle which will have an Engel fridge as first prize will go on sale, the raffle will be drawn on the night of the Xmas Dinner Dance.

SNOW TRIP TO MT. TAMBORITHA

ROLL CALL: Phil Alder and Debbie, Andy & Wendy Bruce, John & Robin Thom, Lindsay Wells and friend, Garry Pearl and Carol Ray, Geoff & Wendy Dowell, Ted Plastow and family, Steve Squires, visitor - Murray Shaw, Kathy & myself (Brian) Tuck

Kathy and I set off about six o'clock Saturday morning, meeting Murray at Dandenong. We arrived at the camp site on the Wellington river about ten o'clock. Most of the others were up and about when we arrived.

After a while it was decided the group would head up to the snow. We stopped at the Howitt hut for lunch. There was a group of 4 W.D's with tents pitched in the snow near the hut. Brrr. bit cold for that. Lunch over, we left and went further up the road to Mt.Howitt, a few of the party had problems as the snow got deeper.

We stopped at the turn off to Wonnangatta. Phil, Debbie, John & Robin tried their hand at a bit of skiing whilst the others had a drink and a chat and looked on. Geoff made a fine snowman. Night was drawing near so we headed back down the mountains to the camp site.

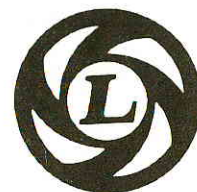
There was the usual camp fire and a few drinks and discussions that evening. It was quite a mild night.

Sunday saw some of the group getting an early start for home. John, Robin, Phil, Debbie, Steve, Kathy and myself went back up the mountain. We left the main road for a 4.W.D. track, which was a little wet and slippery but not causing us a great deal of trouble. Phil tried a bit more skiing with not a lot of success.

We then made our way home stopping at Licola to get some fuel. The weather was very kind to us again. and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Brian and Kathy

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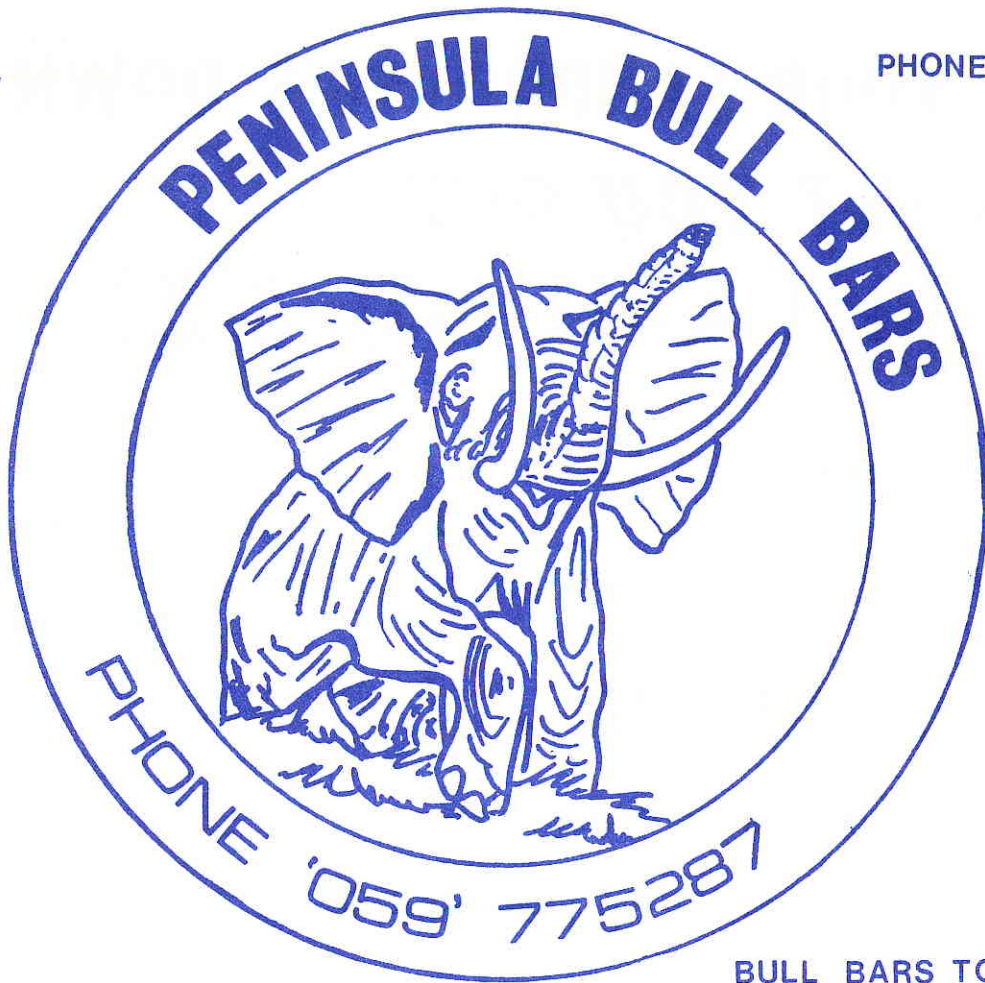
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At the end of the last financial year the club had 65 members of which 9 were social members.

One of our more active members Richard Short has resigned from the Club due to a work situation. We wish him well for the future and hope to see him back with us in time to come.

Dandenong Ranges 4WD Club are holding their annual bush dance at the Monbulk Hall, Main Road, Monbulk, on the 27th October. Invitations are available from Pam Brennan at \$3.50 per head.

Goulburn Valley 4WD Club are holding a Boho Bounce, which is their equivalent of the C.C.J.C. "Narbethong". It is to be held on the 6th - 7th of October. There will be a 4WD observation rally woolshed dance and 4WD scenic tours. More details available from the secretary. Tickets \$4.00 per adult.

Our wandering "four wheeler" Peter Rowe has just returned to us from overseas. Peter spent 5 months throughout the continent and England. Welcome back. (He still has 2 Nissans).

Gippsland 4WD Club have arranged for Len Beadell to give a talk on the 6th October, cost is \$3.00 per head and includes a light supper. It will be held at the Warragul Exhibition Hall. 8pm.

The Nissan Patrol Club have changed their address it is now C/O P.O. Box 211, Springvale. 3171.

Anyone who is looking for bits and pieces for a 1974-5 Landcruiser apparently they are wrecking one at the RACV Depot in Kilsyth.

Lets hope our Association delegate and friends don't lead trips the way they attend association meetings, apparently they waited outside the venue for an hour, but they were only a week late!

Don't forget any articles for the newsletter, please pass on to the Editor by the second Tuesday of the month.

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Weekend 8th & 9th September - Trip to Noojee & Woods Point

Roll Call:

Don & Thelma Montague, Andy Merlo (Trip Leader) Paul Howden, Dot & Mike Bell, Kathy & Myself (Brian Tuck) & Grub.

We met at the library at 8 am. and headed down the Princes Highway and turned off up the Larbotuce Road and up the Western Fire break. The tracks were a bit wet and some vehicles had a few problems.

We then went to Poweltown via Worlleys Jeep track for a bite of lunch. We then headed for Noojee as we had booked into the hotel for the night. On the way we all had a bit of difficulty on the Hornet Jeep track requiring the use of winches and chains. After arriving at Noojee just on dark we booked into the pub and had a real good night.

Next morning we left for Woods Point. After encountering some snow up on Mt. Matlock we got to Woods Point, in time for lunch. After which we wnet to Comet flat to check out what was needed for the clean-up on 22nd & 23rd September. After which we made our way home, we arrived at Warburton about 8 pm. The weather was kind to us yet again, and Kathy & I enjoyed ourselves and we think the others did also.

Brian & Kathy.

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