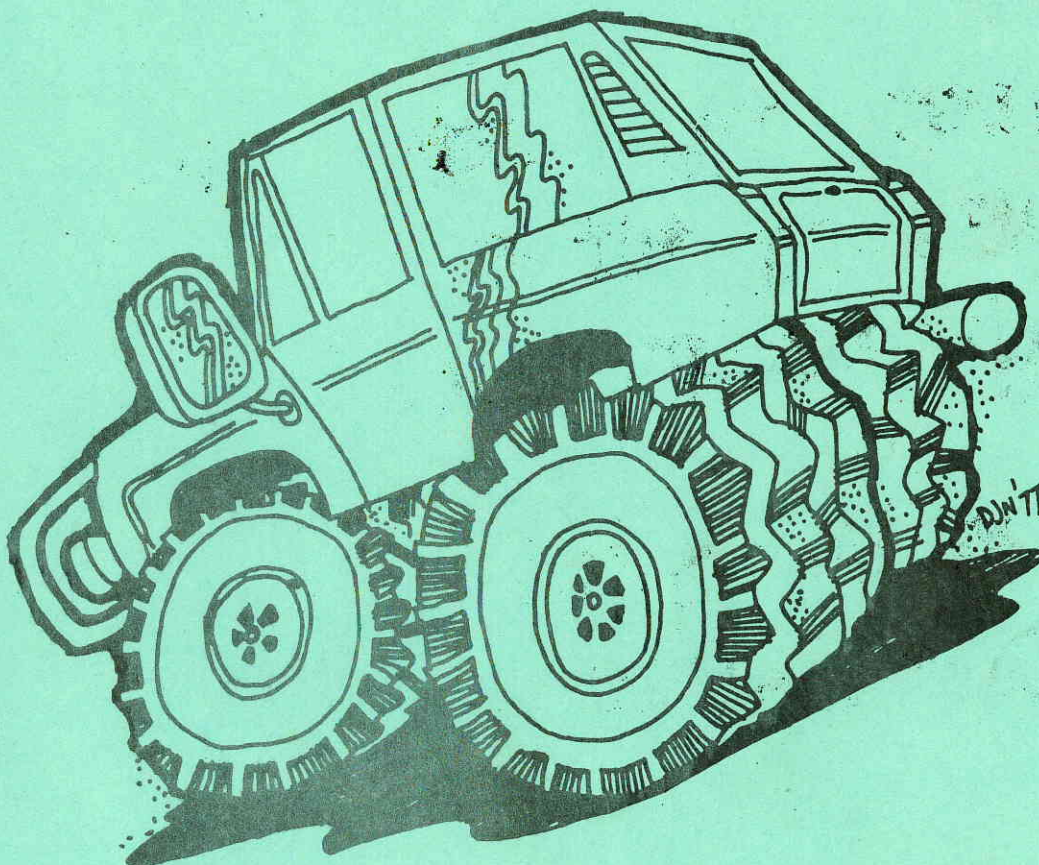


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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER  
OF  
VICTORIAN FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

Registered for posting as a publication  
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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

I would like to start my Report by congratulating the Nissan Patrol Club on the Big River weekend to which they invited our club along.

The weekend was one of the best I've had this year. Every event was well organised, well run, and fun. The Monday trip to Mt. Terrible, Robin and I enjoyed very much, never having been up there before. The Nissan Patrol Club members were great company, pity the erratic weather on Saturday and Sunday nights put a damper on an otherwise excellent weekend.

Hopefully Phil Alder will give a Trip report on the weekend and tell us about Mrs Bullpit.

Well, its now this time of the year again, last meeting for the year and all that, don't forget about the Annual Dinner on the 11th of December at the Admiral Benbow. Invite your friends along for a really good night.

On the 14th of December is the Children's Xmas Party, at Kirth Kiln. Last year was great, this one will be even better for a start. Don Montague will be there (introducing egg throwing competition to the club and didn't attend the event) so its our chance to get even. I hope Don takes his egg weather gear.

There are still quite a few unfinancial members in the club, please attend the next meeting and pay your membership fees. Newsletters will only be posted to financial members from now on.

See you at the next meeting  
**John**

## Social Section Connection

Hi there, from your Social Sec.

We have a few things coming up in the near future.

Our V.F.W.D.C. adult Christmas Party is to be held at the Admiral Benbow. The cost per head is \$15, which includes Roast Beef on a spit, Smorgasboard salad, Piped music, Beer, Wine & cherries, and even buses to pick members up from the central point. Adult night is on 11th December Thursday night.

Kids Christmas party is to be held at Kirth Kiln again with similar activities as last year. A Roast Beef cooked on spit will be provided, and snaggs. Prizes will be provided for winners of competitions e.g. three-legged races, tug-of-war, bag races, egg and spoon races etc. A raffle will be held on the day.

There will be an egg throwing contest and a cricket match of the day. Kids christmas party is on the 14th December. Sunday

We hope to hold a billiards night if we can get enough participants.

THINGS TO COME :

Landrover Field Day - 30th November.

This is the third Annual 4WD Motor Show and Field Day held by the L.R.O.C. Held at Hesket, on the Romsey - Woodend Road (follow signs) Melways Map 243 ref. H/10). from 10.00a.m. - 4.00p.m.

Entry is \$ 2.00 per vehicle.

Should be an interesting and informative day and well worth a visit.  
More details available from Secretary.

ANNUAL V.F.W.D.C. DINNER DANCE THURSDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

Venue : Admiral Benbow Restaurant. Cockatoo.  
Time : Bus departs Dandenong Library at 6.30 p.m.  
Dinner is between 7.30 - 12.00  
Cost : \$ 15.00 per head which includes beer and wine.  
Any spirits are to be supplied by yourself.

For those travelling by 4WD the address is - 1 JEANNE STREET,  
COCKATOO.  
(IT'S IN THE MELWAYS)

Come along to our break up as it will be a great nite with  
raffles, door prize, spot and bobby prizes.

Tickets available at the November meeting.

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY, 14th DECEMBER.

Venue : Kirth Kiln Forestry Camp. Gembrook. (same as last year)  
Time : 12.00 Noon.  
Cost : \$ 1.50 per head - meat, bread and icecream all supplied.

Could members with presents for their children bring them along  
to the meeting so that Santa can give them out on the day.

CHRISTMAS TRIP

Venue : Yet to announced should be settled at November meeting.  
David Heard maybe leading one.

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND 24, 25, 26th JANUARY, 1981.

We will have two trips this weekend.

- A. Peter Rowe - Talbotville - Dargo. *by*
- B. Andy Merlo - Avon RIVER - North Maffra

C.C.J.C. Narbethong - 28th February, 1st March. \$5. A HEAD.

Annual get together at Valley Farm at Narbethong 55 mile post on  
Acheron River. Final numbers will be required later. This weekend is  
real must!

## IN THE FUTURE

TRIPS TO	- WOODS POINT	- MOUNT TERIBBLE
	- NOOGEE	- WATERWHEEL DONNELLYS
DAY TRIP TO	WILHILMINA FALLS	- OTWAYS
	- FISHING TRIP	- BIG RIVER (Training Trip)
	- CANOE	

Also the usual rallies and navigation trials.

## ASSOCIATION

Brief outline from Geoff's report last meeting :

There are now 27 clubs involved in the Association. The Police 4WD club recently joined. The Association has been approached regarding the C.F.A. in Gippsland mainly for voluntary help in transportation to fires. Also Tarl:Khan is supposedly in a mess and there could be a cleanup involved.

## LAST MEETING - 28th OCTOBER.

There were trip reports from Peter Rowe covering Alice Springs, Kings Canyon, Birdsville, Innamicka and Kathy Tuck reported on Cape York (trip reports will appear in later magazines)

## NEXT MEETING

To be held at Dandenong Library on Tuesday, 25th November.

## ITS AND BITS

Notice to all concerned, this newsletter will be the last received until all fees are paid up.  
Below are the culprits :-

DON ADAMS  
STEVE ALDER  
JOHN BARNES  
MIKE BELL  
PHIL COLLINS  
WERNER DITTERICH  
DENNIS EVANS  
PAUL HOWDEN  
JOHN LAKE  
DES LANG  
PAULA LANGILLE  
BLUEY MALE  
GRAEME MASON

ANDY MERLO  
CHUCK MORGAN  
TERRY McGRATH  
BILL McKINNON  
TED PLASTOW  
JOHN RAVAILLION  
NICK SANDERS  
JOHN SMYTH  
JIM SPARK  
BARRY STONE  
NEVILLE TALBOT  
PAUL TAYLOR  
BOB WALDRON  
PETER WALL

The rest of ITS AND BITS is devoted to all the members who contribute to the magazine.

Club Technical Officer is John Lake available on 95 4800 during business hours.

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

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

#### CLUB DISCOUNTS:

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

#### TRIP CLASSIFICATIONS:

'A' Grade: Extensive use of 4WD: Tracks maybe 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 etc. mud & snow, deep river crossings and overgrown tracks. Max. six vehicles.

'B' Grade: Virtually same conditions as 'A' Grade but track condition is 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 rallies etc. Type of tyres doesnot matter and recovery gear not essential.  
No maximum number of vehicles

In all above cases vehicles should be in sound mechanical condition and carry the basic spare part requirements as listed in previous Newsletters.

THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE 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.

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# CLUB RADIO's — FOR HIRE

## 2 sets available at \$1.00 per DAY



LAND-ROVER OWNER'S CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

— VICTORIAN BRANCH —

*invite you to their*

# **THIRD ANNUAL FOUR WHEEL DRIVE MOTOR SHOW & FIELD DAY**

**Sunday, November 30, 1980**

at Heskett, on the Romsey-Woodend Rd., (follow the signs from Romsey)

(Melways Map 243, Ref. H10)

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

## ***BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!***

Come along and see the latest model four wheel drives including Land-Rover, Range-Rover, Toyota, Suzuki, Subaru, Nissan, Daihatsu, Jeep, Ford, Chev, plus other makes.

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Commercial exhibits on display will include the latest in tyres, wheels, bullbars, roof racks, winches, suspension bits, camping gear, engine transplants, turbo chargers, air conditioning, fridges, plus many other accessories and fittings designed for four wheel drives.

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The LROC will have actual demonstrations and expert advice on winches, wheel chains, jacks, chain saws, emergency mechanical repairs, plus many helpful hints essential for four wheel drive touring.

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As well as the latest models, there will be many other 4WD's — old, not so old, usual, unusual, and many from years ago, all fitted out and equipped just for you to see!

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Many 4WD clubs will be in attendance and if you don't already belong to one, become a member and learn more about your vehicle, conservation and the countryside and meet other people with a common interest.

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Whether you own a 4WD or not, or wondering which one to buy or how to equip it, come along with your family and friends and have a great day out.

Just 45 minutes from Melbourne along the Tullamarine Freeway.

See and learn something different and informative.

Food and refreshments available. \$2 per vehicle entry, includes free comprehensive program.

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**All enquiries to: Land-Rover Owner's Club of Australia, P.O. Box 8, Abbotsford,  
or contact one of the organising committee —**

**PATRICK SUTCLIFFE**  
**25 4319 (AH)**

**JEFF SPARKS**  
**(054) 28 6309 (AH)**

**GRAEME WALSH**  
**544 7575 (AH)**

**GEOFF LUTZ**  
**350 2969 (AH)**

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Half finished pack rack \$5.00

See Peter Wall 547 3991

Lift up camper roof suit any vehicle with roof rack \$250.00 O.N.O.

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

5 Nissan Patrol Rims \$15.00 each

P. Rowe 857 6422

Pack rack to suit Toyota Landcruiser - factory made - used once - \$100.00

Bull bar suit Toyota - \$30.00

Phone 791 6425

6 Cylinder Landrover Carby - \$50.00 O.N.O. - Terry Hincks.

4 Toyota Rims/Tyres R.T.M.'s \$25 each \$100 lot.

M. Valentine Work phone: 615 5238

Home: 233 2073

4WD Trailer, 7 months old, 5 months rego. Newly painted 700-16 Tyres.

All new materials. 3/4" Marine ply floor. Toyota L'Cruiser width w'base.

72" long inside, 43" inside accross, 12" sides, 47" draw bar. \$125.00

Ring Brian Langille. 798 5835

Wrecking L.W.B. Landrover mech. good, most parts.

Paul Taylor 547 3353

Rope - new - hard lay manilla. Lengths to 200 mets.

12 mm. dia 25¢ met.

14 mm. dia 30¢ met.

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3 speed gear box with transfer box.

Radiator, Starter Motor, Alternator, Pressure Plate, Fly Wheel,

Landcruiser 68, Toyota.

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5 Split Type rims to suit Toyota with Dunlop Road Track (Tyres average only). \$175.00 Phone: 560 8053

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A Bars made to order. Tractor coupling \$40 or Swivel Type \$45.  
Mack type bull bars incorporating oil tank \$140.  
Phone: Terry Hincks 798 3798

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Hayman Reese Tow Bar (square section) R492 to suit Toyota S.W.B. \$60.00  
Mobelec "Magnum" Electronic ignition to suit Toyota 2F Motor as new \$50.00  
V. Handley 798 2151

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Nov. 74 H/top Nissan 83,000 km. Bull bar - tow bar CB/Rad/Cass. Rear seat, Aux Tank \$3950 O.N.O. 2 spare tyres. Canvas cover R.W.C.  
T. Magrath. 783 5362

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Club Radio's (2) 25 watt. \$200 each. contact Phil Alder

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5 Wide rims & Tyres with locking nuts to suit Landrover. Tyres in good condition \$250 O.N.O.

Fairey overdrive 12 months old suit Landrover \$400 O.N.O.  
Set wheel chains suit 16 x 750 or 15 x 10 heavy duty \$40  
Contact: Colin Grambau 598 0170

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V.H.F. Radio, wiring and antenna mount to suit Landcruiser \$150.  
Contact: Stephan Trnacek.