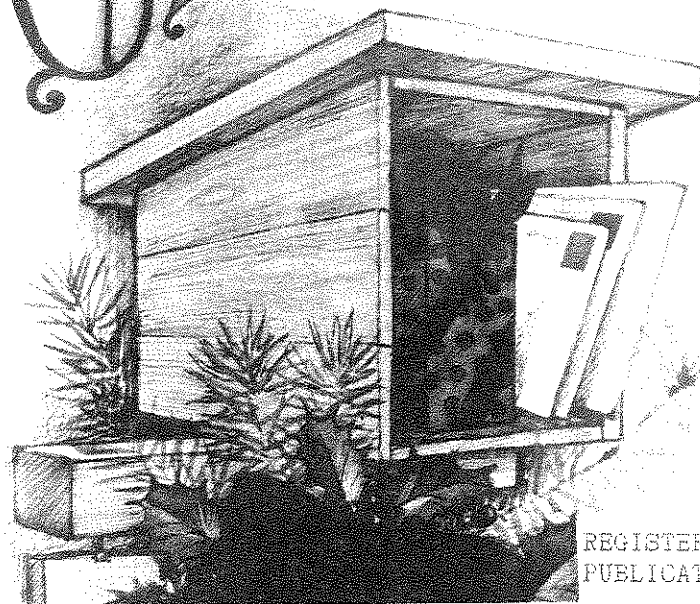


NOVEMBER 86



# FREE WHEELING

*Merry  
Christmas*



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## TRIP CLASSIFICATIONS:

'A' Grade: Extensive use of 4 WD. 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, mud & snow, deep river crossing and overgrown tracks.  
Max, 6 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 4 wd. These trips include car rallies ect. Type of tyres does not matter and recovery gear still essential.  
No Max, Vehicles.

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

The Committee would like to 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.

Newsletter items to Mark Templeton by General Meetings at the latest.

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PRESIDENT'S                      REPORT  
NOVEMBER                      1986

Well Christmas is moving in fast, so don't forget the Christmas Dinner at Rembrandt's and the childrens picnic at Eimbimbi Wildlife Park. Any presents for your children must be haded in at the next meeting with their names attached. A good time will be had by all especially the kids. As usual, there will be the traditional beef on the spit and B.B.Q. snags, B.Y.O. Salad and Plates.

Brian Tuck will lead the Christmas trip in the Buchan and Snowy River area if anyone is interested. As John Lake mentioned at the Last meeting, Christmas trips in the past have been some of the most memorable excursions the club has had. You are not tied down and can leave the trip at any stage, depending on your leave or plans.

Once again I would like to thank all those who turned up at the Bush Dance and especially those who helped to set it up. A great effort well rewarded by a very successful evening. Thanks again for a job well done and hopefully this will lead to bigger and better things in the future.

Thanks to Mark Templeton for his work as association delegate in the past. Mark has had to retire from this position due to the rest of his workload, including magazine, secretary and getting married. The new delegates will be:- Rick Rycken, Feter Pink and Tom Brachna.

The club has now purchased its own printing press so magazine hassles have been halved, all we need now is more material from the members.

Well that will do for this year see you at the meeting, have a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

DAVID HEARD

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The Members,

Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.,

We report that we have carried out an audit of the attached Treasurer's Annual Report for the year ended 30th June 1986. Except for confirming cash on hand at 30-6-1985 held prior to the audit period we confirm that -

In our opinion the attached Treasurer's Annual Report is properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs as at 30th June 1986 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

*Bede Collyer Alderton & Co.*

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28/10/86

BUSH DANCE  
OCTOBER 20th 2011 1980

ELLEN FRIDMAN (100 + "MAYLES")

CAPTION: 21th October, 1980

Waking up to Fimmins Park at 11.00 am. to find  
Muriel Shaw sitting in his vehicle reading the newspaper  
and waiting for members to turn up.

Soon after Rodney Lee turned up with the first truck.  
and we began to direct the driver to the most flat part of  
the ground so that the load wouldn't slip off. Meanwhile,  
trying to arrange the odd drop of rain as the rest of the  
helpers began to arrive. The bulls were now being  
directed on to the arena, with the help of Rodney on the  
pointy end while Mark crashed the bull through the centre  
and the rest of the ringings back and forth. One  
finally made it and the second one was in as no time at  
all, then it was back. The third one turned and turned  
and turned.

We began to set up the paper and tarp on the left and  
extended a few tents in front of the main dancing area  
under cover. It took some time to get everything up and  
ready, but with the help of the members that were here to  
turn up early and help we did a pretty good job. Time for  
lunch and setting up of tents for those who were staying  
the night. Pinky and a few others went to fetch some  
firewood and they came back with plenty of it too.



## CONT.      BUSH      DANCE. . . . .

Later when everyone was happy with all the arrangements, they slowly made their way home to shower and pick up their wives', friends or relatives.

Slowly but surely everyone began to arrive, but there was something missing, so a quick check was asked for:  
VENUE----CHECK      TRUCK----CHECK      TARPS----CHECK  
SPIT----CHECK      MEMBERS----CHECK      FRIENDS----CHECK  
BAND----HEY WHERE IS THE BAND!!!!!!!!!!!!

As the panic set in people were busy locking under tables and rocks but no band was found. They found a last time but where were they????  
Then, the van pulled up. The band began to set up, but HEY!!! wait a minute, there's only three of them, there's suppose to be four. Well as they say in moments like these you need Minties, so panic was in order again. They say music causes the savage beast but not Four Wheelers, so there was one last resort left, FOODS UP!!! Now picture this:- Doc's showing some of his Medical Skills by operating on the Moose with a Chain Saw, Brian and Murray rolling the snags across the Hot Plate like an assembly line, and some how the snags fell off the Hot Plate straight into the rolls as people came charging through on the way to get to Doc. Doc wanted us to give him our Medicare Cards so he could bulk bill for his service. AND THEN..... another car arrived. The fourth member of the band. Saved at last. OK now down to the NITTY GRITTY. THE BUSH DANCE WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR. The band arked up and away we go dancing on damp grass which later turned into mud. Leather sole boots, bald gum boots, jiggling up and down in time with the music. But the band not satisfied with this, played faster. Swing your partners Doe See Doe, and as I said DAMP GRASS (WHICH TURNED TO MUD!!), it was bound to happen, swing your partner and let her GO. Quite a few people had the tell tail signs of the Dance Floor inbeded on the seats of their pants.

On the other side of the dance floor there was a great Bon Fire, which was hogged by those people that weren't dancing, but the fire was so hot, that those around it had to keep COOL and the only way of doing this was with LOTS OF REFRESHMENTS!!!! P H E W!!!! The band takes a break and so do WE, and straight to the port, beer or scotch to cool us down.

## CONT. BUSH DANCE. . . . .

Then it was time to hit the band for some money. I went over, they searched around for money and came up with \$9.65 cents. We thought a little and discussed and we came to an agreement. Being the Band I sold them 10 tickets for \$9.65 cents. Now, I thought I just made a great deal but not knowing that the band would be the mungrels to win the raffel, which made things look a little hot around the collar for me. But, seeing I sold them THE winning ticket I was given a nice bottle of Champes from the hamper, which unfortunately, I saw it for a few minutes while the band, myself and others decided to evacuate the champes from the bottle.

After all this drama, the band got back to playing and we got back to dancing. At this stage of dancing there were a few "DRONGOS" on the dance floor. Don't misunderstand me, drongos are those people that after the music stops and you are left without a partner you are known as a drongo. I for one had a great time and a lot others around me, were enjoying the night as well.



CONT. BUSH DANCE. . . . .



Dancing once again, there were people dancing, others watching and others enjoying just a great wet and different bush dance entertainment. Now, it was time for the raffle, a great hamper full of goodies were to be won by some lucky person, who could it be? Well, the girls were chosen to sell the tickets and some of us (namely me), was just told to sell them. Well, with a bit of charm and direct approach for money, we went around and grabbed what we could get. \$1.00 ONLY per ticket, which was great value, for the amount of goodies in the hamper.

## CONT. BUSH DANCE.....

Around 12.30 am the band called it quits, but we had other ideas. A cry from the crowd rang out for a Fiddle Solo which was done while the others started to pack up, when the Fiddling had been done, another cry from the large mob that was now around the stage for a Bass Solo then a Guitar and finally a Banjo Solo. A small wager was placed that the banjo solo had to be the theme from deliverance "DUELING BANJO'S". An impossible feat, but it was done. Just ask Steve Alder because it cost him \$10.00. Finally the band packed up and so the group moved towards the fire where the odd sample of Fort was seen to be passed around, while others were making their way home, or to bed to rest their tired limbs.

SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER, 1986

On this particular morning some of us got up very slowly, and there were a few bodies on the dance floor, one or two around the fire, and some were getting stuck into a Big Breaky, which did not satisfy those who were a bit on the ruff side after last night. Doc was busy doing an examination of a very ill patient, this was achieved by looking into a mirror and examining himself.

Then slowly more bodies appeared, and came to life and so the task of packing up was upon us. By midday ail was done and we were on our way home.

TERRIFIC WEEK END AND THANK YOU TO ALL THE MEMBERS FOR THEIR HELP IN SETTING UP. ALSO THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE THAT ATTENDED THE BUSH DANCE.

Mark Templeton  
and Gloria Carou

# VICTORIAN FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

## TRIP DATA.

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DESTINATION	XMAS TRIP BUCHAN AREA
TRIP LEADER	BRIAN TUCK
PHONE NUMBER	762 5981
DEPARTURE DATE	25-12-86
DEPARTURE TIME	RING BRIAN
DEPARTURE POINT	RING BRIAN
FUEL REQUIRED	FULL TANKS
LAST FUEL AVAILABLE	
MAPS REQUIRED	OMEQ - DARGO AREAS
GRADE	A* B* C*
DURATION	XMAS - NEW YEAR 9 DAYS
BASE CAMP	YES* NO
NATIONAL PARKS	YES NO*
ROUTE VIA	DEPENDS ON NUMBERS
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ACTIVITIES	
QUITE DRIVES SEEING THE AREA AROUND BUCHAN	
-LAZING IN THE SUN DOING YOUR OWN THING -	
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SPECIAL CONDITIONS	
- KIDS DON'T FORGET TO TELL SANTA WHERE YOU'LL BE -	
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REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1985  
TREASURERS REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE, 1986

ANNUAL REPORT

Building Society	388.60
Bank Balance	514.12
Cash in Hand	109.92
BALANCE AT 30TH JUNE, 1985	<u>\$1,012.64</u>

INCOME

Subscriptions	1,311.00	
Badges	83.50	
Special Effort	870.30	
T-Shirts	4.00	
Radio Licences	910.00	
Xmas Part, dinners, Narbethong, Film	2,837.00	
Sale club radio	150.00	
Miscellaneous	84.00	
Interest received	40.33	
	<u>6,290.13</u>	
		7,302.77

EXPENDITURE

Hall	143.00	
Printing	296.00	
Stamps & stationery	238.78	
Special Effort	394.28	
Refreshments	30.07	
Radio Licences	910.00	
Association fees	138.00	
Incorporation Registration	21.00	
1985 AGM Raffle Prizes	408.85	
Newsletter Registration	36.00	
Xmas part, dinners, Narbethong, Film	3,134.00	
Miscellaneous	312.20	
	<u>6,062.18</u>	
TOTAL		<u>\$1,240.59</u> =====

This is made up as follows:

Building Society	388.60
Bank Balance	789.36
Cash in Hand	62.63
BALANCE AT 30TH JUNE, 1986	<u>\$1,240.59</u>

!!!!!!! KIDS XMAS PARTY !!!!!!!!

BIMBIMBI WILDLIFE NATIONAL PARK

MOUNT BURNETT

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 1986

KIDS ACTIVITIES BEGINNING AT 10.00 AM

\$3.50 PER HEAD, ICE CREAM AND LOLLIES SUPPLIED

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LOTS OF ACTIVITIES TO KEEP THE KIDS AMUSED

SANTA CLAUS ARRIVING ABOUT 2.00 PM

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FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

HOPE TO SEE Y O U THERE !!!!!!!!

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TIME: 7.00 PM

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NOVEMBER 25TH (MEETING NIGHT)

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT  
GLORIA CAROU ON 795 8929

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

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W I N N I P E N N I S

# KAKADU NATIONAL PARK THE TOP END (OR BUST)

TRIP BY: JOHN & MARG SMITH

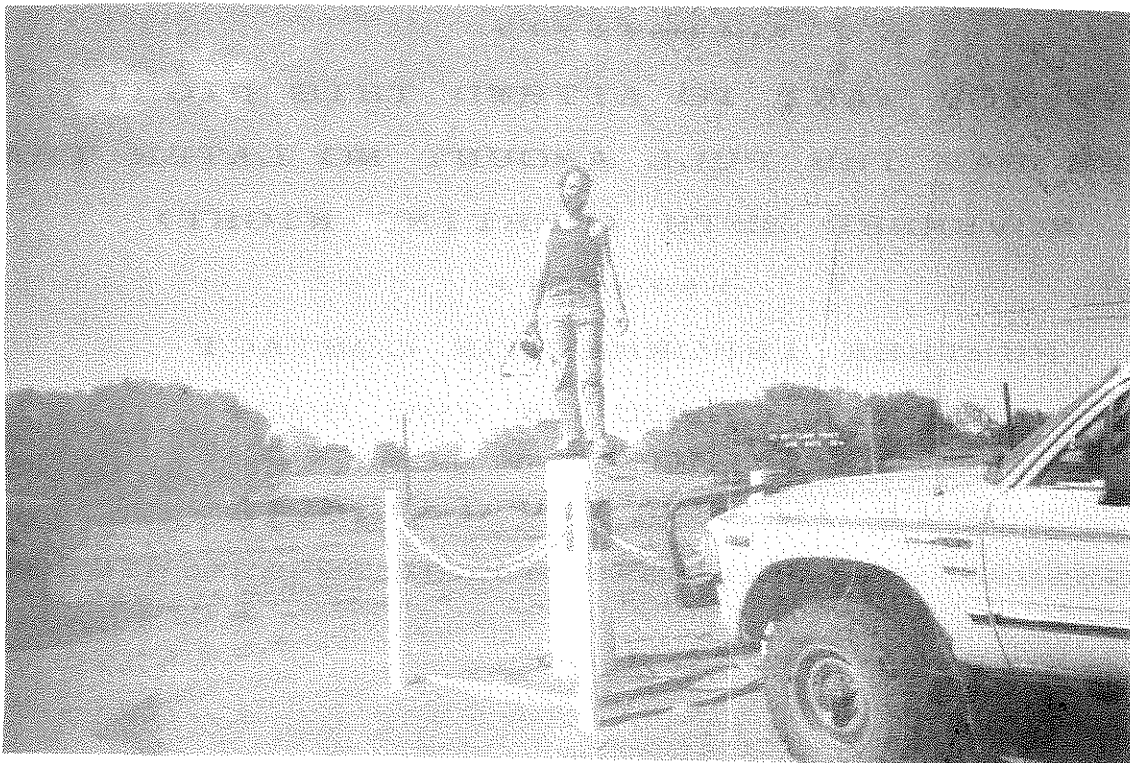
WEEK 2 DAY 8 SATURDAY 9th AUGUST

After having our first sleep-in for a week, we decided to do some shopping in MT ISA and meet at midday to continue our trip. Come 12 noon, only Andy's and John's cars were at the meeting point. Josie, in her endeavour to take home more food than when she started, had gone berserk and skua the shops dry. Fortunately, the other cars were not long late arriving, and we were able to put this time to good use storing into the back of Andy's Toyota, enough rations to keep an army marching for six months.

After passing through CAMOWEAL we decided to camp just south of GALLIPOLI STATION. Carol, helpful as usual, tried to pick up a snake for firwood, which made us all aware that we were now in crawler country. We had a really good night by the campfire, during which Andy demonstrated his expertise at making a damper.

DAY 9 SUNDAY 10th AUGUST

We arose at 6.30 am to a beautiful day. An uneventful morning except for Bruno getting a puncture. After browsing around ALEXANDRIA STATION, we lunched, and then headed onwards-destination CAPE CRAWFORD. It was dark by the time we reached our camping spot, and after a quick tea and a short spell in front of the fire the weary travellers were off to bed. We didn't need to put on as many tracksuits at night now, as the weather is getting milder.



BRIAN AT CAMRON'S CORNER

## CONT. . . . KAKADU NAT. PARK

### DAY 10 MONDAY 11th AUGUST

Up at 6.15 am weather quite mild. Lost time near NATHAN RIVER MISSION while Tom retrieved the GUSMOBILE which had developed an oil leak, flat tyre and contorted rim. We lunched at COX'S RIVER (nice croc, country). It also proved to be just the place for four vehicles to get bogged in the sand. We crossed ROPER BAR late in the afternoon, and while Gus stayed there for the evening, the rest of us headed for MATARANKA HOMESTEAD. Plenty of colourful donkeys around MATARANKA. The toffs dined at the bistro that evening, and at 10 pm journeyed to the thermal pool for a swim. Brilliant 34 degree centigrade, crystal clear with a white sandy bottom. We slept well that night.

### DAY 11 TUESDAY 12th AUGUST

Arose late this morning to find Tom adjusting my brakes. We spent till lunch time repairing our vehicles and hosing off the mud. Some mongrels had the audacity to wash thier cars. Hates to have a clean machine.

Gus arrived and informed us that he was heading for KATHERINE for repairs. After lunch we went looking for MATARANKA FALLS, but could only find anthills and more donkeys. Some of the femmes attacked the Island Cooler back at the Homestead, and after many black coffees and soaking in the pool, one of them was able to return to reality.

### DAY 12 WEDNESDAY 13th AUGUST

We arose about 7.30 am, packed up and went for a final swim prior to leaving. Arrived in KATHERINE at lunch time, and after some shopping and eating we left for the GORGE. The weather is now very hot, so after setting up camp we hurried to the KATHERINE RIVER for a swim with the crocodiles (freshies of course). We have enquired in a few places, but no sign of Gus & CO. All the women joined forces and we had a communal feast in the evening.

### DAY 13 THURSDAY 14th AUGUST

Up at about 7.30 am to an overcast morning. The sky cleared to a beautiful day, and at 11 am we departed on a four hour boat cruise up KATHERINE GORGE.

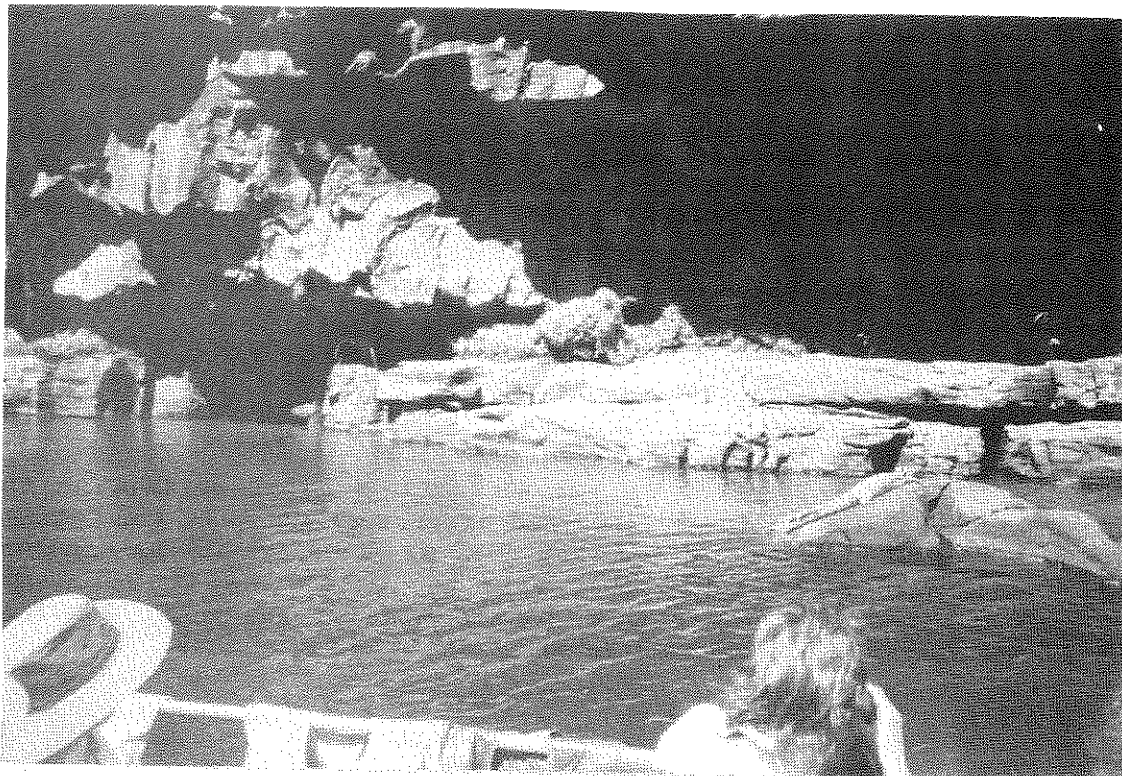
We saw quite a few crocodiles, water birds and impressive rock formations. On the return trip we stopped for lunch and swam in the GORGE.

### DAY 14 FRIDAY 15th AUGUST

Out of bed about 7 am, packed up our gear, and headed into KATHERINE for some shopping. Still no word on Gus and Carol. Tom spotted Bluey's car, and found that the pioneers had come south after their trip along the CANNING STOCK ROUTE so they could carry out repairs to their vehicles.

The weather is still quite hot as we set up camp at EDITH FALLS, and go for a swim in the pool below the falls. Rowie, and faithful hound SHIT HEAD or F\*\*\* Y\*\* for short, Don, Thelma, Bluey and Joyce arrived to spend the evening meal with us. Once again we joined the tables together and had another feast. Rowie obligingly skun both John and Tom clean of any excess port. At about 11 pm we ushered our guests into their vehicles for the journey back to KATHERINE, much to the relief of an unfriendly neighbour.

CONT... KAKADU TRIP



SPOT THE CDRC, KATHERINE GORGE

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IT'S AND BIT'S

How did Connie earn the title "SUPER SQUIRT"?  
Who are the "CHIMNEY GANG"?  
Who did not get drunk on FORT?  
Who spent his time perving instead of photographing the nude mermaid?  
Who won Northern Territory a "TIDY TOWN" award for 1988?

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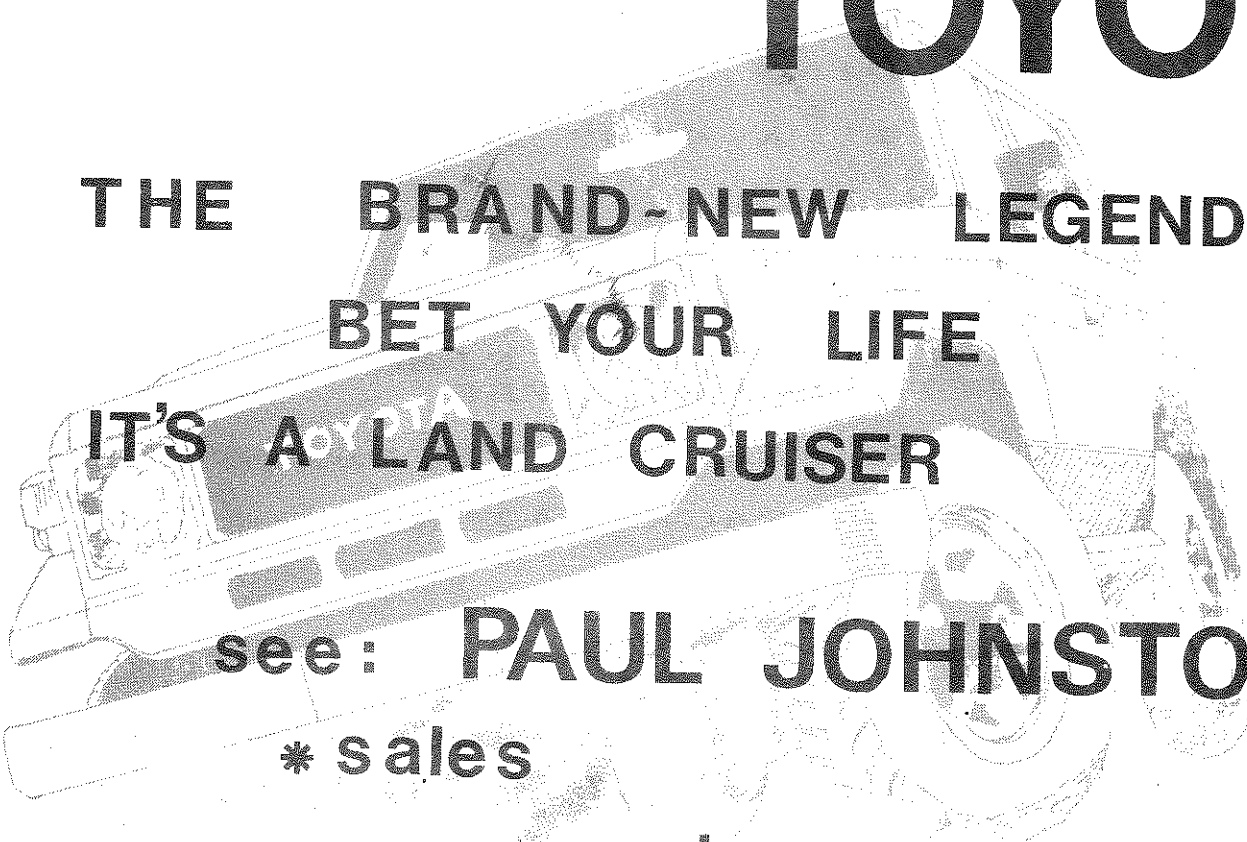
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# VICTORIAN FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

## TRIP DATA.

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DESTINATION. AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEK-END. WOODS POINT AREA.

TRIP LEADER. PETER ROWE PHONE NUMBER. 703-2346. AFTER 4PM.

DEPARTURE DATE. 24-1-1987. DEPARTURE TIME. 7.00 AM.

DEPARTURE POINT. IN FRONT OF AMPOL S/S. COLDSTREAM.

FUEL REQUIRED. FULL TANKS. EX MARYSVILLE LAST FUEL AVAILABLE. MARYSVILLE.

MAPS REQUIRED. TAGGERTY - JAMIESON - JULIET - MATLOCK.

GRADE. A + B ~~E~~ DURATION. 3 DAYS.

BASE CAMP. ~~YES~~ NO NATIONAL PARKS. ~~YES~~ NO

ROUTE VIA. HEALESVILLE, MARYSVILLE, MATLOCK, WOODS POINT

ACTIVITIES. 4X4ING, FISHING, SIGHT SEEING.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS. BRING CAMERA, FISHING GEAR, FULL RECOVERY GEAR,  
PLUS 2 JERRY CANS IF NO LONG RANGE TANKS.

PLEASE RETURN TO COMMITTEE 4 WEEKS PRIOR TO TRIP (TO ALLOW PUBLICATION)

# Wip Report

## KAKADU NATIONAL PARK THE TOP END (OR BUST)

TRIP BY: BRIAN & CONNIE WEST

DAY 15 SATURDAY 16th AUGUST

We left camp from EDITH FALLS and started our travels towards U.D.P. FALLS. When we arrived it was time for lunch then it was time for a swim in the pool at the base of the falls. But to our dismay there was only a trickle of water flowing over the falls. After everyone was refreshed it was time for us to make our way to the famous KAKADU NATIONAL PARK.

When we finally arrived and found a place to set up camp to our surprise we found our missing link to our group ( GUS, CAROL & AYDON ) they had been to Darwin to get their vehicle fixed. By this time tents erected, washing done, showers had it was time for tea. After having our meals it was now our turn to be eaten( BY MOSSIES ). To our displeasure of this we decided it was safer to retire than to be eaten alive.

DAY 16 SUNDAY 17th AUGUST

Breakfast had, we packed up but left the tents up to dry. We proceeded to COOINDA, for a bit of a brouse and a shop. On the way John decided he didn't want his fishing rod so he threw it off the roof. Andy also found a couple of buffalo horns which old hawkeye spotted. After a look at COOINDA we went back to camp to collect our tents we then proceeded to make our way to JIM-JIM and TWIN FALLS. The track in was recommended for 4X4 only and once on the track we could see why. The road was full of corrugations, holes and rocks along the track a bit we came across a couple of hithikers but no one could accommodate them.

A bit further down the track another mishap Gus was thrown off the track by the corrugations and he hit a tree . Another bent rim, flat tyre and a suspected bent tierod. Two hours later we were back on the track again. We eventually arrived at JIM-JIM camping ground. About 5.00pm set up camp and an early tea was had the kids in bed it was time for a nice night around the fire. Until there was a bit of commotion raised by the frolicking of water and voices saying there it goes.

CONT... KAKADU NAT. PARK



Andy took a single bound over the camp fire to find out that it was only the TRIP STIRRER playing games with an axe handle it was then a quite night until everyone retired.

DAY 17 MONDAY 18th AUGUST

Everyone was around camp doing daily chores. Gus and Bruno were trying to fix Gus's rim whilst Tom did a makeshift welding job on the brackets of his bullbar. Gus and Bruno gave up on the rim as they weren't getting very far.

It was then decided to have a look at TWIN FALLS 10km down the track we came to the spot we had a bite to eat then off on our walk to TWIN FALLS. It was supposed to be 400 mt to the falls but the sign forgot to tell us you had to swim about 200 mt to see them. So the men went for a swim and left the women with the kid's.

Two hours later they returned but with no photo's so they will go back tomorrow to get some. We were told it was a glorious spot. We made our way back to camp where it was time for a dip to cool down. Although a couple of us did get thrown in. It was then time for tea and a quite night around the fire. Gus decided he would try to cook his rim to see if he could straighten it out but to no avail, so it was then time for bed.

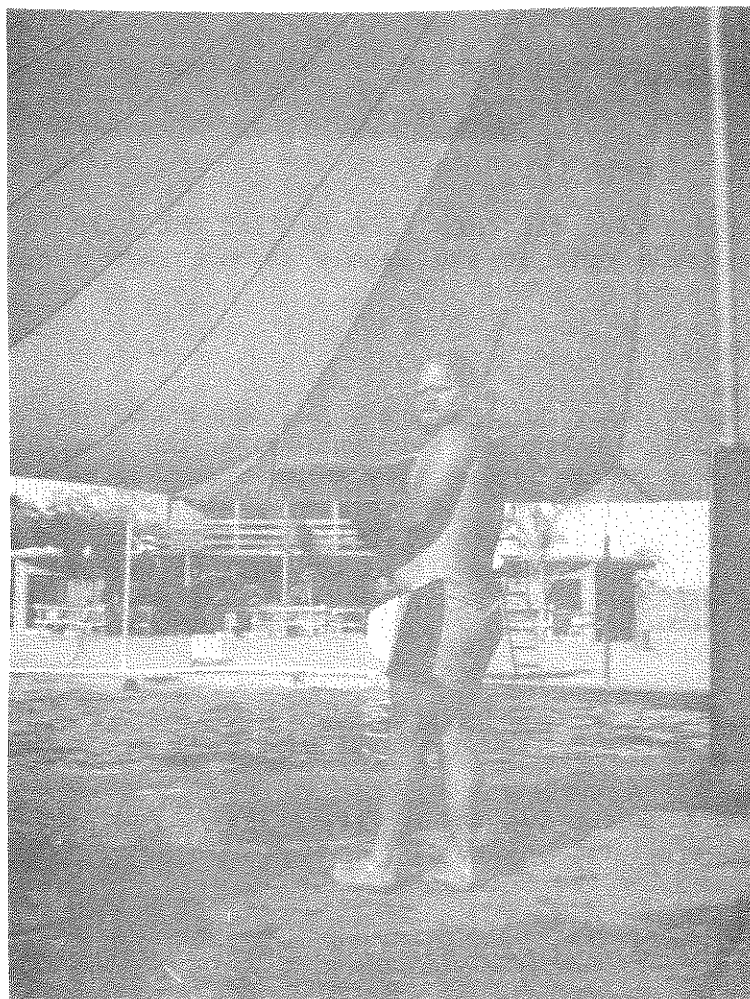
## CONT. . . KAKADU NAT. PARK

DAY 18 TUESDAY 19th AUGUST

It was now time to work out a way of getting the cameras up to TWIN FALLS without getting them water logged. Mastermind (John) got a tyre tube and inflated it, also an esky and tied it to the tube and put the cameras in there. The men set off and left the women at camp with the kids. They arrived at the river prepared for their swim to get some spectacular films. Tom with bit in mounth slowly cruised up the river where plenty of photos were taken of Paradise.

They arrived back at camp at about 1.30 pm where lunch was, had followed by some fun in the water. Andy decided to have a bit of water fight where Carol happened to be an innocent victim she said she'd get him back and a couple of hours later she did. She had a container full of water which she threw over him only to find herself being pushed back into the water fully clothed. This time she said he would keep.

About 5.00 pm we decided to have a look at JIM JIM FALLS. From where we parked it was a 400 mt walk to the viewing point and a further 500 mt to the pond. But once again the sign forgot to tell us it was all rock climbing to get there but it was worth the effort. Arrived back at camp about 7.00 pm time for tea and a well deserved relaxing night around the fire, until Carol decided to strike back at Andy who ended up wearing a bucket of water, it was a classic. After things quietened down it was soon time to retire.



## CONT. . . KAKADU NAT. PARK

DAY 19 WEDNESDAY 20th AUGUST

Camp packed up it was time to leave JIM JIM. We left at about 10.00 am. All set for our bumpy trip out not to mention this time without any mishaps, 3 hours later we reached the main drag toward JABIRY, where a bit of shopping was done. We then made our way to the lake where some refreshments were had and we waited til Tom went to do some more running repairs on his bullbar.

When he returned it was time to get ourselves together and look for a new campsite. Tents erected tea consumed it was time for the great crocodile hunt. We all piled into our vehicles and headed for the causeway at EAST ALLIGATOR RIVER. Spotlight on all we could see was red dots in the light rays. We then realized that those red dots were the eyes of crocodiles. All excitement was aroused when the eyes of the night started to move upstream towards us.

There was then a few more pairs of eyes also to be seen, at the same time on the other side of the causeway another pair of eyes were spotted and this time quite a large head was seen as well, then disappeared in the still of the water. After a bit more viewing it was time for the kids to be put to bed. After a short discussion about what had been seen it was also time for the parents to retire.

DAY 20 THURSDAY 21st AUGUST

Andy decided he wanted to go to the Abbatoirs to see about getting a set of Buffalo Horns (he was determined to bring some home), so some went with him. Meanwhile, Tom and John decided to try their luck at some fishing. Bryan fixed his fuel pump and the rest of us just relaxed around the camp. Bryan then decided to see how John and Tom were going and decided to catch a cat fish but threw it back.

Everyone had now returned to camp and those who felt like lunch ate and those who didn't, didn't. It was a very lazy day spent around camp as it was too hot to do anything. Gus and a couple of the kids had been vomiting, whether it was the heat or a bug we've picked up we just don't know.

Tom, Andy and John decided to go fishing again in the afternoon but no luck and once again returned to camp empty handed. After tea, Tom, Bryan, John and Andy once again decided to try their luck at fishing but still with no luck, they returned to camp at about midnight and straight to bed.

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DAY 21 FRIDAY 22nd AUGUST

Once again it was time to pack up camp and move on. We left camp at approx. 10.00 am and made our way to OBBIRRI ROCK where we inspected some of the Aboriginal Paintings, which is also known as the man art gallery. After OBBIRRI ROCK we once again made our way to JABIRU, for a few more needed items and to meet Josie and Andy who once again went to the Abbattoirs for his horns but wasn't able to get them as there was a breakdown.

A bite to eat at Jabiru and it was off to the Rangers station to see some of the Flora and Fauna of the area (eg. dried leaves, crocodile skins and skulls, plants, photos, etc.), we also watched four short videos on the park which were quite interesting.

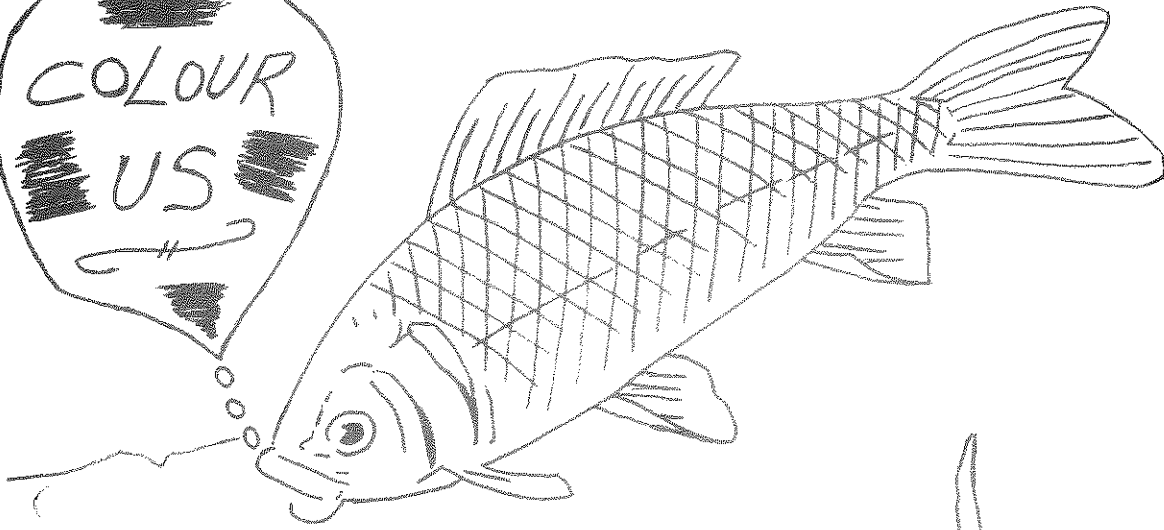
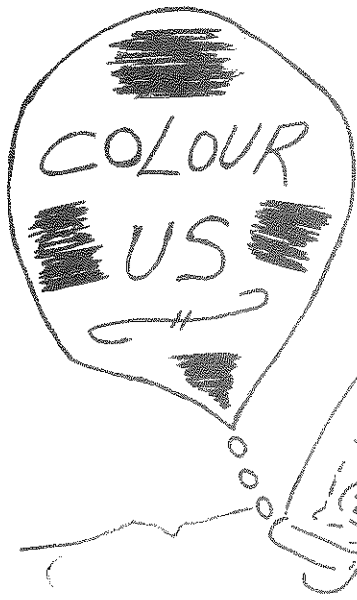
From there we made our way to NOURLANGIE ROCK which was a bit of a disappointment after OBBIRRI ROCK. From there the next stop was SANDY BILLABONG which was quite pleasant, from there it was time to find a camping spot. Gus and Carol went on ahead to camping grounds as they already been to the above places. We booked into the camping grounds set up camp had tea and a quiet night but no camp fire. Also the dreaded bug is still hanging around and has claimed another few victims, when will it stop.



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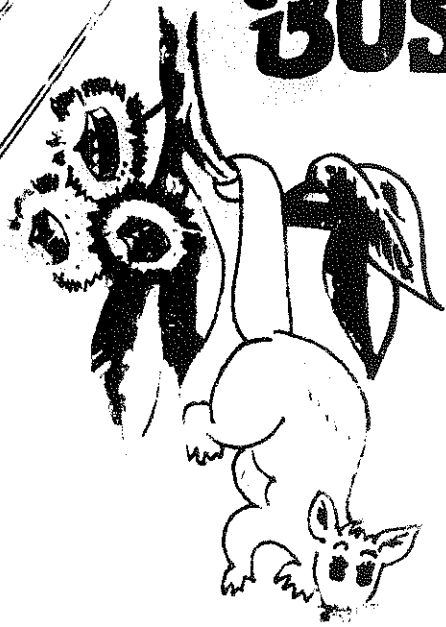


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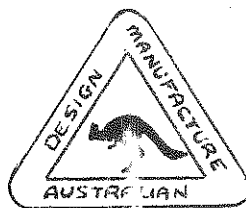
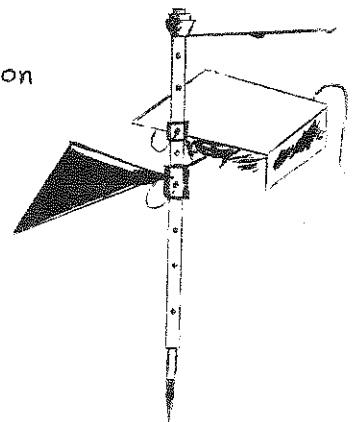
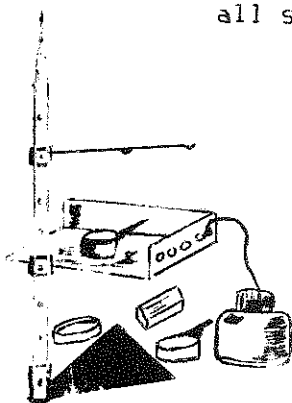
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