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Brian & Joyce Grey on the road to Kalumburu, Kimberley's Western Australia

PRESIDENTS REPORT



The High Country trip is coming up at the end of this month and I have been told Victoria offers some of the most challenging 4WD driving in Australia. That's great, but we have the MOST CHALLENGING football team in the AFL and although the season is now over I feel it must be said for a final time - congratulations to the MIGHTY CROWS for a magnificent conquest and back to back PREMIERS. (THE EDITOR HAS TO CONCUR WITH THESE THOUGHTS A GREAT WIN BY A CLASS TEAM EFFORT)

Whilst writing, I can hear thunder in the distance. Oh no, my mistake, it's probably Ken Bradey cranking up the Dorado Desperado Music Machine. I'm sure everyone at Geranium would be having an excellent time enjoying the mild weather and rocking the grounds of the usually tranquil Dorado Downs.

We have five of our female members practicing their driving skills and cramming in as much technical data as they can to pass their Basic Driver Training course. Good Luck Ladies

I believe we have secured a site at the 4WD & OUTDOOR SHOW on the 23rd to 25th October. We have some volunteers but more people would make it easier as approx 17,000 people are expected to pass through. We will have a stand, and our objective will be to show the public the Mt Lofty Rangers do exist, and we are a well organised and active 4WD Club, offering driver training, trips, care of the environment, social outings and much more, with the capacity to accommodate more new members.

Keep in mind there are a number of trips between now and Christmas, so get your names down fast for you could miss out.. More trips are required for next year. If you can find your way to the Blackwood Footy Club every month for a meeting, you are more than qualified to lead a trip. Don't crush Peter in a stampede getting your ideas to him, but please do get them to him and in an orderly manner.

Our Christmas picnic is at Clarendon on December 6th. Names if all attending must be on the list by the end of our November meeting. Names, ages and gender of all children must be included to avoid the possibility of Father Xmas leaving them off his goodies list.

I sent the condolences of the all Club members along with an arrangement of flowers to Valerie Jays for the sudden loss of her husband Ian. Ian had not been with the Club all that long but in that short time was an active and willing member.

Well I think I've said my quota so I'll sign off for now

See you 'round MOSS-IAH



OCTOBER 1998

FRIENDS OF THE PARKS 14TH ANNUAL FORUM. 9TH TO 11TH

Hosted by the Friends of the Coorong and held in the Medindie Area School's Stadium. Discussions, exhibitions and tours will be held over the weekend. For further information contact PETER GRAHAM
PH 8370 6224

SUNDAY 25th - TINTINARA DAY TRIP

Following the Gold Escort Route- National Heritage Trail of the 1850's through the Adelaide Hills and back tracks to Wellington, Hawks Nest, Cold n' Wet, Mt Boothby Conservation Park. A full day - must be self sufficient - this is a repeat trip. Some 4WDing - Good family day Trip Leader Dean Dayman

SATURDAY 31ST-1ST NOVEMBER CLARE WEEKEND

Tour some of the wineries, Homesteads and Bungaree Station plus local places of interest. Various charges for camping approx \$67.00 per couple for the weekend

TRIP LEADERS PETER & NATASHU GRAHAM PH 8370 6224

NOVEMBER 1998

SATURDAY 28th MYSTERY NIGHT TRIP

Start the evening off with a BBQ at the Club Rooms then get misled by the Mallee Boy & the Moss-lah, only as these two could for a night drive with a twist and a turn.

Education News

Advance Course

Theory

Wednesday 14th October

7pm to 10pm

Saturday 17th October

9am to 4pm

SAA4WDC Head Office

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Practical Start October 30th 6.30am to November 8th 10 days of Magnificent Snowy Mountains and the most rugged 4WD trails Course is Full

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Theory

Tuesday 17th November 7pm to 10pm

Wednesday 18th November 7pm to 10pm

7 Bristol Avenue, Camden Park

Practical Start Saturday 21st November & Sunday 22nd November 9am to 4pm

Lakeside Leisure Park, Hackham

For More Information Contact Ted Bal on 83821963 a/hrs or 0411223555

Murraylands Trip

9th August 1998

Merv Tucker & Graham

Murray, Joan, Andrew Tucker

Michael, Isobelle, Andrew Brett, & Mark Shannon

Mark, Linda, Chelsea, Stacey Moss

Peter and Jenny Michael, Jones

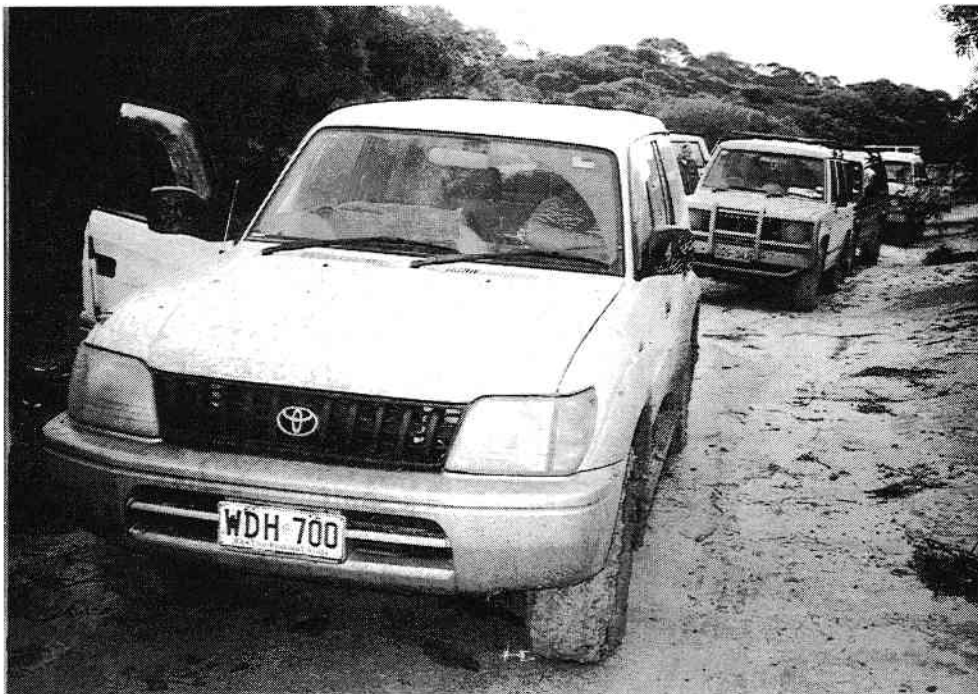
Dean and Kathy Dayman

After congratulating ourselves on actually being five minutes early we were dismayed to find out that everybody else on the trip was ten minutes early. So now you get yet another trip report from the Brett perspective.

Everybody was remarkably wide awake at the start of the trip, at the unheard of hour of 7.30 am Sunday morning. We had a freeway drive to start with, to Murray Bridge, where we stopped for some fuel. From here on in the Brett family, and Mark, had absolutely no idea where we were, a feeling shared by others. This may have been due to the fact that the trip had three leaders who shared the navigating. However, it didn't matter in the slightest because the scenery was good and the "road" conditions were interesting. There had been some rain, but we were assured that there was not as much mud as there had been. None of the members on the trip were at all competitive about who was going to get the dirtiest car – which of course meant that most mud holes were driven through and some great photos were taken. Peter and Jenny won the dirtiest vehicle award & Dean and Kathy won the cleanest.



Oh Mr Moss ! What a mess



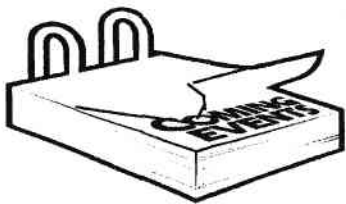
Merv Wucker leading a dirty convoy

A stop for morning tea provided an insight into early farming methods but the hut left a bit to be desired, they obviously weren't very tall in those days, 'cos if you were your feet would have been in the fire all night. More driving followed, and lunch was eaten in the bush somewhere.

The afternoon was spent driving between paddocks or in bushland with some interesting navigation. There seemed to be a ladies excuse me in the afternoon with some changes behind the steering wheels.

Around about 5 o'clock the question was asked – where are we Merv?– the answer – “Well, Borricka is one way and another unpronounceable town was mentioned the other way. Now you know why the Bretts are always going on trips but never lead them. Of course, Merv knew exactly where we were and about two hours later we arrived back in Murray Bridge. During the drive back to Murray Bridge there was some concern about the strength of the headlights on one or two vehicles as the mud had dried, blocking most of the light. Back at Murray Bridge most people went their separate ways, - McDonalds, the fish shop, back home, after thanking the leaders, all three of them, for another enjoyable Sunday drive – about 400 kms worth.

Handy tip – the turn-off road from the freeway, at Belair, is 60 km/hr – be warned, a bright flash from behind tells you that photos were taken – an expensive way to end an otherwise perfect day!!



SOCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER SUNDAY 6TH Club Christmas Picnic at Clarendon Oval.
Time 10.00am-8.00pm We have shelter whatever the weather.
Bring your own chairs, Food & BBQ.
There will be a Community Table for
Desserts or Christmans Goodies.
Names please & ages of children attending by November's meeting
Tea, Coffee & Cordial available
JUNE 1999 Club Dinner

List of suggested outings on Notice Board.
More ideas welcomed

Joyce Gray Phone 8278 1576

COMING EVENTS

Why Not Plan a Trip or a Days Outing Around One of These
Attractions

October 23-25th	4WD & Outdoor Show, S.W. Parklands (Discount tickets can be purchased through the Club)
November 1st	'Life be in it' Show, Bonython Park
November 21-22nd	Murraylands Big River Steam and Riverboat Rally, Murray Bridge
February 13th-14th	Raft Race Inter Club Challenge Clayton

SOCIAL OUTING GOODWOOD BOWLING ALLEY

A good afternoon was had by one and all. Those present were Brian & Joyce Gray (organiser) ,Mark and Linda Moss & Family, Peter & Tasher Graham & Family, Rodney Curtis and Ruth, Elizabeth Curtis and Chris Peter and Jenny Jones. We were allocated 3 lanes so therefore split into 3 teams,2 comprising of adults and 1 of children.

Team 1--Jenny, Joyce, Mark, Tasher & Rodney.

Team 2--Brian, Linda, Peter G, Peter J, & Elizabeth.

Team 3--Chelsea, Stacey, Jess, Matt, Paul, & Chris

We each had 2 games with everybody enjoying themselves with sessions of inconsistent bowling,A few strikes were had by most people but like rainfall the ball usually ended up in the gutter.

The scoring was as follows :- Adults

Team 1 won the first session 441 points / 505 points.

Team 2 won the second session 419 points /463 points. So overall it was a draw on team levels.

The children game scores of 494 points & 549 points which was achieved with a little assistance from the gutter guards.

They did exceptionally well with Matt and Paul top scoring in each game with other children not far behind . Chelsea got the highest number of strikes for one game but unfortunately not the highest score, that went to Matt who won a handful of lol-lies .I won the prize for the highest score and was presented with a box of chocolates and the pleasure of writing this report.

Peter Jones

Episode 1.

BABY ONE'S HOLIDAY FROM HELL

Elaine & I were up at 3.00 Saturday the 25th of July, planing this trip for about cool No Freezing was Tailem Bend but fine for Victorian Border then typical Victoria, the rain



am for a 4.00 am start on 1998. Great we have been 12 months, The morning was more like it 0 degrees at a while until we reached the light rain started to fall continued to fall but who

cares we have just started on our epic journey to the tip in sunny Queensland so one day of rain won't worry us, HAA HAA we arrived at Balranald for lunch , with skies still overcast but the rain had stopped, I had decided to travel to Cobar via Ivanhoe , so far so good the road was fine, new and very wide bitumen, after about 70 kms a dirt stretch appeared and by this the time the rain had recommenced and was pouring down, continued on more bitumen for another 15 kms then more dirt, so I decided to the lock the hubs, good idea I thought just in case, continued on for about 20 kms and the road was getting worse now in high range and still raining very heavily, met up with a couple of farmers in the middle of the road, clearing mud out from under the mudguards of their motor bikes, so the wheels could turn, I asked about the condition of the road ahead and the reply was "You'll be right in the Suzuki "Yeah right", Now in Low Range and on we go for about another 20 Kms I decided to head back to Balranald when the car did a 180 degree turn on its own accord, as we still had about 300 kms of dirt road to travel to get to Cobar., so we backed tracked about 150 kms to a side track that I had seen earlier to Hay Via Oxley & Maud This track had only about 20 kms of good dirt road, Well I thought so, but I am not too sure about the Ford F 100 that I had to pass thought so. Arrived at hay about 5.00 PM still raining. Stayed in a Motel in Hay because of the rain, the Motel manager informed us that all dirt roads in the area were closed, gee it was lucky that we turned around otherwise we would have been trapped at Ivanhoe or even worse in the middle of nowhere.

Set of about 8.00 am on Sunday still raining with the forecast of more to come, even thought the main highway travels through some flood plains, the road was well above the water forming in the gutters, stopped for lunch at a roadside stop next to a river which was in flood, I was enjoying my lunch until Elaine found a

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large crack in the aluminium support of the roof rack suddenly no more appetite and off to Dubbo to find someone who can weld alloy, along the way I stopped

at an Engineering place but he couldn't fix it as he had no Gas, (I thought I would offer him a can of Baked Beans, but decided not too as he was a lot bigger than me) he gave me the names of two good alloy welders in Dubbo, Arrived in Dubbo about 3.00 PM. found another Motel with a kitchen for 2 nights as it was still raining. The roof rack was repaired by the local Bull Bar Manufacturer cost \$200-00 now the car looks like one of Len Beadell's Landrover or something out of Mad Max. The rivers to the north of Dubbo are flooding again, so I have decided that we will go north via Dunedoo, Scone, Musslebrook, and Willow Tree to get to Tamworth that way we will miss most of the floods on the Oxley & Newell Highways, The wether map on the TV didn't look too flash. Next morning change of plans again back to plan A 2 to 3 inches of rain overnight floods now in Dunedoo, Scone, Musselbrook and a mini cyclone hit Willow Tree lifting houses off their stumps and many trees uprooted. Set off for Tamworth even though the rivers were beginning to rise in the area, we made a mad dash for Tamworth with a Tail Wind which helped us along the way the distance was travelled fairly quickly even though the main highway was under water for several kilometres, With one ear on the car radio and the other on the UHF CB we heard that the only bridge in Tamworth was about to go under and the rad was to be closed in 10 minutes, we made it with a few spare minutes, so once over we gave a big sigh of relief and stopped for lunch at the lookout. After lunch we set off and had travelled only 1 kms and joined the traffic jamb, the New England Highway was blocked by a landslide, where the dual carriageway had stopped., so once again trapped flood behind and landslide in front ime to look for a Motel as rain was starting to fall, and the main road was closed for 24 hours, as the expert form the Thredbo Disaster was being flown in to assess the situation as there were boulders the size of a Mack truck balancing on the side of the hill, and they were worried that the vibrations of the passing traffic might dislodge them.

Wednesday 29/7/98 Up at 6.00 am. Heard that the road was open so it was a quick breakfast on the road by 7.00 am. to beat the rush past the boulders still balancing on the hill and on towards Armidale. I looked around the Tamworth area but I couldn't see anyone building an Ark but maybe one might be needed soon as the rain was starting again. About 2 kilometres from

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Armidale we were in the middle of a blizzard snow everywhere for the next 20 kilometres, I hoped we were not going to be asked to fit chains or to stay where you are, but we made it safely through to Sunny Queensland (well sought of) stayed a relatives house for a few days at Fordsdale then set off towards Roma on 31 st July met up with a Variety club Bash most cars had S.A. plates, As we drove through Toowoomba it started to rain again, so by the time we arrived at Roma it was pouring so once again Motel accommodation again, as it is not much fun setting up a tent in the rain.

1 st August fine day no more rain, so this is what the sun looks like. Arrived at Emerald at Lake Maraboon camping grounds which was packed with tourists, We managed to upset a couple of Victorian oldies because we plugged our fridge into their power pole, how dare we take one of the three empty sockets and how dare we camp within the area allocated to us by the management, and how dare we block part of their view of the lake (one side) so off they went to complain, didn't do them much good as the management shifted them to the back blocks of the park, it was a good job to as I would have had to listen to the sound of the sliding door of their camper van all night. Next morning we were plagued by Rainbow Lorikeets , Blue faced Honeyeaters all wanting to be fed.

2nd August set off towards Charters Towers refuelled at the Truck Stop at Clermont, bought \$14-00 of fuel and I think it was made up of \$8-00 of water, as the car started missing not long after, added some Metho but to no avail. Stopped at Charters Towers , Next day we headed for Undara Lava Tubes, stopped at Bluewater Springs and changed fuel filters, and by the time we got to The Lynd Junction the car was going fine, then we hit a shower of rain (Oh No not again) but it was short lived. The extra moisture in the air had the little Suzuki zooming along at 110 kms not quite the speed of light but close enough for me , turned off the bitumen and on to the dirt road to the Lava Tubes only 15 kms to go to meet up with the rest of the folks from the Suzuki Club that were going to do the trip to the top. This dirt road was a bit corrugated and a few holes in it, then one last right turn and into the driveway, watch out for the hole, too late we hit it never mind we have arrived safe and sound and the car is now behaving Ha joke Joyce. Booked in at the reception for our campsite and day tour for tomorrow \$85-00 inc lunch started to drive to our campsite when I heard a loud clunk thought I had hit a stone so I continued on for a further 50 metres more noises so I stopped got out had a look couldn't see anything so back in the car only 30 metres to go more noises get out have a look at the spring bushes they look OK continue on at last at the campsite, check the car again, left rear wheel

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looks to be at a funny angle, closer look shows that the rear axle housing has a split in it, I don't think that it should be there oh well off to make Telstra rich Rang RAA Plus and had trouble explaining where Undara Lava Tubes were as they were not on the map as no one had rang from there and made a claim also rang the Local RACQ agent which was 45 kms away he will attend later in the evening, and he would ring around for the parts. I suggested a new one but soon changed my mind as a new one cost \$900-00 and is in Melbourne or there is a second hand one at Townsville for \$350-00 so I opted for this one as it would arrive the next day on the supply truck I also had the RACQ reinforce this new housing so this wouldn't happen again. The RACQ came with a trailer and collected the car and took it back to their garage at Mt Surprise. The rest of the group left Undara for Cairns on Wednesday 5/8/98 in the morning and about lunch time the RACQ rang with more Bad news it seems that all the gears in the Diff are either completely broken and damaged and will have to be replaced and the wrecker in Townsville had a spare but the price quoted was \$1200-00 plus freight and delivery 4 days. I declined this offer and arranged my own parts from a company in Brisbane called Suzisport and they assembled all the bits needed and air freighted them to Cairns, a quick phone call to the group and a volunteer was found to bring the parts out to us the next day was found, and the parts arrived by 12.30 PM. And delivered to Mt. Surprise and the car was returned repaired on Friday 7th August. at about 2.30 pm. Also while at Undara we became permanent resident guests I think we were the longest staying guests they have ever had, We knew the repertoire of the entertainer just about word perfect (campfire sing along.) So we said farewell to the Undara Lava tubes at last. Accommodation at Undara is expensive to say the least even though the area is great the camping fees are \$18-00 per night a double no power. They have Campotels which are a tent raised of the ground and made of a heavy duty plastic and fibreglass floor, either 2 or 4 berth, these are \$20-00 per night or \$60-00 per night with meals per person, and the top of the range is the railway carriages at \$109-00 per person per night. including meals which were very good. The RAA plus was good and I highly recommend that everyone should have this cover when travelling away from home The RAA plus pays a maximum of \$100-00 per night, they will also pay camping fees if you are using your own equipment. for a maximum of 3 nights. They will also supply a hire car for up to 5 days up to the value of \$90-00 per day if one is available, which it wasn't at Undara.

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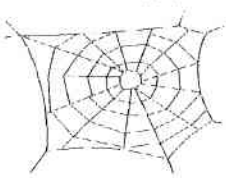
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