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A trip to Mt Kosciusko with a difference. See page 6

NEXT MEETING

**Social Evening
Wednesday 21st January
North Balwyn R.S.L
At 7.30pm**

Club Calendar

Month	Date	Event Details
January	11 21 21	Deadline for Newsletter items Committee meeting General Meeting
February	8 13-16 18 18 26	Deadline for Newsletter items The Golden Way trip Committee meeting General Meeting at BCF Historical Sunshine trip
March	8 18 18 18 18 & 21 22 30 - 2/4	Deadline for Newsletter items Committee Meeting Annual General Meeting General Meeting Driver Training Deadline for Newsletter items Volcanic Trail to Lameroo
April	2 - 7 15 15 29 & 3/5	Tri-State @ Lameroo S.A. Committee Meeting General Meeting Driver Training
May	1 - 3 10 20 20 30	Murray River Beach camp Deadline for Newsletter items Committee Meeting General Meeting - Pizza Night Intermediate Driver Training
June	7 17 17	Deadline for Newsletter items Committee Meeting General Meeting
July	5 15 15	Deadline for Newsletter items Committee Meeting Soup & Sausage Night

Future Meetings

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st January at our normal venue in North Balwyn. No guest speaker has been arranged, but your indolent editor has been on holidays and had time to prepare some slideshows for your entertainment.

Our meeting on Wednesday 18th February will be at our friends at BCF Watergardens. This will be an opportunity for members to stock up on their camping needs before Easter at very competitive prices for you.

As in the past, BCF will arrange some interesting speakers for the night.

The following month will be our Annual Meeting. So be advised that Wednesday 18th March the Club's Annual General Meeting will be held at the North Balwyn R.S.L., commencing at 7.30pm. Our normal General Meeting will follow the A.G.M.

Wednesday 15th April will be the next meeting. This will be after the Tri-State at Lameroo and no doubt, participants will relate their experience, hopefully with photos.

The following month on Wednesday 20th May, we will have our traditional Pizza Night. This is a great social night for members to get together and enjoy club supplied pizzas. Your partners are particularly invited to come along and get to know other members.

The June meeting will be on Wednesday 17th June and will be a normal General meeting. We will endeavour to get an interesting speaker for the night. If you know of someone who would come along and speak, or you have a particular topic you would like to see covered, please contact our Vice President, Ian Blainey. He would love to hear from you.

Which leads us on to July and our annual Soup and Sausage Night. This is a social night and will be on Wednesday 15th July.

Please mark the above dates in your diary.

Jackaroo Club Equipment List

This equipment is available for loan to members for trips they may be undertaking, although participants in official club trips will have precedence if any items are required there.

Initial requests for borrowing should be made to the Property Officer.

Mark Eames on 0401998172 or email eamesm@tpg.com.au

Communications

- Sat phone** Phone 0147 1466 33
Calls made to the Sat Phone will be charged to the caller at international Rates.
- TX4200 in car SB (40 Channels)** Serial# 90557626
The unit power via the car 12Volt cigarette plug. The antenna has a magnetic base which can be place on the car metal surfaces.
- 2 x Handheld ICOM IC40Jr (40 Channels)** Serial# 02482, 02483
Take 3 AAA's batteries which are not supplied
- 2 x handheld Uniden 0.5 watt (40 Channels)** Serial# 26055023, 26055030

Recovery Equipment

- Recovery Kit No.1** Snatch strap, winch strap, snatch block, 2 Shackles and gloves
- Recovery Kit No.2** as above, plus drag chain
- Hand winch** Tirfor T516 and cable on reel
- Ground anchor** 3 different size anchors, 1 baseplate and 1 handle
- Exhaust jack**
- Drag chain**
- Tyre pliers and rubber mallet**
- Blue Tongue air compressor** This unit has twin cylinders
- 2 sets of 2 Max Trax recovery slides**

Other Equipment

- Club Banner** Rectangular
- Marquee** This has a Peters ice-cream logo and the jackaroo club logo.
This comes with poles, ropes and pegs
- Display boards**
- Jackaroo BBQ and 4.5 Kg gas bottle**
- NATMAP 1:2500,000 scale maps of Australia DVD** The DVD is in the Club Library

Jackaroo Spare Parts

A message from Phil Johnston, our technical guru:

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Head Office
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"I have visited Richard (and son Daniel) at their premises at 199 Hammond Rd. Dandenong South. They are pleasant to deal with and have plenty of late model Jackaroos, Rodeos and a couple of Colorados in stock to be dismantled. So used parts are all available, PLUS he stocks a range of genuine new parts at prices less than GMH.

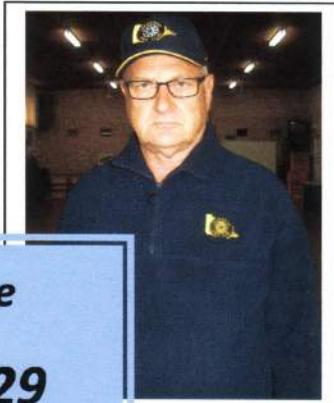
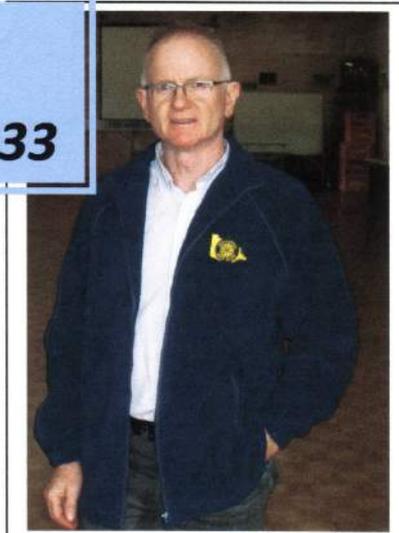
He is going on my recommendation list for parts supply.

Jackaroo 4WD Club Merchandise



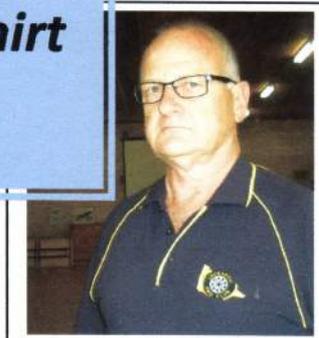
**Polar Fleece
Vest \$29**

**Polar Fleece
Full Zip \$33**



**Polar Fleece
½ Zip \$29**

**Polo Shirt
\$28**



Caps & Beanies \$15

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Requests for other clothing brands, styles, Ladies fits, heavy coats etc. will be reviewed for availability, cost and approval.



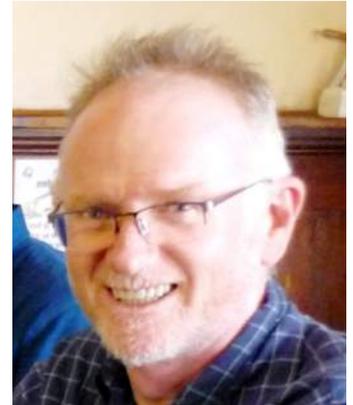
Prices may change without notice, pending supplier charges

Mates on Bikes

By Cleve Waring

Destination: Mt Kosciusko

Participants: Ray on a Ducati 600, Neil on a Suzuki 500 (who has only one arm and rode like a demon possessed) and myself, also on a Suzuki 500



A couple of months ago, a mate of mine mentioned he was going to organise a ride up to Kosciusko. After a very quick thought, I said "I'm in".

Jen and Anne Marr had arranged a girlies weekend, so why not have a blokes weekend at the same time and, better still, go for a short motor bike ride as well ...

With the weekend date set and the destination chosen, it was time to choose the route. As they say, it's not the destination, it's the journey.

I've been riding motor bikes for years, in fact since I was about twelve. Mostly on dirt bikes, with a bit of road riding in my twenties. Mainly it's been on closed circuits and some competitive trials. My experience with a road bike has only been over the last five years, so such a long distance in a short time was going to be a new adventure for me. I was looking forward to it.

I had driven the area quite some time ago and there were to be some familiar places. But it was mostly new places and travelling by motor bike would be a totally different feeling.

Day 1: Friday 21st November

The night before leaving was spent packing, repacking and thinking of all I needed to carry. After a sleepless night, I was away at 8.30am to meet the other two riders at Berwick.

It was cold, with a little drizzle about, but we saw the weather was going to get better. After a strong coffee and some wet weather gear on, we were off.



The ride was straight forward, even boring, on the highway to Drouin. We turned off at the Riding Hood Hotel and headed for the Old Sale Road. None of this highway stuff if we could avoid it. This was to be an adventure, not a boring highway road trip.

The road was winding, but the weather was kind to us. The trees and time simply whizzed by and in no time we were at Heyfield, then Maffra. We passed through some

lovely towns like Buln Buln, Willow Grove, Yallourn North, Tyres, Glengarry and Cowwarr on our way to Stratford.

Unfortunately, it was back on the highway at Stratford, then on to Bairnsdale. The thought of lunch at the Bruthen pub drove us on. The rissoles and mash proved a hearty meal.

On the way to Omeo



After filling up, it was on to Omeo. What a lovely ride this turned out to be. I am sure many club members have done this road before in cars, or fourbies, but on a bike the twists, turns and long fast straights made it so different and enjoyable.

It was about 2.00pm on a Friday, so there was little or no traffic, making the ride quick and incident free.

After arriving in Omeo, we found the best place to stay was at the caravan park on the river. We paid \$90 for a

cabin, with a front end loader of fire wood thrown in. And I didn't have to split the wood, which was a bonus.

A couple of beers, a late night solving the problems of the world in front of a roaring fire and it was time to put in.

Day 2 Saturday 22nd November

After muesli and a cup of tea, we got away by 7.30am and headed north along the Omeo Highway towards Tallangatta. With fresh air in our faces and a clear sky overhead, it was pleasant riding.

The road ascended up to Mt Cooper through some scenic valleys and the lovely villages of Anglers Rest, Glen Valley, Glen Willis, Sunnyside and Granite Flat. Along the way, we

passed some beautiful camp site, with toilet facilities. We could only glance at them as we rode through the countryside.



The hotel at Mitta Mitta

We stopped at Mitta Mitta, which has a great coffee shop with homemade muffins, cakes and a lovely garden to sit. The coffee was welcome as we sat and discussed the trip so far.

From Mitta Mitta, we ventured on to fill up with fuel at Tallangatta. It was a gentle ride through the valley passing Eskdale and, of course, the wonderful camp site at "Pigs Point". A number of club members enjoyed

a stay here on the way to the N.S.W. Easter Tri-State.

It was a short run from Tallangatta to Corryong. There is a lot to see at Corryong, often referred to as the birthplace of The Man From Snowy River. But as it was Kosciusko on our minds, we pushed on to Khancoban and then on to our destination.



This is where the bike ride got very interesting. The roads are well known and respected by motorcycle riders. It is also where the 'boys in blue' tend to catch you if you are over the speed limit, or cross solid lines.

But we had no need to fear them. We just enjoyed the road. Lots of bends, lean to the right, then to the left, then repeat it again about 10,000 times. The speed limit used to be 100kph I believe, but is now either 60 or 80kph due to too many accidents. I don't believe we broke any speed limits, but we'll find out in the next month, or so, I guess.

The road to Jindabyne was smooth and fast, with long sweeping bends and great views. From there it was on to Kosciusko. We found ourselves riding through some beautiful valleys and along ridges with patches of snow on the mountain tops. This area certainly felt like the top of the world.



Charlotte Pass



These creeks are part of the Murray River system

After a short walk to the lookout, a large packet of Twisties, a muesli bar and a can of Coke shared by the three of us, we headed back to Jindabyne, as we were not dressed for the 18kms walk to the summit.

We refuelled at Jindabyne and made our way back to Corryong. The trip back was much more enjoyable than the run up, as we now had a feel for the road. The bends and twists though, were just as numerous and not forgiving if you made a mistake. Thankfully, none of us overdid it and we arrived back at Corryong for a fairly ordinary meal at the pub on the east side of town.



On to Colac Colac caravan park and a night in a cabin. At \$150.00 per night, it was a bit expensive, but it did include a large wheelbarrow full of wood for a night



Colac Colac caravan park

around a warming fire. A couple more beers, some discussion on the day's ride and our final solutions to the world's problems soon had us in bed.

Day 3 Sunday 23rd November

An early rise once again to an expected temperature of thirty odd degrees. But at 7.30am, it was two layers and neck warmers as we finished breakfast.

The ride took us back to Tallangatta, then south towards Mount Beauty, but on the smaller roads that ran parallel to the

Kiewa Valley Highway. We travelled on narrow, but good, winding bitumen roads through hamlets with the strange names of Gundowring North, Gundowring, Gundowring Upper, Running Creek and Coral Bank.

Our trip then took us north through Happy Valley towards Myrtleford. Ray's fuel light came on and we had to make a decision as to whether stay on the highway or try to make Myrtleford.



Ray had ridden this road many times before and was looking forward to a fast run. But with little fuel, we were forced to reduce speed to about 60 - 80kph. This road is one of the area's attractions for bikers, but at our more gentle pace, this gave us the chance to take in the views, such as Mount Buffalo and to stretch limbs without the risk of falling off.

At about 10.30am, we limped into Myrtleford and, you guessed it, headed straight for a strong coffee. After morning tea, we fuelled up and headed for Milawa for a great cheese tasting.

Our next stop was at the highly recommended EV Olives at Everton. We bought a 2.2kg bucket of chilli and garlic flavoured olives for \$35.00. After repacking our bags to accommodate the olives, we ventured on to the road to Whitfield.

This gentle, twisting road through the King Valley was picturesque and it wasn't long before we were in the pub at Whitfield for lunch.

The valley was once a major area for tobacco growing and there are many buildings showing evidence of this industry. Many are now used for hay storage and I saw one building which is being converted into a café/restaurant.



EV Olives products

The meal at the pub was not enjoyable. Being a Sunday lunch, we felt it was simply all the leftovers from Saturday night, reheated and put together as something else.

After the disappointing lunch, we hopped aboard our machines for a blast up the twisting, but enjoyable, road to Mansfield.

This road is also popular with bikers and we were overtaken by a number of much faster and larger bikes. They showed little respect for the law, or our safety, as they sped past at speeds well in excess of the speed limit and with no warning of their approach.

As Ray was riding the Ducati, he thought he could keep up with the larger bikes, but quickly found out his bike was simply not fast enough. So he did what we did and just rode to Mansfield at a safer pace.

I was very surprised at Neil's ability to ride so well with only one arm. The clutch, brake, throttle switches, etc. were on the right side and operated with his right hand and thumb. Amazing, but it was interesting when he wanted to lift, or lower, his visor.

We passed through Mansfield and continued on to Yea for, yep ... another cup of coffee and a well earned rest in the local pub. The air conditioning was a welcome relief, so we sat and recuperated before resuming our journey.

The ride from here was somewhat boring, with typical Sunday traffic and traffic lights. Our intent was simply to get home, have a shower and settle with a cold ale, or two.

Well, I hope you enjoyed the ride with me. It was a different trip to driving the fourbie, but still had the glorious countryside, the mountains and valley views. And, more importantly, just getting away with some mates.



Whitfield General Store



Yea

A Whiskey with Two Drops

A lady on a cruise ship orders a Scotch with two drops of water "I'm celebrating my 85th birthday today," she said.

The bartender says "Well, happy birthday. The drink's on me".

The lady to her right says "Well, I'd like to buy you one too". "Thank you," the old lady says. "I'll have a Scotch with two drops of water."

She finishes the drink and the man to her right says "Well, I'd like to buy you one too." She turns to him and says "Thank you. I'll have a Scotch and two drops of water".

She finishes the drink and the man says "Excuse me, but why do you only have two drops of water?"

"Sonny, when you get to my age, you've learnt to hold your liquor. Holding your water is another issue"

The Golden Way

Friday 13 February to Monday 16 February

Camp at the Clunes Showgrounds. On Saturday drive to Daylesford, then drive tracks of Hepburn Regional Park and Upper Loddon State Park to Castlemaine, taking in the gold history of the area. Return to camp via the old gold towns of Guildford and Newstead. On Sunday morning visit the farmers market at Talbot.

Meeting Place & Time: Clunes Showgrounds from Friday p.m.

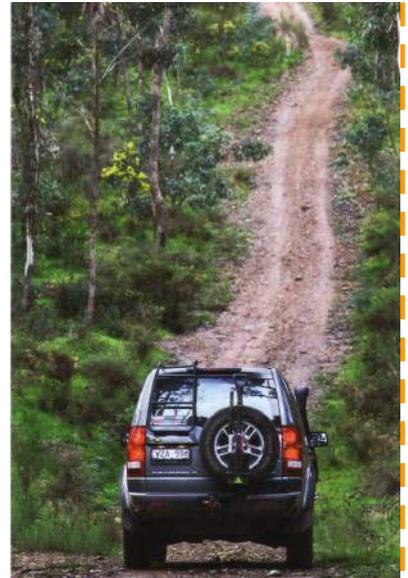
Convoy Limit: 10

Fuel Requirements: Full tank ex Melbourne. Available locally

Trip Standard if Dry: Medium **If Wet:** Medium

Trip Leader: Harry Richards 9878 8908 or 0408 142 107

Special Requirements: Caravans and campers OK. All facilities will be available. May be some powered sites. Unpowered sites \$10 per



Historic Sunshine

Thursday 26th February

A follow up trip to Alan's excursion last year. Itinerary to be advised

Meeting Time & Place: to be advised

Convoy Limit: 15

Fuel Requirements: Full tank ex Melbourne

Trip Standard if Dry: Easy **If Wet:** Easy

Trip Leader: Alan Dash 9311 3628 or 0407 568 700

Special Requirements: Comfortable walking shoes.

Driver Training

18th & 21st March



A course for the Driver Proficiency Certificate, including 4WD characteristics and handling, pre-departure checks, steep ascents and descents, side sloped, water crossings, negotiating all types of terrain, basic navigation and correct use of recovery equipment. Held in conjunction with the Land Rover Owners Club, but with our instructor.

If you are a new member, or an existing member who needs a refresher, the course is recommended.

Meeting Place & Time: (theory) Wed. 18th March at Eley Hall Blackburn
(practical) Sat. 21st March at Werribee

Convoy Limit: 4 vehicles **Fuel Requirement:** Full tank ex Melbourne

Trip Leader: Ian Blainey 0458 444 656

Currently registered:

The Volcanic Trail to Lameroo

Monday 30th March to Thursday 2nd April



Trip is a prelude to Lameroo Tri-State. Travel through Western Victoria looking at the effect of volcanoes. The lava plains of Victoria are the third largest in the world and were created by some 400 volcanoes. Evening stops at Camperdown and Hamilton before joining others at Serviceton before short hop to Lameroo on Thursday.

Meeting Place & Time: BP Service Centre Avalon at 9.30am

Convoy Limit: 5

Fuel Requirements: Full tank ex Melbourne. Fuel available along the way.

Trip Standard if Dry: Easy **If Wet:** Easy

Trip Leader: Harry Richards 9878 8908 or 0408 142 107

Lameroo Tri-State

Thursday 2nd April to Tuesday 7th April

Next Easter, it is South Australia's turn to host the annual Tri-State Gathering. This event is very popular and eagerly anticipated by many members.

The venue is at the Lamaroo Sports Complex, just over the border some 40 kms east of Pinaroo.

Event Newsletters have been sent to you by our Secretary. If you did not receive them, please contact him. They have advised there will be ample powered sites and extensive facilities to provide a perfect base for the event.

Evidently it is a great place for four wheel driving through sand hills and banksias heaths, as well as historic areas. A must for your diary.



Murray River Beach Camp

Thursday 30th April to Sunday 3rd May

Our annual camp at a beautiful beach on the NSW side of the river near Barooga. Enjoy a relaxed weekend to loaf, fish, or tour the surrounding forests. In keeping with tradition, Saturday night will be a camp oven cook off.

Meeting Time & Place: At the beach. Trip Leader will be there from Thursday pm. Mud map will be provided with directions.

Convoy Limit: No limit **Fuel Requirements:** Available at Cobram

Trip Standard if Dry: Easy/Social **If Wet:** Easy/Social

Trip Leaders: Jan & Michael Martin 9730 1465 or 0427 973 014

Special Requirements: There are NO FACILITIES, so bring drinking water and porta-potti. Camp oven from Saturday night. Camper trailers OK, caravans with care through the forest.

