



JACKAROO 4WD CLUB

VICTORIA'S PREMIER ALL MAKE 4WD TOURING CLUB

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**The Lameroo Tri-
State is approaching
fast**

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Club Calendar

| Month | Date | Event Details |
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| March | 13 - 15 18 18 18 18 & 21 22 30 - 2/4 | Clunes & Mt Cole weekend 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 15 - 17 20 20 30 | Murray River Beach camp Deadline for Newsletter items Golden Way Committee Meeting General Meeting - Pizza Night Intermediate Driver Training |
| June | 5 - 8 7 17 17 tba | 4WD Vic at Mansfield Deadline for Newsletter items Committee Meeting General Meeting Len Beadell Highways |
| July | 5 15 15 | Deadline for Newsletter items Committee Meeting Soup & Sausage Night |

Future Meetings

Our meeting next Wednesday, 18th March, will be the Club's Annual General Meeting at the North Balwyn R.S.L., commencing at 7.30pm. Our normal General Meeting will follow the A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting is an important item on the Club's calendar. It is an opportunity for you to hear about the club's previous activities and what's in store for the future. The committee to run the Club for the next twelve months will also be elected. It is your opportunity to get involved and heartily recommended.

The normal monthly meeting will follow the AGM and a guest speaker has been organised for that. Mr. Colin Wilkinson, known as 'Wilko', does a fishing spot on ABC radio on Saturday mornings. Colin is a great story teller, with a wonderful sense of humour. He will talk of his experiences and should be interesting to listen to. Come and find out for yourself.

Wednesday 15th April will be the next meeting. This will be after the Tri-State at Lameroo and no doubt, participants will be able relate their experiences, 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. We will try to arrange an interesting speaker for the evening as well.

Would you like the Newsletter sent to someone else

Now that the Newsletter is being sent electronically, we can add extra names to our distribution list. If you would like a copy sent to your partner, friends, or family members, please send their email address to Chris Rogers (rogers_chris @Optusnet.com.au) and he will add them to the list.

Safety Warning on Portable Butane “lunchbox” cookers

NSW Fair Trading has warned consumers regarding safety concerns surrounding portable butane “lunchbox” style gas cookers (Also called portable gas barbecues). Under this warning, the products have been removed from sale in NSW.



These products are often used when picnicking, camping and caravanning. Recent testing by certifying bodies found the products’ shut-off and safety valves failed to operate once heat was dispersed over the butane gas cylinder. This means they could overheat and possibly explode, causing serious injury. The tests concluded that the products did not meet the safety requirements under the Australian Standards and they have since been removed from sale in NSW.

NSW Fair Trading continues to monitor the suspension from sale of these products and has been working with suppliers and manufacturers to ensure the products are removed from shelves.

Do not purchase these products if they appear on display. If you see these cookers for sale, please report this to Fair Trading on 13 32 20, or lodge a complaint. All information is treated confidentially.

If you have a lunchbox cooker:

- * check the table of products suspended overleaf and stop using your cooker if it is there
- * return the cooker to its place of purchase for a refund (taking along proof of purchase) or safely dispose of the butane cylinder
- * read the important information below.

Why are these cookers not allowed for sale?

In 2014, tests were conducted on these cookers by AGA and SAI Global, two of Australia’s gas certifying bodies, resulting in an 84% failure rate against the Australian Standard relating to the over pressure device more commonly referred to as the shut-off valve.



Fair Trading and other state regulators, then asked the certifying bodies to retest six models straight from the marketplace. These tests confirmed non-compliance with the Australian Standard and the certifying bodies immediately moved to suspend the approval certificates.

On most models, it was found that part of the shut-off valve protrudes from the ap-

pliance, allowing debris, etc. to block this integral component from operating properly.

What are the safety concerns?

Overheating of the butane canister and failure of the shut off valve are the main concerns.

There have been reported incidents across Australia of injuries ranging from scalding to serious burns. One incident involved a mother and her teenage son who were standing near a cooker when it exploded. Both received burns, with the son sustaining burns to his legs which required several operations. He continues to undergo medical treatment.

Mine is not on the list, does that mean it is safe?

The list of products suspended from sale is simply to identify the cookers currently in the market. It is not intended to be a complete list of all cookers which are unsafe. Other models and brands may have been available in the past.

The recommendation is that you treat the unit as unsafe and stop using it. Dispose of the canister and unit safely.

What about double canister burners?

The 'stop sale' relates to single burner portable butane cookers. Fair Trading is continuing to look at double burner cookers and still has concerns regarding their use.

Consumers should carefully follow the user instructions when using double burner cookers. Always allow for adequate air flow. Never use the canisters in a way that overheats them. As such you should never:

- * use oversized pans when cooking
- * use them on very hot days
- * use the device to heat up heat beads

What is the background to this issue

Fair Trading has been concerned about the safety of these appliances due to several incidents of explosions resulting in injury. However, it appeared misuse, rather than non-compliance with Australian Standards, contributed to these explosions. In 2014, in light of these incidents, state regulators, including Fair Trading, worked with the two gas certifying bodies to test these cookers. These tests found the appliance to be non-compliant, hence the suspension of Approval Certificates in February 2015.

What does the 'stop sale' involve?

There is no recall at this stage, as the suspension of Approval Certificates immediately removes all the cookers from the marketplace. Fair Trading will monitor the effect of the suspension of approvals and continue to concentrate on ensuring they are no longer sold.

| Portable Butane Cookers (currently suspended) | |
|--|---------------------|
| Model name | Model number |
| Home Essentials | BDZ-168 |
| Home Essentials | BDZ-163S |
| Red Stone | N/A |
| Bai Hui Portable Camping Stove | N/A |
| My Collection | N/A |
| Five Star | MS-2000 |
| Gasmate | Plus MS-2000 |
| Gasmate | BC1080 |
| Gasmaster | BC1080 |
| Jumbuck | BC1080 |
| Jackeroo | BC1080 |
| Excalibur | BC1080 |
| Gasmate | PC1070 |
| Gasmate | PC2080 |
| Campmaster | CM2200S |
| Campmaster | CM2250 |
| Oztrail | OZ2160 |
| Campmaster | CM2270 |
| Auscrown | AD90 |
| Adventuridge | 509245 |
| Companion | COMP523 |
| House Brand | 509245 |
| Kookaburra | ST0990 |
| Primus | 2240 |
| Primus | 2271 |
| Primus | TLB-102L |
| Red Desert | 509230 |
| Spinifex | 7027612 |
| Spinifex | 90024574 |
| Jackeroo | PL-121 |



Mallee Region TriState Easter Event

Wow Wow Lameroo

Proudly hosted by the Holden 4 Wheel Drive Club of South Australia
www.holden4wdclubsa.asn.au

This coming Easter, Thursday 2nd April to Tuesday 7th April. It's not too late to register for this fabulous annual event.

Alan Dash's Sunshine Tour

26th February 2015

Report: Grahame Smith Photos: Peter Sanders

Most of the activities of the Jackaroo Club burn gas producing petroleum products that hurl vehicles across the landscape. The second Alan Dash tour of Sunshine focused on a different gas producing product that also hurls projectiles across the landscape - gun powder.

For a second year on the fourth Thursday of February, Alan led a tour of Sunshine's industrial estate, an estate whose history mirrors the rise of the Australian nation from its agricultural beginnings to its industrial self-sufficiency during the 1940s and 1950s and the decline of that self-sufficiency due to steady globalisation over the last fifty years.

Sunshine acquired its new name in 1907 from Braybrook Junction after H. V. McKay moved his Sunshine Harvester Works from Ballarat in 1906. That establishment grew to become the largest manufacturing plant in Australia and supplied a world market.

An employment base of this size, spurred the development of residential housing and thus the businesses that supplied goods and services. Much of the northern and western development of Melbourne was based on the growth of manufacturing in the early twentieth century.

About a dozen club members assembled on a fine Melbourne morning at the Sunshine & District Historical Society headquarters in Deer Park for this trip. Being a Thursday morning, the assembled group's demographic was dominated by a relaxed group of retirees.

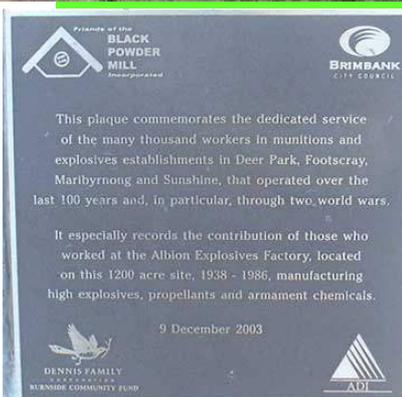


Our first port of call was the Black Powder Mill. Explosives have been manufactured in the Deer Park area since the 1870s. While we tend to associate explosives with military actions, the bulk of manufactured explosives are used in mining and civil engineering construction.

Its early use in Australia was in gold mining. While gun powder is still used as fuse material, newer and more powerful explosive materials dominate the construction and mining industries today.

Shipping from Britain in the early part of the Second World War was subject to disruption and Australia imported its gun powder from America. However, with the entry of Japan into the war in the Pacific, the need arose for self-sufficiency in gun powder production. The Black Powder Mill was built in Deer Park in 1942 and operated through the remaining period of the war.

Gun powder was used in military shells as fuse material to both ignite the main charge and to provide the delay timing between when a shell was fired to when it exploded.



Many of us will have experienced gun powder through firecrackers in our youth. Consequently, we tend to think of gun powder as the material that makes crackers explode. But this is only the case when the gun powder is contained. The gas produced when the gun powder is burnt, builds up when contained and eventually ruptures the container with a bang.

If you were to form a line of gun powder on an open surface and light it at one end, it will simply burn with the flame moving along the line of the powder. The speed with which it burns depends on the coarseness of its particle. A fine powder will burn faster than a coarse one.

Consequently, delay fuses can be constructed with different lengths and fineness of the gun powder. And that is the purpose of the Black Powder Mill - to mix the ingredients and pulverise them to the required fineness.

This photo shows the working floor of the Edge-runner mill at Deer Park. This is the original mill, which has been restored and is maintained by the Friends of the Black Powder Mill. Representatives of the Friends hosted our visit.



Essentially, the mill consists of two large iron, or steel, wheels held just above an iron, or steel, dish and, as the mill rotates about its vertical shaft that also rotates the large wheels, the powder is mixed and ground. The powder consists of charcoal, sulphur and saltpeter (potassium nitrate).



Needless to say, igniting the gun powder would be disastrous, so extreme precautions were needed to reduce the risk of explosion. The electric drive for the mill was installed below the concrete floor and the room was lit by lights installed outside the building which shone through the windows. As well, the powder was wetted during processing.



The mill was built with a very solid concrete wall on one side and a rather flimsy wall on the other. This was to direct any explosion which might have happened. The mill did explode once, when a maintenance operation was thought to have produced a spark. One man was killed and another injured.

After some time at the mill, Alan, insightful from his years in schools of the attention span of children and retirees, suggested lunch.

Lunch was more than an opportunity to refuel. The lunch stop was in the old H.V.MvKay headquarters, where the remaining wooden panelled offices and male toilets provided a glimpse of the days when craftsmanship and aesthetics overruled balance sheets. Those who had not



viewed the facilities last year, were taken on a tour of inspection.



Fuelled and for some overfuelled from a few too many chips, a walk was proposed past the ornamental steel gates which ere once the factory entrance, over the new rail bridge and along the path past the murals of the once H.V. McKay Memorial Gardens. It made for an enjoy-

able amble after lunch.

At the end of the park, there is a replica of the building in which the first H.V. McKay harvester was built. From this humble building, the final Sunshine Harvester factory grew to one covering many hectares. It draws comparison to a number of today's companies that grew from a garage to massive complexes. Perhaps there is *'Nothing New Under the Sun'*.



There is something new for Sunshine and it is repeated in many Australian cities where manufacturing has declined. The population base of Sunshine was established when the manufacturing industry was in full swing and the residential base grew to meet the demand.

But when the industry closes down and the local jobs decline, the population base does not. It fosters local unemployment, more so with the young, where skills and experience have not been obtained.

Our final visit was to the Brimbank Youth Services, located in a refurbished part of the H.V. McKay factory building. An old wooden corn husker is suspended from a ceiling crane that once serviced the factory floor. It is a reminder of the type of jobs long gone.

The diversity of youth at the centre is a reminder that over 50% of Sunshine's population are not Australian born. It was a salient statement to the importance of youth services, of the need for the provision of skills development and the changing level of education our younger people need to attain.



Alan has flagged that on the fourth Thursday of February next year, he will complete the troika of visits. As one who has enjoyed the first two, I have already added the next to my calendar.

On behalf on the group, I would like to thank Alan for his leadership and organisation. Also our thanks to the Friends of the Black Powder Mill for opening the mill and presenting us with its history.

Clunes Weekend

Friday 13th to 15th March

On Saturday drive to Beaufort, then trek through Mt Cole and Mt Buangor areas. Sunday visit Talbot market or discover other areas near to Clunes

Meeting Time & Place: Clunes Showgrounds, Friday pm onwards

Convoy Limit: 10

Fuel Requirements: Full tank ex Melbourne Fuel available at Clunes

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

Trip Leader: Ian Marr 0413 546 178 or Alan Dash 0407 568 700

Special Requirements: Camping fees \$10 non-powered, \$15 powered

Currently Registered: Alan & Betty Dash, Harry & Jill Richards, Cleve Warring & Jenny, Colin & Susan Cameron, Greg & Noelene Moore

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

Currently Registered: Michael & Jan Martin, Rod & Bonnie Tamblyn, Cleve Waring & Jenny, Ian & Ann Marr, Rick & Glenda Farlow

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 west 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.

If you are not sure if you can make it, or need to leave the decision to the last minute, S.A. have said they can still accommodate you.

Mt Murray, Buckland Valley

Friday 17th April to Sunday 19th April

Visit Buckland Valley, Mt Murray, Blue Rag, Mayford township site on the Dargo River. Another of Brad's interesting trips to remote and unusual places.

Meeting Time & Place: Myrtleford, 11.00am Friday

Convoy Limit: 6

Fuel Requirements: Full tank ex Melbourne. Fuel available Myrtleford

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

Trip Leaders: Brad Riddington 0408 566 677 or
bradridd@iinet.net.au

Special Requirements: No trailers. Be oreoared for cold and/or wet weather. Bring a bag of firewood. Bush camping, no facilities, BYO everything

Currently registered: Mike & Judy Woods (to be confirmed), Graeme & Monika Thornton

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.

Currently registered: Chris Rogers, Harry & Jill Richards, Ian & Ann Marr, Greg & Noelene Moore

The Golden Way

Friday 15 May to Sunday 17 May

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 night.

Currently registered: David Dobson, Ian & Anne Blainey, Chris & Helen Rogers, Ian & Ann Marr, Graeme & Gayle Mitchell, Cleve Waring & Jenny, Alan & Betty Dash, Greg & Noelene Moore, Graeme & Monika Thornton, Rick & Glenda Farlow, Colin & Susan Cameron

4WD Victoria 40th Anniversary Weekend

Friday 5th June to Monday 8th June

Refer flyer on the next page. This has been listed as a Club trip, so if you intend to go, let Michael know after you have registered with 4WD Vic. They ran a similar multi-club trip to Hattah Lakes some years ago and it was excellent. It will be a good opportunity to meet like minded people from other clubs and exchange ideas. The drives will be into areas with which we are familiar.

Meeting Time & Place: Mansfield Showgrounds, Friday pm onwards.

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

Trip Standard if Dry: All standards **If Wet:** All standards

Trip Leaders: Michael Martin 9730 1465

Special Requirements: Caravans and campers OK. Some powered sites at the Showgrounds, but all facilities will be available. Bring your camera and be prepared for cold and/or wet weather.

Currently registered: Michael Martin

Len Beadell Highways - Woomera to Ceduna

A challenging trip visiting many of Len Beadell's roads. The trip will begin at Woomera and finish at Ceduna. Departing late June and will take about five weeks.

Meeting Time & Place: Woomera at a time & date to be advised

Convoy Limit: 6

Fuel Requirements: Available at various sites. You will need a range of at least 900kms

Trip Standard if Dry: Medium, one difficult section **If Wet:** Difficult

Trip Leader: Barry McElhenny 0427 330 676

Special Requirements: New, or near new AT tyres. Extremely well serviced vehicle particularly suspension & shockers as you can expect many corrugations. Need to be self sufficient for min 12 days. Camper trailers with heavy duty off road suspension OK.

Currently registered: Cleve Warring & Jenny, Rob Searle & Stan (visitor), Leigh & Christine WAgstaff (visitors), Peter Bailey (visitor) Ken Paus, Lucie & Gemma (visitors)

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This year Four Wheel Drive Victoria celebrates its 40th anniversary. To celebrate we are staging a weekend of celebration, fun and friendship.

WHERE: *Mansfield in the Victoria High Country.*

WHEN: *Queen's Birthday weekend - Friday 5th- Monday 8th June 2015.*

Members are invited to arrive Friday night, or Saturday morning for registration.

ACCOMMODATION: *Limited camp sites are available at the Mansfield Showgrounds.*

Powered sites \$25.00 per night; Unpowered sites \$20.00 per night.

Sites are rapidly going with numerous bookings received. Fire drums will be available. Book early to avoid disappointment.

(There are also numerous other accommodation options in Mansfield & District)

ACTIVITIES: *Four wheel driving of all standards are organised for members to participate on the weekend.*

ANNIVERSARY DINNER: *Saturday night a dinner will be held in the hall at the Showgrounds. Maximum seating is available for the first 200. Cost of dinner is \$40 per adult, \$20 per child under 12. A DJ will provide entertainment into the early hours! A communal BYO Happy Hour will precede the dinner.*

Sunday evening BYO Happy Hour will again be held at the Showgrounds.

MONSTER RAFFLE: *Over \$7,000 of quality prizes available*

BOOKINGS: *Are now being taken for camping and the dinner. BOOK EARLY.*

To book email: 40th@fwdvictoria.org.au (Registration Form attached) or phone Sandra on 03 52 661609. Bookings close May 15th, 2015.

Payment required for dinner and camping.

Please place this event on your Club calender and make this your Club's Queens Birthday trip.

Affiliated Club members are invited to attend.