



JACKAROO 4WD CLUB

VICTORIA'S PREMIER ALL MAKE 4WD TOURING CLUB

MARCH 2020



Club Calendar

Month	Date	Event Details
March	8	Deadline for Newsletter Items
	11 & 14	Driver Training - Proficiency
	18	Committee Meeting
	18	Annual General Meeting
April	4 - 9	Noorinbee BlazeAid camp
	9 - 14	Tri-State Gathering at Delegate
	15	Committee Meeting
	15	General Meeting
May	10	Deadline for Newsletter items
	13 & 16	Driver Training - Proficiency
	20	Committee Meeting
	20	General Meeting

Next Meeting

March Meeting and Annual General Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th March 2020 at our normal venue, the Fairfield Bowling Club, at 7.30 pm

Our next meeting will begin with our Annual General Meeting. The meeting will receive reports from various office holders, elect a committee for the next twelve months, determine the subscription rate and conduct any other business which is raised.

The AGM is an important part of the club's activities and your attendance is welcome.

The AGM will be followed by a break and then our normal monthly General Meeting will follow. No speaker has been arranged due to the time allocated to the AGM.

April Meeting

Whether the normal April General Meeting is held will be determined at our next meeting. At the moment it is scheduled for Wednesday 15th April. But this is immediately after the Delegate Tri-State, which finishes the day before.

Therefore, we will assess how many will attend and whether there is sufficient numbers to hold the meeting.

Front Cover

Following the devastating bushfires through the High Country and East Gippsland, the committee felt the best way the Club could assist in the recovery of these areas was to provide manual labour through BlazeAid.

Clever Warring has listed a trip leading up to the Tri-State (see page 11) and Greg Moore has indicated he will arrange a trip a little later, to this end. Contact these members for further information.

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Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 18th March 2020
Fairfield Bowling Club
at 7.30 pm**

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Jackaroo 4WD Club of Victoria, which will be held on Wednesday 18th March 2020 at the Fairfield Bowling Club, commencing at 7.30 pm.

The Agenda will be as follows:

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Acceptance of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting**
- 3. Business arising from those minutes**
- 4. President's Report**
- 5. Secretary's Report**
- 6. Treasurer's Report**
- 7. Trip Coordinator's Report**
- 8. Election of Office Bearers and Committee members**
- 9. General Business**
 - Review annual subscriptions**

Any matters which you would like discussed at the A.G.M must be in the hands of the Secretary by 17th March.

Nominations for the positions of Office Bearers and Committee will be accepted up to the commencement of the meeting.

Members are urged to seriously consider offering to assist the health of the Club by nominating for a position.



Kayaks on Angelsea River

Friday 28th February

Participants:

Harry & Jill Richards (Trip Leaders)
Stan & Ann Ciesielski
Graeme & Gayle Mitchell
Greg & Noelene Moore
Brad & Denise Riddington
Graeme & Monika Thornton
Cleve Warring & Jenny Thomas

Graeme Mitchell reports:

Gayle and I arrived at the Aireys Inlet caravan park on Thursday afternoon and set up camp.



The weather was perfect so we went for a walk to the lighthouse and along the

cliff top walk.

When we got back to camp, Greg and Noelene had arrived and were set up on the other side of the caravan park.

They invited us over for drinks and a chat. After a short two sessions, we headed back to our camp and prepared for the kayak trip at Angelsea next day.

Friday morning was sunny and warm, with hardly a breath of wind. A perfect day for paddling.

The kayaks were loaded and we headed to Angelsea to meet Harry and Jill. But first, a detour to the coffee shop.

The launch site was next to the Information Centre in Angelsea and there we met Greg, Noelene, Harry and Jill. Cleve and Jenny were coming from Apollo Bay and would meet us later, Stan, Ann, Brad and Denise were not intending to paddle so were to meet us later in the afternoon.

Harry told us about the river we were to

paddle and the canals which lead off it. These canals were built after the 1983 Ash Wednesday fires.

The area was a large peat bog and the peat caught fire during the fires. Being underground, it could not be extinguished. So to contain the fire, a series of canals was constructed, turning the area into a number of islands.

The kayaks were soon launched and five brave souls headed off up the river. Noelene stayed behind to look after their dog.



Not too far into our paddle, we came across a group of school kids in a mix of single and double kayaks. They seemed to be enjoying the exercise.



A little further on, we had to duck under a pedestrian bridge to continue our journey up river.

The paddling was easy, the water was flat and we had a slight tail wind. The easy progress gave everyone a chance



to have a chat.

The river narrowed and we came across several canals leading off to the left. We opted for the second one. The channel started off narrow, but soon opened up into wider areas.

We noticed why Harry had advised us to bring plenty of insect repellent. The water had millions of mosquito larvae just waiting to hatch.

Soon we came to a small gravel area near a bend in the canal and decided to stretch our legs.



Back in the kayaks, we continued on our way. The canal wound around a heavy reed area and we had to duck under another footbridge.

The canal wound around and eventually came back to the main river. We headed back to the launch site.

The wind had picked up and the water was no longer smooth, so we had to work harder to get back.

Back safely at our launch site, some wetter than others, Greg advised that we had travelled five kilometres. No wonder we were all a bit hungry, so lunch was placed on the agenda.

Jenny and Cleve had arrived in time to join us for lunch. As the area was quite busy, we ended up sharing a table with some travellers from Canada, who we learned were travelling around for some months.

Greg soon had his map out and gave them some ideas of places to go.

Stan and Ann called in on their way to the Aireys caravan park. They said they would come back after setting up.



After lunch the kayaks were launched again. Gayle and I headed off to see where the river met the ocean, while Harry, Jenny and Noelene went to paddle the canals we had not done in the morning.

Jill went home to prepare for our visit later, while Greg and Cleve looked after Greg's dog.

Soon everyone had returned and was accounted for. It was time to pull the kayaks out of the water. While doing so, Harry gave us a demonstration of how to do the

perfect backflip into the water.

Jill and Harry had asked us to come back to their house for drinks and a BBQ. So we returned to camp to clean up and put on some dry clothes.

When we arrived at Jill and Harry's house, it looked like a car yard. Brad, Denise, Graeme and Monika had arrived and Cleve and Brad were showing off their new car fitouts. Both these set ups were very well done.

Chairs, drinks and food were unloaded and the back yard was set up for a party

Jill made some pizzas to go with the drinks and Harry fired up the BBQ. Everyone had a great night.

To finish things off, Harry gave a demonstration of a back somersault in the sitting position, with glass of wine in hand. A wonderful display and scored a 9.5.

Thank you Jill and Harry for a top weekend.



Anglesea Entertainment

Greg Moore reports:

Most Club members would know that Harry runs a great trip and he can organise excellent get-togethers.

Well, the BBQ at his house in Anglesea was no exception. Chairs were produced and located around his round table outside. Soon Happy Hour was in full swing and everyone was chatting happily.

It was a great way to conclude the day.

Some time later, dinner was cooked and we were still sitting outside enjoying the company and the conversation.

People had chosen their fare from the central table when Harry showed us another of his talents ... he is also an entertainer.

While balancing his meal upon his knees, for some reason, or another, he decided to show us how he could balance himself on the two back legs of his director's chair.

I guess he realised things were not going to plan as he slowly fell backwards down the slope. He landed heavily on his back, legs in the air, but laughing heartily.

Apparently, no serious damage was done to Harry, but he managed to cause quite a stir around the circle. Guests were either speechless, rapt in laughter, or somewhere in between.

Being the scientific type, I noticed that his stunt also proved a few points. Sausages can fly ... and so can china plates. Sausages that land in a garden appear to be unharmed, but plates which try the same trick are not. Said plate had been transformed into a jigsaw puzzle.

I helped Harry to his feet and made sure he was still alive and well. His jigsaw plate was replaced with a new plate and it was replenished with more food.

Meanwhile, Brad surveyed the slope of the land and Denise assessed the geology of the back yard soil. Following this examination, adaptations were made to his seating position and the fun times continued.

Never a dull moment ...

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 "Thuraya" Phone 0405470020 Include log book and compass

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

2 Jackaroo club banner flags (From Clunes) One of these flags is at the Club rooms.

Hillbilly fire dish

portable camping fire pit.

Medical Gear

First Aid kit (Large tool box created from the Clunes Tri-state)

Defibtech - Defibrillator

Driver Training 2020

Proficiency:

A course for the 4WD Vic Driver Proficiency Certificate, which includes 4WD characteristics and handling, pre-departure checks, steep ascents and descents, side slopes, basic navigation, water crossings and correct use of recovery equipment.

Theory night is approximately three hours and the practical sessions is all day.

Intermediate:

An advance 4WD driving course covering more difficult terrain, recovery procedures and convoy protocols. Participants MUST have completed the Proficiency course successfully.

All the above courses are held in conjunction with the Land Rover Owners Club, but with our own instructors.

Dates for 2020 are:

Proficiency

March: Theory Wednesday 11th and Practical Sunday 14th

May: Theory Wednesday 13th and Practical Saturday 16th

July: Theory Wednesday 8th and Practical Saturday 11th

August: Theory Wednesday 5th and Practical Saturday 8th

October: Theory Wednesday 7th and Practical Saturday 10th

November: Theory Wednesday 4th and Practical Saturday 7th

Intermediate

Dates for this year are to be determined.

Contact Ian Blainey (0458 444 656) or Graeme Mitchell (0490 119 840) for details of these courses and costs.



Noorinbee BlazeAid pre Tri-State Trip

Saturday 4th to Thursday 9th April 2020

A club effort to assist bush fire victims in East Gippsland. It will involve working with BlazeAid teams, alongside local farmers, to replace fences and carry out general repairs. There will be tasks for both male and female attendees. Meals will be provided, as well as bottled water. There are showers and toilets and camping is available for both tents and caravans. The camp is on the Monaro Highway, about 6kms north of Cann River. The Monaro Highway is the route to Delegate.

Ideally, it would be good if interested members could attend from Saturday to Thursday, however anyone who wanted to come later would be welcome. I need to coordinate the number of members attending so that I can advise BlazeAid. Could you therefore let me know by Wednesday 18th March if you will participate.

Meeting Place & Time: Officer BP service centre before Pakenham at 10.00am

Convoy Limit: 10 **Fuel:** Full tank ex Melbourne. Fuel available at Cann River

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

Trip Leader: Cleve Warring & Jenny Thomas 0432 122 832 (Cleve)

Special Requirements: More details about requirements (e.g. safety gear) will be provided to those interested. More information at <https://blazeaid.com.au/>

Platypus Tri-State



Delegate 2020



Platypus Tri-State 2020

Thursday 9th to Tuesday 14th April 2020

This year's Tri-State will be at the NSW town of Delegate, just over the border on the way to Bombala. Our sister club in NSW is organizing and have promised a good time. They have advised that the area is unaffected by recent bushfires.

Meeting Place & Time: Delegate Showgrounds from Thursday 9.00am.

Convoy Limit: No limit **Fuel:** Fuel available at Delegate and Bombala

Trip Standard if Dry: Social to Hard **If Wet:** Social to Hard

Trip Leader: NSW Jackaroo Club

Special Requirements: The Secretary recently forwarded two Newsletters from our friends in NSW and these should contain all the information you need about the event. If you did not receive these Newsletters, please contact our Secretary. If you have a query which is not answered in the Newsletters, you will need to contact the NSW Club. Contact details are in the Newsletters.

Currently registered: Ian Blainey, Johann Von Chastelet, Mark Emes, Paul Dudley, Ray Bridger, Rod Tamblyn, Harry Richards

This page is for your trip.

As you can see, the Club is light on for trips in the next six months. We need more.

So once again we are asking for members to come forward and run a trip, or suggest an idea for a trip.

Don't be concerned if you have not run a trip before. There is plenty of assistance available to guide you.

One day trips are very popular and they do not have to involve 4wdriving. Many of our most enjoyable trips have been scenic, or historic.

Please contact our Trip Coordinator, Brad Rddington on

Tail End ...

