

# **Jeep Club**



**of N.S.W.**

**NEWSLETTER**

**FEBRUARY 2009**

# **JEEP CLUB OF NSW INC.**

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**Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday  
of each month (except January) at 8.00pm**

**Yennora Public School, Orchardleigh St,  
Yennora.**

**Visitors are always welcome. Enter the School through the gate in Orchardleigh St. Drive around to  
the rear of the school buildings.**

The ramblings contained in this newsletter are not necessarily factual and are the opinion of the writer only and do not necessarily represent the  
view of the club as a whole.

# COMING EVENTS



*Please let the trip leader know of your attendance at least the Wednesday night prior to a trip.*

**FEB 21<sup>st</sup> –22<sup>nd</sup>**

**SUNNY'S CORNER**

Pinzgauer shakedown. Come and enjoy the experience.

**JOHN PINZ**

**MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>**

**GENERAL MEETING @ YENNORA**

**MARCH 9<sup>th</sup> to  
15<sup>th</sup> '09**

**COROWA.**

30<sup>th</sup> Annual GPA & Ex Military Vehicle Gathering.  
More details to follow in later editions.

**WARREN**

**MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>**

**BARRINGTON/CHITCHESTER.**

Put this one in your planner!! Something for everyone.

**MATT "CHEROKEE"  
RASDALL**

**MARCH 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>**

**TUFF TRUCK**

See the blurb elsewhere in this edition

**KENNY**

**APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>  
EASTER**

**CAMP COFFS** It's a Jeep thing. You'll understand.

Even Matt might make an appearance.

**FOR THE JAP JEEPERS.** Mike & Kelly are tripping to the  
Temora Air Show, staying in Weddin Mtns.

**MIKE & KELLY**

**APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>**

**GENERAL MEETING @ YENNORA**

**APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> TO  
APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> '09**

**VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY POSTPONED**

Trip starting ANZAC Day & Onwards  
Details to be finalised

**KENNY**

**MAY 12<sup>th</sup>**

**GENERAL MEETING @ YENNORA**

**JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>**

**GENERAL MEETING @ YENNORA**

**OCTOBER '09**

**MORETON ISLAND REVISITED**

Details will be posted early '08  
Commitment will be called for & deposit requested.

**LARRY**

## SEZ TH' PREZ



Due to many family commitments, I have been advised by Kenny the B that there will be no Prez report this issue. So we may have to put up with a double dose next edition.

Brettly.

## FROM THE TREASURY



### ***PAY YOUR FEES BY DIRECT DEBIT!***

The Club's banking details are :-  
St George Bank,  
Jeep Club of N.S.W. Inc,  
BSB 112-879,  
a/c 127403464.

Remember to reference your name with your payment.

## '08/09 FINANCIAL MEMBER\$ ROLL



RAY & LIZ WYATT  
KEITH SMITH  
MIKE & KELLY McFADYEN  
BRETT GALWAY  
MATT RASDALL  
LARRY & PENNY STEWART  
DAVID CAMILLERI  
HEINZ BENDINGER

JOHN GLASSFORD  
KEN & KAREEN BRUDERLIN  
LINDSAY SQUIRES  
JACQUI GRAY  
WARREN & CHERYL LEWIS  
BOB MURPHY

## RAFFLE PRIZES DONATED SO FAR THIS YEAR :-

KEN B.....	LED torch & LED sticky light
RAY.....	Butane burner
KEITH.....	Four shifty spanners
LARRY.....	Tool bag
LINDSAY & JACQUI.....	Rainbird Rain Jacket
RAY.....	Lock & Lock Engel Containers
LARRY.....	Car Care Products
MICHAEL.....	2 X LED torches
JOHN.....	Air Bed Pump
HEINZ.....	24 Can Cooler Bag
PETER.....	Drill Set
MATT .....	Clutch & Brake Bleeder thingie

## THE ED'S EDITORIAL



Howdy All,

First of all, note the postponement of the Vic High Country trip. With the events down in Victoria, it maybe like driving through a moon scape.

Whilst on the subject, a special thought must go out to our brothers and sisters down south.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Leanne and Angus all the best for their upcoming wedding next Friday. (poor Leanne).

Don't forget, any and all contributions to the newsletter are more than welcome. If you have a special bush tucker recipe you would like to share, send it to me and I will put it in the new BBBB section.

Copulater,

Brettly.

## FROM THE NEWS DESK

Well, she's got her new kitchen. I won't bore you with details suffice to say I've now got a happy spouse and a second mortgage. Now that it's done I might be able to siphon off a few dollars for Sambo mods without too much being said.

And I know what I'll be doing with Kev's stimulating package.

Larry S.

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### GERATRIC JEEPERS OR HUNDRED CLUB?

We learned recently that a prominent member has abandoned his trusty old manual, diesel Jap wagon for a later model, petrol powered automatic Jap wagon. Bit of a disappointment really, especially after he was so impressed with the Jeep Wrangler Rubicon witnessed at Camp Coffs '08.

The Rubicon is petrol powered, can be had in automatic and comes with all the factory fitted off-road goodies like F & R manual diff locks, sway bar disco's and super-low low range. And it's even available in four door configuration. Isn't this a better option than a Jap wagon?



Larry S.

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### WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations are extended to Angus and Leanne who tie the knot on 20<sup>th</sup> February. May happy trails follow.

Daddy.

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## COLLECTORS REVIVE THE JEEP LEGEND

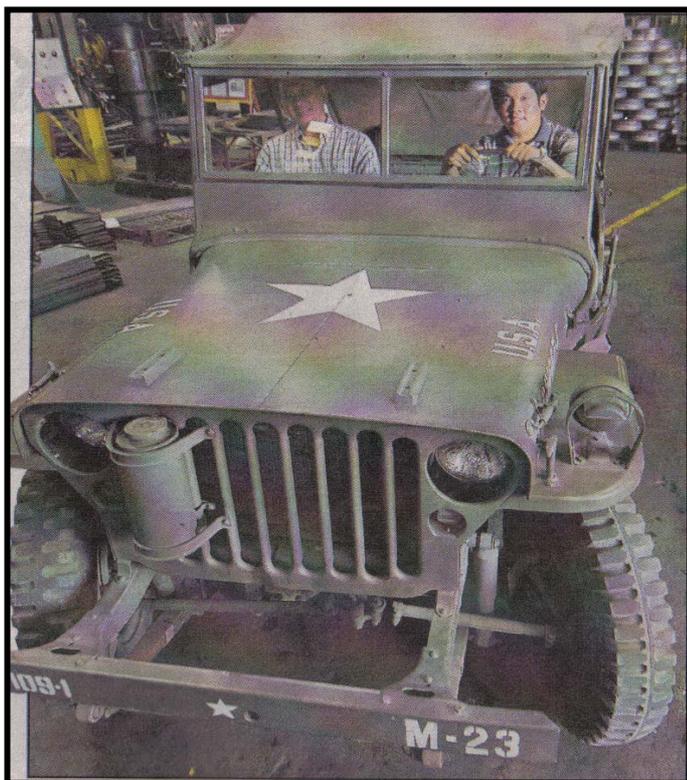
The rugged Willys Jeep has been given a new lease of life by a small factory which is reproducing the iconic World War 11 vehicle for a growing international nostalgia market. Philippines company MD Juan exports about 95 per cent to overseas collectors – mainly in the US and Europe – who treasure the veteran vehicle which was the backbone of the US Army during World War 11.

Plant manager Roberto Cruz says American collectors want their Jeeps as authentic as possible, complete with imperfections and outdated materials such as wood and rubber instead of more durable plastic.

"The purists want it correct to the smallest detail," he says. "If you make the body too nice, they don't like it". They ask, "Where's the spot weld that should be here?".

MD Juan builds about 1500 units a year, most of them to order, but the engines are usually left to the buyer. Overseas collectors prefer to have carefully restored original Jeep engines installed in their vehicles in their own country because the company doesn't do engine reconditioning.

Filipino enthusiasts are content to install modern Toyota or Isuzu engines in their vehicles to produce Jeeps that simply look authentic from the outside. Cruz declines to quote a price, but says a fully restored Jeep sold recently on eBay for \$US30,000. Most of the buyers are war veterans who have a romance with the Jeep. There are also younger enthusiasts who are entranced by the vehicle's wartime history.



"Everywhere America fought, there are people who remember the Jeep," Cruz says. "It was the original 4X4 vehicle, the original all-terrain vehicle".

The US produced more than 60,000 Jeeps during World War 11. They played a crucial part in the Pacific and European theatres, in roles ranging from people-mover to weapon carrier. The squat, box-like vehicles won a huge following for their rugged durability, low cost and widespread availability.

It's not surprising that a Filipino company should specialize in replica Jeeps, as they have played a vital role in that country.

After World War 11, as a newly independent Philippines was recovering from wartime

devastation, US war-surplus Jeeps were often the only form of automotive transport available to many Filipinos. Enterprising locals extended the bodies of Jeeps and added seats, a fixed roof and gaudy decorations to produce the jeepney-a minibus which is still a cornerstone of commuter transport as well as a symbol of the Philippines itself.

Brettly.

## BEWARE OF THE DROP BEARS

### Drop Bears - The Real Truth

For those of you who do not know the history of Drop Bears in Australia, I will tell it, well as much as I know as a warning to you and your family about one of our pretty and furry friends.

### Origin

In the beginning, there were koalas. Cuddly, furry, slow-moving and sleepy, koalas eat gum leaves for 90% of their waking lives, but prefer to spend most of their time asleep. They live in trees, venturing down to the ground only when it is necessary to move from tree to tree.

Koalas are no threat to humans, unless you are foolish enough to climb up a tree and attempt to catch one, under which circumstances the koala may give you a bit of a scratch with its ample claws.

You will be aware that Australia is home to many species that simply don't exist anywhere else in the world. Echidnas, Wombats, Koalas, Kangaroos, Wallabies, Bandicoots and Potoroos are unique to Australia, just to name a few. Another unique and lesser mentioned animal is the Drop Bear.

### Description

The Drop Bear is described as an arboreal, (tree dwelling) carnivorous mammal of Australia, growing to around 1 meter in height. "Chlamydius Ferocious" is the correct botanical name and the name Drop Bears are referred to in science books. Believed to have evolved from a similar line to Koalas, Drop Bears are basically genetically altered koalas but their brains have been affected by the Chlamydia Virus similar to what infects humans. They are covered in a dense fur, which can range from almost black to the Alpine Drop Bear's snowy white coat. They have broad shoulders and razor sharp claws on all four limbs. They are able to walk for short distances on two legs, but are much faster on all four, being capable of bursts of speed approaching 60 km/h at full gallop. Their heads are similar to those of koalas, but with enlarged canine teeth, not unlike those of bears or other carnivorous animals.

There are very few photographs of them, and only a select and very lucky few have laid eyes on them and lived to tell the tale. As you can imagine, admitting their existence in some areas would cause a degree of panic, and destroy parts of Australia's ecotourism industry overnight. It is for this reason that all government departments will, and have denied any knowledge of the existence of the Drop Bear, and are likely to continue to do so in the future.

Being an avid outdoor enthusiast, and having contact with people who spend a large proportion of their time outdoors, I have gathered together scraps of information from sources all around the country, linking Drop Bear involvement to such events as the disappearance of Azaria Chamberlain, the death of Captain James Cook in Hawaii, the disappearance of Harold Holt, several war-time incidents in Northern Australia, the disappearance of a group of cross-country skiers in the Victorian Alps, and the deaths of a number of hikers, canoeists, 4WD drivers, campers, sunbathers and swimmers throughout the country.

These 'accidents' are often reported as crocodile attacks, falls from cliffs, exposure, and in the Chamberlain case, dingoes were blamed. But I have it on good authority in all of these cases that a government cover-up was at work to dispel rumours of Drop Bear attacks and hide the truth from the public.

### Dangers associated with Drop Bears

Drop Bears are not cuddly and friendly, like their cousin the koala. They are vicious, calculating, cold-blooded killers. Their usual method of attack is to select animals which stray from their group, including humans, dropping down onto them from above. They then proceed to wrap themselves around the body of their prey, squeezing them to death, often crushing the rib cage and breaking the neck. Occasionally when hunting, and when threatened, the Bears will drop down in front of, and then challenge their prey, snarling and flashing their sharp claws and teeth, before ripping their prey to shreds with their powerful arms and legs.

Of all the ways to die in the bush, this would have to be the most horrible. Arms and legs are torn from the body, along with huge slabs of flesh, which are greedily consumed while the victim still lives !

If seen, Drop Bears should **NOT** be approached, as they are easily frightened and likely to attack. Vehicles are known to have been attacked, and being in one is no defence. An adult Drop Bear is able to easily break windows and enter vehicles to extrude would-be meals.

### Sub-species

The Common Drop Bear is found in wooded areas all over the Australian continent, including Tasmania, and is thought to in fact venture as far north as Papua New Guinea and Indonesia. It lives in trees, dropping down to feed on kangaroos, wombats, and anything else that walks beneath it.

The Burrowing Drop Bear is slightly smaller in stature than the common variety, though just as ferocious. It is known to inhabit the drier arid regions of the country, including the deserts of central Australia. It is also fairly common amongst wooded areas, and burrows have been found everywhere from beaches to desert plains. The burrows vary in size according to the individual animal, but the entry hole may be considerably smaller than the actual living space. Holes 30cm in diameter have been known to house Drop Bears 1.5 meters tall. The animal's extraordinary contorting ability means it is able to crawl through extremely small spaces in search of wombats and rabbits.

The Alpine Drop Bear grows a special winter coat of almost pure white for camouflage in snowy areas. They have been spotted at lower elevations when the food supply is short, but unlike Common and Burrowing varieties, are able to hibernate for sustained periods. They live in larger burrows than Burrowing Drop Bears, being less able to contort through small openings. During the summer months, they remain in their mountain environment, shedding their white coats and adopting darker furs for camouflage in the lightly treed and grassy plains of the high country.

The Aquatic Drop Bear, as its name suggests, feeds in and around bodies of water. Lakes, rivers, dams and the Australian coastal waters are home to this variety of Drop Bear. With webbed feet and a water-resistant coat similar to a seal, they are ideally suited to marine life; though still retain the unmistakable Drop Bear physique of four legs, broad shoulders and sharp claws and teeth. Aquatic Drop Bears have attacked canoeists, rafters, fisherman on the bank and in boats, sunbathers and swimmers. Cases such as these are often falsely reported by the media as crocodile or shark attacks, in an effort to avoid the mass hysteria which would almost definitely result from an admission that we have a Drop Bear problem.

#### Conclusion

I have endeavoured to provide you, the reader, with as much information as I can at this time. I have been hounded and ridiculed for sharing such information as this with the public, but I am reconciled to do my best to warn as many people as I can of this potential danger in the Australian Bush.

You have been warned.

Johnny G.

TUFF TRUCK STUFF

MARCH 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>

A representative of Tuff Truck visited the club's February general meeting, and spoke about how club members can assist at the next Tuff-Truck Challenge.

I was supposed to receive some official blurb by e-mail in time for this newsletter but it never came. So I've written a spiel on what was conveyed at the meeting. If you're interested, or want more info contact the Prez as quick as you can.

Basically, the Organizers of Tuff-Truck are making a request to all 4wd clubs for volunteers to assist at the venue. Duties will include Spectator Marshall, site bus driver, Roustabout and the like. The deal is to work to a pre-arranged roster for two shifts over the weekend. They anticipate the shifts will be less than 8 hours but it will depend on the number of volunteers they get.

In return each volunteer will be paid \$100 and a donation will be made to the club. You will also receive a gift and an appreciation certificate. But you must work your shifts to qualify.

If you can see your way to participating then contact Ken ASAP, but before 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Larry S.

## GRUMPY OLD MEN'S AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND JAN '09

As the scheduled date drew closer it became evident that there was not a lot of support from members for the Coffs trip. Even some of those who initially expressed interest began to fall off the perch, myself included. But Kenny contacted me at the eleventh hour with an offer I couldn't refuse, so I told my boss some bull-shark story and headed north on Friday morning.

With typical club ingenuity the guys had decided the agenda would be altered to suit ourselves, so we met Ray & Warren at Gloucester. Then out came the maps to finalise where we'd go. It was of no consequence to me as I was along for the ride.



Up the Nowendoc Road, left on a dirt road to a river where we encountered the sign saying "No Entry, No Doggies, No Chainsaw Massacres of Trail bike Riders". You know the type. So we obeyed, and still headed off along a trail shown on the GPS and topo maps. Ray'n Waz did a great job of navigating us through tussock paddocks, across streams, up & down steep inclines, and we burst out when we thought we would. Only some great Galah had dropped a dirty big steel

structure in the middle of the track and fastened it with concrete and a locking device. So we had to find a way around it. It was a Great day's trip. I said to the guys that I was glad I had came.



As we were setting up camp for the night Kenny noticed the internal temperature of the Engle was climbing. "Oh No!! Not warm beer again!!" After searching around it was discovered that he had not reconnected the charge cable for the auxiliary battery after doing some welding on new bar work. That's a boofhead fine, Boss!

The next day left camp 8.30am due to soaring

temperatures. Yep, you read right, we were breakfasted, packed and gone by 8.30am. We circled around to the Barnyard River where there's a sign saying "No Entry, No Doggies, No Chainsaw Massacres of Trail bike Riders". You know the type. So we obeyed, and still stopped at the "clause-way" for a dip in the cool river to ward against the soaring temperature. You might recall how bloody hot that Saturday was. Then up drove a couple of National Parks & Wildfires blokes. One was an OK bushie type human being. The other was a young corporate guy, and you could almost hear him singing along to Acca Dacca "I got a PHD, I'm Dyno-mite".



We pushed on after the swim, and whilst climbing a rough dirt road the Nissan's rear shock absorbers stopped absorbing the correct amount of absorption. It appears Tough Dogs aren't that tough! That's a breakdown fine, Boss! So it was necessary to head to Warren's for repairs. We stayed the night and watched a massive storm on the northern horizon.

The next morning we headed off in the direction of Dingo Tops & The Cells. It was soon evident that this was where the storm had been the previous night, the hail damage was horrendous. We would have been stuffed without a chainsaw. That arvo we headed for Maxwell Flat to make

camp. When we arrived no campers were there, it was evident they had been drenched by the previous night's storm and departed the scene. It turned out to be a leech invested campsite, the worst attack being on the inside of Ray's lip during the night.



Monday morning found us following along behind Ray'n Waz like a dog-trailer again. Dunno where or even what direction, but the scenery was absolutely colossal! After lunch at another "clause-way" we stopped at Rocks Crossing for a spell. Look it up on a map and you'll get the jist of where we'd been. I've got no idea. But we

came out on the road to Gloucester, said our goodbyes and set off to swash-buckle the long weekend traffic across the Hunter River and down the F3.

Grumpy old men? "Clause-ways"? You should have been there for the experience!

Larry S.

## BRETTLY'S BUSH BBQ BANQUET

### TACO PORK RIBS

2 Racks of pork ribs (American style).  
2/3 cup of tomato sauce.  
3 tablespoons of taco seasoning mix.  
3 cloves of garlic, crushed.  
1 teaspoon of honey.

1. In a bowl, stir together tomato sauce, garlic, taco seasoning and honey. Brush mixture over ribs.
2. Slowly cook ribs over medium glowing coals, turning frequently and basting with glaze until cooked and tender.

Easy Peasy.

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### CHINESE SPICED CHICKEN

1 kg chicken wings, drumsticks or a mixture of both.  
2 tablespoons of soy sauce.  
1 " of peanut oil.  
1 " of dry sherry.  
2 " of honey.  
1 " of lemon juice.  
½ teaspoon of Chinese Five Spice.  
1 " of chopped garlic.  
1 " of Ground Ginger.

Mix all the above together, place chicken in a bowl and pour over mixture. Cover and refrigerate for an hour or so.

Place chicken over hot coals and cook, basting frequently with marinade. Remember NOT to baste for the last 5-10 mins as the marinade has had raw chicken in it.

Cock-a-doodle-do.

# JEEP CLUB OF N.S.W. MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2008

1. Meeting opened at 8.13 pm.
2. Present: Larry, Heinz, Ken, Ray, Liz, Lindsay, Jacqui.
3. Apologies: Keith, Bob, Michael, John, Matt.
4. Visitors: Nil.
5. Previous Month's Minutes were read.  
Moved: Larry  
Seconded: Heinz
6. Business Arising from Minutes: Ken got in contact with association, got into association website and changed our details and now can't get into website.
7. Secretary's Report:  
Correspondence In:  
\* Matt not here to bring the mail.  
Correspondence Out: Nil  
  
Moved: Larry  
Seconded: Lindsay
8. Treasurer's Report: as at 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008  
Opening Balance: \$ 920.23  
Income: 112.00  
Expenditure: 15.35  
Closing Balance: \$ 1016.88 @ 30<sup>TH</sup> November 2008  
Moved: Larry  
Seconded: Ken
9. Trip Committee Report:  
Australia Day Trip – 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Jan–Base Camp planned, Location TBA–meet at Warrens Thursday evening and leave early Friday morning  
\* High County – 18<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April (Note. Date change)  
\* Camp Coffs – 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April (Note. Date change)  
\* 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Friday to Sunday – Barrington / Chichester
10. Association: Nil
11. Sergeant at Arms: Lindsay fined for loosing Ken's hat @ x-mas party.
12. General Business: NO meeting in January, No newsletter in January.  
Poster for association is complete, next delegate meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.  
Kids Race Day @ Oran Park 21<sup>st</sup> December, for disabled Kids, looking for volunteers for catering etc, look on association website for more info.
13. Raffle won by Heinz.
14. Meeting closed at 8.48 pm.