

Trail Track 4x4



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Area, Tasmania.

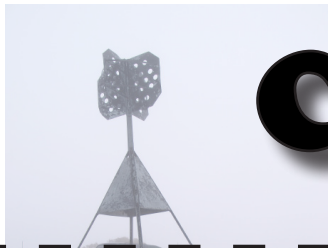
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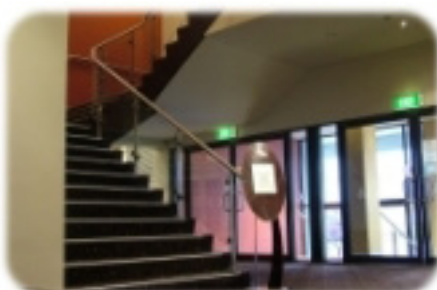
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April General Meeting Venue

The April general meeting to be held at the SS&A club's Skylight Lounge, which is to the right, and up the stairs, from the Olive St entrance. Starting at 7.30 pm.

Please note that non-members are not required to sign in, if attending the meeting only. If you plan to go elsewhere within the club, then you will need to sign in as a visitor.



Presidents Report

Hi everyone & hope you had a great Easter. I hope all the children didn't eat too many Easter eggs. I also hope everyone had a safe journey as well. It was great to see lots of trips on. Our trip to Tassie went great so you'll have to read the report Michelle wrote about it as she did a great job. We will have a movie night if people are interested to see a movie on our trip. Also if anyone else has a trip movie they would like to share feel free as we will get a room at the SS&A Club. I would also like to personally thank the Board of directors for giving us an opportunity to use their rooms free of charge & all they ask is we use their facilities & buy drinks & food. If after 12 months they see it beneficial they will let us keep using the facilities. That's all for now

PS

The 80 went great with the new motor in it
Cheers Dan Muller

Financial report

Balance as at end Feb \$4,098.74

Outgoing

P.O.Box payment \$123.00

Transaction fee \$0.40

Incoming

Interest \$2.51

Balance as at end March \$3,977.85



**All member
items for sale
can be viewed
HERE**

Want to join Trail Track 4x4 Inc?

To become a financial member of Trail Track 4x4 Inc, you need to attend two club events, (either 2 trips, 2 meetings or one of each), and then be approved by the committee.

You can mail your application to **P.O.Box 73, Albury NSW 2640** or hand in to a committee member at a meeting.

Applications will then be approved or rejected by the committee and parties notified by mail.

Membership costs

Club a joining fee of \$50

Annual membership fee of \$70

One membership includes a family, couple or single person aged over 18yrs.

You can download an application form **HERE**

Please read or download the club constitution **HERE** to familiarise yourself with our club rules.

Trail Track 4X4 General Meeting

17 March 2010

425 Fallon st

Meeting opened 7.40pm

Apologies: Brendan Jones, Luke, Dave Fern, Shannon Mills.

Minutes to the last meeting to be accepted:

Moved: Sharon Taylor.....Seconded.....Matt Delarue

Carried: Yes

Treasures Report: Balance of \$4,098.74

Moved: Matt.....Carried: Adam.....

Carried: Yes

Business arising from minutes:

- Venue SS&A club is being assessed
- Mike Smith indicated that his events don't make the type of money we are asking for, that being \$4000 or 50% and is not feasible.
- I spoke to Dallas Rundle and he said that he could give us numbers and an answer for our event should we run one after their next meeting bearing in mind Queens B'day would not be good for them .
- Members to discuss or comp options.
- Moved: Matt..... Seconded: Adam.....
- Carried: Yes

Incoming correspondence: Mike smith indicated without a final confirmation that the comp would not go ahead

General Business:

- Dan asked if the club was happy to purchase a pair of max trax @ approx \$250

Moved: Dan.....Seconded: Dave..... Carried: Yes

- The committee proposed a prize/ voucher to the value of \$30 help encourage new Trip leaders it would be selected on a bi monthly raffle style draw.

Moved: Dan.....Seconded: Adam.....Carried Yes

- Scott Thompson spoke of the possibility of the closure of Mt Pinnabar.
- Options may be ..
- A \$ key deposit
- Club only use on the track during seasonal closure
- Option to rally members to produce a petition, and send out to local clubs.
- Contact VFWDA as to their knowledge of the closure and the possibility of an adopt a track process.

Geoff Boulton Spoke about Beyond Hotham looking to people / families to promote the resort / region to 4wd / outdoors persons during the 8-18 of April . Flyer available.

Possible date for Geoff to run GPS and photography course.

Base camp trips maybe 3-5 different tracks them meeting at one common meeting point.

At the start of April we should start making a discussion on a comp Ateco or inter club style.

Daffy gave a report on his trip as per the club mag.

A possible kids weekend @ Bright

Geoff Boulton will be doing tag along tours on the 10th of July to the Flinders ranges.

Meeting Closed @ 8.52 pm

Yours truly

Glenn Webb

Secretary

Trailtrack 4X4



PERSPECTIVE

12 March 2010 to 26 April 2010

GRAND OPENING
6pm

Friday, 12 March 2010
The Clarence Room
Java @ Yack Café
10 High Street
Yackandandah

A Collection of Works
by Geoffrey Boulton

After many years of travelling the length and breadth of Australia, photographer Geoffrey Boulton is now settled in Yackandandah and is unveiling his first exhibition.

As the collection's title "Perspective" suggests, it will feature a stunning array of pure photographic images of nature, landscapes and architecture.

The exhibition will present an alluring perspective of

shapes, forms, light, patterns and textures that colour our fascinating world.

"I really want to share what I've seen and captured, and I hope that others will enjoy the results."

Mobile: 0418 970 186

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Possible Track Closure - Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area, Tasmania.

Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service have produced a document/draft management plan that proposes to CLOSE A NUMBER OF TRACKS in the Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area. The document is called the 'Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area - Sustainable Recreational Vehicle Access - Draft Report 2010'.

This document can be viewed at www.parks.tas.gov.au but it is suggested that you ring one of the Parks offices below and request a copy to be printed and sent out to you. Parks Office Contact Numbers are Ulverstone 03 6429 8719, Smithton 03 6452 4997 or Strahan 03 6472 6020.

A copy of a letter to view is on 4WDNSW&ACT Forum under "Tasmania-Proposed Closures". Please sign and send.

STOP the potential for this to end up like the Southport Lagoon closure. Please show your support and keep the tracks open!

Also, please pass this on to everyone you know, whether they are an Off-Road vehicle user or not. You never know who might be interested in access to this amazing part of the Tasmanian coastline and we really need to make an impact with the amount of feedback Parks gets on this issue.

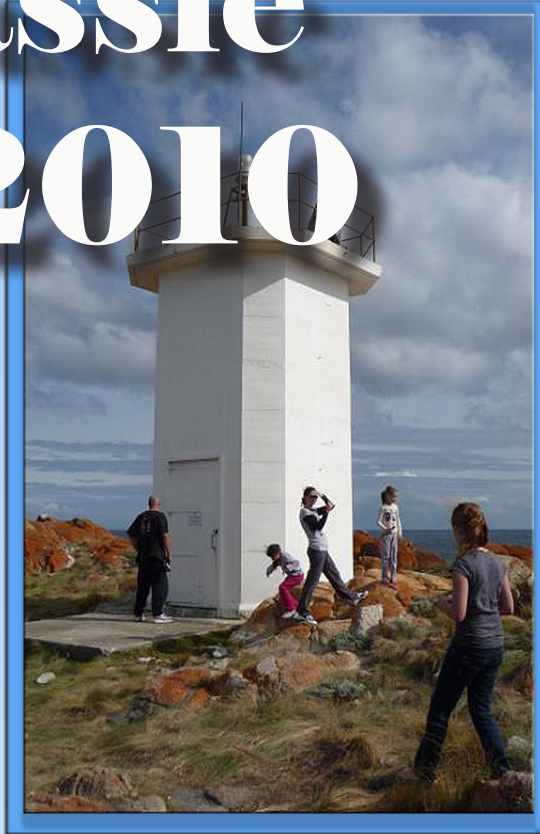
Public comment / feedback period closes 7th May 2010.

Cheers,
Richard Picone
Treasurer – 4WD Tas Inc
Member – Devonport 4WD Club Inc

Email: richardpicone@bigpond.com

Mob: 0419 33 99 80

Tassie 2010



Day 1

We reached Devonport at 6.00am Monday morning & made our way to Burnie where we got fresh food & veggies for camping as well as some supplies.

After Burnie we made our way to Stanley where we made our way up The Nut via the chair lift. After an hour walk around the top we went back down into the fishing town for a meal of fish and chips by the wharf. After lunch we made our way to Arthur River where we caught up with the Jones's and Ray (and dog Bill,) from Tassie. We spent the night in the park & after almost being blown away headed off early the next morning.

We got the Maxtrax and the snatch out and soon Ray had him pulled out in no time. The flies here were unbelievable (millions). We spent the next few hours on the beach until we got to Sandy Cape where we set up camp & got firewood for the night ahead everything was done by 2.30pm so we got the camp oven sorted for a great camp oven tea (roast lamb & veggies).

Day 2

Up early and we headed off to the Ranger station where we got our permit & passes to drive & camp on the beach. Crossing the river we headed for the beach where we spent the next 2 days. It wasn't long before we had the Jones' Patrol bogged on the beach.



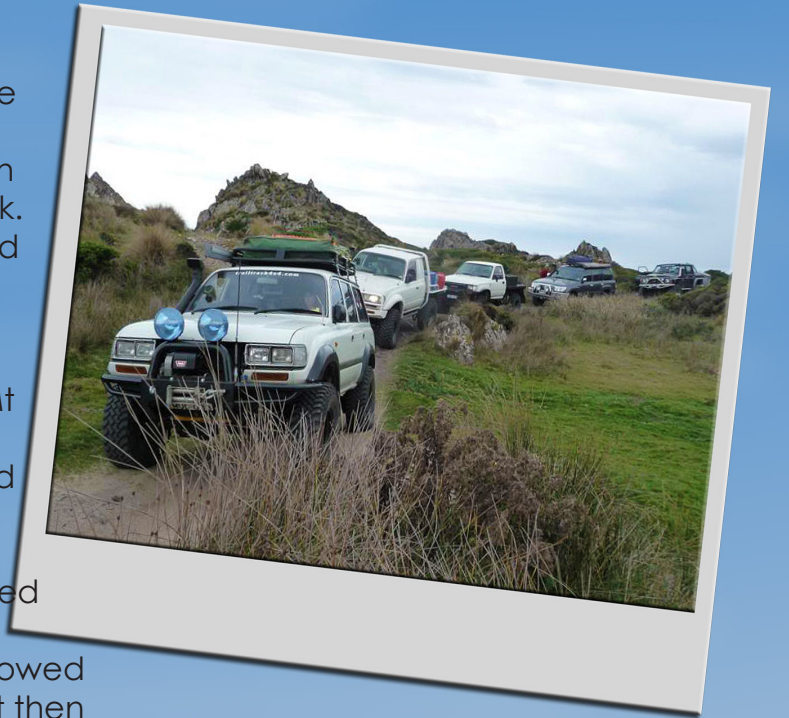
Day 3

After packing up camp, we headed again for the coast, and a play on the sand. Ray showed the way to the lighthouse at Sandy Cape. After lunch we made our way to the Balfour Track. Ray left us here as he needed to head home, but it was great having some local knowledge with us. The Balfour track is a boggy, muddy, swamp like, 20km track, which then leads up to Mt Balfour, which was our destination. About half way along, Tristan followed us into a long muddy patch, and we had a loud bang. Turns out, his fan was pushed into his radiator. It snapped every blade off the fan, and made holes in the radiator. We towed him the rest of the way out (we didn't then attempt the rest of the track to Mt Balfour) onto the main road.

Here, Tristan announced he had no brakes. So, there started a very long and nerve racking tow (around 140km) along the hilliest, narrowest in parts road I think we've ever driven on. Often, it poured rain. Poor Tristan simply hung on for dear life. At one point the call of "STOP" was heard over the UHF, "I'm in a ditch!!". As we've gone around a left turn, the strap didn't quite follow and Tristan ended up just over the edge of the road. A shorter strap was then attached.

Thankfully, we reached Corrina and the barge safely, and we crossed the Pieman River. The tow continued, but this time in the dark (but with more rain), but at least it was a main sealed road. Into Zeehan we arrived, where Dan had arranged a radiator to be waiting (thanks to John). It pays to have contacts.

A rainy night was had at the Zeehan Caravan Park. The boys met up with some of the guys from the Tassie "No Limits" 4x4 Club.



Day 4

After collecting the radiator, Tristan set to work repairing the HiLux. An old primary school friend of Michelle's had arranged to meet us at Zeehan, and we all set off for the magnificent Montezuma Falls. The track has somewhat deteriorated since 2 years ago, which lots of ruts and holes. Jonesy showed us a small cave he'd found on a previous trip, and I am told that the spiders were huge. The falls are amazing – over 100m tall. The children (and the biggest kids) loved the long swinging bridge. From there we went back into Zeehan and took the group to the Spray Tunnel, which is a narrow tunnel that was used in the old coal mining days.

We said goodbye to Corrine and her family as they headed to Strahan, and we went back to Zeehan and onto the pub for tea.



Day 5

YAY!! The sun shone for us!

We hit the road and found a camping space just off the tree line where we set up early, ready for an afternoon of driving. The girls, Mackenzy, Sheridan and Rhyllie had a ball playing in amongst the trees and bushes at this camp. We drove to Granville Harbour and onto Piemans' Heads. This area of the West Coast can be vicious on a bad day. It is littered with huge boulders, and the occasional fisherman's home, which really should be described as shacks. It is very remote. It was on the road to Piemans that we first heard that Dolphins had made their way into the river, which, as it turned out, was very unusual. A driver that we were talking to told us that they'd saved a dolphin that has beached. This encouraged us to keep our eyes out for more. A resident of the Heads told us that she'd seen around 10 come through, and some had made it under the barge at Corrina. A few days later we heard that up to 50 dolphins had swum into the river and had died. We left Piemans and took a different route to get back out and we came upon a very boggy patch, where Glen became very stuck. After trying a snatch strap, and a winch, in the end the Maxtrax gave enough traction for him then to be pulled out by Dan's winch. Onto camp, and another great night by the fire and under the stars.



Day 6

The Jones' decided to take the main road (the one with least bumps - lucky them!!) to Strahan, whereas Tristan, Glen and us decided to do Clime's Track and head into Trial Harbour (another small fishing town), and then onto Strahan. Clime's is a very rocky track, with a small waterfall crossing that requires careful negotiation.

The rain greeted us in Strahan, and it poured the entire night. A few of us enjoyed a meal at the pub, and then the laundry at the caravan park became a place for talking about our journey to other travelers. I also think it was the warmest place to be.

Day 7

Dan and Jonesy knew of a couple of areas just out of Strahan where we could do some more beach driving, and so after packing up camp we took off again. Tristan was like a big kid in a sand pit, and we all thoroughly enjoyed the smoothness of the beach that seemed to go on forever. We ate lunch in town, and then, as the rain set in again, we made our way onto Derwent Bridge via a stop at Queenstown. Dark fell pretty quickly, as did the temperature as we reached Derwent Bridge. We'd planned to stay in the camping ground, but as we weren't able to have a fire, it was decided to find a place to camp a little further out. An area was decided upon, and then Dan, Glen and Tristan set off in the HiLux to get wood. Dan spotted a tree just across the river that looked good, so off they went. Tristan then put the call out for help "We're stuck" so, Jonesy set off to assist.



Around ½ an hour later, Tash, Mackenzy and I (who were left alone...in the bush...) heard a tree fall. Turns out the felling didn't go to plan, and they are lucky to tell the story. After another case of "being stuck", and around 3 hours later the rain started to fall, and they were back at camp. We had another very wet night, and we were all starting to feel the effects of being wet, and having all of our gear sopping wet.

Day 8

After a very quick pack up (was still raining), we drove to a small café for breakfast and then Glen, Tristan and us went to a huge shed called "The Wall", where a wood carver has devoted his life to carving the story of Derwent Bridge into huge slabs of wood. We all admired the workmanship, patience and the time that it has taken to work on "The Wall", and it is still a work in progress. A place to visit if you get the chance. The sun began to shine the closer we got to New Norfolk, but by this time we were all looking for a dry place to sleep. The caravan park had 2 cabins which we were able to book for 2 nights. It meant a chance to dry out the camper, swags, and

tarps, and the boys got to watch Top Gear, which I think reminded them of each other. A great pub meal topped the day off.



Day 9

We had arranged to meet John (TasMQ) and Gav at the caravan Park after breakfast, and he lead us on a drive around New Norfolk, and into Huonville. We drove through several apple orchards where the ripe apples are literally falling off the trees, and rotting. John said that the farmers can't sell their apples, as the large supermarkets get them cheaper though China. Around a bend, and there were many piles of felled apple trees burning. Seems criminal to me. John and Gav left us and we all went onto the Tahune Air Walk. The children really enjoyed spending the afternoon up above the trees, and the bigger kids enjoyed jumping on the swinging bridges. Unfortunately we were too late to do the hang gliding over bridges, but it would have been great. Back home through Huonville, and Hobart and back to New Norfolk.

Day 10

The Jones' went down and spent the day at Port Arthur, which they later said is undergoing some renovations, which although is necessary, but it is losing some of the charm that it once had. The rest of us went to Launceston, where we spend a few hours looking around the shopping area. We then kept going onto Bridport, on the North-East Coast, where we found a site on the beach in a caravan park to set up. Firewood was sparse but we found enough to keep us warm, and the following day we woke to the most amazing sunrise.



Day 11

Before heading back to Devonport to meet up with the Jones', we found a stretch of beach we all had a ball. Mackenzy spent hours running and rolling in the sand, (as did Tristan)! The dunes were beautiful, and we really needed to watch where we were driving as you couldn't tell where the drop off's were. Along the beach, Tristan threw a bottle into the ocean –



we'd placed a Trail Track 4x4 Club card with the co-ordinates, time and Dan's phone number on it. You never know... maybe we'll get a call one day! It was late in the afternoon by the time we'd finished our fun, and so we made our way to Devonport. The Jones' spent the day, Tash's birthday, exploring Ross, Richmond and other historical towns. To celebrate Tash's birthday we had a lovely meal at a pub in town.

Day 12

Time to go home.

We all had a relaxed morning, and then met to go to the Anvers chocolate factory, where we all enjoyed a few samples, and made our purchases. A drive and look though Latrobe took us back to Devonport where we all did some shopping and looking around, before we got into line and waited to get onto the boat.

We all had a really good time away. We all helped each other out when needed, and many a laugh was had.

Thanks to Brendan, Tash, Sheriden and Rhyllie, Tristan and Glen for a great holiday.

Jonesy GQ Patrol Dual Cab Ute

Dan's 6Ltr 80 series Cruiser

Tristan's LN106 HiLux

Glen's 100 Series Cruiser

Ray's Extra Cab 5.7Ltr supercharged 80 Series

John's GQ(Mav) Ute





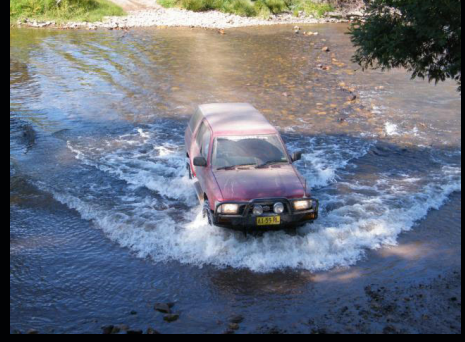
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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/AlburyWodonga-Surrounds/Trail-Track-4x4-Club-Inc/127654427234?ref=ts>

High Country Camping Easter 2010



Well heres a few photos of the trip....Was great catching up Lou, Phil and families.....Greg and Debbie, and met Adam and Nic plus pup from Albury. Thanks for a great time Dave and Fiona and Marrion and Jen. Had a nice relaxing weekend..

Luke, Naomi and Aiden

Future trips and events

General Meeting - April

The next general meeting to be held April 21st, in the Skylight Lounge, at the SS&A Club,

Olive St, ALbury.

To the right, and up the stairs, from the Olive St entrance.

Starting at 7.30 pm.

April

Rob Leonard 16th
 Rosey Delarue 13th
 Natasha Jones 15th
 Pete Chalmers 8th
 Leanne Chalmers 8th
 Michael Bruce 30th
 Veronica White 10th
 Ryan Tommas-Scammell 30th
 Jessica McPherson 22nd
 Steven McGuinness 21st

May

Liam Mount 2nd
 Sharon McGuinness 11th
 Toni Braybrook 25th
 Shirley Leeder 29th

Happy Birthday

From all of us at Trail Track 4x4 Inc

Welcome to our newest members..

Members

Forum Name

MERCHANDISE



T Shirts \$15
 Hoodie \$45
 Window Stickers \$5

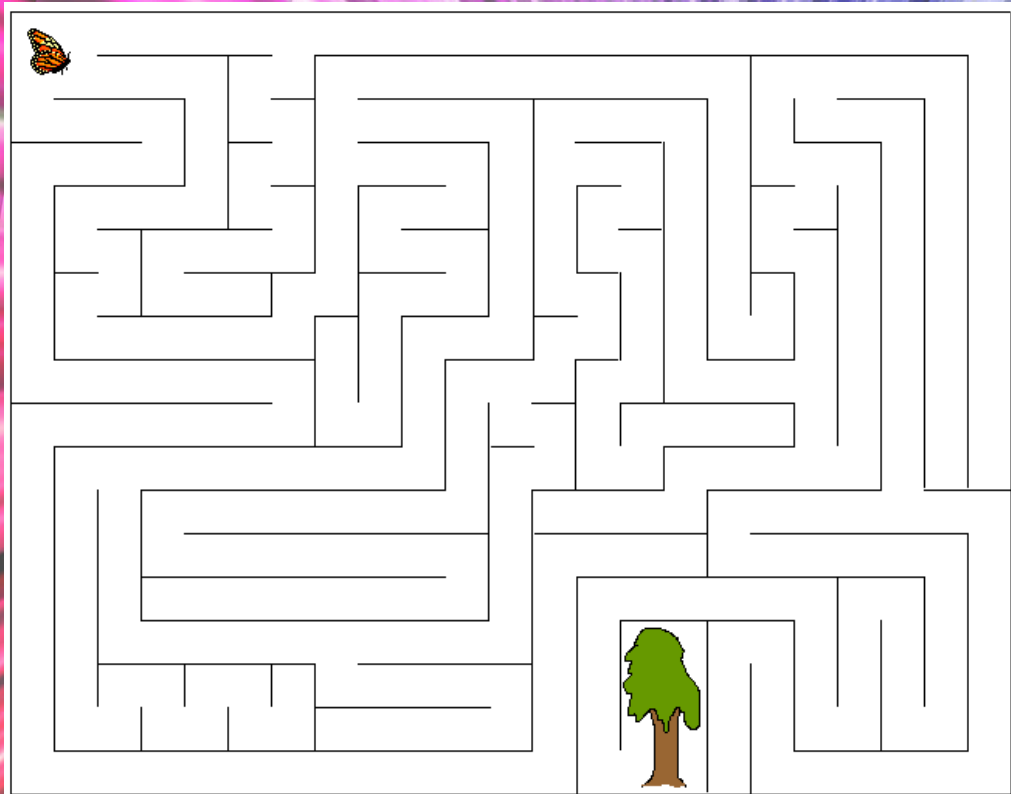


Polos \$20
 Stubby Holders \$10

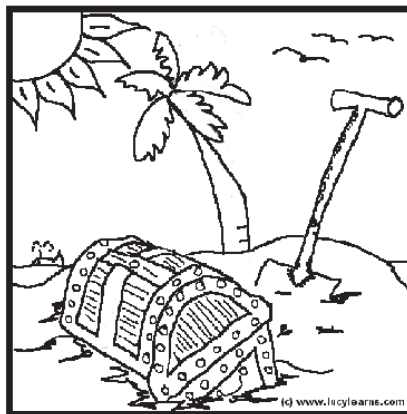
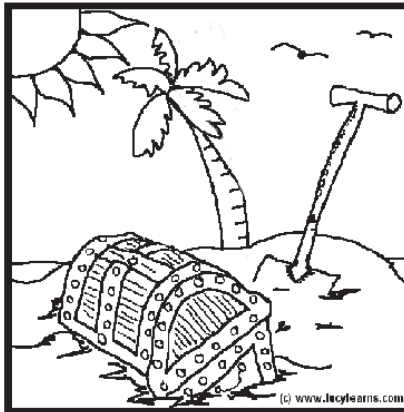


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