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Mystery Pub to Pub

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Presidents Report—November 2005

Hello and welcome to everyone to yet another month's freewheeling.

It only seems like yesterday I was writing last month's Presidents Report.

I am writing this months report on the top deck of a "Magic Murray" Houseboat, with a can in one hand and a pen in the other, looking down over the River Murray, and listening to all the birds.

This is truly a relaxing holiday, and one we should look at as a club event, some time down the track.

Regarding the "Bush Dance".....I asked everyone at last months meeting, did they want another "Bush Dance", and the response was not at all encouraging. There was however, a suggestion that we change the band...To enable us to even contemplate another one, we need the support of at least 75% of the members to make it worthwhile....

If anyone has any other suggestions, the please let us know at the next meeting.

We will be having the Christmas Party in early December...all details will be advised at the November meeting....

{don't forget the November meeting is on the 2nd Tuesday this month to allow for Cup weekend}

Also Ken Gracie has kindly agreed to come along as guest speaker, to give a talk on "FUEL ADDITIVES"

The December meeting will be held at Aussie Disposals store Frankston...so if there are any queries on camping gear, or anyone needs anything specific, please let us know at the November meeting so we can let Rowan know and he can talk about them.

We will also discuss a working bee at Collins Hut.. next meeting..

Once again til next time we meet...take care out there..
.OVER AND OUT

DADDIO.

Attendance Numbers are needed for Christmas Party

For those that will not be attending the November meeting, please contact Annie Simpson if you intend to be at the Chrissy Party.

**We need numbers for catering purposes....
See the attached flyer for exact details**

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1 CUP WHITE SUGAR

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- Divide mixture between 4 x 1 cup ramekins or glasses.
- Spoon yoghurt over the top.
- Stir sugar and half a cup of water in a small saucepan over a low heat until sugar dissolves.
- Bring to the boil, and cook over a high heat until sugar turns dark golden.
- Immediately remove from heat, and pour a thin layer of caramel over yoghurt..
- Allow to set, and serve immediately...

SHOULD SATISFY THE SWEET LOVERS AMONGST US...!!!

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH..... ANNIE,,

P.S. If anyone has any recipes you would like to share with the club...don't hesitate to send it to me at..

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Annie..xoxox

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Minutes of the General Meeting 04 October 2005

The October meeting was held at the Dandenong Library and opened by the President David Hughes at 8.20pm.

Present: 31 members were present as per attendance book.

Apologies: Joe Galovic, Aline Van Buiten, Anne Pettigrew, Craig Rea, Lesley Peters, Maxine Ryan, Ivan Santurini, Ian & Liz Warburton, Jill Boyle, Peter Rowe, Paula Johnston.

Visitors: Gerry & Karen Casse, Ian & Daffne Whitcross, Phil Griffith.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the September meeting as per Newsletter.
Accepted: Ian Webber, seconded Carl Surtees.

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes: Nil.

Supper: Thanks to Gary & Sue

Correspondence In:

- Letter from explorer fridge freezers with brochure offer of \$100 off purchase price or \$100 donation to club if you purchase.
- Letter from Typo Station, a bush property located near Whitfield, runs programs that assist young men with difficulties, seeking volunteers to drive the groups 4wd vehicles as back up support and food delivery and be available for 9 days at a time.
- Letter promoting art in the Flinders Ranges.
- Letter and brochure from Kilcowera Station, Thargominda, Qld, advertising station camping and tours available.
- Letter from four wheel drive Victoria advising public liability insurance is with Calliden Limited through affinity Risk Partners (Brokers)
- Brochure from Weblock Industries advertising snatch straps and winch extension straps of different strengths
- Letter and brochure from Sydney Rigging Specialists advertising super winch line.
- Letter from Anaconda introducing Ultimate Adventure Card.
- Letter from Oxfam Australia thanking clubs for assistance with xmas tree delivery last year. 2005 tree delivery will be sat 10th and sun 11th december, form attached for volunteer names and contact details. Terry is projects co-ordinator so see him re volunteering.
- Publications from Network news, radion network manual, Pajero 4wd club, Toyota Land Cruiser club and Land Rover club. Letter from Rudi Paoletti concern over the use of registered trade mark word "Nav Run" to advertise a club navigational event at Noojee, wants an apology from the club and not to use the name Navrun now or in the future for club events.
- Letter and membership payment from David and Joanne Dawn.
- Letter from Ritchies regarding benefit from card program.
- From 4wd Victoria, annual report, financial report to 30 june 2005 and statement of income and expenditure to 30 june 2005.
- From 4wd Victoria via email informing of Wombat State Forrest cleanup 5th Nov, seeking volunteers to assist.

Correspondence out:

- Letter to Rudi Paoletti apologising for use of word Navrun.
- Letter to 4wd Victoria advising of new committee details.
- Letters to Aussie Disposals and Highway Tyres with invoice for advertising in the newsletter for next 12 months.

Further discussion took place regarding complaint re Navrun, John explained he had spoken to Rudi and believes he is taking this line to protect his brand name and that he wants a further apology in the newsletter. It was explained to John that we were too late for the current newsletter but we will put one in the next newsletter to finalize this situation.

Treasurers report:

Nothing to report still awaiting documents from auditor and still finalising change over from previous treasurer.

Trip Co-Ordinator's Report: Ian Webber

- Last month there was the mystery pub to pub run by David, Graeme to submit report.
- Ashley ran a Toolangi trip on 25th Sept, trip went well.
- 14th..16thOctober John Partridge is running an advanced training trip to Avoca, details in newsletter.
- 23 October David is running a car rally, meeting at Officer weigh bridge 8..8.30am.
- 28/10 to 1/11.. Ashley running trip to MacAllister River
- 28/10 to 2/11 Leanne running trip to Broken Hill.
- 18/11 to20/11 Ashley running trip to King River this is the annual fishing trip.
- Details of trips in the newsletter.
- David raised the idea of a show, swap and sell day for 2006 and will organise same.

Association Report: John Partridge.

John spoke on VFWDA report, Trackwatch and driver training are returning good profits this year and this is enabling the association to look into other issues and work with DSE, they also have new people on the committee. Parks has given them an advance of monies which will enable them to employ a person full time to work with DSE.

Steve asked about the business plan that was being developed, John's reply not a lot was happening as they want to remove any risks, not sure were its at.

David received email from VFWDA, they are running a chain saw safety course, \$150 per person 2 nights theory and 2 days practical, need to supply own safety gear. You need this certificate to assist DSE with track clearance.

Trip Reports:

Graeme reported on the pub to pub event, apart from bad weather every one had a good time.

Paul reported on Toolangi trip , 12 vehicles took part, all had a good time. Full report in newsletter.

Merchandising: James Holden

Informed meeting that must have minimum order of 10 items, Ashley stated he was trying to chase up a new supplier that will take small orders

General Business:

- Carl raised the point, Woods Point Police have warned people via email message about large number of tree down in the area, if traveling that way be prepared to remove trees from tracks.
- First aid course being run by FWDV 19 November.
- Ashley informed meeting his sister is looking into running a 1st aid course.
- Terry spoke on 'Oxfam' and the need for volunteers to assist in tree delivery, needs names and numbers by late October delivery date 14November.
- David read articles in FWDV newsletter about the amount of 4wd bashing going on again.
- Meeting was asked if they wanted a bush dance next year, if no support no dance, show of hands only 6 hands raised.
- Ashley suggested a change from bush dance format to something different maybe rock and roll..
- Article to be placed in newsletter for response as to what the membership would like.

Raffle:

Tickets sold by Steve and Carrissa.

Won by: Phil Griffiths- bottle of wine

Graeme Lynn-Frying pan

Brian Martin- Frying pan

A short 4wd video was shown

Meeting Closed at 10.30pm

Next General Meeting: To be held at Dandenong Library on Tuesday, 8th November 2005.

September Committee Meeting Update

At the September Committee meeting a number of points were raised.

The Committee decided:

- To add the position of Newsletter Editor to the Committee
- That all proposed trips forms must be processed thru the Trip Co-ordinator (Currently Ian Webber)
- That the Proposed Trip Data forms be updated to include the new procedure
- That only proposed trips forwarded by the Trip Co-ordinator to the Newsletter Editors can be included in the club calendar

Contributions from Club Members

Hi all,

I recently purchased a Poly Air Bag kit from this company, their customer and delivery service is excellent, highly recommend them. I saved \$150 buying from them, that included the shipping!

<http://www.truckspring.com/>
Mark

I have attached herewith a report on the removal of the back seats from vehicles. I gave a verbal report at a recent meeting then was requested to put it in writing, so here it is..... Sue & Graeme

Vehicle Modifications (Removal of the back seat)

Recent comments indicated that the Police in some States are cracking down on this apparently illegal practice by many 4*4 drivers who remove the back seats of their vehicle to increase the available storage space, especially while traveling.

As this practice has many consequences I contacted Vic Roads (head office) to check on the accuracy of these comments and what options are available to overcome this situation.

Vic Roads confirmed that the Police in some States are checking on vehicles that have removed the back seats. They also advise that this practice is not a concern for Victorian vehicles with a carrying capacity of 9 passengers or less.

The issue at stake is to ensure that the vehicle is consistent with registration details. That is if the vehicle is registered as a 5 seater then it contains 5 seats. If it contains only 2 seats but is registered as 5 seats then it is illegal and Police can book it in accordance with the laws of the State in which the vehicle is registered.

Vic Roads have advised visiting the local vehicle registration office to have the registration details changed. This involves an inspection of the vehicle by an officer to confirm that the changes have been made and changing the registration details.

A "Change of Vehicle Details" form is completed and signed. Be sure to obtain a copy of this form as proof that the details have been changed should your vehicle be inspected by the Police. When the seats are reinstalled Vic Roads again needs to be advised of the change.

There is no charge by Vic Roads to change the registration details.....

Freewheeling

Newsletter of the Victorian 4wd club

I have a story about one of our advertisers that I'd like to share with the club. I have a 1994 80 series Toyota Landcruiser that has been suffering from power loss problems for some time. If I think about it really hard, I'd say that I bought the vehicle three years ago with the beginnings of symptoms shown as loss of power at 2200rpm.

I was able to fire life back in to the engine by applying a heavy right boot, but this is hardly a long term fix. On my first club training trip in 2002, another club member recommended his mechanic, Andrew Jones at BogCog in Croydon as someone he could trust to give him good advice and service. My experience with BogCog has been an interesting one, to say the least. I have had the car in service with BogCog several times over the last three years where they have investigated possible causes of the problem. Typically three weeks after servicing, the symptoms would reappear. The symptoms are widely reported on the internet by the way, with no clear solutions apart from vague statements about how warm injector flushes may alleviate the symptoms a bit.

BogCog have shown a clear empathy with my problem and a whole lot of determination and engaged the experience and services of a range of specialists in computer and fuel delivery issues, Toyota and a host of other mechanics. Without exception, all those specialists, Toyota and other mechanics gave up on the issue. It was too hard for them to solve and Andrew found that his ideas for possible solutions were greeted by, 'It's not that Landcruiser again!' over the phone. It would be nice to have a famous truck for reasons other than being the 'unfixable one'.

Over the last couple of months, I have seen the symptoms become a nightmare, much worse than at its usual irritating level. In spite of everyone else giving up on it, Andrew happily (?) accepted the challenge to find the root cause of the problem which seems to have been a faulty fuel pump, caused by a 'dirty' fuel tank that was delivering small steel particles to the pump along with the fuel. Even fuel pump specialists and Toyota, could not tell Andrew that the vehicle had a two stage (voltage) fuel pump nor how to test it. At low voltage, it just wasn't delivering enough fuel. The point of the story is this. Yes, I've had a nagging issue for a long time. Yes, I've had it to the same mechanic for that time. Yes, I have shown a lot of patience with my mechanic who could not fix the problem.

And yes, he seems to have fixed the cause when not one of the multitude of specialists or mechanics across the case, nor Toyota could offer any more help, nor wanted to. Andrew and his team at BogCog have spent countless hours fixing this mess of mine, and I'd like everyone to note, that they have done it cheerily, and largely written the cost of labour off on the job. The true cost of those countless hours diagnosing and considering the root cause would have been more than the vehicle was worth, but BogCog has absorbed most of that. I take my hat off to them for being so determined to fix the unfixable, for offering me hope where I couldn't get it elsewhere, and being so honest throughout the whole process.

I have no hesitation in recommending BogCog to other club members..... Murray Ogden

Club Calendar at a Glance

Date Of Trip	Destination (more detail in forthcoming trips)	Contact
8 November	Club Meeting—Dandenong Library	David Hughes
18-20 November	Annual Fishing Trip—King River	Ashley Martin Mob: 0438 600 904
3 December	Annual Christmas Party	Annie Simpson anniesinternet1@iprimus.com.au
6 December	Club Meeting—Dandenong Library	David Hughes
27 December to 2nd January	Annual Dargo—Collins Hut Maintenance and Christmas Camp	Terry Johninke 0414 350 621
Feb or Mar Exact Details TBA	Rock n Roll Dance	Ian Warburton



Trip Report

Toolangi—Day Trip

ROLL CALL!!!

Trip Leader

Ashley

GU

Participants

Michael, Verylle & Kids	GU
Brian & Gary	100 Series
Anthony, Aline & Kids	Prado
Craig & Marika	Suzuki
Joe & Carissa & Kid	GU
Paul & Kid	80 Series
John	GU
Leanne	Hilux
Ron	Troopie
Derek & Janet	Discovery
Tim, Donna & Kids	60 Series

Ashley & John decided to make an early start of it and went up to Toolangi after watching the Grand Final on the Saturday afternoon. The rest of us met at McDonalds Lillydale at 8:30am on Sunday morning. We waited until about 8:50am for some stragglers and then decided that those that weren't present by then would be considered a "no-show".

We met up with John and Ashley at about 9:30am at the camping ground at Lukes Creek Road Track 1. A few minutes were spent saying hello and letting the tyre pressures down. From there we headed up Lukes Creek

Track, which was a bit of a challenge for some, but everyone managed to get up the rocky section towards the top from there we doubled back down what used to be some sort of rail line to the main track. We then headed down a few steep tracks..... before finding some mud!!!

The first few vehicles had no difficulties with the first bog hole but as more vehicles went through it started to become more challenging. There was only one vehicle that needed to be snatched (no it wasn't the Suzuki, it was a Toyota). Paul needed to make a show of it and as no one noticed the first time through he decided to reverse back and give it a second go without the front locker in. Needless to say he got stuck, but he was happy with the mud landing on his roof. Eventually he engaged the front locker again and drove out..... AND got the applause required by a true performer.

We headed to Mt Tanglefoot Picnic ground for lunch before heading to The Murrindindi Cascades for a brief walk and a look at the falls. By then it was starting to get late so we pumped up the tyres again, and headed back towards home.

A great time was had by all. Thanks Ashley for organization..... Another Ashmar experience!!!

MICHAEL, VERYLLE AND KIDS.

The Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club apologises for reference to, and use of the phrase,,NOOJEE NAVRUN...and will ensure any future navigational events will NOT use the word - NAVRUN, - OR NAVRALLY - to describe any club events.

Yahoo Groups

Sign yourself up as a Yahoo user at

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Then go to

<http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/vfwdc>

And click on "Join this group"

Trip Leaders - it's your responsibility to nominate a member to write the trip report.



Trip Report

Our Mystery Pub to Pub Tale

(Friday 16th to Sunday 18th September 2005)

As I sit here wondering where to start this tale I am reminded of the theme song to the film "Paint Your Wagon" (which I believe is a favourite of Rosalie). For those who know the film please feel free to sing along, for those not familiar the words go as follows:

*"Where am I going I don't know,
Where am I heading I aint certain
All I know is I am on my way
When will I be there I don't know
When will I get there I aint certain
All I know is I aint equipped to say
But who gives a damn we're on our way"*

These words reflected the mood of all the participants in what turned out to be another fantastic mystery Pub to Pub this year, a trip with many firsts.

This particular mystery started Friday night at the rather quaint Alpine Retreat Hotel located in the rather unique village of Warburton. Our evening began with drinks at the quiet bar which we discovered was soon to boom to the sound of a rock band. For the oldies this was OK for we would be able to escape to the relative peace of our bedrooms. Little did we know that the building and noise were such that the sound would follow.

At the 'elegant' hour we were seated in a special room set exclusively for the Victorian 4*4 Club where we partook in the first of numerous in depth discussions, innuendoes, jokes, food and other issues for which you would have to be there to believe. Fortunately this room was relatively sound proof. Throughout the course of the evening it was revealed that someone was expecting a 'hot' weekend and so left her night attire at home.

Roll call the following morning produced some interesting comments on the previous evening, but all agreed it was a great start to the weekend. There were some glances to see how the **hot** couple fared. Then came breakfast a hearty meal of bacon, eggs, tomato, toast and coffee/tea all cooked exactly to your hearts delight (maybe not as good as the club cooks on camp, but most welcome all the same).

Time to move on so with one last look at where we

had been it was out to the meeting place for a cup of bubbly, instruction on the rotation convoy procedure, competition details and failed attempts to bribe Dave on where we were heading. The arrival on Saturday of Annie, Terry and Annie's son Greg completed the final role call.

The roll call as I remember:

Dave	Our tour guide and keeper of the mystery
Rosalie	Well organized organizer
Annie	Vic 4*4 choir member and competition winner
Terry	Our intrepid explorer
Greg	His mother's son
Paula	Vic 4*4 choir member, the cool one
Garry	A gentleman and protector
Barry	The entertainer
Thelma	Vic 4*4 choir member
Don	The man with the ingenious 4*4
Sue	How does one label one's own wife?
Graeme	Scribe
Dawn	Leader of the Vic 4*4 choir
Ray	Tail end Charlie and past gold fossicker extraordinaire

With rain and cold weather setting in we headed to a unique house, with a unique name: "Boingaology", where wood carving, art pieces and open art gallery surround and engulf the dwelling. Well worth a visit if you are ever in the vicinity.



Moving out along the Woods Point Road we passed the O'Shannasey Reservoir and Lodge but not before David executed some very important business, business! With the rain slowly getting heavier we braved the elements to visit the Little

Peninsula Tunnel. This 30 meter long tunnel was built in the 1860's by the Chinese to divert the Yarra River allowing them to search the river bed for alluvial gold.

The tunnel is sometimes accessible when the tide is low and the water flow is tame. The fact that the river was running full and fast did not stop Terry from considering the possibilities of exploring the interior of the tunnel.

Ray provided us with a detailed account on such workings as one of his many past experiences included fossicking for gold. Our mystery trip by chance included a nostalgic trip for Ray as



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we passed a number of areas where he tried to secure his financial future.

Inspired by Ray's comments, the Vic 4*4 Choir burst into their rendition of 'I was a big man yesterday'. This was soon followed by 'On top of Old Smoky'.

Moving right along we began to climb passing the famous 'Refton Pub' (on a Pub to Pub tour how can you pass a pub especially a famous one), the Upper Yarra Reservoir, heading towards Lake Mountain and stopping at the Big Culvert. Now it is getting cold, Thelma advising that according to her thermometer it was 4.4 degrees and it is snowing, another first for the Pub to Pub. Also a first is the fact that this was the first time Paula had seen falling snow since arriving in Australia in 1974. It was also Annie's first sighting of falling snow.

Having inspected the hand built blue stone culvert it was time to turn around and head for lunch. Back to the Camberville Track, a quick inspection of the Camberville historic saw milling township (or what is left of it), across Dudley Saddle, onto the Eildon-Warburton Road then into Don's Track. But what do we have here? Fallen trees, not one but more that we have time to negotiate so another "U" turn! As we are now very late for our lunch engagement we settled for a quick snack by the road.

Our lunch destination was to be the Jamerson pub, the meal was off but the tour of the beer making facilities was worth the visit. Quite something considering the variety and quantity of beer being produced (10,000 bottles per day) from such a small establishment.

By now most of the suggested locations for the Saturday night Pub have been dashed. We have left the gravel behind and are traveling on the black top along the east side of Lake Eildon towards Mansfield and to our destination, which turned out to be the Lakeland Hotel at Bonnie Doon. We book in and prepare for another night of fun, tall tales, good food and friendship. Saturday night and yes another band but this one was playing our style of music.

Sunday morning found the guys marveling over the attributes of Thelma and Don's vehicle. Bumper bars full of spare oil, wheel holders that convert to tow frames, winching rigs for exploring mine shafts to name just a few. Mean while some of the ladies had been for their constitutional walk across the bridge.

But time flies and we were soon on the road looking for the gravel. This time we traveled along the west side of the Lake Eildon almost completing a full circuit of the lake. Climbing around the hills caused the choir to burst

into song with 'She'll be Coming Round the Mountain' and a number of others.

Some words of wisdom from our traveling companions.

Don "I believe in the hereafter and I know what I am here after"

Dawn "Old age comes to those who are lucky"

Our semi final destination was the Alexandra Sunday market. Amasing how the ladies head for the arts and crafts and the guys head for anything mechanical! But we all got together for a ride on the tram yes, a whole bunch of grown ups choo chooing their way around the circuit.

The final destination was O'Brien's Mt Pleasant Hotel for a quiet drink and sad farewells after yet another memorable trip.

Footnote

There are so many more tales that could have been told like how Garry's vehicle saved the Alpine Resort managers car from being extensively damaged. But I would like to finish my tale by apologising to all who may have been entertained by the melodious singing of the Vic 4*4 choir... Graeme



Living Will:

A man and his wife are sitting in the living room and he says to her: "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state dependent on some machine. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

His wife gets up and unplugs the TV



Upcoming Event

Fishing Trip-King or Howqua River

Friday 18th — Sunday 20th November

Trip Leader:	Ashley Martin
Contact No:	Mob: 0438 600 904
Destination:	Macalister River
Meeting Time/Place:	Lillydale Maccas
Vehicle Limit:	<i>Min:</i> 3, <i>Max:</i> 10
Grade:	<i>Wet:</i> Medium <i>Dry:</i> Easy/Medium
Approximate Kms:	400
Last Available Fuel:	Petrol/Diesel available at TBA
Equipment:	Basic recovery gear
Maps:	None
Radio Channel:	Channel 12

There has been a change of venue for this years annual fishing trip. Mayford has been the traditional spot but due to distance and uncertainty when the track opens I have decided to change the location to a closer spot. The destination will be finalized at a closer date.

Come along and fish, swim, relax or whatever you like. This is a weekend that you have the choice of what you wish to do.



Upcoming Event

Collins Hut Maintenance and Christmas Camp Dargo

Tuesday Dec 27th — Monday Jan 2nd

Trip Leader:	Terry Johnke
Contact No:	Mob: 0414 350 621
Destination:	Collins Hut
Meeting Time/Place:	Officer Weigh Bridge
Vehicle Limit:	<i>Min:</i> 3, <i>Max:</i> 20
Grade:	<i>Wet:</i> Medium <i>Dry:</i> Easy/Medium
Approximate Kms:	400
Last Available Fuel:	Petrol/Diesel available at Dargo
Equipment:	Basic recovery gear
Maps:	None
Radio Channel:	Channel 12

This event will start with a lazy amble up to Dargo arriving in time to set up camp (after the ground has been cleared with brush cutters and the like). This will be followed by the usual campfire antics and evening frivolities. The ensuing days will be filled with lazing, then hut maintenance as needed then lazing and probably some more hut maintenance. Then for those sick of the lazing and maintenance there will probably be the occasional day trip to somewhere or a bit of water sport in the form of fighting the currents in the rock pools whilst sipping on a your favorite fluid.

A new years eve campfire cook up followed by a candle lit dinner will initiate the new years eve festivities...

Aaahhhh yessss... It promises to be a (put your own anecdote in here)

Oh yeah, there may be Flies.. But I am assured there will be but no dam cicadas

Attention: All 4WD Club Presidents/Secretaries/Delegates

Folks,

This email is a call to arms and we need many of them.

The 2005 winter has wrecked havoc in the high country and the amount of fallen timber will keep tracks closed until well after Christmas unless we get your help. The Association is calling for volunteers to register for working parties in the high country on the following weekends:

1. 5th & 6th November
2. 12th & 13th November
3. 19th & 20th November
4. 26th & 27th November
5. 3rd & 4th December
6. 10th & 11th December

On behalf of the Association I ask that you have your club supply at least two working parties to work on any of these weekends. I ask that you organise an outcome personally so we have people called and put together as a mini army of volunteers to get this work done.

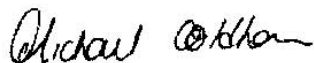
Registration via email to Brian Cox specifying which weekend your teams are available. Brian will with Parks and DSE allocate a local ranger who will meet with you and work with you for this project.

Contact details: Email office@fwdvictoria.org.au PH 9857 5209 or 9857 4911 or FAX 9857 5260

The Association will provide you and your team with a fuel subsidy from a small grant we have secured from Parks to cover these costs. You will be contributing to the benefit of all of our members in getting the tracks open before Christmas and at the same time performing a terrific public service.

Join us in making a difference by providing a community service for the benefit of all Victorians. I look forward to seeing you in the high country.

Kind regards,



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Please co-ordinate efforts thru the Club Trip Co-ordinator—contact Ian Webber with your expression of interest for one of the working parties so he can contact FWDVic with one voice from our club. Ed

December
General
Meeting

Here is A Reminder

This General Meeting will be held at:

Aussie Disposals
Frankston

Located at: 24 BEACH ST
(NEXT DOOR TO BAYSIDE SHOPPING CENTRE)

Jot down any questions on camping gear, recovery gear or even bargains.

In fact their specialist staff will probably have an answer for just about anything. Write em down and bring em along..

But don't be late or we will start without you..
And you know we will

March
General
Meeting



Christmas Party



Saturday December 3rd

Gilwell Park, Gembrook

Smorgesboard Meal

Charges

\$12.00 for Club Members

\$18.00 for Non Members

\$5.00 per Child

\$6.50 per Person to Camp overnight

BYO Drinks and Glasses

Eating Utensils

Chairs

Camping Equipment

Festivities start with Lunch at 1PM for the Children

Its widely rumoured that Santa will make an
appearance

(Parents are reminded to bring presents for Santa to hand out to your
children)



Drinks and Ice Creams
for Children

Gilwell Park



Here is how to find the site and the gates will be dressed with VFWDC signage

