



JULY 2011

Free Wheeling



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VFWDC GENERAL MEETING VENUE

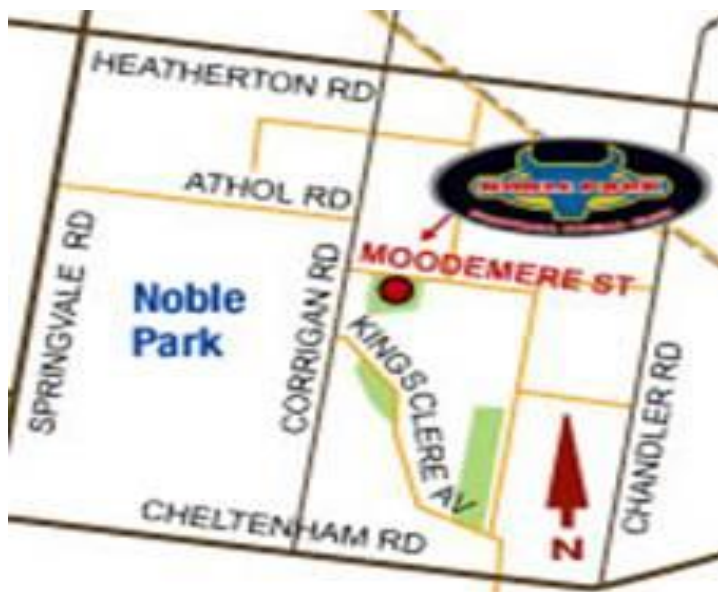
The club meets at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club, 46-56 Moodemere St, Noble Park on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 8.00pm (No meeting January).
Members and Guests are welcome to dine at the Bistro before attending the meeting.

First **WEDNESDAY** of each month 8.00PM Start

Venue:

Bowling Club Rooms (Next to Car Park)

Noble Park Football Club
46-56 Moodemere Street
Noble Park
Melways ref: 89 D4



FREE WHEELING

Hello and welcome to the July newsletter. This month there is the Xmas in July trip, please see further in the newsletter for more details.

Catherine

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Club Details	
Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
Registration No	A002184F
Correspondence	PO Box 778 Dandenong Vic 3174
Email	secretary@vfwdc.com
Website	www.vfwdc.com
Meetings	Held 8pm, first Wednesday of each month, excluding January (no meeting).
Location	Noble Park Football Club (Bowling club near car park) 46-56 Moodemere Street Noble Park Melways ref: 89 D4
Newsletter	All articles and photographs to be submitted prior to 20 th of each month to editor@vfwdc.com
	The Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club is an affiliated club of the Victoria Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc (VAFWDC)



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CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

2011				
July	Wednesday 6th	General Meeting Top Performance Presentation	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	10th	Toolangi - Narbethong	Tim Axtell	0414 848 753
	19th	Committee Meeting		
	30th - 31st	Xmas In July	Dan Robinson	0407 334 169
August	Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting & AGM Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	7th-8th	Mt Skene Snow Trip	Sam	
	13th	AGM Annual Dinner - The Pavilion	Ashley	0438 600 904
	20th	First Aid Course Part One	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	23rd	Committee Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	27th	First Aid Course Part Two	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
September	Wednesday 7th	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
October	Wednesday 5th	General Meeting		
November	Wednesday 2nd	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	28th Oct - 1st Nov	Robe - South Australia	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860

Our website has been updated, check it out at www.vfwdc.com It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring a cd of the photos from your trips to the club meeting & pass them onto Bruce, so they can be added to our website for advertising. Only if you choose to.



FYI....For information in relation to track closures, use the link below.
<http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources/mresources/Closures-AlpineNP.pdf>

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hope everyone is keeping warm! It has been fairly average outside in the last couple of weeks, with varying levels of Brrrr... Winter this year will be one of the coldest for a while if this keeps up.

At this month's General Meeting, the team from Top Performance are coming out to the club to give a talk on suspension. There is also a **BIG** discount that John has arranged for our club members through Everything4wd that you will find out about on the night! So if your in the market for new suspension, this is your chance for some of the best.

The Club website is up and running with the new look and all the feedback has been great! We would still like more photos to add to the gallery of trips from years gone by, maybe some of the older

members have some photos from the early days of our great club that we could use? If you can, please copy them to a CD or USB stick, and mark where the trip was so that can be added to the website. I can give you back the CD when I have uploaded the photos. The photos can be copy to my Laptop at the club meeting from your USB stick and handed straight back to you then and there.

There's plenty of snow around and people are heading in all directions. One of our newer members Sam is running a snow trip soon so get in early for it, as permits need to be requested from Parks/4wd Victoria for this trip. Sam runs a dazzling trip, so his snow trip will be no exception. Hopefully we can talk Big Bob McKerrow into running his snow trip too, as his trip is also excellent. If you haven't been on one of Bobs trips, you are really missing out on a unique experience, Bobs commentary really makes the trip just that bit more special.

We still have a few vacancies on the First Aid Course in August, so get your forms in at the meeting to avoid disappointment.

On a sad note, today we got an email from 4wd Victoria stating that Collins Hut had been vandalized again, but this time Parks Vic are talking of pulling it down. I don't know anymore at this stage – it doesn't look good. Ashley is at a meeting tonight (Wednesday 22/6), so more information will hopefully be available at the next General Meeting.

We have a few good trips coming up, so keep your eye on the Trips Calendar, and there's a few big plans for November Long Weekend this year I hear, with possibly 3 or 4 awesome trips to come. One Interstate, one south west, one east and possibly one north west!

The magazine is looking fantastic these days, Catherine is doing a mighty fine job. Xmas in July is also coming up on us very quickly, so start planning and getting ready for celebrations. With the choice of 3 roasts, and a stack of salads to choose from who is going to say no!

We have the AGM dinner coming up in August, see elsewhere in the magazine for more info. I'm waiting on a call back for more information on the GPS course, so hopefully I can tell you more at the next club meeting.

Anyway that's it for this month, come up and say hello at the meeting, I'll buy you a coffee there ☺

Regards
Bruce Cremonesi
President VFWDC.

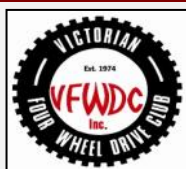
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VFWDC Sticker (long)	\$ 6.00 ea

(The VFWDC long stickers will be available at the next club meeting. Please see David Bruinsma for these stickers).

We encourage all members to purchase a Club Polo Shirt.

Email your order to committee@vfwdc.com.
Please ensure you advise size required.

Minutes of General Meeting June 2011

General Meeting June 1st 2011

The meeting was held at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club and was opened at 8.18pm by President Bruce Cremonesi

Present: There were 29 members present as per the attendance book

Apologies: 8 Members in the book

Visitors: 4 people in the book

Minutes of previous General Meeting

Accepted : Tim

Seconded : Anthony

Matters arising:

Chain Saw course is now completed - and everyone passed.

Correspondence in

Landrovering Review magazine

Cross County jeep Club Magazine (April and May)

Eureka Echo

Holmesglen TAFE invoice for chain saw course

Bendigo Bank statement

Correspondence out

Club Magazines as per usual

Treasurers report

Term Deposit	\$5465.34
Petty Cash	\$50.00
Money In	\$2686.00
Moneys Out	\$2560.00
Balance	\$10623.75

Accepted: Mark

2nd: Neville

Trip reports

Marysville Trip - Apparently an easy trip. Started from Lilydale up through Marysville to Stephens Falls. Then up to Lady Talbot Drive to see another set of falls. Keppel hut, lots of snow at the top. Kids had fun playing in the snow. Phil led from there and went down into the bush and mud until a nice bog hole slowed the procession. Andrew got well bogged and had to use his winch for the very first time. Everyone did finally manage to get through. BUT, then had to turn around and go back through it again. Bruce got bogged again and had to

Minutes of General Meeting June 2011 Continued

climb out of the passenger front window. Neville tried to get air-bourne through the mud hole. Dan nearly lost his rear left wheel - the nuts came loose. 8 Vehicles on the trip.

Mansfield. Steve and Ben went on a trip, Mark and Catherine joined up later that night. Track to Jameson hut had been recently graded. Went up to Lovicks hut and had a few extra guys followed. Sunday was a bit of a late start (ask Catherine about that...). Good weather, just very cold.

Trip coordinators report

The various trip leaders gave a brief overview of the following upcoming trips

Type	When	Where	Trip Leader
Easy/medium	Queens b'day w/e	Whiterfield	Johan
Medium/hard	Queens b'day w/e	Merrington flats	Sam
Easy	Xmas in July (30 th /31 st)	Noojee	Committee
Medium	10 th July	Toolangi	Tim
Medium	Aug.	Mt Skene	Sam

Event Coordinators Report - n/-

Association Report - n/-

General business

Beginners Driver training - a bit hard to organize the practical part of the course.

Sand driving course - John is thinking about conducting a sand driving course out past Portland (Melbourne cup long weekend). Will need to become 'day' members of the sand buggy club to be able to access the sand dunes.

First Aid course: Cost will be \$130, and the club will subside that by \$100, so members will only pay \$30. Aug 20th and 27th (over 2 Saturday's). forms are available, and need to be sent back in by 8th of July to the committee

Other Business

Andrews caravan is still for sale ...

(Tim) Who is going to be Santa at the Xmas party? Committee has not thought of it. Forgot to send a postcard invitation to him. (John P) will probably lead a trip the next day. Next month, the guys from Topperformance (suspension gear) will be coming to go through different car set ups.

AGM will be held at the August General meeting. AGM dinner (in August) - Ashley is looking into this (probably going to the 'pavilion' in Dandenong again) Thanks to Catherine who took over the magazine half way through this past financial year. Been doing a good job so far. The 80 channel UHF frequencies were approved (or went live) yesterday ... Luke has some heavy duty Batteries (approx 10) available if people are interested.

Raffle

This month there are 3 prizes donated. 2x shackles and a tree protector from Everything 4wd, and a Bottle of Red wine by Ken Pitcher

Tickets sold by Emily

Prize	Won by
Red wine	Jane
Tree protector	Adam
Pack of 2 / 3.2t Shackles	Steve

Meeting Closed: 9:50 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 8.00pm 6th July at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club.

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Toolangi - Narbethong
LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	Tim Axtell - 0414 848 753
DATE	Sunday 10/7/11
MEETING	TBA - Melb Highway. Somewhere, email sent to all members
GRADE	WET: Medium DRY: Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS Have a fun day playing in the forest. Driving rough and muddy tracks, finish the day in Narbethong (hopefully).	
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	Petrol & Diesel: Toolangi Servo
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Good all terrain tyres and recovery kit

DESTINATION	Xmas In July
LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	Dan Robinson 0407 334 169
DATE	Fri 29/7/11 to Sun 31/7/11
MEETING	Toorong Falls Camp ground East of Noojee Welcome anytime Friday onwards
GRADE	Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS The food will be funded by the club excluding Alcohol and drinks. Saturday night will be a roast meal with salads & deserts, breakfast will also be provided on Sunday. All other meals will have to be self catered by attendees. Please bring shelters and table for communal dinner. Further details & map of location will be emailed to members, who have put their names down.	
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Self sufficient equipment

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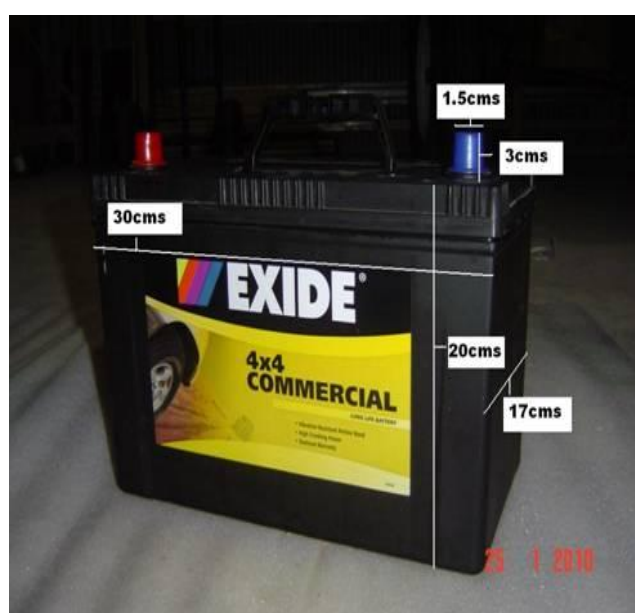
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If you have any questions please contact Alan Mackay on rallysport@gotalk.net.au





Trip Reports

Mark & Catherine Felton (TL) Written by: Catherine Felton
Steve
Steve Pitcher & Ben (TEC)

Friday

I had a good day at work, Mark had received a call and was advised that Steve P & Ben were heading up earlier; we didn't have to rush as much. Mark had gone home to meet Steve; I had made it almost half way home, when I had forgotten to grab the maps from work. I returned to work, collected the maps & headed home again. The boys had finished packing the car, I grabbed a few more things & then we headed off. We stopped for dinner along the way & headed out to Mansfield. The rain had been falling since mid afternoon, we had literally got to the bottom of the black spur & it had completed stopped. We were planning to stop at the BP in Mansfield, but they had already shut up for the night. Thankfully we had enough fuel for the return trip, so headed to Sheeppyard Flat. We picked up Steve P over the UHF; where we found them huddled around a small fire. The fire was stoked, camp was set & we sat around the campfire for a little bit, then headed off to bed.

Saturday

We woke up, Steve P & Ben decided to have a sleep in, till around 9am, Steve & I took a walk & took some photos. We packed up & headed off to Upper Jamieson Hut, the track down to the Hut was different to when we had been there 3 weeks ago. It had only been recently graded & with the latest down pouring of rain, it was a mess. The grading of the track wasn't needed, as the track was fine last time.

We got down to the Hut, with a few vehicles & guys there. We stopped & chatted with them, took a look inside the Hut, where some people had lodged & the fire was roaring with warmth. We said the guys could join us later at Lovicks. We continued on, passed alot of hunters who were stationed along the track. The tracks up to Lovicks were also changed from 3 weeks ago. We didn't stop for lunch as we were so close to Lovicks, we saw plenty of fallen wood, so decided to stop & grab some along the way. We eventually got to Lovicks; a group effort of starting the fire was successful. Ben, Steve P & Mark went & collected some more wood for the night, while Steve & I tended to the fire.

That's when the guys from Upper Jamieson Hut rocked up; they too had seen the hunters. But they were held up, where the hunters finally got their prize. The guys had a whole leg of a very young buck in one of the cars. It looked like a good bit of meat, a peace offering of them having to wait for awhile for the kill. All of a sudden most of the guys "cracked" out their mobile phones, checking voicemail boxes & were making phone calls. I asked them if they "had to check in with their misses", because it was like they couldn't be without their mobile phones, for a few days. They headed back to the Lovicks property down near Sheeppyard Flat.

The fire was roaring, & we had plenty of wood to keep us warm for the night. Mark & Steve went for a drive, to where we been to the look out before, but the fog was rolling in & it wasn't long before the boys returned, as they had already locked the gate up on the track. We had dinner as night fell, & it looked like it was going to rain, but before long the fog & cloud had rolled through, making way for a clear starry night sky, that lay out above us.

This made the temperature drop dramatically. Steve had set up himself inside the Hut, which was a wise choice. Stories were shared around the campfire, I remember falling asleep for a short time, Chorizo's & drinks were consumed at 11pm. Finally we decided to go to bed at some early hour of the morning, we went to get in the tent & the zip on the fly was frozen & it made it interesting climbing into bed.

Sunday

Some of us had risen early & others decided it was too cold & stayed in bed for a little while longer. Mark advised me that everything was covered with ice & a few things were frozen. We took awhile to have brekkie & pack up; it was 11:30am, before we headed off to the Bluff Hut. Then up Sixteen Mile Spur Track to Circuit Road, this is where we said good-bye to Ben & Steve P, who headed down the hill & we headed up monument Track, to Craig's Hut. Mark & Steve headed off to Craig's Hut & took some photos, while I had a short nap in the warm car. We headed down Circuit Road, along the bit that was closed last time & saw alot of damage from the heavy rains a few months ago & alot of huge landslides. We returned home later than expected. Thanks Mark for running your first trip; it was definitely a good one to remember.

VFWDC AGM Meeting

NOTICE

Wednesday 3rd August 2011
Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club
46-56 Moodemere Street,
Noble Park. Starting at 8.00pm.
All Members and Guests are welcome.

New committee will be voted in and formal proceedings of the AGM will take place.

VFWDC AGM DINNER

Saturday 13th August
The Pavilion
Princess Highway, Dandenong

Please be aware that we are unable to split the bill. There will be one bill for the whole table, please bring cash money to pay for your part of the bill. Drinks can be purchased separately but the meal will have to be on 1 docket.



FWDV Delegates Brief Sheet to be read out at Club Meetings, and printed in Club Magazines.

June 2011

Vacancies on Sand Driving Course - Queens Birthday Weekend

A few vacancies still exist on the Sand Driving Course to be held over the Queen's Birthday Weekend - 11th, 12th & 13th June 2011. The objective of this weekend is to teach participants how to drive safely on the Sand and Sand Dunes, instruct in sand driving techniques, self recovery and group recovery techniques using a snatch strap, spade while having a great weekend away with like minded 4WD Drivers.

4WD Victoria meets with the Environment Minister

On Thursday 26th May delegates from 4WD Victoria met with the Minister for Environment – Hon Ryan Smith at Parliament House. At this meeting we presented the minister with a submission for the Adoption of a State 4WD Policy. The minister was very impressed with our presentation and has undertaken to consider 4WD Victoria's bid for funding of ongoing activities and new initiatives.

Police Search & Rescue Squad Presentation at next General Meeting – Wed 22nd June 7.30pm

Why not get a few friends together and join us at this month's General Meeting on Wednesday 22nd June at 7.00pm to hear a great presentation from Snr Const Nicole DePropertis of the Victorian Police Search & Rescue Squad. Nicole will explain to us the role of the Search and Rescue Squad (SAR) and how they provide specialist expertise, advice and practical assistance in land search and rescue.

Jamieson – Licola Road Seasonal Closure

Mansfield Shire Council have advised that they will be closing the Jamieson - Licola Road from Thursday 16th June to Thursday 27th October 2011. Under the MOU signed between FWDV and the Mansfield Shire Council, Clubs/Members wishing to use the road may apply to do so by completing the Jamieson – Licola Road Permit application on the FWDV Website under the Track Information / Track Permits tab.

Please Note: A minimum of 14 days notice is required to process applications.

Trainee Driving Instructors Required

The Education and Training Sub-Committee are looking for additional club members to become Trainee Driving Instructors. To become a trainee, candidates can be any club member, with basic experience in 4 or more of the following terrains. 1/Steep terrain, 2/Mud, 3/Sand, 4/Snow, 5/Rocks, 6/ Outback Terrain, 7/Water Crossings. They must have completed a Proficiency Level Driver Training Course or similar course, and provide evidence that they understand the basic snatch strap recovery technique. Additionally the need to provide evidence that they have the ability to present a theory session under the direct supervision of an accredited instructor, and then be formally nominated by their club on the required ETU Trainee Nomination Form.

For further information please contact the Office on (03) 9857 5209 or email office@fwdvictoria.org.au

Education & Training Unit

The Education and Training Unit are looking for members to join their Sub committee, anyone with an interest in Driver Training, Chainsaw Training, Map Reading / GPS, and Trip Leading may apply, however preference will be given to those members who are already qualified instructors. If you would like to contribute to the success of 4WD Victoria's ETU, please contact the Office and we will put you in touch with a member of ETU who can discuss with you what is required of a member on this very important Sub-committee.

4WD Victoria Raffle

Final sales of tickets for the 4WD Victoria Raffle should be completed this month, with ticket butts and monies raised to be returned to the office by COB on Monday 20th June. Raffle will be drawn at the General Meeting to be held on 22nd June 2011 at Four Wheel Drive Victoria, and winners will be notified.

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Nomination for Election to the Committee of Management – 2011/2012

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Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc

Held Wednesday, 4 August 2010 at Noble Park Football Club

Meeting Opened at 9.45pm.

Chaired By: Ashley Martin

Members Present: There were 26 members present as per the attendance book

Apologies: Maxine Ryan, David & Rosalie Hughes, Michael & Sally Harris, Donna Axtell, Lesley Peters, Pat Casey, Bill & Coral Harwood, John Partridge, Mark Felton, Aline Van Buiten

Minutes of AGM Meeting 5 August 2009

Accepted by: George Pledger
Second by: Bruce Cremonesi

Trip Coordinator's Report: Presented by Dan Robinson.

There were 23 trips run this year, 21 of which were in Victoria and 2 interstate (Robe Trip and Madigan Line Trip). There were 15 different trip leaders compared to only 7 last year.

Unfortunately we don't have the attendance data for trips attended last year however it is encouraging to note that we still managed close to an average of 2 trips per month.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Phil Griffith**Profit and Loss (Cash)****Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc**

ABN:

Report Period: 1/07/2009 - 30/06/2010

Account(s) in this report: Beechign Bank 402-109 111741564, Savings Bank Deposit

Income	\$	\$
Association Adjustments	840.00	
Union 12 - Membership Fees	3419.00	
Income - Refunds	410.00	
Interest Received	137.60	
Merchandise	19.18	
Total Income		4715.11
Expenses	\$	\$
Accounting Fees	880.75	
Advertising & Promotion	300.00	
Bank Charges	5.00	
Club House Supplies	275.00	
Functions - Christmas	47.00	
Ins - Library Room	1500.00	
Office Equipment & \$1000	400.00	
Postage	408.47	
Printing & Stationery	412.64	
Purchases for Retail	827.27	
Raffle Costs	75.50	
Total Expenses		3894.08
Net Profit (Loss)		824.13

Please Note: This report may require adjustment for depreciation or accrual items depending on your tax or accounting requirements.

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Last year we reported a small loss due to the overpayment of fees to the association. This year we have made a small profit however it should be noted that this includes a refund of the overpaid fees from the previous year, so effectively the club broke even. Next year we should be in a slightly better position given that we will not need to outlay as much to restock club merchandise.

President's Reports: Presented by Ashley Martin

It has been an interesting year for the club and whilst we still did relatively well running 23 trips it would have been nice to see more day trips and fewer trip cancellations. It is good to see that we are still attracting new members to the club and this is only to be encouraged as our membership is the lifeblood of our club. I am sure the new committee will embrace and continue this trend and help grow a strong club for the future. Hopefully we can increase the number of trips, especially day trips and with greater participation, not only increase the enjoyment of our hobby for the existing members but encourage new members to join. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current committee who has worked hard all year to close a number of issues.

General Business:**Amendment to the Club Constitution – Definition of Membership**

Proposed: Paul Ryan

Seconded: Ashley Martin

Paul Ryan presented an amendment to the Constitution regarding the definition of membership in response to previous enquiries regarding Honorary Memberships from Club members. The Committee of Management have revised the categories of Membership of the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc. as defined in the Constitution and this was presented to the membership as follows:

- (8) There shall be three (3) classes of Member of the Association:
 - (a) Ordinary Member, comprising Single (Ordinary) Member and Family (Ordinary) Member. An Ordinary Member is defined as an active member of the club who, having paid their application fee and membership fee, is an affiliated member of the Association. Ordinary members have full voting rights and may occupy positions on the Committee of Management. Ordinary members are affiliated members of Four Wheel Drive Victoria and as such a portion of the membership fee is required to cover the costs of affiliation and insurance costs.
 - (b) Silver Member. A Silver Member is an active member of the club who has had 25 years continuous membership with the Association. In recognition of this the Committee of Management waives the membership fee for the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc. for these members. The member is not a financial member of the Association and therefore has no voting rights and may not occupy a position on the Committee of Management. The member continues to be an affiliated member of Four Wheel Drive Victoria and must pay the associated affiliation fee and insurance costs. A Silver Member may, if they so decide, continue to be recognized as Financial Member of the Association by paying their membership fee. Payment of the fee entitles them to full voting rights and allows them to nominate for and occupy positions on the Committee Management, if they so wish.
 - (c) Gold Member (formerly known as Honorary Member). A Gold Member is an inactive member of the Association who was formerly recognized as an Honorary Member. Gold Members are non financial members of the Association and do not have voting rights nor may they occupy a position on the Committee of Management. Gold

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Members are inactive and therefore are not affiliated members of Four Wheel Drive Victoria. Gold Members are not required to pay affiliation fees and insurance costs. Gold Membership may be bestowed on a member at the instigation of the Committee of Management.

The amendment was put to the vote of the membership present at the meeting and was carried unanimously.

The amendment will be included in the Constitution.

Congratulations were given to Peter & Lisa Petrou who were the first members present at the meeting to qualify for Silver membership under this amendment for having been with the club for 25 years.

Under the amendment Silver Membership will also be extended to the following members with our Congratulations and thanks for their continued support:

Ray & Dawn Brown – 26 years
Pat & Ann Casey – 31 Years
Don & Thelma Montague – 31 Years
Peter & Denise Rowe – 33 Years
Bill & Coral Harwood – 26 Years
Bryan West – 27 Years

Committee stood down.

Election

Chaired by Paul Ryan.

Thanks to the previous committee

Nominations were received and accepted, the following positions were announced:

President:	Bruce Cremonesi
Vice President:	Mark Kochan
Treasurer:	Phillip Griffith
Secretary:	Nil
Committee:	Dan Robinson Luke Teunissen

No other nominations were received. The position of Secretary will be shared by the committee until an appointment is made.

The new committee took office.

Paul introduced the new committee.

Meeting Closed at 10.40pm.