



FEBRUARY 2012

# Free Wheeling



Club Christmas Break Up Party 2011

# Notice Board

## VFWDC GENERAL MEETING VENUE

The club meets at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club, 46-56 Moodemere St, Noble Park on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at 8.00pm (No meeting in January and November meeting at selected location). 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,  
down the far end of the car park)

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



## **FREE WHEELING**

Hello and welcome to the February newsletter. Welcome back, hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break. Take a look at the trip reports for one trip that was ran over the Christmas break and the Christmas party, that was a very enjoyable day. Also take a look at the upcoming trips, that are planned for the next few months.

Catherine

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## COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT 2011-2012

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Club Details	
Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
Registration No	A002184F
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Website	<a href="http://www.vfwdc.com">www.vfwdc.com</a>
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 <sup>th</sup> of each month to <a href="mailto:editor@vfwdc.com">editor@vfwdc.com</a>
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## CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

2012				
February	Wednesday 1st	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	Saturday 18th	Committee Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
March	Wednesday 7th	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	Friday 9th-Monday 12th	Sheepyard Flat-Wonnangatta Valley	Mark & Catherine Felton	0439 345 207
	Saturday 18th	GPS Course	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
April	Wednesday 4th	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	6th-9th	Easter Holidays		
May	Wednesday 2nd	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
June	Wednesday 2nd	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	30th June-14th July 30th June-20th July	Simpson Only Simpson & Dig Tree etc	Dan Robinson	0407 334 169

Our website has been updated, check it out at [www.vfwdc.com](http://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.

# For Sale

EMG Swag BRAND NEW -  
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box. \$250  
Meas. 108x31x31cm

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Thanks, Chris Smith

# For Sale

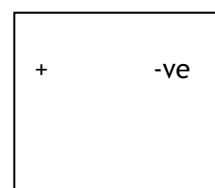
Brand new Exide 4x4 Commercial Battery  
(more than one available)

730 cca, 160RC,  
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Poles

Sell for \$130 ea.

If you have any questions please contact  
Alan Mackay on [rallysport@gotalk.net.au](mailto:rallysport@gotalk.net.au)





# Trip Incentive Scheme

The committee had decided to implement this idea, to help promote the club and encourage club members to run more trips. This will be over a period of the committee year.

Prizes will not be awarded to the same person. The prize will be a voucher to an nominated establishment of your choice (within reason), sorry no cash.

The following prizes will be on offer:



# EVERYTHING 4WD

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**Discounts available for all 4WD club members**



# Notice to all club members

## Please note:

For any club trips that are planned through the club, you need to have a trip data form filled in and return it to the trip co-ordinator and committee, as stipulated on the bottom of the trip data form.

This is for official documentation for the club and insurance purposes.

Please also make sure you follow through with your trip of reporting it at the next months club meeting and providing a trip report and if possible, provide photos to the editor, to help as promotion for the club to prospective members or if your not going to go ahead with the trip, please notify club members, through all channels of communication.

If your personal details have changed in the last 12 months, could you please send an email through to the committee advising of your new details. This ensures all club members are kept up to date on the latest club news.



## **CLUB MERCHANDISE For Sale** (Revised Price List)

Club Polo Shirts	\$28.00 ea
Club Polar Fleece ½ Zip Jumper	\$38.00 ea
Club Polar Fleece Full Zip Jacket	\$48.00 ea
Club Sleeveless Reversible Vest	\$44.00 ea
Club Caps	\$15.00 ea
Club Bucket Hat	\$16.00 ea
Club Wide Brim Hat	\$18.00 ea
Club Beanie	\$12.00 ea
VFWDC Sticker (long)	\$ 6.00 ea

We encourage all members to purchase a Club Polo Shirt.

Email your order to [committee@vfwdc.com](mailto:committee@vfwdc.com).  
Please ensure you advise size required.



## UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	<b>Sheepyard Flat – Wonnangatta Station</b>	DESTINATION	<b>Simpson Desert &amp; the Digtree</b>
LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	NAME: Mark & Catherine Felton MOB: 0439 345 207 editor@vfwdc.com	LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	NAME: Dan Robinson MOB: 0407 334 169
DATE	Labour Day Weekend Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2012	DATE	30 June – 14 July (Simpson only) 30 June – 20 July (Simpson & Dig Tree etc)
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Friday : Lilydale Macca's @ 7pm Saturday: Sheepyard Flat, leaving @ 9am	MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBD
GRADE	WET: Medium DRY: Easy	GRADE <b>Please adhere to new trip classifications</b>	WET: Easy DRY: Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Were heading to the usual place of Sheepyard Flat, head across The King Billy track, which was re-opened Melbourne cup weekend last year and goes through from Lovicks Hut through to Wonnangatta & travelling along the Zeka Spur track. Also stopping off at Howitt Plains Hut and then continue onto Wonnangatta Station, checking out the local history of the area. Also visit the area of Talbotville, the historical area of Grant.	TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	We will be leaving Melbourne travelling up to Mt Dare & then through the Simpson desert (West to East), From there we will be travelling on through to Innaminka & the Dig Tree. People coming can pick to head home after Birdsville if they need or stay along & visit Innaminka & the corner country. The route through the desert will be a mixture of the tracks. We will be going through Walkers Crossing to Arkaroola.  NO Trailers.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: 8	VEHICLE LIMITS	MAXIMUM: 4
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	200kms	APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	Need to travel ~600k's of desert without fuel, we will be filling up at Mt Dare.
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Mansfield DIESEL: Mansfield	LAST AVAIL- ABLE FUEL	PETROL: Mt Dare DIESEL: Mt Dare
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	200 – 300kms	EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	All camping, WATER, food for ~5 days in the Simpson Desert. Some provisions will be available at Mt Dare & Birdsville. Park Pass will be booked & organised in the month before we leave.
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Self-sufficient		
MAPS REQUIRED	Mansfield – Baw Baw Wonnangatta		
RADIO CHANNE CB / UHF	12		





We crossed the Macalister River and went up Burgoyne's Gap. Then we crossed over Heyfeild Jamieson Road and continued up Burgoyne's Gap. Then we went on Mt Hump. At the top there was a helipad but it was too small to stop and take photos. After Mt Hump we were on the Chromite Mine track and then at camp. At the camp there were jumping ants and Paul got bitten by one of them. The Chromite Mine River was shallow and really pebbly. There was one deep bit but it was muddy.

*By Riley*



## Christmas Break Up Party 2011

The long range forecast wasn't looking too good, for this party. Even the day before it, it rained all day. It rained up until a few hours before the start of the party and made for a very "steamy day".

As the day progressed the sun eventually came out to greet all the club members, who had attended the party. The number of club members who arrived, was quite high and it was a very good turn out.

The older club members mingled and talked with each other. And the kids had a blast with the ball games and the big adventure playground that was onsite at Braeside Park. Lunch was served and the club members were filled with such wonderful food. Lunch was made up of two courses.

After lunch was consumed and the club members were chatting away and the kids were all busy playing; then the big man in the red suit appeared and the kids ran from all directions to come and greet the great man. Including children from surrounding gatherings, who were retreated swiftly by their parents, much to the unhappiness and cries of the children.

The kids were showered with gifts from Santa and they spent the next few hours playing and showing everyone their gifts, which Santa had brought them. The kids also received a lolly bag each, which were hugely enjoyed by all the kids.

The end of the day was near, everyone packed up and headed home, wishing each other well for the Christmas break. It was a great break up party and was enjoyed by all who attended.

The food was complimentary of the club. A huge thank you to the committee members who planned and helped out with the party.

Catherine





# Christmas



# 2011 Break Up

# Party







## December 2011

### Meet you new Board of Management

At the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 23rd November nominations were received and Accepted for three new members to join the Board of Management of 4WD Victoria. On behalf of all our Affiliated Clubs, the Board and Staff we welcome the following new members to the Board.

Treasurer – Doug Mitchell, Doug is the Managing Partner of Mitchell Wilson Accountants  
 Ordinary Board Members – Neil Brydson conducts his own Plumbing Business– Trevor Ryan, National Sales Manager of WAECO (Dometic Australia Group)

### Board of Management for 2012

Executive Officers

President – John Turbill

Vice President & Editor – Graeme Walsh

Secretary – Alison McLaughlin

Treasurer – Doug Mitchell

Ordinary Board Members

Lou Catherine, Tim Trainor, Dave Mapleson, Neil Brydson & Trevor Ryan.

Consultants Michael Coldham – Government Liaison & Legal Counsel.

Ian Parsons – Insurance Consultant. Ross Wadeson – Past Treasurer.

### Thank you to outgoing 4WD Victoria Board Members

On behalf of all Affiliated Clubs, the Board and Staff of 4WD Victoria we would also like to thank our two outgoing Board Members, Prue Hasler and Hari Maragos for their untiring support of the association and their commitment to their portfolios while on the Board, Prue with Tracks and Regional Reps, and Hari with Business Plan & Funding and Grants sub committees.

### 4WD Victoria Raffle

Only one week remains before the drawing of final 4WD Victoria's raffle for 2011. We would ask all clubs to ensure that they have returned ticket butts and monies received to the office no later than Friday 9th Dec (this week Prizes for the raffle are as follows:

**1st Prize** – Pair of Hella Luminator Xenon Driving Lights (Model: Rallye 4000 XGD - Pencil Beam)

***Donated by Hella Australia - Value \$1,800***

**2nd Prize** – Engel 1000W Generator (Model: SHX1000)

***Donated by Engel Australia - Value \$950.00***

**3rd Prize** – 4WD Four Wheel Drive Victoria Training Course

***Donated by Four Wheel Drive Victoria - Value \$390.00***

**4th Prize** – GME TX6100 (5 watt) 80 Channel Compact Hand Held UHF Radio

***Donated by Standard Communications Pty Ltd - Value \$270.00***

**5th Prize** – Set of 10 x Spatial Vision 4WD Maps

***Donated by Spatial Vision - Value \$112.00***

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