



JULY 2012

Free Wheeling



Andre's trip - Day trip to Mt Baw Baw

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 1st 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 July newsletter. This month sees the club holding it's second Christmas in July, please see further into the newsletter for more details. There will also be a snow trip held also this month, hopefully with some decent snow falls, current weather forecast are looking good.

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

2012				
July	Wednesday 4th	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	Friday 13th - Sunday 15th July	Snow Trip - Mt Skene	Mark & Felton	0439 345 207
	18th	Committee Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	27th—29th	Xmas in July	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
August	Wednesday 1st	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	22nd	Committee Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
September	Wednesday 5th	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	Expression of interest	Broken Hill, Cameron Corner	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	19th	Committee Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
October	Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	24th	Committee Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296

The Club's Yahoo! Group's site (<http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/vfwdc>) is being shut down, effective from 04 July. The announcement from the Yahoo! Group Team reads:

"On July 04, 2012, we will shut down the Yahoo! Groups Labs Applications (beta) and Groups Chat . We request you to backup any data that you might have created using the applications - The Yahoo! Groups Team."

Just letting users/members know, as there are still 51 recorded members for this site (although 24 members' email addresses are shown to be bouncing).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to this Month's *Free Wheeling*.

Well this year has flown by... It's nearly AGM time already!! ARB Tour and Xmas in July is nearly upon us. And little Ashley is all grown up... how time flies.

There has been a good mix of trips this year, with some longer trips still around, but not too many day trips, which is something we have tried to focus on. Shame so many people run closed trips and don't invite their fellow club members along. I'm sure that's why we are all in a 4wd club. But our happy family is not alone here, it happens in all clubs.

I've heard that Collins Hut has been vandalized again.. I'm not sure what goes through these people's heads... It wasn't the only hut that was hit either. Eventually we will all suffer and lose these huts, there isn't a bottomless pit of money out there to fix these huts.

AGM is coming up next month and I won't be standing for any positions this year. I've done 4-5 years but time for someone else to have a turn. I'm not sure who else is hanging around, or standing down but all in good time. So I'm looking forward to some new faces standing up and having a go! Club fees have not gone up, which still keeps us an excellent value in a club, with our expanding driver training group, we will have even more to offer!

Anyway, time to crash out here..
Take care
Bruce, President VFWD

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Simpson Desert & the Digtree
LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	NAME: Dan Robinson MOB: 0407 334 169
DATE	30 June – 14 July (Simpson only) 30 June – 20 July (Simpson & Dig Tree etc)
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBD
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Easy DRY: Medium
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	MAXIMUM: 4
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	Need to travel ~600k's of desert without fuel, we will be filling up at Mt Dare.
LAST AVAIL- ABLE FUEL	PETROL: Mt Dare DIESEL: Mt Dare
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.

DESTINATION	Snow Trip— Mt Skene
LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	NAME: Mark&Catherine Felton MOB: 0439 345 207
DATE	Friday 13th—Sunday 15th July
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Twelve mile campsite, outside of Jamieson
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Medium DRY: Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	We will be heading up Friday night, we will be leave Saturday morning at 9am, to head up and over Mt Skene. Hopefully we will have some snow to play in, up on Mt Skene. Twelve mile, will be our base camp, so trailers are welcome. And packing up camp and leaving Sunday morning, heading back to Melbourne. Please note, we are required to get a permit two weeks before, finally numbers/details will be taken at the end of June. It is advised if you could carry snow chains.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MAXIMUM: 6
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	200km
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Mansfield DIESEL: Mansfield
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Self sufficient Chains for tyres

Minutes of General Meeting June2012

Attendance: 1 Visitor

Finance:

Balance as of 1/5/2012 \$ 7320.82

Plus deposits

 Raffel \$ 67.00

 D Hymas \$ 75.00

Balance as of 31/5/2012 \$ 7462.82

Term deposit Balance at 31/5/2012 \$ 5766.52

Petty cash \$ 50

Trips:

Big River trip: No clear details yet. Contact Ashley

Mt Useful: Early August. Contact Johan

Snow trip: 13-15 July. Contact Mark or Catherine with your details so they can get the permits.

Camrons Corner: July holidays. Contact Bruce

Driver training:

Theory is completed

Practical date yet to be set

Xmas in July:

Old Bessy creek, own drinks, 27-29 July, No AGM dinner.

General Business:

Tribute to Garry

Safety reminders from John: Keep safety gear in good condition, Safety first recovery, NO TOW-BALL SNATCHING Next meeting at ARB. Wear appropriate clothing for warehouse tour. 7PM start. Remember to complete trip and personal information papers for every trip. There is a new mailing list, if you didn't receive email recently please contact Bruce. The AGM is in August, Clothing sale. Name tags for all members needs to be sorted

Association news:

Permits for closed tracks, You tube clips, Photography competition, Rural assist, contact Bruce.

Prizes:

LOTS OF PRIZES!!

Sam	Bruce
Tim	John
Gary	Steve
Brett	Max
Mark	Sandra

END

VICTORIAN FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB INC

Nomination for Election to the Committee of Management – 2012/2013

I..... Signed:.....
Nominate..... for the position of

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Second the nomination for election to the Committee of
Management

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Hereby accept the nomination for election to the Committee of
Management of
the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc for the position of

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Notice to all club members

Looking for something to do, check out the link below

<http://www.whyalla4wd.org.au/WW7%20Flyer.pdf>



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
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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.
Please ensure you advise size required.

Notice of AGM Meeting

Wednesday 1st August 2012
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.



Xmas in July



After such success last year, we have scheduled in another Christmas in July, (currently booked in, July 27th - 29th). This will be funded by the club excluding alcohol and drinks & we were still looking into adequate camping areas within a 1-2 hour of Melbourne.

Saturday night will be a roast meal with salads & deserts, breakfast will also be provided on Sunday. All other meals will be have to be self catered by attendees.

Please put your name down on the trip data form at the next club meeting, if your interested in attending.

Final numbers required for July club meeting, after this date numbers will not be accepted.

For any further information, please get in contact with the trip co-ordinator. trips@vfwdc.com.

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Good day

I ran my first trip a couple of weeks ago. I didn't want to do same track everybody else does, so I headed to Mt. Baw Baw, but instead of doing the ranges on the east side of the Baw Baw national park. I had a couple of mates as well as another member of the club, four vehicles in total. So I had mates, somewhere to go and a whole day to enjoy.

We aired down on South Face road and started exploring. We drove around on the logging tracks for most of the morning, mostly because I did a bit of research and found out that things can get pretty hairy on some of the tracks around here and our vehicles were mostly stock.

We finally got bored and ventured off the logging tracks and onto some of the unnamed tracks in the area... way

more fun.

But this all faded when something drew my wife's attention just before I drove through a puddle on the track we were on. So doing the right thing and not just drive through, I got out to see what it was. I couldn't see anything at first cause the animal was hiding under a log in the puddle. By now the rest of the convoy arrived and everybody was standing around, trying to see what it is. I lifted the log and saw this little surprise... (see attached picture).

The rest of the day was less eventful and we all got home safely, a good day out

Andre van der Walt



10 Easy Steps to Running a Club Trip.

Just a quick reminder on the club process for running a trip so we are all covered.

The reasons for these steps is so everyone is safe and accounted for in the event of a mishap.

Once you have decided where you want to go and have a few ideas, this is how you run it by/to the club.

Step 1. Plan your trip, or even if it is just a drive you would like people to join you on.

Step 2. Download trip form from the club site and fill out all the details, make sure these are filled in plenty of time to inform other members of your trip, and plans.

Step 3. Send a copy of the trip form to Trip- Coordinator and Editor.

Step 4. Upload info to the Club Forum so people can check for regular updates.

Step 5. Tell members at the next club meeting, if possible pre-empt any questions!

Step 6. Make sure all starters are on the Trip Participant List with the Trip Coordinator (at the back of the general meeting).

Step 7. Ensure that all starters have a Personal Information Form before heading off, filled out and carried in the vehicle glove box. This can be downloaded from the club website.

Step 8. Ensure that you nominate a "Ground Charlie*" and all members on trip know who this is and have the contact info for all the starters members families.

Step 9. Give the Ground Charlie a copy of the trip plan, Trip Participant List and all the contact. If it is a long trip, contact the GC with updates regularly if possible.

Step 10. Enjoy your trip!

Ground Charlie – Your base contact person. Provide them with your trip details including Emergency Plans, Trip Participant List, Personal Details Forms and Temporary Member / Visitor Forms. Report to Ground Charlie on an agreed timeframe, when returned home. Use Sat phone / HF Radio Mobile Phone etc. Reporting method will vary depending on length of trip and destination. Stick to a pre-arranged schedule *Definition* – Ground Charlie is a person who is contactable at all times (at home or base camp) and who can contact emergency services and / or emergency contacts when and if required.

Any questions, queries or complaints, please speak with any committee member.



June 2012

4WD Victoria General Meeting – Wed 27th June at 7.30pm

Our Special Guest Speaker at the General Meeting will be Alan Johnson of Piranha Off Road Products. Alan will be speaking on Dual Battery Installations, the selection and use of Solar Panels, and will give an overview on new developments in 4WD Vehicle Electronics. This meeting is open to all club members and will be held at 4WD Victoria, RSL Hall, 2 Centre Way, Balwyn North commencing at 7.30pm sharp. To assist us with catering please notify the Office on 9857 5209 or Email: office@fwdvictoria.org.au if you are going to attend.

Jamieson – Licola Road Seasonal Closure

Mansfield Shire Council has advised that they will be closing the Jamieson - Licola Road from Thursday 14th June 2012 to Tuesday 30th October 2012. Under the MOU signed between 4WD Victoria 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. Once issued the Permit must be carried in the vehicle at all times when using that road. *Please Note: A minimum of 14 days notice is required to process applications.*

Vacancies on Women's 4X4 Driver Training Course – Sunday 17th July 2012

A few vacancies exist on the Women's 4X4 Driver Training Course to be held on Sunday 17th July 2011. This course as the name implies, is for women only, and is identical to our very successful Proficiency Course following units from SRODRV001B. Topics include – 4WD Characteristics and handling, Pre Departure checks, Steep ascents and descents, Side slopes, Basic Navigation, Sand Driving, Water Crossings, Negotiating all types of Terrain and Recover Equipment. For further information visit

www.fwdvictoria.org.au or contact the Office on 9857 5209 or office@fwdvictoria.org.au

4X4 Sand Driving Course – Change of Date – Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th July 2012 Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Sand Driving Course has been postponed to 28/29 July 2012.

There are still limited vacancies available for the above course. 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. For further information visit www.fwdvictoria.org.au or contact the Office on 9857 5209 or

office@fwdvictoria.org.au

4WD Victoria now on You Tube

4WD Victoria are pleased to announce that we now have our own You Tube Site, which is accessible via the Association website or at www.youtube.com/4wdVictoria This now enables us to show Videos, TV Broadcasts and Film Clips containing items of interest and activities that 4WD Victoria have been involved in. Over the coming weeks we will be uploading further content to the site, so if you have any video footage of 4WD Victoria activities contact Suzie at the Office on (03) 9857 5209 or email your footage to office@fwdvictoria.org.au

4WD Victoria Photography Competition

4WD Victoria Photography competition is underway. Each monthly winner selected by our judges will receive a 4WD Gift voucher to the value of \$280.00 (incl GST), monthly winners will also go in to a Final Draw for the Major Prize of a Digital Camera to the value of \$400. Entrants can only win one monthly entry, so come on all you budding shutter bugs, get you entries in for your chance to win some great prizes. Further details are available in the April Edition of Trackwatch Magazine (pages 30 & 31).

Congratulations to our April 2012 Winner – Dianne Paine (Wanderin 4Wheelers) – with her photo of Blue Rag Track - Easter 2012

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Reminder for all club members: Renewal's of membership will need to be filled out and returned with payment, at the August club meeting. Renewal form is attached below. For EFT payments, please send through email to treasurer@vfwdc.com or EFT details available on the forum. Greatly appreciated.



Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc

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APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP 2012-2013

Please complete ALL details clearly and return to the Secretary.

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

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