



AUGUST 2014

# Free Wheeling



**Portland Buggy Trip - Queens Birthday Weekend**

# 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:**

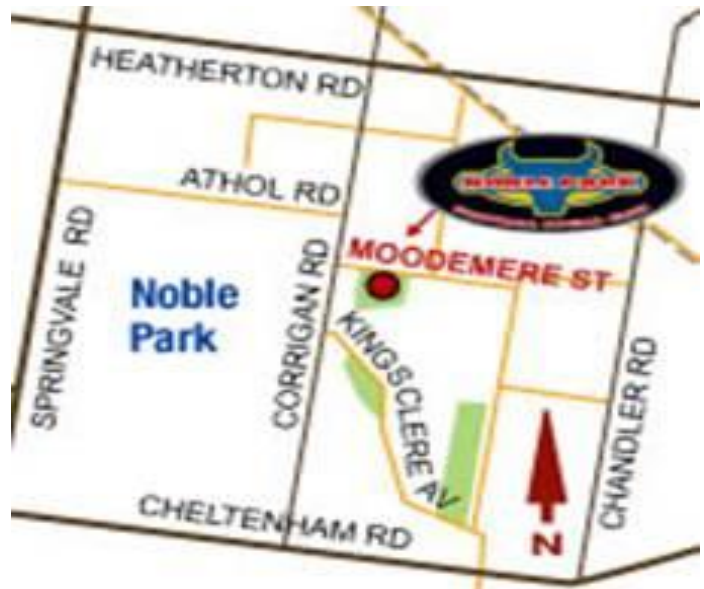
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Please note : Club membership for the financial year 2014/2015 were due at the June club meeting. Please return your dues & forms. Please also note, club members can't occupy committee positions nor do they have any voting rights if they are not a financial paid member.

## **FREE WHEELING**

Hello and welcome to the August newsletter, this month see's the annual snow trips to Mt Skene and the 40th birthday celebrations, check out the details further into this newsletter for more information.

Catherine

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## COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT 2013-2014

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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
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## CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

<b>2014</b>				
August	<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	<b>AGM &amp; General Meeting</b>		
	20th	Committee Meeting		
	23rd	First Aid Training	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
	30th	40th Birthday Celebrations Black & Gold Room	At Club Noble	
September	<b>Wednesday 3rd</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>		
	6th - 16th	Murray Sunset Country	Mick Stuart Bowker	0424 766 616 0418 539 157
	17th	Committee Meeting		
October	<b>Wednesday 1st</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>		
	18th	Aberfeldy Area Maintenance	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
	22nd	Committee Meeting		
November	<b>Wednesday 12th</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>		
	31st Oct - 4th Nov	Aberfeldy/Little O'Tools - Melb Cup Long Weekend	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
	31st Oct - 4th Nov	Knockwood Reserve - Melb Cup Long Weekend	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207
	19th	Committee Meeting		
December	<b>Wednesday 3rd</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>		
	6th	Christmas Break Up Party		
January 2015		<b>NO GENERAL MEETING</b>		
	23rd - 26th	Long Beach - Murray River	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207
	22nd	Committee Meeting		
February	<b>Wednesday 4th</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>		
	18th	Committee Meeting		
March	<b>Wednesday 4th</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>		
	6th - 9th	Labour Day Long Weekend		
	18th	Committee Meeting		

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Everyone

We are now in the midst of winter and one of the best snow seasons that Victoria has had in a while from what I have been told. I almost missed the deadline for writing this report as I was busy **getting ready for the club's annual snow trip to Mt Skene. I am just a little excited. This will be my second trip and I cannot wait.**

The snow trip is possible due to our affiliation with 4WD Victoria Association as we have to get permits to access the roads that during summer anyone can go on but in winter only permitted vehicles get to enjoy. This trip always books out early so for those that missed out this year keep an eye out next year it is a trip that will challenge you and provide a lot of fun.

For those of you who prefer to go camping or on trips in weather where there is double digit temperatures make sure that you use this time in the depths of winter to start planning some trips for when it warms up a bit. For those that have not lead a trip before or, who are new to the club please feel free to come up with some ideas on places that you would love to see or challenges you want to try and then let the trip coordinator know and he can help you put it together. The more people we have leading trips the different places we get to see as everyone has a different point of **view. There are plenty of places we can go for day trips as well so don't feel you have to plan a** multiday trip first time out.

After attending a number of trips over the last 18months I am committing to run a couple of trips later this year. One is going to be for the ladies in the club to take over the vehicles for the day – **guys you can come along but no driving! The other will be down the Otway's at Melbourne cup** weekend.

This will be my last report as Acting President. I have enjoyed being on the committee but I will not be standing for election for the coming year. I have some other things that will be keeping me busy **(don't worry I will be still out on the tracks, just not be on the committee). If you want to** contribute to the running of the club I urge you to put your hand up and nominate yourself. We will be voting at the AGM at the next meeting and there will be time to get the nominations in before the AGM. Remember that to be able to vote you need to have paid up your membership for the year so please get your fees through to the Treasurer as soon as you can.

I wish the new committee all the best in running the club for the coming year and look forward to what you have in store for us.

Enjoy winter and keep warm. I will see you at the meeting and if not will see you out on the tracks!

Sally  
Acting President

## UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	<b>Mt Skene – Snow trip</b>
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Sam Ayoubiee MOB: 0414503874
DATE	15th August – 17th August
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Leaving Friday morning approx. 7am meeting point Heyfield Service Station
GRADE <i>Please adhere to new trip classifications</i>	WET: Snow
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Driving up towards Mt Skene staying at Crows Hut. Driving up to the snow. Family orientated.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: 6
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	From Heyfield to Mt Skene approx. 100km
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Licola DIESEL: Licola
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Approx. 1 hour drive
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Snow chains, recovery gear and definitely winches
MAPS REQUIRED	Leader has a map
RADIO CHANNEL      CB / UHF	12

## Apologies

Dear members.

At the past general meeting I completely forgot to mention one upcoming trip, and to ask for a trip report from the recent June long weekend.

The upcoming trip is a trip to be run by Mick Harris and Stuart Bowker, which will involve doing the border track (in September), please read the recent club magazine for details.

The long weekend trip, was Bruce's trip to the Portland dune buggies.

My deepest apologies to the trip leaders for my omissions at the Wednesday night general meeting.

David Bruinsma.  
Trip coordinator  
0417747860

## UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	<b>Murray Sunset Country</b>
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Mick and Stuart MOB: Mick 0424766616 MOB: Stuart 0418539157
DATE	6 <sup>th</sup> September through to the 13 <sup>th</sup> of September
MEETING PLACE / TIME	BP Calder Hwy 7:30am meet for a 8:00am leave
GRADE <span style="color: red;">Please adhere to new trip classifications</span>	WET: Medium/Hard DRY: Easy/Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Touring Big Desert and Little Desert, Pink Lakes, Neds Corner, Border Customs House, Shearers Quarters, Scorpion Spring, Centre Track. Whole Boarder Track from the Top Starting at Border Cliffs Customs House and then Continuing on till the end of the Boarder Track. Permits are needed for bottom half of the Boarder Track. They can be purchased in Pinnaroo. Weather can change very quickly. Be prepared.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 8
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Ouyen, Mildura, Renmark, Pinnaroo and Nhill DIESEL: Ouyen, Mildura, Renmark, Pinnaroo and Nhill
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Average 350km.
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Normal Recovery Gear and Self-sufficient for the week.
MAPS REQUIRED	<b>Victoria's Deserts</b>
RADIO CHANNEL      CB / UHF	12



## UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	<b>Aberfeldy Area Maintenance</b>
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: David Bruinsma      MOB: 0417 747 860
DATE	Saturday 18th October
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Moe McDonalds at 8.00am
GRADE	WET: easy Please adhere to new trip classifications DRY: easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Planning to get in early before cup weekend and go to at least one of the areas and with a group make an effort to clear some of the vegetation. If we have enough interest, we will break into TWO groups and tackle TWO areas.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 4                      MAXIMUM: 8
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	150kms
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Moe                      DIESEL: Moe
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Moe
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Protection gloves, Chain saws, whipper snippers, brush cutters, hand tools, shovels, etc.
MAPS REQUIRED	none
RADIO CHANNEL      CB / UHF	UHF 12

DESTINATION	<b>Aberfeldy/Little O'Tools - Melb Cup Long Weekend</b>
LEADER	NAME: David Bruinsma + family      MOB: 0417 747 860
DATE	Friday 31th October to Tuesday 4th November
MEETING TIME	TBA closer to the date
GRADE	WET: medium/hard                      DRY: easy/medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Last year I did a sand trip - this year I'm hoping for a little bit of mud. I have chosen a location much closer to home this year and I'm intending to really enjoy a lot of camp fire socializing. People who have been on my trips before have experienced easy drives, harder drives, night drives, muddy trips and everything in-between - I'm planning pretty much all of the above, but happy hour around the camp fire where we can kick back, laugh at the fun we have had and cook some great tucker is very high on the priority list for me. Camping, camper trailers etc all welcome. I'm hoping to get in there very early on the Friday morning to secure a good spot for everyone to join when they can make it. Little O'Tools is not hard to find. as we get closer to the date, I'll help people arrange to travel together in groups, especially for any newbies.
VEHICLE LMTS	MINIMUM: 4                      MAXIMUM: 12
APPROX KMS	150kms
DISTANCE B/T SUPPLIES	Moe and last available fuel
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Usual safety gear, camping gear, recovery gear (I reckon I'll find some tracks we will need it) and a jolly good sense of humor is mandatory.
RADIO CHANNEL UHF	UHF 12





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## Minutes of General Meeting July 2014

The meeting was held in the Bowls Club room, Noble Park Football Club and was opened at 8.00pm by Vice Chair, Sally Higgs.

**Present:** as per the attendance book

**Apologies:** as per the Apologies book

**Visitors:** as per the Visitors Book

### Minutes of previous General Meeting

**Accepted :** Mick Harris  
**Seconded :** Emily Wimetall

#### Matters arising:

Refer to Events Report and General Business

#### Correspondence in

*Partial List (due to Secretary not present)*

Emails from Gilwell Park about Xmas in July booking

Emails from 1st Aid Training (Melbourne)

Emails from Signarama in Pakenham (new club banner stickers)

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#### Treasurers report

Opening Balance	\$ 6026.50	
Money In	\$ 1514.10	
Money out	\$ 2018.97	
Closing Balance		\$ 6186.60
Petty Cash	\$150.00	
Term Deposit	\$7350.43	
Term Dep int	\$62.99	
Term Dep Balance		\$ 7413.42
Consolidated Balance		\$13750.02

**Accepted:** Sam Ayoubee  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Stuart Bowker

### Trip reports

Stuart and Maree did a short notice trip to Wombat SF which was attended by a few people - found some nice deep dirty water which got one vehicle really stuck, and had a great day except for the stuck vehicle later on having transmission problems and got left behind in a local town whilst the driver was brought all the way back to home.

**Trip coordinators report**

Type	When	Where	Trip Leader
Snow Trip	18th - 20th July	Mt Skene	Mark N Cath
Snow Trip	18th - 20th July	Mt Skene	Sam Ayoubiee
Xmas in July	4th to 6th July	Gilwell Park	David Bruinsma
1st Aid course	23rd August	Melbourne	David Bruinsma
40th Anniversary Dinner	30th August	Football Club - Noble Park	David Bruinsma

**Events Report***Xmas in July - Gilwell Park*

All booked and deposit paid, David will be up there early on the Friday evening, all people to pay the day and camping fees to David up at Gilwell Park. \$12.10 pp per night, and \$7.50 pp for day visitors. Organized activities will be available for the kids up there, feel free to bring stuff for the kids to do.

*1st Aid Course - First Aid Training Melbourne (23rd August)*

Following up on suggestions by members at the last meeting, David Bruinsma followed through and has booked for upto 20 members to do their refresher training for the discounted fee of \$74.00 pp. Bookings will be arranged by David, all people doing the course will need to confirm the booking and pay the fees directly to the course provider. more details will be available at the next meeting.

*40th Anniversary Dinner - Football Club at Noble Park (30th August)*

Dinner has been booked as a Buffet.

Costs are \$25 per adult, \$17 per children 3 - 12yo.

(children 3 and under free)

There will be 4 mains to choose from, 3 side dishes and 2 deserts available.

More information available at next meeting.

Sally asked the club members if they have any memorabilia that can be used on the night, to please talk to one of the committee members.

THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZES !!!

**Association Report**

Camping Fees. There are over 600 camp sites available in Victoria and just under 200 of them had, or will have fees as of JUNE 2014 for overnight camping.

**General business**

AGM will be held after the next General meeting in August. The whole committee will stand down and nominations are called for all positions. The Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President will be vacating office.

Proxy votes will be permitted.

The AGM minutes will be issued in the next Magazine.

A reminder that ALL MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE FOR RENEWAL .

**Weighbridge**

Emily Wimetal has provided the committee with a nice big list of places where we can get our 4wd's weighed. The committee will go through and work on a 'short' list and get some prices for the club. Suggest that when we 'do' go to the weighbridge, we should go with the vehicles fully loaded for a trip.

**Web Site**

The web site will be going through a revamp, Ben is looking into a photo gallery. Emily Wimetal will be assisting Ben with 'vetting' photo's making sure that vehicle number plates are ghosted out is one of the things they will be checking.

**Other Business**

n/a

**Raffle**

Prize	Won by:
2 x movies tickets	Amanda Lehman
1/2 doz fresh eggs	James Kong
1/2 doz fresh eggs	Lisa Barbera
Tyre Deflators	Andy Pelletier

Meeting Closed: 9:20 pm (which includes the AGM after the coffee break)

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 8.00pm August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club.

# 40th Birthday Celebrations

## Saturday 30th August

Black & Gold Room at Noble Park Football Club

From 5:30pm for 6pm start

Walk down memory lane with blast's from the past, with photo's from the last 40 years

Lucky door prizes and attendance prizes

Meal prices are \$25.50, which payment will be required by the August club meeting to the Treasurer or direct deposit to the Club's bank account.

This will include a three course buffet and drinks will be available for purchase at bar club member prices.



## Trip Reports

### 21/6/14 - JUNE MUD RUN (wombat state forest)

**TRIP LEADERS:** Stu & Maree Bowker

**TRUCKS:**

Stu and Maree - Mitsubishi Pajero

Max and Nicholas - Nissan Navara

Rob and Chris - Nissan Patrol

Scott and Amanda - Nissan Navara

This trip was full of mud, recoveries and minor and major breakdowns.

We all met at Gisborne McDonalds at 9am for a 9:30 departure. We all had some coffee and breakfast, before we all took off with Stu in front and Scott as tail end Charlie.

We turned right into the state forest, where we followed Stu onto a track. It was planned to find a place to air down, trying to drive around the major mud holes. However, Rob decided to take on a big mud hole and get himself stuck, before airing down and locking in his front hubs. Before we had a chance to recover him, he started to take on water. The winch was brought out and Rob was recovered with ease.



We decided it was best to air down right there and then. We followed the track and there was lots of mud and water holes. There was one in particular everyone went around except Scott and he needed help getting out.



Amanda thought it was a great idea to jump out of the car, but instead of getting out gracefully, she took a fall straight into the mud and at the same time dropped her iPhone into the water where Scott was stuck. The phone was retrieved and still works (bonus). After getting Scott out and with Amanda covered in mud, we went on our way.

Some tracks were very slippery and all we could do in some parts were to follow the ruts. We came to a steep down hill run into a gully, with a steep up hill at the end. All trucks made it down. Scott could not make it back up without some help. The plan was to use Scott's winch to help him up, but his winch lost power during the recovery and needed Stu's winch to complete the recovery.







After everyone was back on the main rd, Rob was having some issues with his gears. he could not get out of second. After some trouble shooting without an answer. We thought we would take it slow and drive to Firth park to have some lunch and find the problem with Rob's truck. After lunch we looked under the car and found that there were two vacuum hoses off. We then had a look into the automatic transmission fluid and there was water in the fluid. Rob limped the car to the local mechanic who will take a look at it on Monday.



On the shortest day of the year. We had a fun day in the mud and watched a few people fall over, but we wont embarrass them here (cough... Max and Amanda). We had some good recoveries and stuck to our club motto, never leave anyone in the bush.



## Trip Reports

### Portland Buggy Trip Queens Birthday 2014

#### Friday

We met up along the Monash Freeway and headed off down towards Portland. We made a pit off at a servo and hot drinks were ordered and we strolled through a local produce store, where some last minute eggs were



purchased. A group decision was made to take the 'tourist route' down to Portland, via the Great Ocean Road where we stopped off at a few vantage points for photos and we stopped off at Port Campbell where we had fish and chips for lunch on the beach front.

We continued our trip and finally made it down to Portland where we meet up with Andrew. We came across a very lovely rest area, with toilets, showers and a seated rest area playing relaxing music, interesting... We did a few laps up and down Portland deciding where to purchase fuel from to top up for the weekend, then we



stopped off at Andrew's family holiday house, where Bruce filled up with water and then we followed Andrew out to the Portland buggy club, where some other people had already set up.

Everyone chose where to set up their own campsites, then it was starting to get dark and Andrew (thank you very much) had a trailer of firewood delivered straight to our campsite, where a fire was stoked and was soon roaring like a 'Bruce fire' does. Dinner was consumed and then we sat around the campfire for a few hours, till our friends arrived from Bendigo and they set up their campsite and then we headed off to bed, awaiting our adventures of tomorrow.

#### Saturday

There was no rush to get going this morning as we were waiting on the arrival of Martin & Michelle, which they did a little after 9am, they set up their campsite and noticed they had missed a few things, so headed back to Portland to get supplies. Meanwhile we watched the other group, with one of their vehicles on a strange angle ¾'s of the



way up a huge sand dune, which we could watch right from our campsite. Martin and Michelle returned and then everyone got their vehicles packed up and we

headed out onto the sand dunes, it was like heading out onto a racing circuit through the entry point to the dunes. Bruce advised us to have a spin around on the sand dunes and get use to driving on the dune's, everyone had a spin and went for it. We re-grouped and travelled down to the right side of the sand dunes, where we found the 'sand dune', that we saw the other groups vehicle this morning, which Andrew saw being towed out backwards by four other vehicles.

We watched Bruce have a few attempted goes at reaching the top of the huge sand, until he was getting hungry so we headed back to the



campsite. But Bruce decided to get stuck along the way home, so we had to pull him out and we travelled out of the sand dunes down into the campsite, where we all had a bite to eat for lunch, stoke the fire and then re-grouped and then headed back onto the sand dunes, where we turned right and travelled right down to the edge of the sand dunes (as far as we go).

We came back to the campsite and had happy hour around the campfire and that's where we stayed till late, where plenty of stories were told and laughed at and a great night was had by all.

#### Sunday

After last night's entertainment, there were a few slow starters this morning so there was a slow start to the day. Eventually everyone was ready to head back out onto the sand dunes, but this time we turned left and tried our



luck down this end of the dunes. We had fun along the dunes; we stopped and took several photos, had a few attempts at climbing some sand dunes and even found a sand dune to try our luck at taking a ride down the sand dunes,

without the assistance of a vehicle. Mark had a brilliant idea...not to pull our table draw out and take a ride down



the hill, but he didn't have much luck with that, a boogie board next year might be a much better idea.

We went to move on and Steve had an 'Air Jordan' moment, which was pretty spectacular to watch. We managed to get down to the furthestmost point of the sand dunes, so we turned around and tried to head back to campsite, where I apparently had a small 'Air Jordan' moment where the rest of the party behind me decided to take another line up the sand dune.

We ended up doing a few laps of the sand dunes, as we lost our way and couldn't find the exit. We tried a few ways, but were unable to get through and this was getting quite frustrated for most of us as most of us were very hungry by now. We got to the same point every time and it was a one way, but Steve managed to take a closer look at it and notice two tracks close together, our way out was to the left. Finally we had found it, but we had to get up one last sand dune, which a few of us got stuck on and required a tug up the dune then from then on it was a short trip out to the camp site.

Steve discovered that one of his brake lines were severed and would have to be replaced, which was going to prove a problem as it was 4pm on a Sunday afternoon of a long weekend with Monday being a public holiday. But luckily enough there was some locals around, who had a few suggestions which was handy. Tonight was a mild night compared to last night, but most of the fire wood was consumed over the next few hours.

#### Monday

A few of us had risen early and was packing up camp, while Mark and Steve devised a plan on what was going to be the best choice they chose to head to Portland and try their luck. We said our good byes to some as they were heading back early, after a few hours the boys had returned to some success and not having to go to Mt Gambier as well. They had stopped by the Repco shop and the business owner had stopped by and sold them the parts they need, which was greatly appreciated. The repairs were made to Steve's vehicle and we were packed and the last ones to leave. Which we noticed a BMW 5, a Honda Civic and an Audi try to head up to the sand dunes, without an flags and by the looks of it no knowledge of what they were getting into too. We all made it home safely and many thanks to Bruce for holding such a fantastic weekend away.







# **Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc**

## **Held Wednesday, 1 August 2013 at Noble Park Football Club**

**Meeting Opened at 9:35 pm.**

**Chaired By:** John Partridge

**Members Present:** Members present as per the attendance book

**Apologies:** Members apologies as per the apologies book

### **Minutes of AGM Meeting 1 August 2013**

Accepted by: John Partridge

Second by: Sam Ayoubiee

**President's Reports:** Presented by Mark Felton.

It's been a busy year, with the model rules. Very happy with the number of trips run. Good luck to for the new President. Thank you to all serving committee. Complete report in the club magazine.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Steve Pitcher.

Steve has prepared a more comprehensive report which was sent out with the last club magazine, and the figures will be added into the AGM minute.

Made mention of improved security of club accounts and updating the signatories on the accounts. Stream lined hand overs between committee.

\$977 loss.

### **Trip Coordinator's Report:**

David Bruinsma stepped into the position. He enjoyed the position a lot. The club had 33 official trips to 25 different locations, 11 different trip leaders, 35 different people went on trips excluding 10 visitors. Mar'n'Cat won most trips, 11 trips run! Trip leader's pack was designed by David.

### **Committee stepped down:**

### **General Business:**

#### **Election**

Chaired by David Bruinsma.

Nominations required for trip coordinator.

**President:** John Partridge

**Vice President:** Sally Higgs

**Treasurer:** Steven Pitcher

**Secretary:** Andre van der Walt

**Trip Coordinator:** not appointed

**Committee:** Catherine (as newsletter editor)

Tristan Higgs

Ben Whitworth (web master)

David introduced the new committee. The new committee took office.

### **Meeting Closed at 10:05pm**

Footnote: At the conclusion of the AGM, the new committee had a brief discussion. It was particularly noted that there were no nominations for the Trip Coordinator position. Further decision still to be made



# Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc **ARBN A002184F**

## Annual Report 2014



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## **Vice President's Report**

Welcome to the 2014 Annual Report for the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc. This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club which is only made possible by the commitment of the members and committees putting in time to organise trips, manage the club and keep everyone connected. Thank you to the lifetime members, the current members and also to the new members for making this club what it is, a friendly welcoming group of people with a passion for four wheel drives and the great outdoors of Australia.

We have had a broad range of trips run this year that have covered most of the state with some even venturing into neighbouring SA and NSW as well. There have been day trips, the annual snow trip to Mt Skene, weekend camping trips and some longer trips away. The club has a great variety of trips but we can always do more and we are very happy to assist new trip leaders run trips to their favourite areas.

To really enjoy four wheel driving and to get the most out of your vehicle it is important to undertake training both in the theory of four wheel driving and also the practical application of what you have learnt. The club held theory training sessions and then had a weekend away where drivers got to put them and their vehicles through their paces in March. I have had the pleasure of seeing a couple of new drivers over the year testing themselves and pushing outside their comfort zones in some fairly challenging situations. Without the training they received I think that they may not have enjoyed themselves so much.

Whilst our primary purpose is for the pursuit of recreational four wheel driving, we also give back to the communities where we visit. We started supporting West Gippsland Inc in maintaining the historical area of Aberfeldy this year and have our first working bee weekend in October. We will be running two trips a year to the area to maintain the directional signage, interpretation signs as well as tracks in the area. This helps people get access to the rich historical information that is throughout the location. It is our opportunity to give back to the community in the locations that we enjoy visiting. We also support the Oxfam Christmas tree deliveries each year which is a key fundraiser for the organisation. It is fantastic to be involved in supporting these organisations and enabling people access to the rich heritage that this country has to offer.

The club is in a stable financial position as can be seen by the treasurers report which is great news and means we can continue building the club to ensure you can enjoy the great outdoors.

Thank you everyone for a great year and I look forward to another fantastic year in 2015.

See you out on the tracks.

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Sally Higgs  
**Vice President, VFWDC**

## **Treasurer's Report**

I am pleased to present the 2014 financial statements for the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc. I am very excited to report that we generated a net operating profit of \$1,425 for the 2014 year (this result compares quite favourably to our net operating loss of \$977 for the 2013 year). Over the course of the year, the Committee and the wider membership has done a lot to help achieve this result, all without significant change to the underlying operations of the club or to the value that members get from being a part of our club.

This, being the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club, is a particularly special year. We were very privileged to hear first hand from former club President, Peter Pink, on what it was like four wheel driving during the early days of our club's history.

I would also like to highlight and recognise our existing members' assistance in welcoming and including new and prospective members at our club meetings and on introductory club trips. The hospitality shown by the collective of our members resulted in several new memberships over the course of the year. As a club that generally relies on word of mouth and organic growth, this is an excellent result - it introduces new members that inevitably get to share their skills and experiences, some new trip ideas and, of course, the additional camaraderie that comes with being a part of our club.

From an operational perspective, the Committee has (again, with the support of our members) achieved some rather significant outcomes throughout the course of the year:

- We successfully navigated the transitional period under the new legislation (which has now taken full effect) that applies to our club;
- We reviewed and updated our Privacy Policy (a full copy of which is available on the Club's website) in response to new privacy standards;
- We are in the process of drafting a Social Media policy for the club;
- Work has commenced on a redesign/refresh of the club's website; and
- We have refreshed the club's merchandise line up and negotiated new supplier arrangements for quality garments that carry the club's logo.

It is clear from the above that the club has gained a lot of positive momentum over the past year and I would like to thank all of you for your help in achieving such a great result during our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of celebrations.

Looking ahead, I'm really looking forward to seeing you all out on the tracks!

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Steve Pitcher  
**Treasurer, VFWDC**

## **Trip Coordinator's Report**

### VFWDC 2012/2013 - TRIP REPORT

There were a total of 41 booked trips but 8 did not run.

A total of 33 actual trips were run.

There were 11 different trip leaders with Mark and Catherine winners of the most trips run (13), earning \$250.00 under the Trip Incentive Scheme.

There were 59 participants in total (which includes guests and visitors) with Ian Rhodes attending the most trips not as a leader (11). Ian wins the most number of trips as part of the 2nd Trip Incentive Scheme (\$150.00)

Mark, Catherine and David still tied with the number of trips run and attending at 14 trips (but no prizes).

### VFWDC 2013/2014 - TRIP REPORT

There were a total of 27 booked trips but 1 did not run.

A total of 26 actual trips were run.

There were 13 different trip leaders with Mark and Catherine winners of the most trips run (3rd year in a row) but with no prizes this year.

There were 47 participants in total (which includes guests and visitors) with Ben Whitworth attending the most trips not as a leader (8). A special mention goes out to Tony and Lisa Barbera for attending 6 trips in only 8 months with the Club as new members.

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David Bruinsma  
**Trip Coordinator, VFWDC**

## Statement of Comprehensive Income

Year Ended	Jun-14	Jun-13
<b>Income</b>		
Merchandise Sales	\$849.00	\$11.00
<i>Less Cost of Goods Sold:</i>		
Opening Stock	\$0.00	\$0.00
Add: Purchases	\$824.60	\$0.00
Less: Closing Stock	\$261.20	\$0.00
Cost of Goods Sold	\$563.41	\$0.00
Gross Profit - Merchandise Sales	\$285.59	\$11.00
Fundraising - Raffle	\$1,200.00	\$575.80
Interest Income	\$262.79	\$290.04
Magazine Postage Fees Recovered	\$0.00	\$22.50
Membership Application & Renewal Fees	\$4,570.00	\$3,855.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,318.38</b>	<b>\$4,754.34</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Association Fees - Four Wheel Drive Victoria	\$1,406.00	\$1,610.00
Bank Charges	\$5.00	\$40.00
Catering Costs	\$366.66	\$898.35
Course Fees & Associated Costs	\$0.00	\$90.00
Donations	\$41.15	\$0.00
Equipment Purchases (<\$1,000 per item)	\$195.00	\$0.00
Gifts & Entertainment	\$0.00	\$400.00
Insurance Premiums	\$440.00	\$403.33
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$128.61	\$408.90
Post Box, Postage, Printing & Stationary	\$1,131.26	\$595.43
Venue Hire	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00
Web Hosting & Maintenance	\$179.40	\$184.99
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,893.08</b>	<b>\$5,731.01</b>
<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$1,425.30</b>	<b>-\$976.67</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



## Statement of Financial Position

Year Ended	Jun-14	Jun-13
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash - Petty Cash	\$150.00	\$51.01
Cash - Cheque A/C	\$6,186.60	\$4,883.62
Cash - Term Deposit	\$7,413.42	\$7,150.63
Deposits	\$300.00	\$0.00
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$14,050.02	\$12,085.26
Prepaid Insurance Premiums	\$403.33	\$403.33
Prepaid Merchandise Order	\$350.00	\$594.00
Prepaid P.O. Box Fees (to 31 March yearly)	\$118.50	\$113.25
Prepaid Web Hosting & Maintenance	\$179.40	\$22.06
Prepaid Venue Hire (to June 2014)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Total Prepaid Expenses	\$2,051.23	\$2,132.64
Merchandise	\$261.20	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$16,362.45</b>	<b>\$14,217.90</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Unpresented Cheques	\$1,076.14	\$202.89
Unearned Income - Membership Fees	\$1,510.00	\$1,560.00
Unearned Income - Merchandise Sales	\$0.00	\$104.00
Total Unearned Income	\$1,510.00	\$1,664.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$2,586.14</b>	<b>\$1,866.89</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$13,776.31</b>	<b>\$12,351.01</b>
Opening Balance - Members' Equity	\$12,351.01	\$13,327.67
Current Year's Earnings	\$1,425.30	-\$976.67
<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>\$13,776.31</b>	<b>\$12,351.01</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended	Jun-14	Jun-13
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Receipts from Members	\$6,465.00	\$5,712.80
Total Cash Receipts from Operations	\$6,465.00	\$5,712.80
Supplier Payments & Member Reimbursements	-\$5,944.17	-\$7,790.16
<b>Net Cash Outflow from Operating Activities</b>	<b>\$520.83</b>	<b>-\$2,077.36</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</b>		
Interest Received	\$262.79	\$290.04
Equipment Purchases	-\$195.00	\$0.00
<b>Net Cash Inflow from Investing Activities</b>	<b>\$67.79</b>	<b>\$290.04</b>
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) In Cash Held</b>	<b>\$588.62</b>	<b>-\$1,787.32</b>
Cash Balance as at the beginning of the year	\$12,085.26	\$13,669.69
Plus Unpresented Cheques	\$1,076.14	\$202.89
<b>Cash Balance as at the end of the year</b>	<b>\$13,750.02</b>	<b>\$12,085.26</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

### **1. General information and Purpose of the Club**

Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc ("VFWDC") is a not-for-profit association that was established in 1974 and that was incorporated in Victoria in 1984. The Club's purpose and its principal activity is recreational four wheel driving.

### **2. Basis of preparation and accounting policies**

The Committee has authorised preparation of these financial statements on the basis that VFWDC is a non-reporting entity with no identified users being dependent on general purpose financial statements. The financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 ("Act") and the associated Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2012, as well as to meet the needs of VFWDC members.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies disclosed below which the Committee has determined to be appropriate to meet the needs of VFWDC members.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs, except where otherwise stated. The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of these statements are as follows:

#### *Going Concern*

The accounts have been prepared on the basis that VFWDC is, and will remain, a going concern.

#### *Revenue recognition*

Revenue from membership applications and subscriptions is recognised in accordance with the corresponding year for which application and subscription fees apply. Revenue from fundraising activities, government grants and course fees recovered are recognised immediately upon receipt. Revenue from the sale of VFWDC merchandise is recognised when the goods are delivered and title has passed. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of any discounts.

#### *Taxation*

VFWDC is classified the as a not-for-profit incorporated association and is therefore eligible for the following statutory concessions:

- i. Goods and Services Tax concessions;
- ii. Fringe Benefits Tax exemptions; and
- iii. Income taxation exemptions.

No changes are envisaged in respect of VFWDC's tax status as a result of activities undertaken during the year.

#### *Goods and Services Tax ("GST")*

VFWDC is not registered for GST. VFWDC's revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances, the GST component is recognised as part of the overall cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the total expense.

In the statement of financial position, receivables are shown exclusive of GST while provisions, accruals and payables for which VFWDC has incurred a GST liability are shown for amounts inclusive of GST.

Except where VFWDC has had made cash payments inclusive of a non-recoverable amount of GST, cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement net of GST.

#### *Club Merchandise*

Club merchandise has historically been expensed at the time of purchase. All merchandise sales over the 2013 financial year were from stock purchased (and expensed at the time of purchase using cash accounting methodology) from prior financial years. The majority of merchandise sales made from the 2014 financial year and beyond more appropriately match and recognise (using accrual accounting methodology) the cost incurred by VFWDC for each item of merchandise sold. The carrying value of any unsold merchandise is recorded at the lower of historical cost (including any GST paid where such amount is deemed to be a non-recoverable expense) or net realisable value.

#### *Property, plant and equipment*

Except for those items of property, plant and equipment that cost less than \$1,000 per item (or category of item), all items are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

No individual items (or category of items) of club property, plant or equipment were identified with a historical cost value of at least \$1,000.

## *Provisions*

Provisions are recognised when VFWDC has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions do not bear interest.

## *Accounting Estimates and Judgments*

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain accounting estimates. It also requires the Committee to exercise its judgement in the process of applying VFWDC's accounting policies. The Committee evaluates the estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge, as well as the best and most current information available to the Committee. No accounting assumptions or estimates have been identified that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to carrying amounts of assets and/or liabilities within the next accounting period.

## **3. Unaudited Accounts**

Under existing legislative and financial reporting requirements, VFWDC is not required to have its accounts audited. These financial statements have not been subject to an external audit and/or an independent financial review.

## **4. Related Party Transactions**

No club member or committee member received any direct cash payment/s, financial or non-financial compensation for services rendered or volunteer work performed in the ordinary operations and activities of VFWDC.

With the exception of a series of small ticket raffle prizes (with a total estimated value of less than \$1,500) that were donated by a business associated with a fully paid general member, VFWDC did not receive any cash payment/s or other form of non-cash compensation (other than in the course of the club's ordinary activities) from any club member during the year.

## **5. Events after the Reporting Date**

No events, matters or circumstances have arisen since 30 June 2014 which, in the opinion of the Committee, either has or will materially affect:

- i. The underlying operations and activities of VFWDC;
- ii. The underlying results of those operations and activities; or
- iii. The state of affairs of VFWDC,

in the financial years subsequent to 30 Jun 2014.

## **VICTORIAN FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB INC**

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