



FREE WHEELING

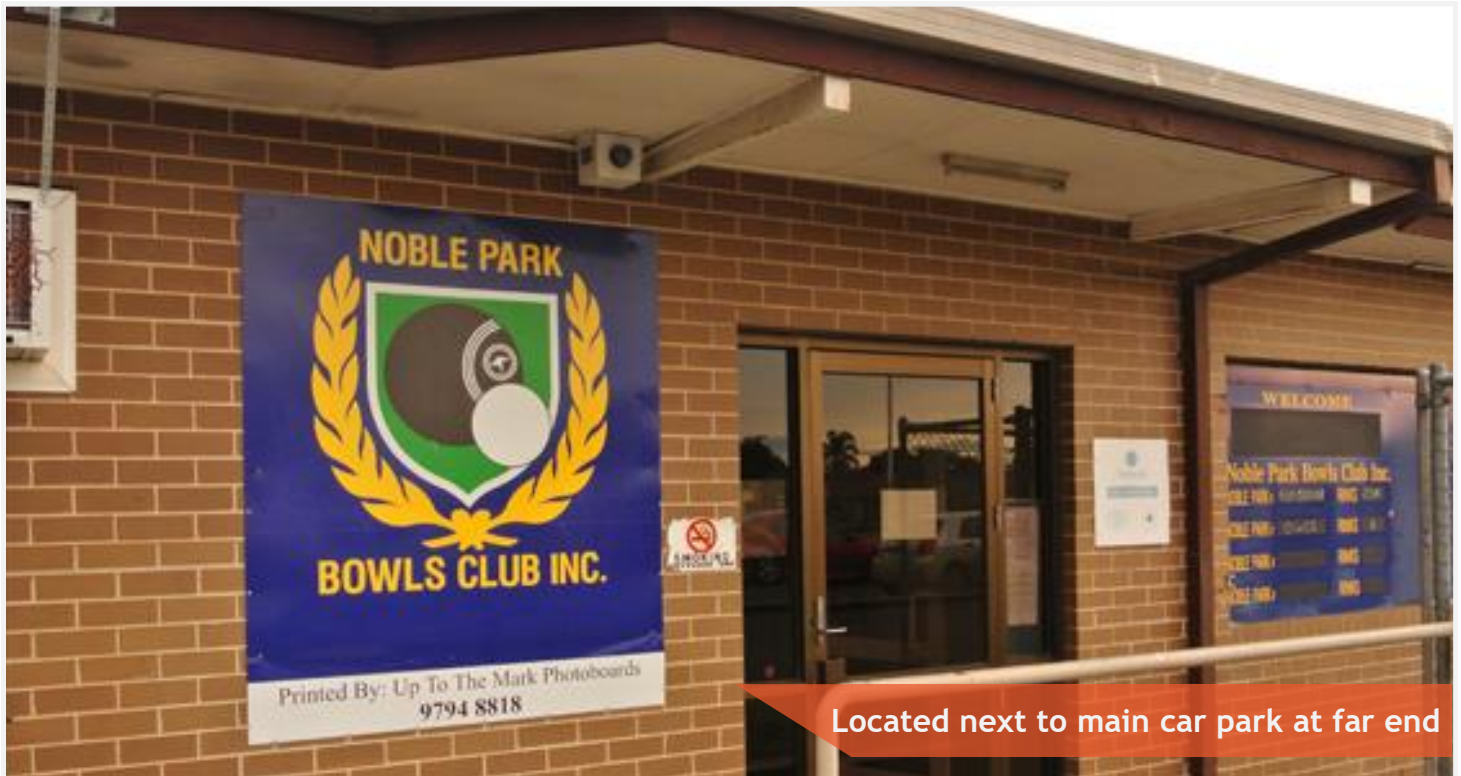
April 2018



Official Newsletter of the
Victorian Four Wheel
Drive Club Inc

Registration No
A0002184F

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Located next to main car park at far end

VFWDC General Meeting Venue

The club meets on the first WEDNESDAY of each month at 8:00pm. With the following exceptions; No meeting in January. November meeting is at a selected location, watch the calendar.

Bowling Club Rooms

Noble Park Noble Football Club
46-56 Moodemere Street
Noble Park



Members and guests are welcome to dine at the bistro before attending the meeting from 6:30pm.



Aberfeldy Track

In association with [Westland Gippsland Relic, Mining and Heritage Protection Inc](#) , the club maintains a section of the Aberfeldy Track with working bees throughout the year. View the club calendar for the next upcoming working bee.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

2017-2018

President	Ben Whitworth	president@vfwdc.com
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General Committee	Ashley Martin	
General Committee	Callum Brown	

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Training officer	Ashley Martin	
Merchandise	Des Whall	merchandise@vfwdc.com

Club Details

Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club
Registration No	A002184F
Correspondence	PO Box 778 Dandenong VIC 3174
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Website	www.vfwdc.com

The Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club is an affiliated club of [Four Wheel Drive Victoria](http://www.fwdvictoria.org.au) - www.fwdvictoria.org.au

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Club Polo Shirt	\$28.00	Club Hoodie	\$50.00
Club Singlet and T-Shirt	\$15.00	Club Sleeveless Reversible Vest	\$50.00
Club Polar Fleece Full Zip Jacket	\$45.00	Club Bucket Hat	\$16.00
Club Caps	\$10.00	Club Beanie	\$10.00
Club Wide Brim Hat	\$18.00	VFWDC Windscreen stickers	
Club Drivers Jacket (Coat)	\$70.00	Small	\$6.00
		Large	\$8.00
Club Cloth Badges 120mm	\$8.00		

We encourage all members to purchase a Club Polo shirt.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi all,

Welcome to the VFWDC Free Wheeling magazine.

Well the weather has turned, Autumn has arrived.

Track closures will begin in May, with the majority closing on the 14th of June so head over to the Four Wheel Drive Victoria website and take a look at the track closure list:

<https://4wdvictoria.org.au/index.php/resources/track-closures/32-seasonal-closures>

Let's ensure that we get out and have an adventure before the tracks are locked up for season. We have started looking towards the upcoming Snow Trips, stay tuned for more around these events. Bruce and David B have slotted Night Run's into the calendar for April and May. For those who have not done a night run before I suggest you give it a go, it really is a whole difference experience. If you do not make it onto these trips don't stress cause there will be more.

Xmas in July has also made it into this month's calendar. This annual social event is a great way to get to know your fellow club members. This is a family event, so please bring everyone along including the kids. Activities for the kids such as tug-of-war and kid movies in a heated space on the property.

And lastly, I would encourage anyone who hasn't been there before to get on the Murray Sunset trip with Bruce. It is a very special place and really different from our normal high country adventures. I hope to see all our members at the next meeting and out on the tracks.

Ben Whitworth
President

CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

April

4th	Wed	General Meeting		
17th	Tue	Committee Meeting		
28th	Sat	Night Run to Mt Matlock and Beyond	Bruce	0400 425 296

May

2nd	Wed	General Meeting		
15th	Tue	Committee Meeting		
19th	Sat	Toolangi State Forest—NIGHT RUN	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
25th to 27th	Fri to Sun	Aberfeldy Area—Club Working Bee	Stuart	0428 539 157

June

TBA	TBA	Winch and Tyre Repair Training TBA		
6th	Wed	General Meeting		
9th to 11th	Sat to Mon	Murray Sunset	Bruce	0400 425 296
16th	Sat	Four Wheel Drive Victoria General Meeting		
19th	Tue	Committee Meeting		

July

4th	Wed	General Meeting		
7th to 8th	Sat to Sun	Xmas in July	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
17th	Tue	Committee Meeting		

Future Events

- First Aid Training—TBA
- FWDV General Meeting- 15th Sep, 12th Nov
- Cape Trip—August 18th 2018 to September 22nd 2018—Mick Harris
- Snow Trips—July/August TBA

IMPORTANT

- **Club merchandise has been reduced!** Check out the new prices on page three and pick up some new gear for the upcoming cooler season.
- If you wish to join us for dinner before the General Meeting, please book a spot at [Club Noble](#). Phone 9546 0653 and ask to join “Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club” table. You must book **BEFORE** the Monday on the week of the meeting to avoid disappointment!

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

March 2018

Meeting started 8:05pm

Attendees - as per book

Apologies - as per book

Minutes from February Meeting

Read and Accept

Accepted: David B

Second: Stuart

Correspondence from mins

Nil

Incoming Correspondence

- Emails from prospective members
- Top secret committee emails
- Email from 4wd Vic
 - Looking for driving instructors and more
 - Clean up the Bush

Outgoing Correspondence

- Emails to prospective members
- Replies to emails
- Email club magazine to other clubs

Treasurers Report

As per attachment in magazine.

Accept - David

Seconded - Emily

4WD Vic

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General bizzo

- Proficiency training 14-16/18th March
- Winch training day 28/29th April
- Discussion on bush mechanics
- Visitors show of hands - 5 visitors with good variety of cars.
- Handed out new member gear to members. Stickers, etc.

- Phil Griffith Handed out Driver training certificates
- Advertising in the Club Magazine. For Sale in the Club Magazine

Upcoming Club Trips *(Trip forms down the back of the meeting on the bench)*

- Stuart - Wonnangatta Murders 10-12th March
- Sally & Tristan - Huts Trips
- Phil - Ashley - Proficiency training 14-16/18th March
- Andre - Easter High Country trip. Blue Rag, Billy Goats, Craigs Hut if time permits.
- Dave - Night Run 14th April Toolangi
- Bruce - Night Run 28th April Mt Matlock
- Ashley - Avoca trip April/ May
- Bruce - June Long Weekend - Murray Sunset trip
- Mick Harris - Centre to Cape York.

Coffee Break

Past Club Trips

- Good stories

Stuart mentioned we need some more trips, so if you have any ideas, please email them through to committee@vfwdc.com

Meeting Closed

10pm

Members can advertise any four wheel drive or camping related items they wish to sell or buy.

Just email the editor, editor@vfwdc.com, with the following:

- 1. Description of the item
- 2. Price
- 3. Contact details
- 4. Photos (highly recommended)

FOR SALE: Bridgestone Dueler A/T x 5

\$1000 negotiable

Emily Wimetal
emilynwimetal@gmail.com

265x70R 17 inch Kingwheels
4x near new
1x slight damage but does not effect the use.
Used once for flinders ranges
Bought for \$1600 selling for \$1000 negotiable



FOR SALE: FlexiMake 40L Drinking Water Bladder

\$100

New-like 40L Drinking Water bladder by FlexiMake. Doesn't fit my set up after installing it once and then emptying it out. Bought it last November.

Comes with everything except the valve-tap which I'm keeping. [More info and photos see here](#)

Ly

0433 387 811

Ly.tri.ho@gmail.com



FOR SALE: Hiking Boots—Oboz

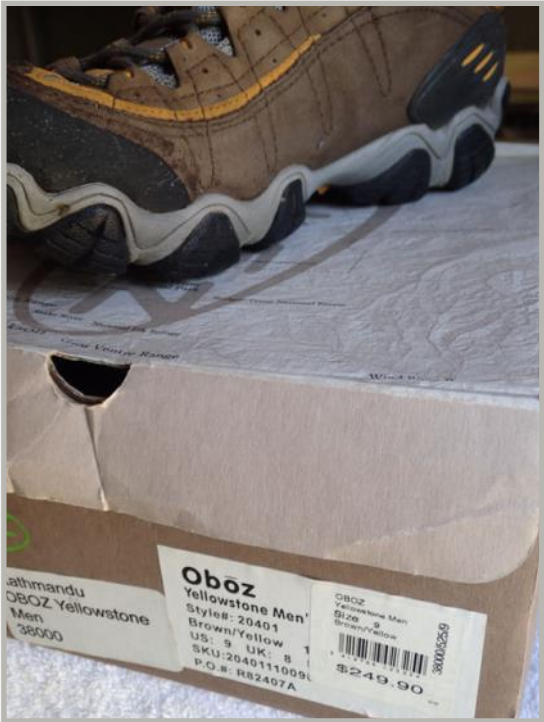
\$150

Mark

0412 544 668

Hiking Boots - 'Oboz' brown with some orange (see photos). UK size 8.
They are in excellent condition, and only worn about 4-5 times. They are very comfortable, but are 1/2 size too small for me. Were \$250, sell\$150 ONO.

Great for general hiking and 4wdriving.



FOR SALE: Conia Bar Fridge - 109LT

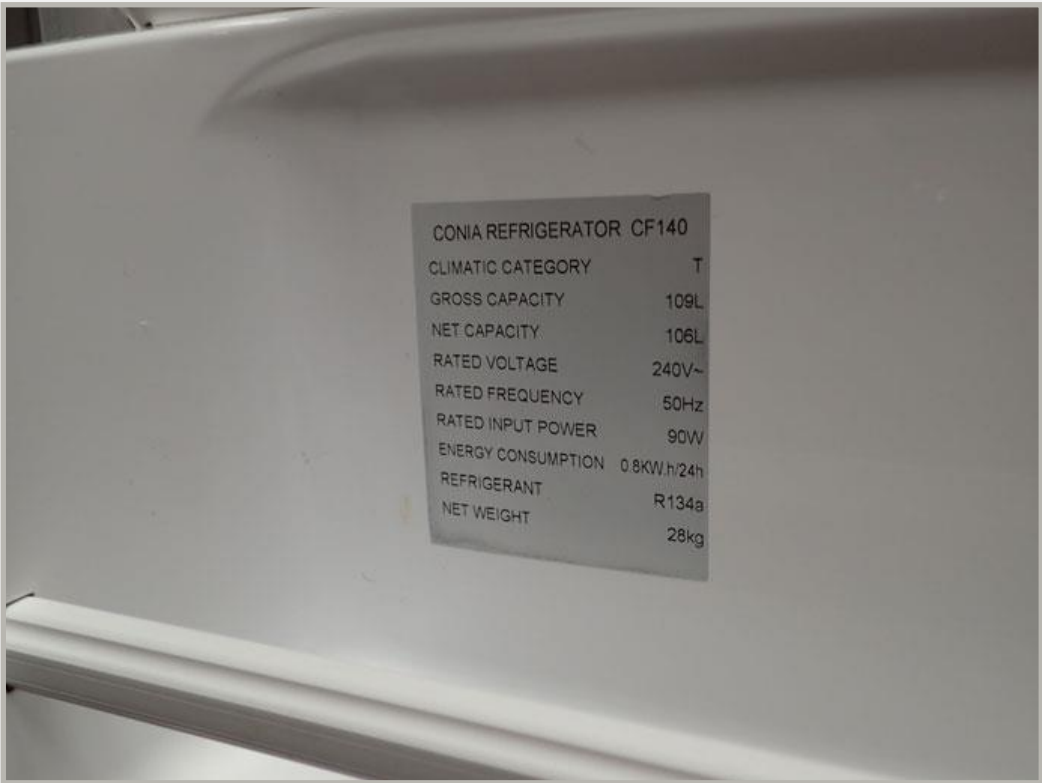
\$130

Mark

Conia Bar Frigde 109LT for sale. \$130.

0412 544 668

Is in great condition, and only has 3 very small marks in the door. Great for man-cave / garage / outdoor area. See photos.



Bringing Four Wheel Drivers Together



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Treasurer's Report February 2018

<u>Cheque A/C`</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/02/2018	\$3,992.80
Add:	New Membership	\$120.00
	Membership Renewal	\$90.00
	Merchandise Sales	\$28.00
	Raffle	\$116.35
	Total Monies In:	\$238.00
<u>Less:</u>		
	Catering	\$14.20
	Total Monies Out:	\$14.20
	Closing Balance as at 28/02/2018	\$4,332.95
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/02/2018	\$6,468.95
	Closing Balance as at 28/02/2018	\$6,468.95
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/02/2018	\$150.00
	Add:	
	Less:	
	Closing Balance as at 28/02/2018	\$150.00
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position	\$10,951.90

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Night Run to Mt Matlock and beyond
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Bruce MOB: 0400 425 296
DATE	Saturday 28th April 2018
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Healesville—time TBA
GRADE	WET: Med DRY: Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>Nice simple easy trip highly suitable for new members.</p> <p>Meet up and head up around Mt Matlock up to the comms tower through to Woods Point, and a few options -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Old Coach Road through to German Spur ending at Knockwood for the night.• Sunday more fun :) <p>You can camp at Knockwood or head home on the Sunday if you like—it's your call.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 4 MAXIMUM: 8
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	100
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Healesville DIESEL: Healesville
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Full recovery gear, GOOD lights, UHF, warm dry clothes, good attitude
MAPS REQUIRED	Woods Point—Mt Skene Forest Activities map
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12 or thereabouts
GOOGLE MAPS	See here

DESTINATION	Toolangi State Forrest - NIGHT RUN And camp overnight
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: David Bruinsma MOB: 0417 747 860
DATE	Saturday 19th May 2018
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Lilydale McDonalds for dinner est. 5pm Driving from Dusk to probably just before midnight.
GRADE	WET: Medium DRY: Easy/Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>NIGHT RUN</p> <p>Drive to destination area and find tracks to explore using all the lights our 4x4's have mounted - the more lights you have installed, the more fun you can have in using them. <cheesy grin></p> <p>Note: you do need to take more care when driving at night, there is greater risk involved in all aspects - especially with recoveries if/when required.</p> <p>I intend to drive until late - then find a suitable place to throw the swag out and have a beverage around a fire for a while then sleep in late, lazy breakfast next morning (lots of coffee) then drive home late morning.</p> <p>(possibly try a last track or two, depending on how we feel)</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 8
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	Varies
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: TBA DIESEL: TBA
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Basic Recovery Equipment. Winch recovery Equipment advisable.
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftops - Toolangi Black Range
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12
GOOGLE MAPS	See here

DESTINATION	Aberfeldy Area—Club WORKING BEE
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Stuart MOB: Stuart 0428539157
DATE	Friday 25th - 27th May 2018
MEETING PLACE / TIME	McDonalds on the Packerham bypass departing 6:30 PM Friday night or meet us at Aberfeldy township Saturday Morning for a 9:00 am Departure
GRADE	WET: Medium to difficult DRY: Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Idea is to head up past Aberfeldy to start cleaning and clearing of some of the summer grass from the base of the signs together with any fallen trees over the walking tracks our club is looking after. John Partridge will be showing us around some of the old mine sites. Then to camp at Little O'Tools for the night and do some four wheel driving Sunday before heading home Sunday afternoon. Bring packed lunch and munchies for roadside stops
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: N/A
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	300-400kms round trip
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Moe LPG: Moe DIESEL: Moe
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	72km to Moe
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Own basic recovery gear, tools and any spares you may require. AT or MT tyres Self sufficient camping and food for the weekend. If you have one please bring a chain saw, chain oil and fuel Note: Personal Protective Equipment is mandatory for chain saw operators eg; earmuffs, safety visor, Chaps, work gloves and sturdy boots.
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftop maps Walhalla-Licola
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12
GOOGLE MAPS	See here

DESTINATION	Murray Sunset and Surrounds
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Bruce Cremonesi MOB: 0400425296
DATE	Queens Birthday Long weekend 9th-11th June 2018
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Servo on Eastlink South Bound
GRADE	WET: Medium/Hard (Depending how wet) DRY: Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>Crusing around, probably stay at Rocket Lake night 1, Visit Mopoke Hut, Salt Lake, Shearers Quarters, maybe do some of the Border Track if its open.</p> <p>Please be self sufficient for wet and dry weather, camping, dinner, drinks, happy hour, etc.</p> <p>Bring a bag of firewood from ya local servo, as firewood is nearly non existent in the park.</p> <p>Full recovery gear will be required Front and rear recovery points are a must. Good AT Tyres Minimum Must be financial member of club prior to departure.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 4 MAXIMUM: 8
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	TBA
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Ouyen DIESEL: Ouyen
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	120km
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	<p>FULL RECOVERY GEAR (Any questions see me at meeting)</p> <p>FRONT AND REAR RECOVERY POINTS</p> <p>UHF RADIO</p> <p>GOOD ALL TERRAIN TYRES</p> <p>WARM CLOTHES</p> <p>SPARE WARM CLOTHES</p> <p>CAMPING GEAR ETC</p> <p>CAMERA</p>
MAPS REQUIRED	TBA
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12
GOOGLE MAPS	See here

DESTINATION	Xmas in July - St Annes Winery 2018
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: David MOB: 0417 747 860
DATE	Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th July
MEETING PLACE / TIME	At St. Annes Winery from 12 mid-day onwards on the Saturday: 64 Garrards Road, Myrniong VIC 3341
GRADE	WET: Easy DRY: Very Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>Twill be an easy relaxing weekend, camping at the winery itself. Come along, set up your camp - go to the cellar door, sample the wonderful variety of Wines and Ports and purchase your supplies for the weekend.</p> <p>The committee intend to supply the Saturday night dinner for our club, roasted meat over a spit - with roasted potatoes and salads</p> <p>Numbers are needed prior to the weekend either by putting you names and passenger numbers down on the trip data form, at a preceding club meeting - or by emailing me on delegate@vfwdc.com with your details. We need to know if you are coming for a visit, or also coming for DINNER ONLY.</p> <p>Happy hour starts on Saturday as soon as you arrive and are set up, please bring plate(s) of goodies to share around for nibbles!!!!</p> <p>There is NO 4wding intended at all for the weekend (actually no driving at all until the next day as you head home)</p> <p>The winery allowed us to have an awesome bon fire on last year, I expect that will have the same opportunity again this year.</p> <p>On the Sunday, the winery will be hosting one of their regular events, and will be arranging for a POP UP restaurant for the Sunday LUNCH (we need to know numbers in advance please, so tables can be set aside for us)</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 5 MAXIMUM: 10
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	Approx. 40km from Melbourne CBD
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Every major suburb DIESEL: Every major suburb
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Every major suburb
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Camping chair and overnight camping gear if staying overnight.
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftops - Toolangi Black Range Rooftops - Bunyip
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12
GOOGLE MAPS	See here

DESTINATION	Cape Trip
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Michael Harris MOB: 0424 766 616
DATE	August 18th 2018 to September 22nd 2018
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBA
GRADE	WET: Med DRY: Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	General touring through to the cape & back
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 8
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	Depends on where we go...last time we did about 13700 kms
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: TBA DIESEL: TBA
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Enough surplus to last 5 weeks + all normal gear
MAPS REQUIRED	
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12
GOOGLE MAPS	See here



2nd Feb - 3rd Feb
by Ly Ho

Ly & Darna	- Boots
Shand & Mel	- Boots
Steve	- Boots

Friday night, Darna and I drove up to Murrinidi Scenic Reserve. Arrived to the first camp spot (nearest to flushing toilets!), set up camp and paid the \$7 camping permit.

Had a lovely fire, dinner and drinks. Watched the wallabies appear and graze at dusk.

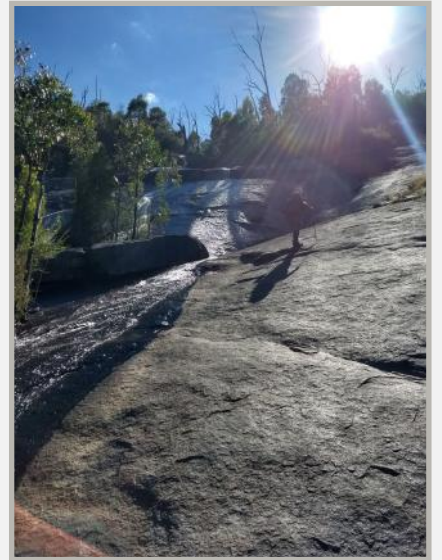
Since it was the day after the “super moon”, we watched the moon slowly rise above the mountain behind us before crawling into tent.



Next morning as we were packing up, Steve, Shane and Mel arrived. We parked our cars at the bridge day car park. Final bag checks to make sure food and water was all there.

Team took a group photo and crossed the suspension bridge and to start the walk. It was a nice and cruisey walk until the ascent to the waterfall—first challenge of the day.

We reached the waterfall in about an hour-ish. There we had a snack, rest and took photos. Shane decided to go exploring and scale the rock face of the waterfall...

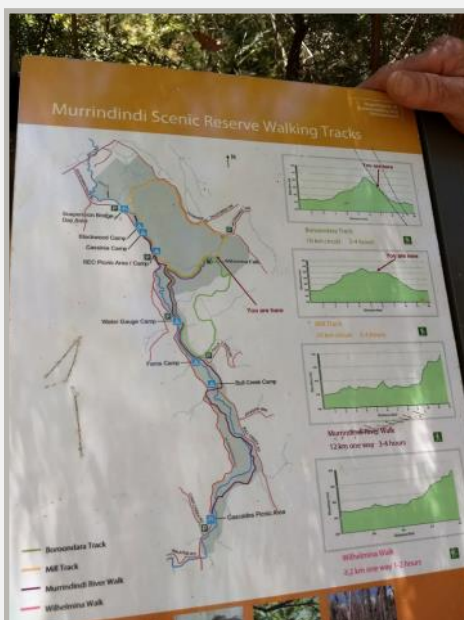


After the rest, we tackled up the stair case over the waterfall until we reached a sign. Shane looked at the map and told us it was downhill from here—great!



Little did we know, we were already on downhill to where Shane pointed. So by 15 mins we noticed we were walking steeply uphill instead of downhill...

By now all of us were huffing and puffing and sucking deeply into our water bladders.



Finally reached the highest point and it became downhill which started impacting my knees a bit. Eventually we hit the flat ground and it was time to find a spot for lunch.

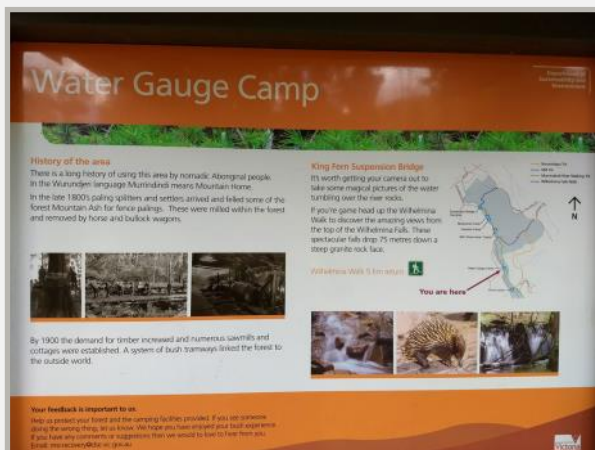
We initially found this spot under a bridge but decided against it due to lack of shade and seating.



Kept on walking to the Water Gauge Campsite. This campsite had picnic tables and toilets and shelter from the sun. We dropped our bags and enjoyed a 30min lunch and caught our breath.

We traced along this side of the river hoping to see more campsites. Passed a few car campers but we hit a dead end.

U-turned back to Water Gauge Campsite and continued our return path back to the Suspension Bridge.



Big relief to reach the cars because the day had warmed up now. We dropped our bags, dipped our feet in the cold refreshing river.

From there we gas-bagged in the car park for half an hour then parted to our separate ways.

Thanks Steve, Mel and Shane for coming. Everyone enjoyed the walk, next time there'll be camping after a walk. I'll tee another walk in a few months time!

DRIVER PROFICIENCY TRAINING

16th - 18th March by
Jeff Griffiths

Phil	Ford Everest
Ashley	Ford Ranger
Carolyn	Toyota Fortuner
Jeff and Mary	Mazda BT50
Darna And Ly	Landcruiser 80 series
Roger	Prado 150
Mike	Mitsubishi TN Triton
Bayani	Prado 120
Anthony and Riley	Ford Everest

Friday Night 16th

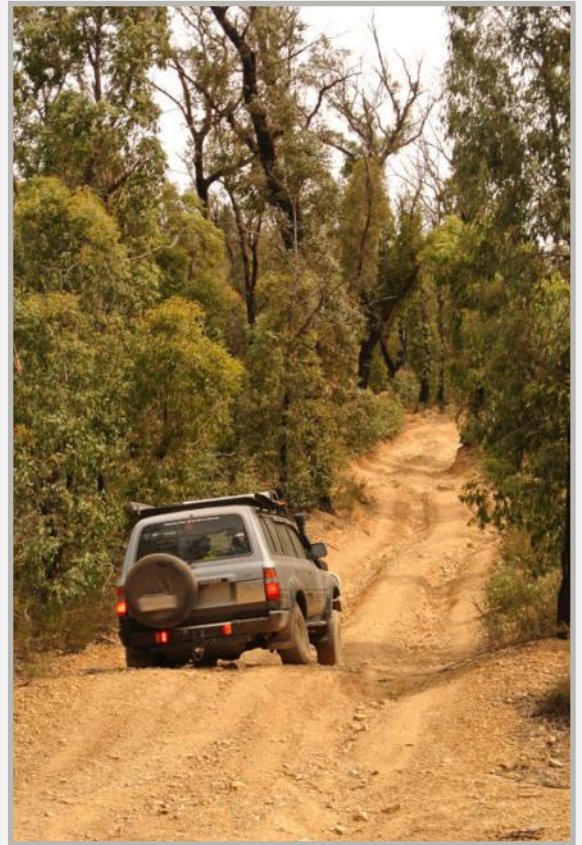
Anthony and Riley lead the way for Jeff and Mary into Little O'Tooles. Ashley arrived not long after as he finished work a bit later we setup camp started a fire and had a few beers.

Saturday Morning 17th

Around 10:30am the rest of the group turned up and setup camp . Once lunch and all the introductions to everyone were done Ashley and Phil started the training weekend with a brief chat about what we had been talking about Wednesday night and if we had any questions.

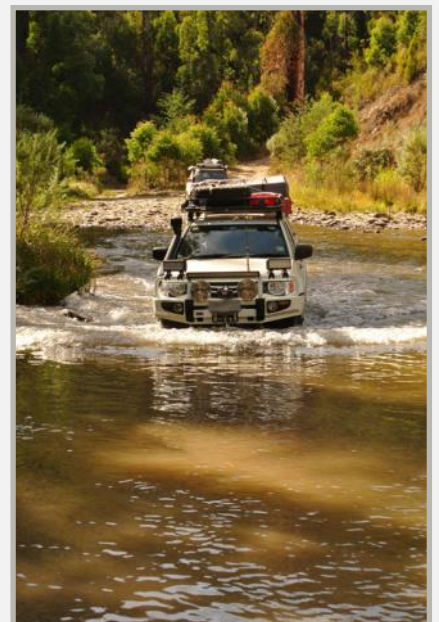
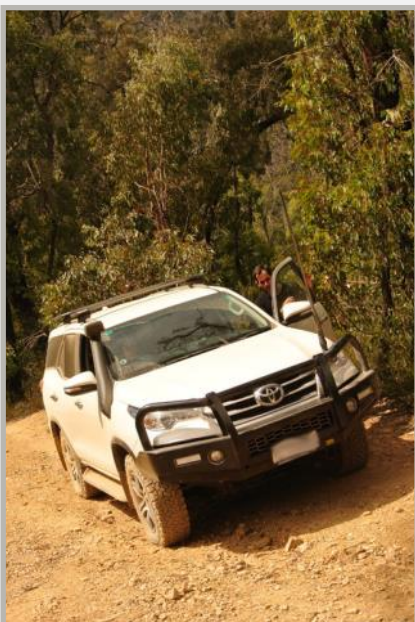


The group was split into two groups. Ashley led the first group with Jeff, Mary, Bayani, Anthony with Riley across to White Star Track to show us how to perform the stop/start ascent and also the stop/start decent. While we were doing this Phil was checking over the cars of Mike, Carolyn, Roger, Darna and Ly to make sure they had to right recovery gear and everything in the cars was secured and nothing would be able to fly around and hit anyone in the car.



Once Ashley's group returned back to camp it was then Phil's turn to lead his group up to Flats Track to do there start/stop ascent and stop/start decent lucky for Ashley and Phil we all had autos.

Ashley and Phil then took the whole group for a drive around the tracks to practice what we had just learned. The tracks were very dry and dusty so our convoy was stretched out about 1.5 kms from lead to tail end Charlie. We travelled up S Track ,William Spur down Army track then back along Donnelly Creek Rd and then back to camp. It was a good opportunity test the new knowledge we had gained like driving through the brakes which we did do a lot of as the tracks were quite steep.



Sunday 18th

We all had breakfast then packed up Phil then spoke about our homework and took our homework sheets so he could hand them in to Four Wheel Drive Victoria we were ready to go by about 9:30am so we headed off to explore more tracks again, all the tracks were in good condition and looked like they had been graded recently as they were loose and dusty.



Ashley lead the group with Phil being the tail end Charlie, we went up Flats Track then Pheasant Track to Dream Creek, North East, One Speck, Fultons Track and then down Beardmore Track where we finished at the car park near the base of the dam wall about 3pm where we aired up and said are goodbyes then all headed back to Melbourne.



On this weekend you could see the difference in confidence from when the group started to when the group finished. I think everyone in the group had a big smile on their face and will be ready to for the with a lot more confidence and skills.

A Big Thank You to Ashley, Phil for making this a great weekend.

WONNANGATTA LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

10th - 12th March by
Stuart & Maree

David & Samuel	Navara
Stephen & Graham	SsangYong
Jeff & Mary	BT 50
Steve, Mia & Haley	Landcruiser
Maree & Stuart	Landcruiser



This was to be the 100 years anniversary for the murders at Wonnangatta. The victims were Jim Barclay the manager of Wonnangatta and John Bamford the cook and general hand. It was believed that John had committed the murder but his body was found in the Mount Howett area shot in the head, so he was ruled out.

This has been an unsolved case. There has been a book written on this subject but when we attended the discussion by the interested parties the locals had differing opinions on the outcome. So it's still a mystery.

Stuart and Maree went up on Thursday to secure a spot to camp on the banks of the river. David led the others in on Saturday. They journeyed through Marathon Road up to the Pinnacle lookout, that was the easy part, then they negotiated Billy Goat Bluff track and with the experienced leader and tail end, everyone made it safely.

Jeff had issues with his brakes fading but he was reminded of the training of driving through your brakes and finding the right gear for the difficult descent.



Arriving safely at camp everyone enjoyed the camp fire, David had organised to cook his dinner in the camp oven and proceeded to eat a chicken he shared with Samuel (not a vegetable in sight)



Everyone was saying “Hi” to Ray who turned out to be Graham but as he is a bit hard of hearing he was happy to answer.

Sunday we went looking for the lady making scones, but she had run out of flour because of the demand on Saturday there was no scones to be found. Jeff had the sad face and the lip was dragging after he found out this news.

Samuel, Mia and Haley helped Maree make a



chocolate brownie for morning tea, as Samuel said the best part is licking the bowl. Stuart and David looked after the fire and cooked the brownie for morning tea. Maree came back with the news of no scones and decided to make some much to Jeff’s delight.



We attended talks in the cemetery and the history of the homestead by friends of Wonnangatta who dressed in period costume for the occasion. There was police person on horse back in period costume providing atmosphere to the days highlights.

The afternoon dip in the river was a welcome relief to the heat of the day. A great night around the camp fire topped off a great weekend.



Monday morning we packed up and headed over Zeka Spur track being mindful of the fires that were in the area, a good idea to keep an eye on the Vic emergency app. The smoke was thick and you could smell the fire. When we headed past the airport there was two of the water bombing airplanes on the tarmac.

It was a great weekend but we still don't know who did it.



Photos are back

A couple of photo albums have been added to the website's photo gallery. It was lacking attention for the past year due to a bug in the code that is now fixed. Remember if you have any photos you want to share, post it on the [Facebook group](#) or upload it to our website's photo gallery. [Email web@vfwdc.com](mailto:web@vfwdc.com) to get permission to upload.

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- [2018-03 March Proficiency](#)
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