



FREE WHEELING

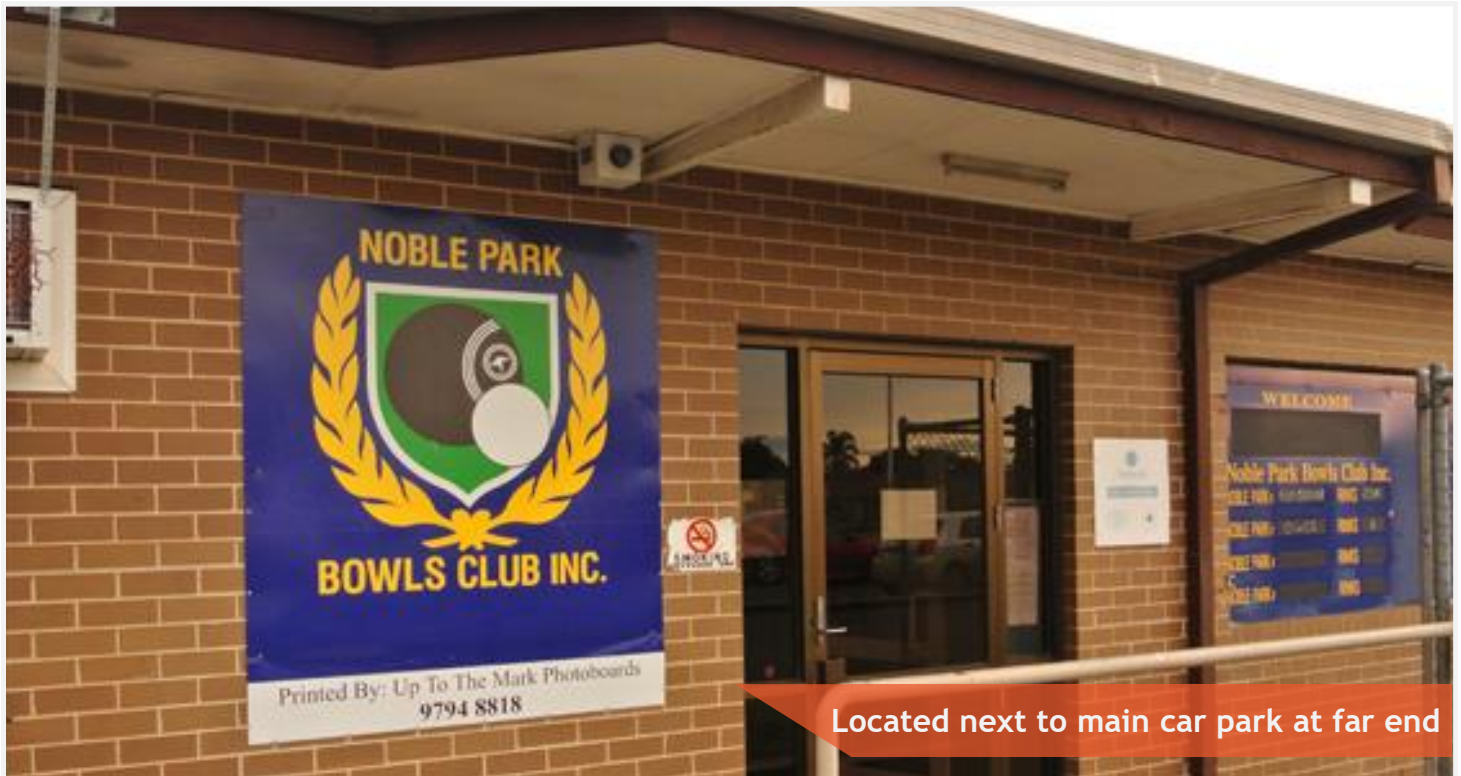
July 2018



Official Newsletter of the
Victorian Four Wheel
Drive Club Inc

Registration No
A0002184F

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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
Vice President	Steve Pitcher	vicepres@vfwdc.com
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General Committee

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Magazine Editor	Ly Ho	editor@vfwdc.com
Association Delegate	David Bruinsma	delegate@vfwdc.com
General Committee	Ashley Martin	
General Committee	Callum Brown	

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Training officer	Ashley Martin	
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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.

This will be short this month.

At this month's meeting we have Safety Dave paying us a visit. Thank you in advance to Dave.

Our annual Xmas in July is coming up and is at St. Anne's winery.

I encourage all members to come along and enjoy each other's company.

We have run into a few issues with the proposed dates for snow trips this year. We were unable to get permits for the August 4th and 11th dates that we had planned due to them being fully booked. That is that the mountain will be full.

So we have applied for different dates but are waiting for those applications to be accepted. We will confirm once we have received our permits.

The AGM is next month, at the August meeting, and we require nominees for all committee positions. During the AGM all committee positions will be up for grabs and I would encourage all members to get involved and nominate for something they would like to help out with. It is a very rewarding thing to do and doesn't take up too much of your time. You will see committee position descriptions in the club magazine.

That's it from me.

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Ben Whitworth
President

CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

July				
4th	Wed	General Meeting		
7th to 8th	Sat to Sun	Xmas in July	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
17th	Tue	Committee Meeting		
August				
1st	Wed	Annual General Meeting		
TBC		Snow Trip—Top and bottom		
TBC		Snow Trip—bottom	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
18th to 22 Sep	Sat	Cape Trip	Michael Harris	0424 766 616
18th to 19th	Sat to Sun	Cobaw State Forest	Steve Pitcher	0421 205 529
21st	Tue	Committee Meeting		
September				
5th	Wed	General Meeting		
8th	Sat	Tallarook	Sally Higgs	
15th	Sat	FWDV General Meeting		
18th	Tue	Committee Meeting		
October				
3rd	Wed	General Meeting		
16th	Tue	Committee Meeting		
November				
TBC	TBC	Special Meeting		
3rd to 6th	Sat to Tue	Portland Buggy Club	TBC	
3rd to 6th	Sat to Tue	Beachport, Robe, Carpenters, Narracoorte Caves	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
20th	Tue	Committee Meeting		

Future Events

- First Aid Training—TBA
- FWDV General Meeting - 12th Nov

IMPORTANT

- **SNOW TRIPS ARE TBC. STAY TUNED**
- **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

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

June 2018

Meeting started 8:05pm

Attendees - as per book

Apologies - Bruce, Rob

Minutes from May Meeting

Read and Accept

Accepted: David

Second: Steve

Correspondence from mins

Nil

Incoming Correspondence

- Emails from prospective members
- Top secret committee emails
- Email from 4wd Vic
- Brochure from Gough Plastics

Outgoing Correspondence

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

Treasurers Report

As per attachment in magazine.

Accept - Stuart

Seconded - Emily

4WD Vic

Stuff

General bizzo

- Advertising in the maggo -free for members.
- Also if you wanna sell stuff, email editor@vfwdc.com
- Xmas in July
- St Annes winery Bacchus Marsh
 - 7th july
 - Camping and campfire
 - Free booze samples

- Cheap grog
- Safety Dave July Meeting
 - Bringing gear to demo to the club, to sell and you can get you kits refreshed.
- Snow Trips
 - August 4th - 2 groups upper and lower
 - August 11th - Second weekend 1 group lower staying at Jamieson Pub.
- Renewals - due end of July. Membership form is online.
- 4wd outdoor fishing and boating expo 17-19th August.

New Members

Alan and Anne

Driver Training Certificates

- Riley VB - AWOL
- Roger Blackman
- Bayani Serrano
- Mary Griffiths
- Jeff Griffiths
- Darna - AWOL
- Caroline Jones

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

- Ashley - 3rd June Winch Demo Day.
- Sally - Friday group - June Long Weekend - Murray Sunset trip
- Steve - Saturday group - June Long Weekend - Murray Sunset trip
- Ly - Walking.
- Xmas in July
- Ben - Snow Trips 4th - 5th August.
- TBC - Snow Trips 11th - 12th August.
- Steve P - Cowbar 18-19th August
- Bruce C - Robe/Beachport Melbourne Cup Weekend
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- TBC - Portland Buggy Club - Melbourne Cup Weekend
- Des - Deddick Trail - Melbourne Cup Weekend
- Mick Harris - Centre to Cape York.

Donuts, Cake, Coffee and Socializing 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

Raffles

1. Tony
2. Emily
3. Steve P
4. Caroline

July 4th next meeting

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: Foxwing

\$450

Bought it second hand, and never got around to mounting it.
Comes with poles, ropes and new bag. [More details here](#)

Ly

0433 387 811

Ly.tri.ho@gmail.com

(Stock image)



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



Bringing Four Wheel Drivers Together



Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
www.vfwdc.com



Treasurer's Report May 2018

<u>Cheque A/C`</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/05/2018	\$4,458.15
Add:	Raffle	\$105.50
	Total Monies In:	\$105.50
<u>Less:</u>		
	Cattering	\$17.00
	Total Monies Out:	\$17.00
	Closing Balance as at 31/05/2018	\$4,546.65
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/05/2018	\$6,502.45
	Closing Balance as at 31/05/2018	\$6,502.45
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/05/2018	\$150.00
	Add:	
	Less:	
	Closing Balance as at 31/05/2018	\$150.00
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position	\$11,186.60

UPCOMING TRIPS

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. 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	
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

DESTINATION	Cobaw State Forest
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Steve Pitcher MOB: 0421 205 529
DATE	18 - 19 August 2018
MEETING PLACE / TIME	BP Service Centre, 937 Calder Freeway, Calder Park (Nth-bound, just past Calder Raceway) 8:30 am departure
GRADE	WET: Medium-Hard DRY: Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>Explore the Cobaw State Forest. There is a basic campsite (no toilet facilities) for overnight camping. The trip distance is also suitable for anyone wishing to make a day trip on the Saturday only.</p> <p>Several tracks are a little rutted and/or eroded in sections, requiring reasonable vehicle clearance and quality traction tyres. Some technical driving will be required to negotiate sections of track - additional hand-held radios would be useful to help spot vehicles/drivers as needed.</p> <p>Track selection will depend upon the technical driving skills/ experience of participants.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	<p>MINIMUM: 2</p> <p>MAXIMUM: 6 (including trip leader)</p>
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	Less than 300 km return from the S/E suburbs, much less from the meeting place.
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	<p>PETROL: BP Service Centre, Calder Park</p> <p>DIESEL: BP Service Centre, Calder Park</p>
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Lancefield is the nearest township with basic supplies, approx 10kms from the eastern boundary of the park.
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Standard Recovery Gear, Camping gear and food/supplies if staying overnight, lunch if doing a day-trip only.
MAPS REQUIRED	Cobaw State Forest by Rooftop Maps
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12
GOOGLE MAPS	See here

DESTINATION	Tallarook State Forrest
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Sally Higgs MOB: 0435 782 207
DATE	Saturday 8th September
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Departure 8am from Lilydale McDonalds
GRADE	WET: Medium DRY: Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	A nice cruisy day trip. Some of the more fun tracks are closed but there is still plenty to see and do in the park. It will be great for beginners or people with not a lot of 4WD experience. You will get the opportunity to try some rocky shaley climbs and try some exploring with us.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: 8 Have to limit vehicle numbers to fit in places for lunch etc.
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	100km
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Lilydale DIESEL: Lilydale
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	100km
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Recovery Gear, Food for the day (Plus a little bit extra for emergencies) Radio.
MAPS REQUIRED	Cobaw State Forest by Rooftop Maps
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	Roof Top - Toolangi - Macedon Adventure Map
GOOGLE MAPS	See here

DESTINATION	Beachport, Robe, Carpenters, Narracoorte Caves
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Bruce C MOB: 0400 42 52 96
DATE	November Melbourne Cup Long Weekend. Friday - Tuesday 2nd to 6th
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBC
GRADE	WET: Easy DRY: Medium to Hard—be ready for Beach Recoveries.
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Heading to Southern Oceans Caravan Park in Beachport to base camp. Plan is Friday Day 1 - Drive to Beachport Saturday Day 2 - Beach run and dunes run to Carpenters Rocks Sunday Day 3 - Rest day OR anything you like, wineries, or 120klms to the Dinosaur Caves at Narracoorte. www.naracoortecaves.sa.gov.au Monday Day 4 - Beach run to Buggy club + Robe Tuesday Day 5 - Drive home.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MAXIMUM: 10
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	550klms from Eastlink to Beachport
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL and DIESEL: It's everywhere
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	It's everywhere on the way.
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	FULL RATED RECOVERY POINTS FRONT AND REAR - No If's No Buts Full Recovery gear - Snatch, 2x Shackles, winch blanket ON CLUB TRIPS - HELP WILL ALWAYS BE ON HAND But each and every vehicle must be self-sufficient with its own recovery gear and you shouldn't rely on the other members to provide equipment. Other basic equipment that is advisable to carry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid Kit (and knowledge of how to use it) • Tyre deflator, inflator and tyre pressure gauge • UHF Radio - Recommended 5W output • Basic Tool Kit • Suitable Jack & Jacking base plate • Fire extinguisher • Torch • Spare fuses
MAPS REQUIRED	Nil—You can pick up from Visitors Center at Beachport
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	INCAR UHF is recommended—Channel 12
GOOGLE MAPS	See here

DESTINATION	Portland Buggy Club
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: TBC MOB:
DATE	Nov Melbourne Cup Weekend Saturday 3rd to Tuesday 6th November
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBC
GRADE	WET: Easy DRY: Easy/Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Head to the dunes of Portland to blast around the hills. Also fishing out of the beach gutters is very worth while if that's your thing
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 4 MAXIMUM: 10
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	410kms from Scoresby to the Buggy Club.
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL and DIESEL: Portland
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	It's everywhere on the way.
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	FULL RATED RECOVERY POINTS FRONT AND REAR - No If's No Buts Full Recovery gear - Snatch, 2x Shackles, winch blanket Other basic equipment that is advisable to carry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid Kit (and knowledge of how to use it) • Tyre deflator, inflator and tyre pressure gauge • UHF Radio - Recommended 5W output • Basic Tool Kit • Suitable Jack & Jacking base plate • Fire extinguisher • Torch • Spare fuses
MAPS REQUIRED	Nil
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	INCAR UHF is recommended—Channel 12
GOOGLE MAPS	See here

ABERFELDY WORKING BEE

26th May - 27th May
by Stuart

Stuart	Toyota
Tony	Ranger
Des	Patrol
Garry	Patrol
Stephen & Graham	SsangYong
Jeff	Mazda

Friday 25th May 2018

Three vehicles left the BP on the Pakenham bypass at 6:30 pm, (Stuart, Jeff, Stephen and Graham AKA Ray) and headed off, the traffic had been horrendous for everyone, even for Tony who left at 3:30 pm, as we passed the Drouin turn off the traffic started to thin, and it was a pleasant drive into Moe. Stephen and Jeff spotted the donut van and decided it was a good idea and from all accounts a great stop, just a heads up if you are passing. They did have potato cakes with cheese, but they were going to take too long to cook so the decision was donuts and then it was off up the mountain, with very little radio chatter as the mouths were too full to talk.

We passed through Erica about 8pm and headed to the Thompson dam to air down for the drive into little O'Tools camping ground. The plan was to drive the long way around through Aberfeldy as Stephen in the SsangYong had no snorkel fitted and we knew there had been plenty of rain in the area during the previous week but when we contacted Tony he said its not that bad he did the crossing a few hours previous so that's the way we went through Merringtons spaghetti junction.



We were grateful for Tony and his fire making skills, we settled in for a few yarns and some red wine. It was too cold for beer.

Saturday 26th May 2018



We awoke to a cold frosty morning and proceeded to cook up a feast, the car did not lie when it said -2 but at least there was no rain in sight.

We met Garry and Des who had travelled up in the morning. We decided to split the group to get the most work done. Tony, Jeff, Stephen and Graham proceeded to Hanging rock to clean the track and work

there. Stuart went to Aberfeldy town centre where the information board is to meet Des and Garry then they proceeded to Eldorado, the water trough and Fiddlers Green.



Stuarts group then headed down Spud track to Aberfeldy crossing, they cleared the track and maintained the path for all to enjoy. After a busy morning working the boys enjoyed a lunch stop.



Stephen and Graham (aka Ray) left the group in the afternoon to head back to town for Stephens fiancé's birthday dinner.

A few more tracks to do and we headed back to camp for the night. Everyone putting all their clothes on in anticipation of another cold night. The fire was roaring and the boys all enjoying camping in the bush

Sunday 27 May 2018

As anticipated it was bloody cold, and everyone agreed but that didn't damper the enjoyment of the weekend the drive out was fun. Flats track always provides some hairy moments when you just hold on and hope you get to the top.

A great weekend and a big thank you to all who attended. We do this work in conjunction with the Aberfeldy Track group coordinated by Rudy. Without the time spent by volunteers from several different 4x4 clubs this area would not be as accessible and enjoyable to everyone.

A few photos of our great weekend.



Des in his stock work ute as his Patrol was in getting some electrical issues repaired.



ALPINE NATIONAL PARK

MITTA MITTA



Brett Nuske
Steve Prior
Louiza & Norm Anderson

Wednesday

After meeting up at BP Wallan we set off on a leisurely cruise up the Hume Highway to Wodonga. A brief stop allowed for some shopping and refuelling of vehicles and humans.



Proceeding towards Lightning Creek camp ground we topped up on fuel at Mitta Mitta. Reaching the camp ground we set up our base camp before discovering the toilets had been closed with new one still being built. Even with the nearest known toilet being at another camp ground approx. 5km back towards Mitta Mitta we decided to stay where we had setup.

Whilst hunting and gathering firewood another toilet block was located in another part of the camp ground that was separate from the main camp ground.

Thursday

Brett having become ill during the night decided that he could not continue on the trip and would break camp then return home. After a long day with lots of stops Brett made it safely home about 5pm.

The rest of us decided we would continue with the trip with Norm made trip leader.

With several day and half day trips found listed on the internet we set off on the easiest listed trip.

Leaving camp we travelled South on Omeo Highway to Razorback Spur Track. With a small amount of snow falling and some snow on the ground we decided to take a detour by turning right and going uphill towards Mt Wills. After several Km's and driving along a snow covered track we



found the road closed at Tallangatta Ski Lodge. A foot excursion trekking through snow allowed us to reach the closed lodge and have a look around.

Leaving the ski lodge we crossed over the Omeo Highway and travelled along Razorback Spur Track. The track was in excellent condition allowing any 2WD vehicle to use it. With strong winds having been recently through the area we had to negotiate around, over and under large number of trees crossing the road.

Turning left onto Holloway track and expecting to find another track leading to a hill listed as having great all round views, it soon became apparent that I had misread the map. Following Holloway track back to Omeo Highway we headed for Dartmouth dam wall for lunch. The views made enduring cold wind and temperatures worthwhile.

Heading back towards Mitta Mitta we turned left onto Mt Benambra Road then right onto Benambra Summit Track. There is very limited parking at the summit. The 360 degree views from the tower is fantastic. It was so cold that we got bombarded with ice falling from the top of the tower.



Continuing the trip we headed back down turning right onto Mt Benambra Road we decided that due to the time of day not to take Envers track that looked a little overgrown but to continue onto Callaghan Creek track then back to camp, collecting firewood on the way.

Friday

From the back of the camp ground we started to head up Rootsey Spur Track and seeing the condition of the track we aired down. After an approx. 4.2 km continuous steady uphill climb we turned left onto The Hollow Way Road then left onto Camp Creek Track.



To make the trip more challenging we turned right onto Trappers Spur track. This track loops back around to Camp Creek Track. With the few trees down across the track it would have been more challenging if we had taken the track from the other end.

Using Eskdale Spur track we made our way to Mt Emu for views across to Mt Bogong, Mt Beauty. No hang gliders were using the launch pad today.

Backtracking to Little Snowy Creek Track we followed the track all the way to Eskdale. We did expect the track to be more challenging than it was.

Airing up we made our way back to camp. Deciding that we did not want to wait half a day whilst our camping equipment dried out on Saturday we packed up and left for home.

Thanks Brett for arranging the trip

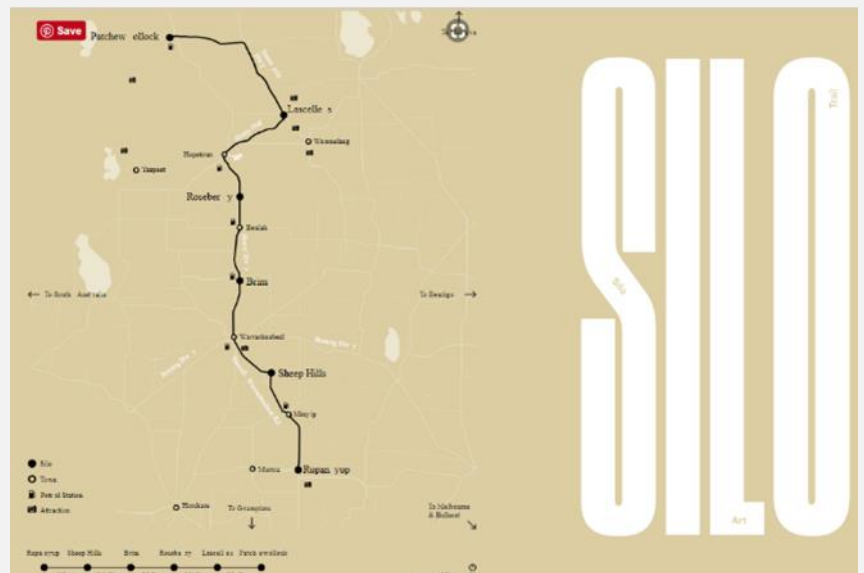
QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND MURRAY SUNSET

8th June - 11th June
by Sally

Sally and Tristan	Discovery
Anne and Alan	Prado
Audrey and Ian	Patrol
Trudy and Cullum	Ranger
Claire and Ben	Dmax
David Martini	Patrol
Caroline Jones	Toyota Fortuna
Maree and Stuart	Landcruiser

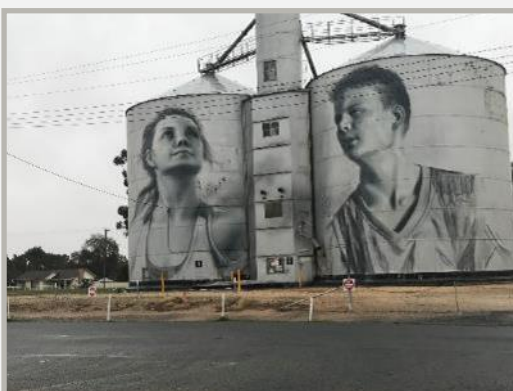
Group 2

Steve Pitcher	Landcruiser
Mary and Jeff	BT 50
Stephen	SsangYong



Friday 8th June 2018

The plan is to leave Calder Park BP early, this was to get through the city traffic and enjoy the drive as its and still a work day for the second group. The plan is to complete the silo trail and then meet the second group on Saturday PM and explore the Murry sunset park.



The silo trail was better than advertised as each silo was unique and provided amazing photo opportunities for all. The first major stop was St Arnaud, a small rural town with a lovely toilet block and bakeries for all to sample. It was raining and we all hoped this was all we would see.

First Silo at Rupanyup is two of the local youth,

Next was sheep hills then onto Brim. We stopped into Minyip to check out the set of The Flying Doctors TV Show and then had lunch at a park in Warracknabeal. Then onto Roseberry, a short detour to Birchip as the local info said

they had the best vanilla slices in Victoria. Well the local should have been questioned as they had sold out of all of them and its only 3pm on a Friday. So we settled for jam donuts and enjoyed

the local quirky sense of humor with the big bull in the main street.

From there we headed to Woomelang and the town free camp site at the Cronomby Tanks. It was a short walk to town and we enjoyed a night at the local pub, warm dry and fed a happy bunch of campers.

Saturday 9th June 2018

Woke up to a wet camp site, but the brave campers that we are packed up and enjoyed coffee at the local shop before embarking on our next silo at Lascelle, there is a park next to the silo where a local artist has his iron based artwork displayed caused interesting discussions. Everyone an art critic by this stage, Ha ha

The final silo on the trail is at Patchewallock and here we put the final fuel in and head off to the Wyperfeld national park. Stopping at Snow drift for lunch. This is large white sand dunes, we enjoyed walking up and sliding down.

As its been raining the mud is getting slippery everyone is anticipating a fun weekend.

We called into casuarina camping ground put that on the to visit again list. Finally meeting the group 2 at the old Salt Works at the Pink lakes. We headed to Lake Becking with 11 vehciles but the camp spot we had chosen was a bit small so we headed on to Mt Crozier where the fire was welcome.

By Maree and Stuart:

*Sally you get the other 2 days Thanks it was a great trip
So here are some more photos for the first couple of days.*





Sheep Hills Silo



Silo at Brim



Roseberry Silo



Campsite at Cronomby Tanks, Woomelang



General Store Coffee Stop, Woomelang



Lascelle Silo



Patchewollock Silo



Wyperfeld National Park



Snowdrift Campground, Wyperfeld National Park



Saltmine at The Pink Lakes



Mt Crozier Campground, Murray Sunset National Park

Sunday 10th June

We awoke on Sunday morning to no rain and high cloud. A few of us were a little crazy and got up before dark to climb up the 150m to the highest peak in the Murray Sunset, Mt Crozier. We were treated to a beautiful sunrise over the desert. We then went back to camp and had breakfast and packed up for the day. A few others went up in the daylight before we headed off for the days drive through the Murray Sunset National Park.



Our plan for the day was to head up through the park, check out Mopoke Hut in the middle of the park and then set up camp at Rocket Lake on the northside of the park.

It was not long before we found our first bit of mud for the day. The tracks were either sandy or

slippery mud. We had a few low speed slips in the group but no major recoveries.

It was however not long until we found a mud hole. Tristan as the lead vehicle thought he should check it out to make sure it was ok to go through, he ignored the track around the side to get passed it and drove on in. There may or may not have been a recovery that followed of the Land Rover.

Dave then took not much convincing at all to have a go as well and proceeded to get stuck as well. Stu then went through but went over the top of the ruts to show another version of the mudhole run.

We then made our way through slippery fun tracks to Mopoke Hut. A hut that was originally used as Grazier Quarters and has now been restored.

It was here that Steve P needed to give his brand-new diff a touch up clean as it was not as shiny as it had been when he left to come on the trip.

Not to worry he had plenty of windex to get it nice and clean again all ready for the afternoon fun.



We left Mopoke Hut after morning tea and decided to head to Rocket Lake to have lunch and to stake our claim at the campsite as there were quite a few vehicles in the park.

We headed straight up Rocket Lake track and got to the campsite for lunch. We set up camp had lunch and then headed off to explore for the afternoon.

We found a lot more mud but had no more recoveries for the day. There was a bit of sideways action for the vehicles and changes in terrain again from mud to deep sand and back

again. The main issue is that this mud sticks and sticks very very well so we found out when it came to clean the vehicles at home!

We did run into a restored landy that was not running at all. We tried to help the guy but to no avail. He had people coming to help him and he had lots of gear so hopefully he was ok, and it was not a major issue.

The afternoon tracks took us out to the old Gypsum Mine Hopper on Nowingi Line track. This hopper is massive and rises out of the desert almost alien like in the distance.

We stopped here for a bit and then decided to head to an area that Tristan and I had found on our last trip that was a sand dune to play on.

We went on a track that had no name and at times it looked more like a motorbike track than a 4WD track. It however was legitimately a 4Wd track. Lots of fun was had going over mini dunes, through old lakes and lots of water.

Unfortunately, we ran out of day light and needed to head home so did not get to play in the sand dunes.

Most of our vehicles looked like this at the end of the day. There was lots of laughter and smiles when we got back to camp about the state of the vehicles and the adventure that we had been on.

Another group had got to camp so a bit of shuffling around and we got ourselves sorted with the 2 fireplaces in the campground. We were treated to a beautiful sunset for the end of the day.



After sunset we settled around the fire to chat about lots of interesting things. I went to go to bed and found the biggest spider I have seen since being in Australia heading through the tent to my bed. The scream was just a touch loud for tristan to help. Tristan guided him out of the tent so I could go to bed. It was at least 80mm in diameter and was likely a tarrantula type or may even have been a funnel web. Lets just say I checked all through my sleeping bag before getting in!

Monday 11th June

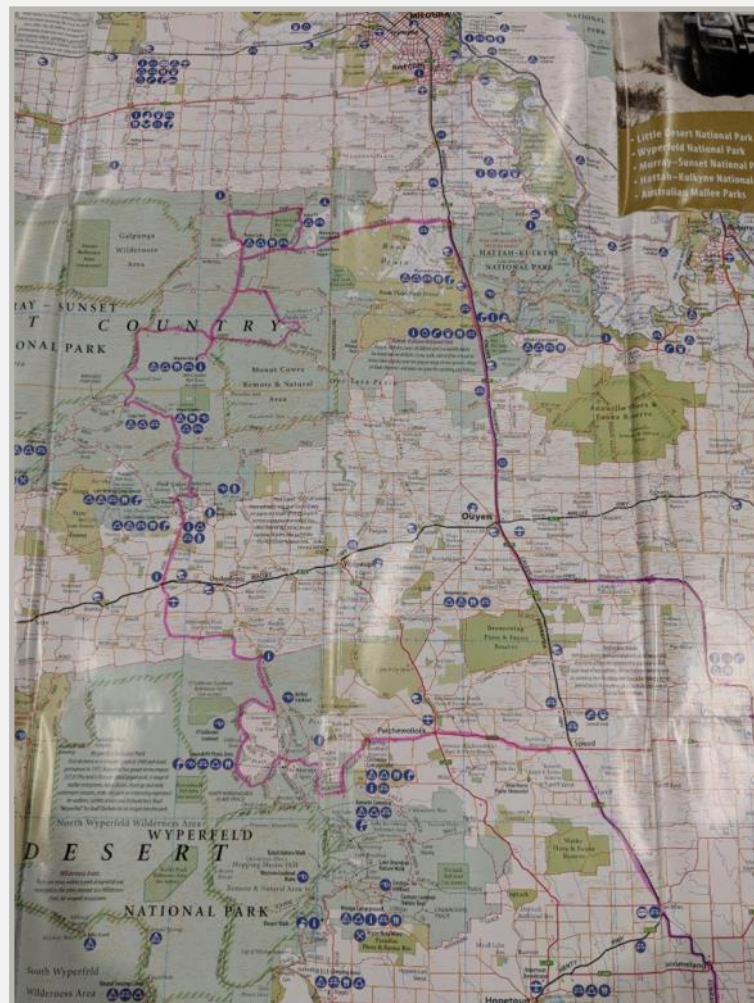
We had to be up earlyish to head back to Melbourne in reasonable time on the Monday morning. We left the park through Nowingi Line track back passed the Gypsum Mine Hopper and out to the Calder Highway. This is where Stu and Maree left us to head onto Mildura. The rest of us aired up, cleaned our lights, mirrors and windows and commenced our trip back to Melbourne. Callum discovered what happens when you have a lot of mud on your wheels. He was getting very bad shimmy so we pulled over to clean off some of the mud from the wheels.

We stopped at Ouyen for fuel and then Wedderburn for lunch. We got breath tested twice heading home and caused the local cops a bit of a chuckle looking at the state of our vehicles with all the mud over them. The both commented that we looked like we had had a great weekend.

We got back to Melbourne around 5pm. It was a fantastic weekend and we had a lot of fun leading it. I am sure we will be all finding bits of the Murray Sunset in and on our vehicles for much time to come.



All the happy faces from a weekend of playing in the mud and sand!



The highlighted pink lines is the route we took through Wyperfeld up through Murray Sunset.

COMMITTEE DUTIES

As it is coming close to the time for the Annual General Meeting (in August), the committee has decided to add the basic descriptions of the duties accepted from the Executive Committee positions.

President

- The Presidents role is a voted Committee position and it is the Presidents responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules
- Attendance of general meetings making sure meetings are held in accordance with the requirements as specified in the Constitution
- Draw up an agenda for General Meetings and ensure meeting is run in a structured manor.
- Lead the meeting through the agenda, keeping discussion relevant, decision making clear and encouraging member participation when required
- Appoint general committee roles and delegate duties to the committee members
- Make sure Committee Meetings are held in accordance with the requirements as specified in the Club Rules
- Draw up an agenda for Committee Meetings and ensure meeting is run in a structured manor
- Write monthly Presidents for the newsletter to report relevant information to members
- Attend Four Wheel Drive Victoria president meetings when required
- Oversee and assist in resolving any members disagreements
- Welcoming new members or visitors at general meetings

Immediate Past President

- This is an office bearers position and requires the incumbent to attend all General Meetings and occasional other meetings.
- The incumbent in this position, as it is not an elected position, does not hold any portfolios.
- The incumbent is to be a source of historical advice and information to the newly elected Executive Committee.
- The position has full voting rights similar to those of the elected Committee members.

Vice President

- The Vice Presidents role is a voted Committee position and it is the Vice Presidents responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.
- To convene and run orderly meetings in accordance to the Clubs Constitution in the event of the President is absent
- To organise guest speakers for each meeting and be responsible for providing the necessary support, assistance and fellowship to ensure that their presentation is of the highest quality and they leave our meeting with a deep respect for the organisation they have just visited. Furthermore, to introduce those guest speakers to the meeting and move an effective vote of thanks for their presentation.
- Assist in all necessary aspects of administration of the Club 20 Official Newsletter of the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc

Secretary

- Collect the club mail from the club PO Box (778) at Dandenong Plaza Shopping Centre prior to the General Meeting.
- Attend the General Meeting at Dandenong Library Meeting Room ensuring that The Attendance, Apologies and Visitors books are available for members / visitors to sign in
- Take the minutes of the General Meeting
- Present the incoming and outgoing correspondence at the General Meeting
- Type up the minutes noting number of attendees, apologies and visitors
- Attend the committee meeting
- File correspondence in and minutes of the general meeting
- Attend to any outgoing correspondence as determined by the committee
- Ensure new member kits are up to date and available as required
- Maintain the membership list
- Print membership cards for current year ensuring that they are signed
- Attend to annual duties, fill out the Committee Details and Membership numbers and hand to the Treasurer to return to the Association with payment
- Ensure that you have become signatory for Club Bank Account (coordinate with Treasurer)

Treasurer

- The Treasurer's role is a voted Committee position and it is the Treasurer's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.
- To receive all new member application, and member renewal forms and monies and issue receipts Deposit all monies received into club bank account (from membership fees, club raffles, sales of merchandise etc.
- Keep a record of the accounts—which can be made available by request of any club member
- Prepare a monthly financial status report for the General Meetings Prepare the AGM report with full annual financials, which will also include president and trip coordinators reports.

Trip Coordinator

- The Trip coordinators role is a voted Committee position and it is the Trip Coordinators responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.
- Ensure attendance to each Club General Meeting fully prepared with relevant information.
- If unable to attend it is the Trip Coordinators duty to ensure another committee member has the Trip folder with the up to date information for the Club Meeting
- Ensure attendance to all Club Committee Meetings
- Be up to date with the Trip Leaders Guidelines as specified by the Adventure Activity Standards and FWDV (copies are in the front of the binder)
- Ensure all trip information is correctly recorded in the Trips binder
- Ensure the Trip Information Forms are up to date for each meeting.
- Ensure copies of other relevant forms are available if or when needed (Track survey reports, Accident Survey Form, Trip Incident form, Personal Information forms, Trip rating information)
- Ensure all TDF (Trip Data Forms) are filled in correctly and a copy is passed onto the Newsletter Editor

- Liaise with the Newsletter Editor and follow up any trip reports that haven't been submitted

Association Representative

- The Assoc. Rep role is a voted Committee position and it is the Assoc. Rep's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.
- To attend all Association meetings with the President, and to report back to committee and also the General meetings with all items pertaining to the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Association.

VICTORIAN FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB INC

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AUGUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

Chaired by John Partridge

Meeting opened 8.30pm

Opened by President Ben Whitworth

Procedure of the meeting was then explained.

Current committee stood down by President

President Ben handed over to John Partridge to run the meeting

Last AGM Minutes were emailed out to all members

John asked if there was anything out of the AGM minutes

- Matters arising - NIL

Accepted - David B

Seconded - Andre

Reports from Committee

President report

Ben loved it.

Treasurer Report

Tony Loved it.

Trips Report

Dave said Stuart loved it.

Nominations: All Committee positions had nominations

President: Ben Whitworth

Accepted

Vice President: Steve Pitcher

Accepted

Secretary: Bruce Cremonesi

Accepted

Treasurer: Tony Barbera

Accepted

General Committee:

Callum Brown

Ashley Martin

Committee Appointed Positions:

Editor: Ly Ho

Trips: Stuart Bowker

Web Manager: Ben Whitworth

Delegate: David Bruinsma

Driver Training: Phil Griffith - Ashley Martin - John Partridge

All positions were Accepted

Merchandise:

No Nominations

Raffle Drawn:

First Prize: Sally - Wine

Second Prize: Ly Ho - Wine

Third Prize: Phil - Shiraz

Fourth Prize: Dave B - Wire Grizzer

Fifth Prize: Ashley Martin - Microfibre rags

Meeting Closed 9.30pm