



FREE WHEELING

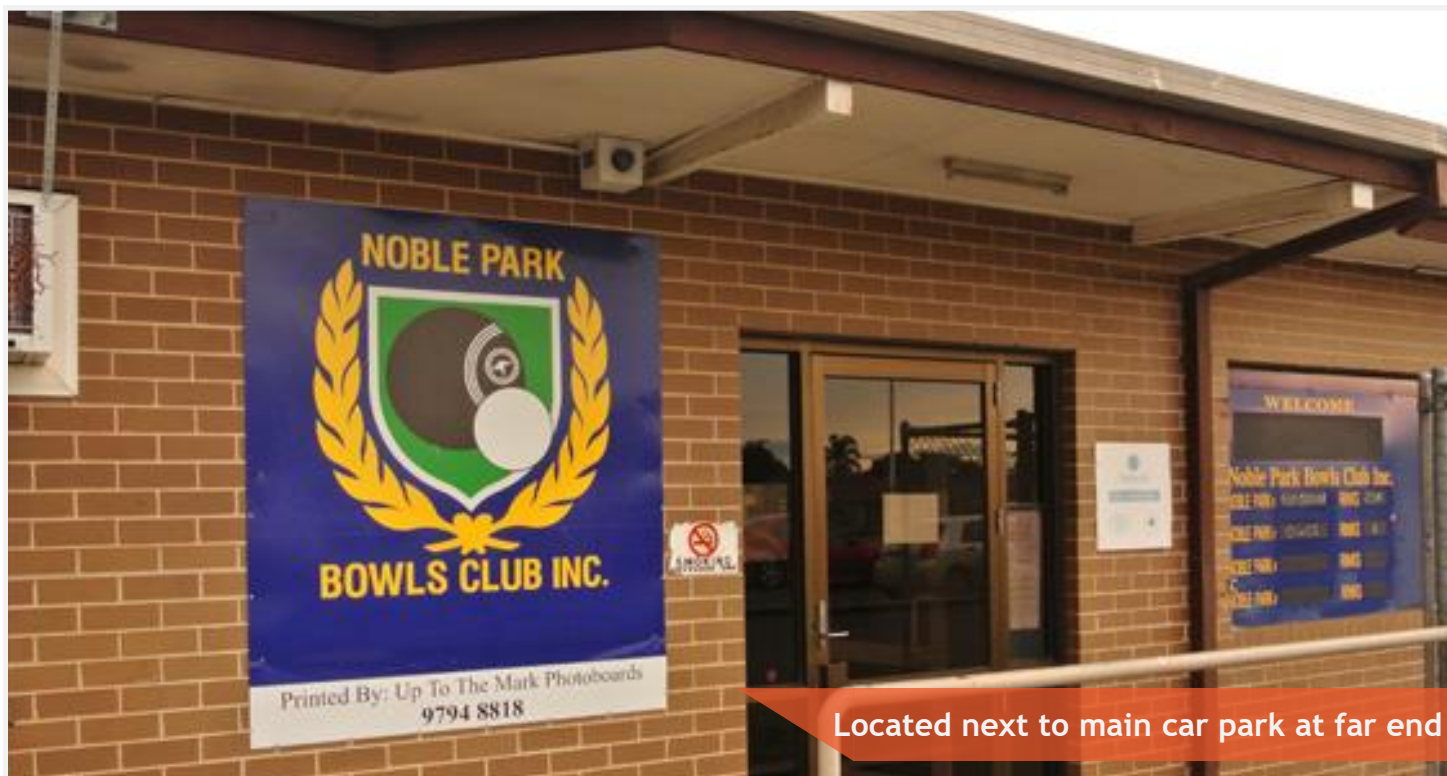
June 2018



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Official Newsletter of the
Victorian Four Wheel
Drive Club Inc

Registration No
A0002184F



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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Club Details

Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club
Registration No	A002184F
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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.

Our annual Xmas in July is coming up. For the last few years we have been hosted by the guys out at St. Anne's winery and we have a great time. They are kind enough to allow us to camp out in one of their paddocks and have a big fire. We also have the opportunity to visit the cellar door over and over to sample their great range of wines and ports. The ports are my favourite. We entertain the kids with games and movies, once again our hosts look after us by letting the kids hang out in the chapel where we setup the projector to play the latest and greatest movies.

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

The snow trips are in the calendar and are already full up. If you have missed out and would still like to head to the snow please come along to the June meeting to express your interest and we will look at possibly running an extra trip.

We need some day trips. Give some thought to where you might like to go for a day trip and have a chat to our friendly Trip Co-ordinator, Stuart, to get it into the calendar.

The AGM is not far away, it's 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 to much of your time. You will see committee position descriptions in the club magazine from now until the AGM. Please feel free to talk to any current committee members about any position, that is committee positions of course.

That's it from me.

I hope to see all our members at the next meeting and out on the tracks.

Ben Whitworth
President

CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

June

6th	Wed	General Meeting		
9th to 11th	Sat to Mon	Murray Sunset	Sally (Friday) Steve (Saturday)	0425 282 207 0421 205 529
16th	Sat	Day Hike—Tarra Bulga National Park	Ly	0433 387 811
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		

August

1st	Wed	Annual General Meeting		
4th	Sat	Snow Trip—Top and bottom		
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		

Future Events

- First Aid Training—TBA
- FWDV General Meeting- 15th Sep, 12th Nov
- 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

May 2018

Meeting started 8:10pm

Attendees - as per book

Apologies - Bruce, Rob

Minutes from March Meeting

Read and Accept

Accepted: Emily

Second: Sally

Correspondence from mins

Nil

Incoming Correspondence

- Nil—Secretary absent

Outgoing Correspondence

- Nil—Secretary absent

Treasurers Report

As per attachment in magazine.

Accept - Stuart

Seconded - Callum

4WD Vic

VFWD Show

FWDV—David & son cleaned up the bush

Pub

Sat & Sun ~70 volunteers including kids, trailers, burnt out vehicles

Fantastic to socialise with other clubs

General bizzo

- Winch practiced rescheduled
- Xmas In July—everyone encouraged to come. Gluten free?
- First Aid Course—push it to August?
- Safety Dave—coming in July
- Planned burns happening—ongoing
- Seasonal track closures began. Main areas will be closed Queen's Birthday Weekend
- Haunted Stream Track—now open. Go

- Snow Trips—trip forms at the back. Scheduled in for 4th August weekend
- 2018 AGM—coming in August. Get onboard, join the committee

New Members

Land Rover, Defenders, former member Mark

Presentation by Leo Kennedy about the police shooting and Ned Kelly

Coffee Break

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

- Stringybark Creek
- Toolangi Night Run
- Aberfeldy Working Bee
- No winch practice—rescheduled
- Murray Sunset—split to two groups
- Ly's Day Hike
- Mitta Mitta National Park midweek trip by Brett Nuske
- Xmas in July
- Snow Trips—both full
- Cape York Trip
- Cobaw
- Mount Matlock

Past Club Trips

- None. Running late

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

Raffles

1. Chainsaw sharpener- Jeff
2. Ratchet strap - Michael
3. Microfibre wax sponge—Gary

June 6th next meeting

TRADING POST

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: Autotechnica wheel chains

\$140

Scott
0423 544 551
scottlehmann28@gmail.com

Autotechnica wheel chains in carry case (1 set of 2 chains). Size C490 - Suits 32" tyres (fitted my old 265/75R16 MTZ's).

Excellent condition. Used twice, selling as they don't fit my new, larger tyres.

Test fitting welcome (and recommended). Rowville area.

Selling for \$140 (RRP \$200)



CA490	8.25-15	8.25-16 265/75-16	8.5-17.5 9.5-17.5	7.00-18 7.50-18	8-19.5 315/35-20
<p>NOTE: IT IS ADVISABLE THAT CHAINS ARE TESTED TO FIT VEHICLE'S TYRE PRIOR TO TRAVELLING TO THE SNOW AREA TO ENSURE CORRECT APPLICATION</p> <p>IMPORTANT: ENSURE CORRECT SPACING FROM CHAIN TO THE VEHICLE BODY WHEN FITTING CHAINS</p> <p>ABOVE TYRE SIZE CHART IS AN INDICATION ONLY. TYRE SIZES MAY VARY FROM ONE MANUFACTURER TO ANOTHER</p> <p>WARNING: CHAINS TO BE USED ON SNOW ONLY. DRIVE SAFELY, DO NOT EXCEED 25KM</p>					

FOR SALE: Haynes 80 series repair manual

80 series seat adaptor kit

Various

Bought the repair manual and opened up the plastic but doesn't have my engine model. Repco won't refund it once plastic opened \$30

Adaptor plate kit for 80 series seat. This allows you to install a Ford BA, BF or FG falcon seat. If you want driver's seat factory rails (seen in pic) then extra \$10

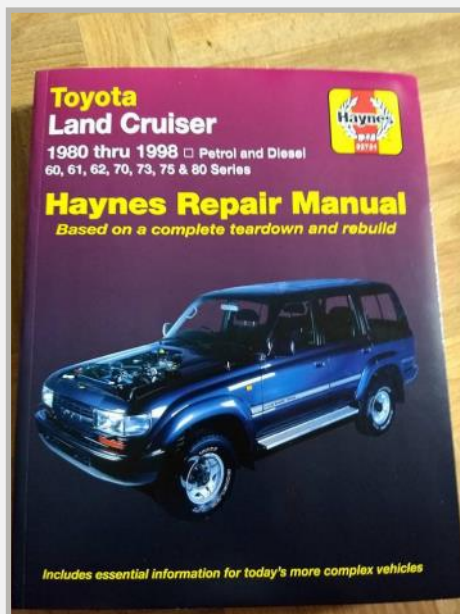
[Huracan Fabrication adaptor kit for 80 series](#)

\$50

Ly

0433 387 811

Ly.tri.ho@gmail.com



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



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Treasurer's Report April 2018

<u>Cheque A/C`</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/04/2018	\$4,432.65
Add:	Raffle	\$105.50
	New Membership	\$120.00
	Total Monies In:	\$225.50
<u>Less:</u>		
	Domain/SSL an Raffle Prizes	-\$200.00
	Total Monies Out:	-\$200.00
	Closing Balance as at 30/04/2018	\$4,458.15
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/04/2018	\$6,502.45
	Closing Balance as at 30/04/2018	\$6,502.45
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/04/2018	\$150.00
	Add:	
	Less:	
	Closing Balance as at 30/04/2018	\$150.00
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position	\$11,110.60

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Murray Sunset and Surrounds
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Sally Friday 7am departure 0425 282 207 NAME: Steve Saturday 9am departure 0421 205 529
DATE	Queens Birthday Long weekend 9th-11th June 2018
MEETING PLACE / TIME	BP Outbound Holden Rd, Calder Park (just past Calder Raceway on the Calder Freeway)
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	FULL RECOVERY GEAR (Any questions see me at meeting) FRONT AND REAR RECOVERY POINTS UHF RADIO GOOD ALL TERRAIN TYRES WARM CLOTHES SPARE WARM CLOTHES CAMPING GEAR ETC CAMERA MORE TBA AT MEETING
MAPS REQUIRED	TBA
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12
GOOGLE MAPS	See here

DESTINATION	Alpine National Park - Mitta Mitta
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Brett Nuske MOB: 0405 441 819
DATE	Wednesday 30th May—Saturday 2nd June
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBA
GRADE	WET: Medium DRY: Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Explore Mt. Benambra, Mt. Emu, Mt. Wills, Lake Dartmouth and surrounds.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 6
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	350km
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Eskdale, Mitta Mitta, Dartmouth DIESEL: Eskdale, Mitta Mitta, Dartmouth
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	100km
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Basic recovery gear. Self sufficient camping, food, water.
MAPS REQUIRED	TBA
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12
GOOGLE MAPS	See here

DESTINATION	(Day Hike) Tarra Bulga National Park
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Ly Ho MOB: 0433 387 811
DATE	Saturday 16th June Sunday 17th June optional
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Pakenham BP outbound. 7:30AM departure
GRADE	WET: Easy/Med DRY: Easy/Med
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>We'll visit the highlights of Tarra Bulga National Park. All easy/med walking with a bit of driving to and fro.</p> <p>First are the two main waterfalls in the area: Tarra Falls and Cyathea Falls - both shortish walks from their carparks.</p> <p>Then drive to the Visitor Center to do a few walks and see Corrigan's Suspension Bridge. If anyone wants to camp (most likely me), there's accommodation/camping (\$20 pp to use all facilities inc shower, pool table, heater, firewood, toaster, kettle) available at the Tarra Bulga Guesthouse. The Danish couple Torben and Nina are very hospitable.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: None
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	130km (BP to Tarra Bulga Visitor Centre)
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Traralgon DIESEL: Traralgon
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	35km Traralgon
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Bring enough water (at least 2L) and food for a day walk. Comfortable hiking boots. Jacket/jumper in case it rains or gets windy. A camera. Camping gear if camping
MAPS REQUIRED	See here
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 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.

The committee intend to supply the Saturday night dinner for our club, roasted meat over a spit - with roasted potatoes and salads

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!!!!

There is NO 4wding intended at all for the weekend (actually no driving at all until the next day as you head home)

The winery allowed us to have an awesome bon fire on last year, I expect that will have the same opportunity again this year.

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)

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

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

THE MWWLNT*

2018

30th Mar - 2nd Apr
by Bruce

Punters:

Bruce (TL)	GU Perfect Patrol
Des	GU Thirsty Patrol
John	GU Grenade Patrol
Jeff and Mary	I can't remember (BT50)
Dave and son Corey (visitors)	in some Toyota
Steve (TEC)	driving some big stripey boxy shaped thing

Well another successful trip with some great peoples run by a legendary Trip Leader.

The plan was to meet up at the mighty BP Mansfield for final fuel up and chow down, and my servants met up with me there. Everyone passed with flying colours.

After introduction, quick chat, final instructions and something to eat we cruised out of the servo. It was a beautiful clear evening, cold, but clear. We headed towards Tunnel Bend Reserve where we planned to air down. The trip there was extremely treacherous with drop bears, and wild deer waiting around every corner to take out un-suspecting victims, also throat tearing killer foxes and zillions of rabbits.

Somehow we made it to Tunnel campground where we found a group there for a bucks night with shit music blearing out to wake the dead 12klms away. Quick air down and we doubled back 1klm to the entrance of Flowerbag Track.

Flowerbag is a nice drive, nothing challenging but just a good intro to the night and with the moonlight it was very romantic. I love my patrol. Much banter over the radios with everyone relaxing and feeling part of the journey. Even Dave's young bloke showed he was handy on the radio while dad was driving long! One of the topics was the powerlines, and how were they run down through the valley and I was right and everyone else was wrong.

<https://youtu.be/Z01yvOsfNeE>

Rocketing along at a reasonable pace, we left Flowerbag turned right onto Moonlight Spur. Interesting track that goes for several klms, nothing hard, but a few very grippy steep climbs.

Would be more fun in the wet J This track is pretty kewl. Being out front, I noticed there were bunnies everywhere - 100's of them!! Dumb as a box of rocks too! They had no idea where to turn. I dunno if I made rabbit stew or not.

The end of that turns into Ryans Spur and after a few klms we stopped to look at the hut, looks like it's had some attention recently too. Nothing inside the hut but plenty of charcoal graffiti.

Then coming to the end of Ryans Spur it turns into Cornhill Track along and up to the Firetower. The track up to the tower itself was very chewed up, You could see when it had been wet sometime in the last million years and dozens of cars had taken yillions of different lines, and the ground had then dried out leaving a rough and tumble ride up. Note: not one U-turn... brilliant leadership :D

At the Tower we had a look around, few photos were taken, much awe was had, some oo's and ahhs were mentioned and it was reasonably cold up there. So we waited for Johnmy boy to put his jumper and beanie on as he was a tad cold, waited for Steve to light up a cancer stick, and jumped back into cars, heaters on and drove off!

From the tower, we doubled back down the hill few 100mtrs to Charles Track, twisting and turning a lot the end of this would be a pearler in the wet the other way which came out just opposite Old Coach Road. Also a small campground at the bottom there but was pretty damp and soggy.

We headed into Woods have a look around but it was getting late our awesome leader decided it was time to head to Gaffneys Creek Cricket ground for the night. It was a fair bit further than I remembered being dark n all.



We turned into the ground and 1 other group was at the far end, so we took the road end with the shelter and dunnys. Extremely nice dunny for an dawn AGB!

Tents were setup, swags rolled out, fire created, beers opened, munchies shared around the fire, much banter was had, wee wee's had then at 12.30am Steve decided to cook his Chorizio - werid eh.

After that it most went ta bed with the last heading to bed about 3am.

Early morning start, and with brekkie and AGB out of the way at around 10.30, drivers meeting was

had. After much discussion it was decided not to go back as far as the beginning of do Old Coach Road due to time.

So we blasted back to the intersection of Old Coach Road, German Spur, Frenchmans gap, Sec Powerline Track, and Mansfield Woods Point Road. The road is in fairly rough condition too.

Onto German we headed up the first section and the views magnificent with the weather I'd booked for Sunday. You could see several sections had been dozed in recent months. German goes along for several kms and there are some great steep descents in the last few klms. We usually drive the other direction, climbing which in the wet has proved quite challenging.

Crawling down and down and down and down again we came to the main road. Parked up and waited for everyone to catch up. More banter was had then we headed to the Kevington Pub to air up and end the trip. We split up here with a few going in for a beer, others heading home to unpack while it was still daylight.

Thanks to all for coming along, thanks for great attitudes, and hope you enjoyed yaselves. Also thanks to Ly and Callum for coming for reccy's in the weeks prior. See Ly it's easy!

Finally an apology... Yea it happens sometimes.

I didn't realise Andre had his name down for the trip on the trip form which was misplaced by me. My fault totally thus I missed emailing him the info for the trip.

Birdman.

**MyWordWereLostNightTours*

THE FIRST OF MANY -TOOLANGI

19th May - 20th May
by Ly

Participants:

David & Samuel	Mighty Navara
Jeff & Mary	NAMATE BT50
Ly	Recovery-bait-80-Cruiser

The team met up at Lilydale Maccas and at 5:30pm, our convoy of three cars departed.

We entered the infamous Toolangi State Forest via Myers Creek Road and that's when lit up the night with our spotlights and lightbars.

Stopped at Tanglefoot Picnic Area to air down and drove another 5 mins to Woodmore Track.



David headed in first and found the Navara slipping up the first muddy hill. The first sign of the 'fun' we were going to have tonight... Everyone got past that hill, and I got a bit stuck in this muddy pit with a branch/log. After a bit of reversing I climbed out unscathed.

Same couldn't be said for Jeff's BT50 who valiantly tried but eventually summoned help over the radio.



David made his way down on foot to give Jeff a hand with his brand new winch. Jeff was super excited to use his winch for the first time. He winched off a tree and got unstuck - yay! Everyone hopped back into the cars and drove up about a further 50m.

Another muddy hill and David was spinning his wheels after a few go's. He made the call to U turn out. Remember that muddy pit with the branch earlier?

My front left tyre gave it a cuddle and I heard a pshhhhhhhht. Sure enough I punctured it but couldn't see with where with all the mud.

David instructed me to drive down this crap hill on three wheels until I found a safe spot. 20m there was a flat solid landing.

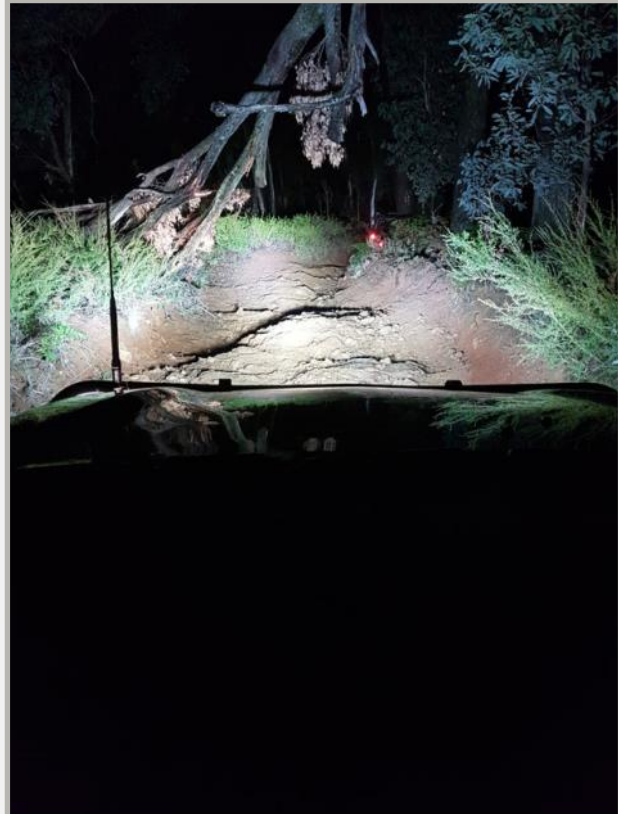
From here it was a F1 pit stop mode. David and I:

1. got the tyre off
2. hi-lift jacked up
3. took off the spare and pumped that up (was at 5 psi!)
4. put the spare on and tightened it up
5. put the punctured on the rear wheel carrier

It felt like we completed all that in 10 mins. My first puncture while 4x4ing at my first night run and my first time at Toolangi. Great.

We got back on Sylvia Creek Road to have a quick breather and agreed let's find a camp site as this night isn't going according to plan.

At some point there was a decision made to go down this really rough track that required technical concentration otherwise there'll be panel damage.



With my left foot hard on the brake and the right foot driving through, David called on the radio to watch how he tackled this upcoming drop off.

He got through it and next was me. I did a poor attempt to follow David's line because next moment I was about leaning 30 degrees to my right.



All wheels were thankfully touching a surface but I was in the brown-stains-in-undies moment where any wrong movement in either direction could land me upside down (In my head anyway). So I grabbed the radio and requested immediate assistance. While David was hoofing up the hill towards me, I gazed to the chicken track on the left thinking, why oh why wish I saw it earlier.

Sigh, Toolangi. While I was glued/pooped to my seat, David got Jeff to secure his vehicle to a tree with a strap before trying to recover me.

Second time Jeff's winch came in handy. Slowly I got winched backwards so my car was levelled out. Woohoooo. I drove up behind David's car and waited for Jeff.

Jeff got down safely with spotter David relaying where to point his wheels. Now it was truly time head to a camp site.

We camped at this all-dirt site off a track that easily accommodated us. Happy-late hour time - drinks, foods, fire and laughs until 2AM.



Next morning we woke up to a slight misty drizzle. In the daytime I assessed the damage. Tyre got sidewalled - hole was size of a 5c piece. Damage two was my right rear bumper was heavily dented. Final damage was my exhaust pipe was so bent it rubbed on the right rear tyre!

With the dark magic of a ratchet strap and David's bush mechanic skills, David strapped the pipe up to get me home.



Aired up at the motorbike unloading zone and home.

Lots of firsts this trip - winch uses, time at Toolangi, night run, tyre puncture, worthy car damage. Wasn't the way I planned to enjoy my 'firsts', but won't forget it.

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.

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