



FREE WHEELING

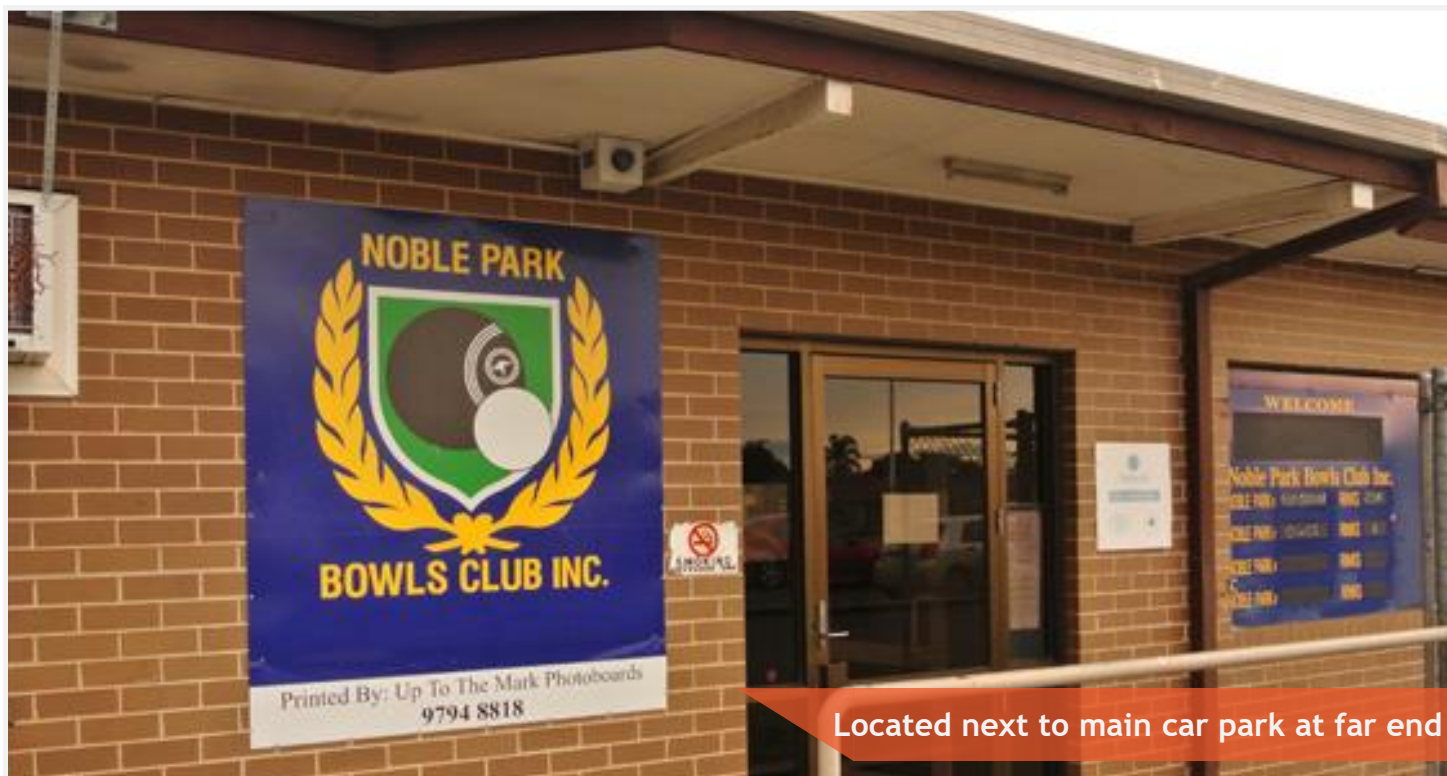
May 2018



Official Newsletter of the
Victorian Four Wheel
Drive Club Inc

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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
Vice President	Steve Pitcher	vicepres@vfwdc.com
Secretary	Bruce Cremonesi	secretary@vfwdc.com
Treasurer	Tony Barbera	treasurer@vfwdc.com

General Committee

Trip Co-Ordinator	Stuart Bowker	trips@vfwdc.com
Magazine Editor	Ly Ho	editor@vfwdc.com
Association Delegate	David Bruinsma	delegate@vfwdc.com
General Committee	Ashley Martin	
General Committee	Callum Brown	

Support Positions to Committee

Web manager	Ben Whitworth	web@vfwdc.com
Training officer	Phillip Griffith	
Training officer	Ashley Martin	
Merchandise	Des Whall	merchandise@vfwdc.com

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.

There is a bit coming up over the next few months, we have night runs, a working bee, winch practice, a dessert trip, Xmas in July, Snow Trips and an AGM.

You all know that I am a big fan of night runs, so please get on board and give it a try.

For new members that may not be aware, our club are care takers of a section of the Aberfeldy Historical area in conjunction with West Gippsland Relic, Mining and Heritage Protection Inc. A couple of times a year we head out and tidy up our section of the historic landmarks and of course we tackle some four wheel driving too. If you haven't been on a working bee please get on board and do your part to help out your club and maintain these treasures. This trip we are also going to be touring some of the local mines so get involved.

If you have a winch and have never used it in anger I would recommend you go along on the Winch practice trip and allow our instructors to show you how it is done correctly and safely.

Our annual snow trips are in the calendar too. There are two trips scheduled so far on the same weekend, one starting from below the snow line and the other above the snow line staying in the huts. These trips fill quickly so please come along to a meeting and put your name down on a trip form.

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.

Now, the AGM. I am getting in early this year to let everyone know that 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 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

May				
2nd	Wed	General Meeting		
5th to 6th	Sat to Sun	Stringybark Creek	Callum Brown	0439 972 204
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				
3rd	Sun	Winch and Tyre Repair Training	Ashley Martin Phil Griffith	0428 134 399 0419 865 472
6th	Wed	General Meeting		
9th to 11th	Sat to Mon	Murray Sunset	Bruce	0400 425 296
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		
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
- 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

April 2018

Meeting started 8:05pm

Attendees - as per book

Apologies - as per book

Minutes from March Meeting

Read and Accept

Accepted: Sally

Second: Stuart

Correspondence from mins

Nil

Incoming Correspondence

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

Outgoing Correspondence

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

Treasurers Report

As per attachment in magazine.

Accept - Emily

Seconded - Jack

4WD Vic

Stuff.

General bizzo

- Thanks to Ly for his effort in the club magazine.
- Free advertising for club members
- Club members can put things into the magazine to sell for free.
- Change in dates for winch demo session from 28-29 April to 3rd June.
- Dave shagged his head in the shave for cure.. raised \$450.
- Xmas in July - St Annes winery Baccus Marsh

- Safety Dave July Meeting
 - Bringing gear to demo, and you can get you kits refreshed.
- Ben spoke about the dangers of snatch recoveries.
- Superior Engineering now have rated recovery points for BT50 and Rangers. According to Ben Roadsafe ones aren't rated.
- Discussion on apps
- Discussion on track closures

New Members

Show of hands and quick welcome to those people

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

- Bruce - Night Run 28th April Mt Matlock
- David B - Night run May 19th Toolangi
- Stuart - Aberfeldy working bee and Mines trip 25th to 27th May
- Ashley - 3rd June Winch Demo Day.
- Bruce - June Long Weekend - Murray Sunset trip
- Callum - Friend of his who is related to the cop that took down Ned Kelly -
- This mates name is Leo and is coming to May Meeting to give us a discussion on Ned Kelly and what actually happened on that fateful weekend.
- Then on the weekend of 5th of May trip into Stringybark creek to show the area etc
- Snow Trips 4th - 5th August. Ben to talk to Sam about limiting numbers
- 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

Raffles

1. First prize Visitor HP Printer.
2. Caroline - Wheel Brace
3. Maree - Bungy straps
4. Andre - Anderson plug thingy
5. Andrew - Bungy traps
6. Barney - Snatch Strap
7. Callum - Snatch Strap

May 2nd 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: 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

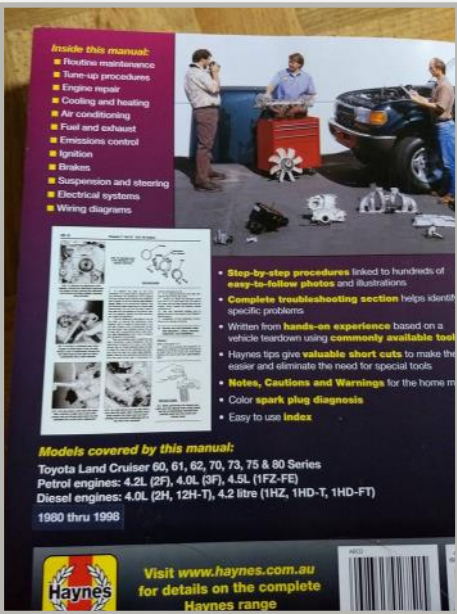
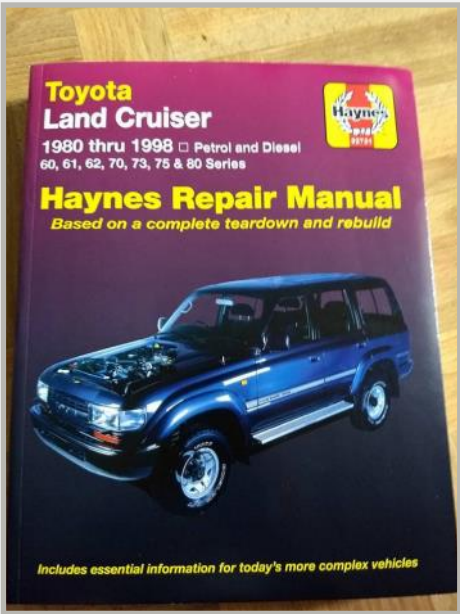
[Huracan Fabrication adaptor kit for 80 series](#)

\$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



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

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FOR SALE: Hiking Boots—Oboz

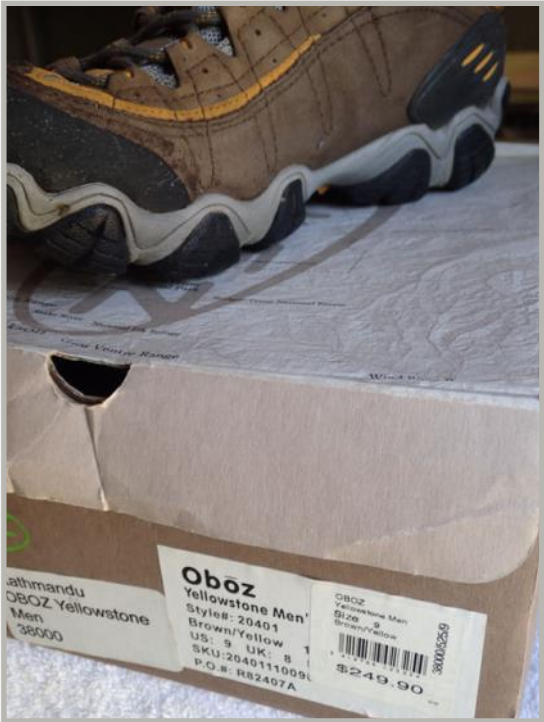
\$150

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.



athmandu
OBOZ Yellowstone
Men
380000

Oboz
Yellowstone Men
Style: 20401
Brown/Yellow
US: 9 UK: 8 1
SKU: 20401110091
P.O.#: R82407A

OBOZ
Yellowstone Men
Size: 9
Brown/Yellow
\$249.90
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FOR SALE: Conia Bar Fridge - 109LT

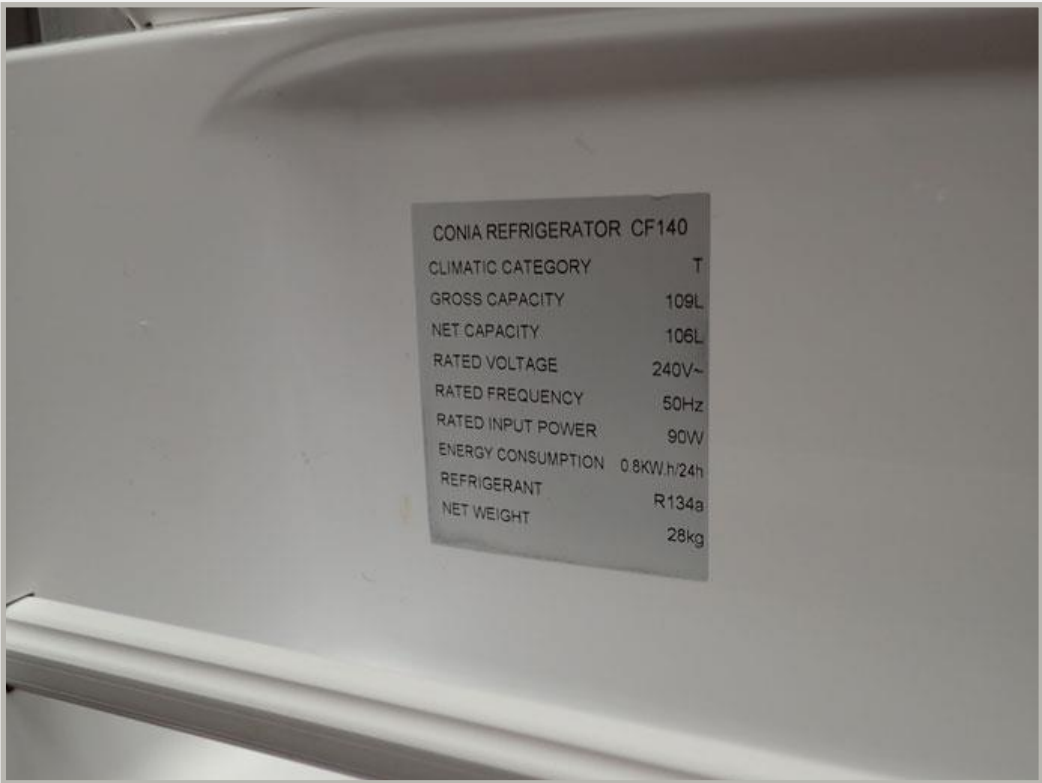
\$130

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.



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Treasurer's Report

March 2018

<u>Cheque A/C`</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/03/2018	\$4,332.95
Add:	Raffle	\$117.70
	Total Monies In:	\$117.70
<u>Less:</u>		
	Catering	\$18.00
	Total Monies Out:	\$18.00
	Closing Balance as at 31/03/2018	\$4,432.65
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/03/2018	\$6,468.95
	Interest Paid	\$33.50
	Closing Balance as at 31/03/2018	\$6,502.45
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/03/2018	\$150.00
	Add:	
	Less:	
	Closing Balance as at 31/03/2018	\$150.00
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position	\$11,085.10

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Stringybark Creek
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Callum Brown MOB: 0439 972 204
DATE	5th - 6th May 2018 Camping at Stringy Bark Creek camp ground
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Stringybark Camp Ground / 11am on Saturday
GRADE	WET: Easy DRY: Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Come and hear a talk and walk through of actual events of the Kelly gang police murders by Leo Kennedy. He is one of the descendants of the murdered police members from Stringybark Creek.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: NA MAXIMUM: NA
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	600m
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Mansfield DIESEL: Mansfield
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	40km from Mansfield
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Food and equipment to camp overnight
MAPS REQUIRED	Vic road map Mansfield region or GPS street Navigation
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12
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	(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	<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

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

EASTER TRIP TO TABOTVILLE 2018

30th Mar - 2nd Apr
by Andre

Tristan & Sally

Allen & Anne (Visitors and prospective new members)

Andre & Ansa

We departed on Friday at 6:20 am heading toward Dargo, Tristan and Sally were to join us later on Friday. We reached Dargo in good time and made use of the servo to top up the fuel tanks for the weekend. From here on we slowed down a bit and soon headed off the sealed road and it was time to air down.

This was Allen and Anne's first 4wding adventure and the steep tracks heading into Talbotville camping area combined with the dust was a good introduction. After we reached camp, it was time to setup the tents and get comfortable. Tristan and Sally joined us later than expected due to some serious traffic on the roads.

The initial plan was to do Billy goats bluff track on Saturday and then Blue rag range track on Sunday, but seeing that it was Anne and Allen's first time getting into low range, we thought that it might be better to start with Blue rag instead.

So after breakfast, we left camp along Crooked river track heading north. There were several water crossings, but none of them deeper than halfway up the wheels. Next we continued on to Bull Town spur and McMilians road through to



Dargo high plains road. The weather was clear and the views awesome!

Finally we made it to the goal of the day, Blue rag range track. It was busy, but not anywhere near as bad as I expected. We had to wait our turn to get through certain sections, but most of the groups out there were happy to talk and either pull over or squeeze by as the situation

called for.



The views from the top of Blue Rag was amazing. With the clear weather we could see for miles.

Heading back we took Brewery creek road. The rest of the afternoon was spent collecting firewood, starting the fire and preparing for dinner. Nothing beats a camp fire for making friends and reconnecting with old ones!

Sunday morning we got ready for the challenge that is Billy goat. Again we headed out on Crooked river, but this time we headed south towards Kingwell bridge. We had a bit of fun driving through the river once or twice before making our way to Wonnagatta road and then on to Billy Goats Bluff. Again, as expected it was a little busy, but nowhere near as bad as expected and most drivers were sensible and friendly.



Before heading up Billy Goats Bluff, we heard some chatter about a guy towing a caravan up Billy goats bluff. We caught up with them where the old rock step used to be, so we had a stop and waited for them to clear all the way all the way through Pinnacles road to the top. As the day before, the weather was perfect and the views where amazing from the fire lookout.

To get back to camp, we back tracked and did the reverse of our morning trip except for a minor detour onto a little section of Collingwood spur and Kent track, it was a section I did earlier in the day due to taking a wrong turn...

The rest of the afternoon was spent around the campfire. Later in the evening, a couple of big 4wd pulled into camp with a car trailer. They appeared to be lost, so we offered some assistance in helping them figure out where they were going.

On Monday, we packed up camp and made our way home. The traffic was busy but we all made it home safe and with a lot of good memories.



MANSFIELD RECCY



21st Apr - 22nd Apr
by Ly

Ly 80 Landcruiser
Bruce GU Patrol

Knockwood to air down.

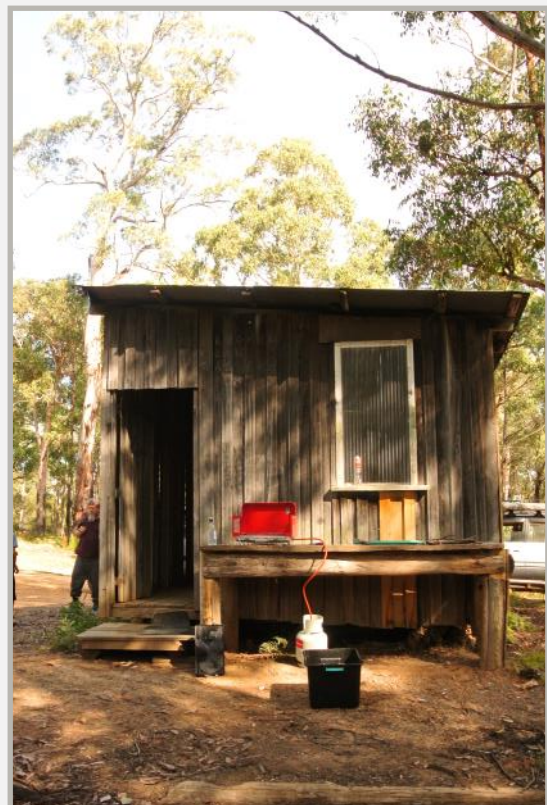
This last minute reccy (reconnaissance) trip was organised by Bruce in preparation for this night run on the 28th April to Mansfield.

First track we explored was Moonlight Spur without any trouble. Next was Ryans Spur Track where we stopped at Ryans Hut (I think?) for a quick look.

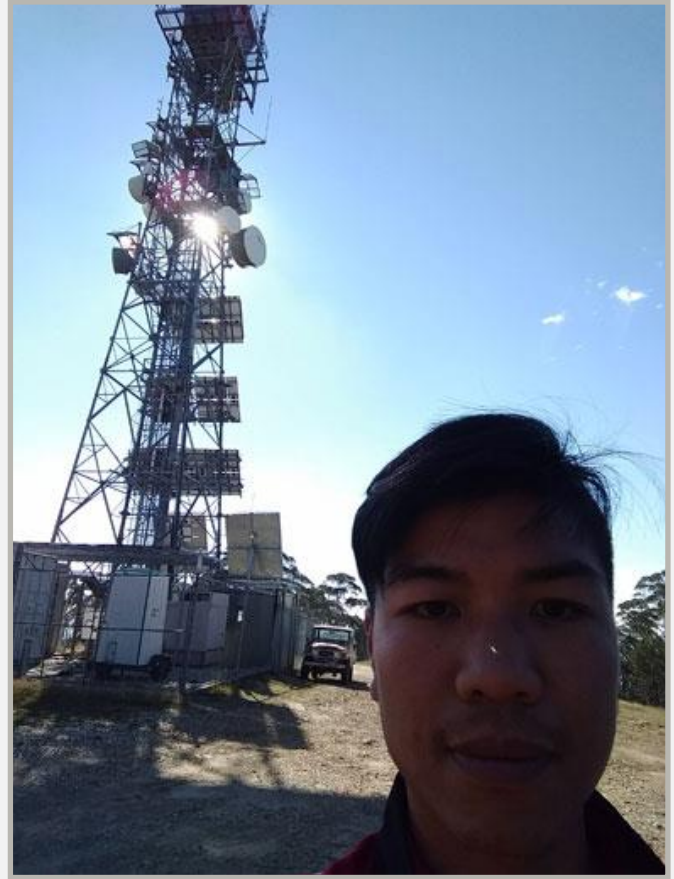
Saturday morning I drove through some of the thickest fog ever—couldn't see more than 20m in front! It was more bizarre when crossing the bridge at Bonne Doon and not seeing on either side!

There was a lone driver who was eating lunch who we joined for a quick lunch and talk. The driver needed a 30 amp fuse because his second battery setup was burnt—Bruce kindly gave him a spare.

Met up with Bruce at Mansfield BP who whipped out his trusty paper map. We made our way to



We left the gentleman and headed to Cornhill Track. After 10 minutes of driving, we realised we got off course and pulled a U-turn back. Matlock Tower was in our destination. Both of us got out, stretched our legs and took some photos.



Pulled out the map again and decision was made to go Charles Track. When the bottom was reached, we gathered around an old rusty track and pondered its existence.

It was about 2pm now, so we drove got on to the main road and headed in Woods Point. The obligatory photo of the servo was taken. Stopped at the pub for a quick snack, drink and supply top up.



The day was nearly ending, so one more track was tackled—Old Coach Road. After a few rocky bits I saw Bruce had a traveller ('stick') underneath his car.

We found a flat spot and investigated this stick—turned out to be a loose hose. Bruce was panicking thinking he broke a brake line, but after a few moments of tracing the origin it turned out to be a diff hose. I pulled out the trusty blue tarp and let Bruce cable-tie it up while I put my

dinner in the travel oven.

When the crisis was adverted, we agreed a 4 o'clock track was not on the agenda. We camped at Gaffney's Creek. Food, drinks, warm fire and good chatter was had that night.



Next morning we tackled the final track—German Spur Track. On the way down we encountered a convoy of ~7 cars who we pulled over for. This track was my highlight of the weekend.

We headed back to Knockwood to air our tyres up and wanted to head home. On the way through Jamieson, I noticed the 'Jamieson Brewery' sign that I passed hundreds of times. I called out to Bruce to pull a left and head to the brewery.



I have never seen or been into the brewery until that moment, but Bruce and I were super stoked with the establishment. Different beers/tasting paddles, good service, huge beer garden and play equipment for the kids. Our lone gentleman from Ryans Hut was also here who joined our table where we discussed our weekend. Great reccy weekend! [More photos here](#)

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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