



# **FREE WHEELING**

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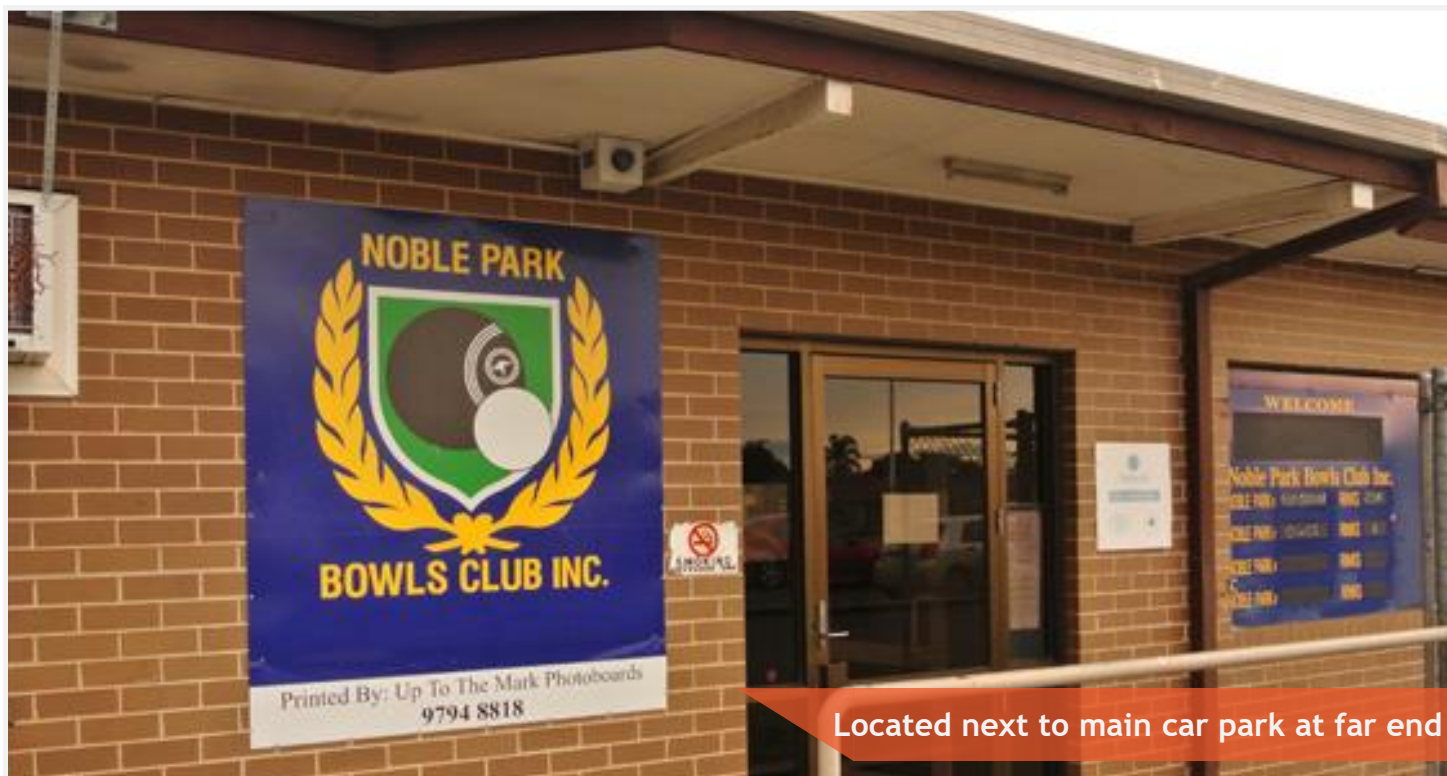


Official Newsletter of the  
Victorian Four Wheel  
Drive Club Inc

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Cremonesi at Mt. Skene

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

## 2018-2019

President	Steve Pitcher	<a href="mailto:vicepres@vfwdc.com">vicepres@vfwdc.com</a>
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General Committee	Callum Brown	
General Committee	Andre Van Der Walt	

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Training officer	Ashley Martin	
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## Club Details

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Registration No	A002184F
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## 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](mailto:merchandise@vfwdc.com). Please ensure you advise size required.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi all,

Welcome to another edition of Free Wheeling magazine.

For anyone that was unable to make it to last month's meeting, we were privileged to hear from a volunteer case worker of the Make A Wish Foundation. The representative shared with us news of a young aspiring individual with a passion for four wheel driving who is unfortunately suffering from a devastating medical condition. While we were saddened by this news, we were quick to show our support by donating our August raffle proceeds to Make a Wish Foundation so that they can help the individual to make their wish of completing a four wheel driving trip through central Australia to come true. It was very pleasing to see the strong show of support from our members which I understand also included a number of personal donations of some much needed camping and recovery equipment, plus some fuel cards.

We are pleased to advise that we have a guest presenter from Hella attending our October meeting. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about recent developments in lighting and electrical component technologies, OEM and aftermarket lighting options, and provide a forum in which members can ask any technical questions that they may have. It should be a great and informative session and we are looking to following that up with a separate visit to the Hella's main manufacturing and distribution centre in Mentone.

No doubt many of you would have heard news of the changes that have been implemented by the Queensland authorities in respect of vehicle suspension modifications. The new changes primarily affect vehicles that have been equipped with electronic stability control and that have an overall suspension lift exceeding 50 mm above OEM. It has been widely reported that affected drivers have had their vehicles defected. Please consider the effect of these new changes if intending to travel through the state of Queensland.

Keep safe, tread lightly and have fun out there!


Steve Pitcher  
President



# CLUB NOBLE FORM

Did you know if you're a member of Club Noble (the RSL next door to the meeting), you get discounts on your meal and drinks. And when it's your birthday, you get more than enough points for a feed and drink. \$10 per year—pretty good I reckon!

[Click here to download the form](#) and hand it to reception desk.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Membership Application (Please tick)

New☐Renewal☐Existing Member No: .....

Mr☐Mrs☐Ms☐Other☐

Given Name/s: .....Male☐Female☐D.O.B: ...../...../.....

Last Name: .....

Postal Address: .....Suburb: .....

State: .....Postcode: .....Mobile Number: .....Home Phone: .....

Email Address: .....

Membership Fee (Please Tick)

1 Year \$10☐2 years \$20☐3 Years \$30☐

Payment Details (Please Tick)

Cash☐Cheque☐C/C☐

Card Holders Name: .....

Card Type: Visa☐M/card☐

Card No: ...../...../.....

Expiry Date: ...../...../.....

Signature: .....

Date: ...../...../.....

I hereby apply to become a member of the Noble Park Football Social Club Ltd and agree to observe the rules and by-laws. I verify that I am over the age of 18 and have received and carefully read and understood the Loyalty Membership terms. I agree to strictly abide by these Loyalty Membership Terms as amended from time to time and declare that the details in the application are true and correct.

I wish to receive communications including promotional material, third party offers that include alcohol or gaming related advertising (Please Tick)

Yes☐No☐


I agree to receive my Player Activity Statement in accordance with government legislation (Please tick one box only)

Mail☐SMS☐Email☐

I agree to accept the Annual Report and Financial Statement via: Please Circle one option

Members Section (Website)Email

Signature: .....Date: ...../...../.....



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Staff Member's Name: .....Confirm Customer's over 18: .....

THANK YOU AND WELCOME TO CLUB NOBLE

## CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### October

3rd	Wed	General Meeting		
15th to 25th	Mon to	Googs Track	Stuart Bowker	0428 539 157
16th	Tue	Committee Meeting		

### November

TBC	TBC	Special Meeting		
3rd to 6th	Sat to Tue	Portland Buggy Club	Tony Barbera	0417 153 424
3rd to 6th	Sat to Tue	Beachport, Robe, Carpenters, Narracoorte Caves	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
5th	Mon to Tue	Guy Fawkes Day, Bonfire Night	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
3rd to 6th	Sat to Tue	Mckillops Bridge (Deddick trail)	Jeff Griffiths	0425 705 224
12th	Mon	FWDV General Metting	FWDV	
20th	Tue	Committee Meeting		

### December

TBC	TBC	Christmas Party		
5th	Wed	General Meeting		

### January

		No General Meeting		
15th	Tue	Committee Meeting		

## IMPORTANT



- Hella are coming to October meeting as our special guests. There will be a special presentation and raffle prizes. Don't miss it!
- **Club merchandise has been reduced!** Check out the new prices on page three and pick up some new gear for this 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

## September 2018

Meeting started 8.15pm

Attendees - as per book

Apologies - as per book

### Minutes from August Meeting

Read and Accept

Accepted: Dave

Second: Sally

### Correspondence from mins

Nil

### Incoming Correspondence

- Upcoming Trips
- Top secret committee emails

### Outgoing Correspondence

### Treasurers Report

Nil with Tony being away

Accept -

Seconded -

### 4wd Vic

- If you want to build fences for farmers, see Dave
- If you see people dumping stuff, take notes and send to 4wd Vic.. Don't be a hero

### General Business

- Advertising space in maggo for members
- If you have photos from trips, send to editor and web master
- We have access to MVO tracks
- General discussion on it

Reminder on a trip reports, and have done by 25th of the month, so Ly has time to add them and sort out a layout.

- Reminder of the 'Good on ya award'. If you see anything worthy email all the information to [trips@vfwdc.com](mailto:trips@vfwdc.com)
- Dave had a bath on the weekend from his Gazebo while folding it up.
- Steve mentioned the Merchandise and some of the new stuff is a great improvement.
- Joe's mate Nick gave a talk on Make-A-Wish trip a young girl is trying to arrange.
- Motion from Steve Pitcher - "That the club donate tonights raffle money towards Cardinia Make-A-Wish Foundation"  
Seconded by Ben
- Maree gave a talk on Club Noble where we have our meetings and their perks example: on ya birthday they give \$25 credit on your membership card.
- \$10 to become a member
- Steve mentioned that Hella are coming next meeting to give a presentation, bring ya money with ya
- Steve gave a discussion on November meeting at G&C Communications in Cranbourne
- Mentioned about Rudi coming next year
- Safety Dave to come again sometime in the next year
- We have the old library box down the back Free to good home.

### New Members

- Steve
- James

### Visitors

Tony and Margaret driving an MUX.

Michael driving a 100 he wants to beat up

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

- Sally Higgs blew a shoulder, so handed the trip notes to Des - Tallarook - Meeting at

Packenham Maccas.

- Dave B - First Aid Course - 15th September.  
Everyone should look at doing this  
Info and link in the magazine.
- Roger - Little Desert trip - Grand final Weekend. - See Roger
- Bruce C - Robe/Beachport Melbourne Cup Weekend - Info to be emailed out this week
- Tony - Portland Buggy Club - Melbourne Cup Weekend - Info to come sometime
- Dave B - Bonfire night at St Anne's - 5th November which is the Monday. Drinks and fire
- Jeff Griffiths - Deddick Trail - Melbourne Cup Weekend. More info - see Jeff

**--- Donuts, Cake, Coffee and Socializing Break ---**

**Past Club Trips**

- Bruce—Snow
- Ben-Snow
- Steve-Cobaw

**Raffle:**

1st Prize Tristan - Highlift

2nd - Roger - Gloves

3rd -Dave - Microfibre cleaner thingy

4th - Bruce - HandHelds

Next meeting October 3rd

**Meeting Closed 10.10pm**



## 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](mailto:editor@vfwdc.com), with the following:

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

## FOR SALE: Alloy (Black Widow) Roof Rack

\$500 o.n.o

Phillip Griffith

[griffithp@westpac.com.au](mailto:griffithp@westpac.com.au)

Alloy (Black Widow) Roof rack suits a GU Patrol, (may suit other vehicles, though require different legs)

Dimensions 2200mm x 1300mm x 165mm

Australian made, very good condition. Wind deflector and shovel holder included.

Selling because it doesn't fit our new car.



## FOR SALE: Bridgestone Dueler A/T x 5

\$1000 negotiable

Emily Wimetal

[emilynwimetal@gmail.com](mailto: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





# UPCOMING TRIPS

Something goofy happened to someone on a trip? Nominate them for the next “Good on ya” trophy! Send a quick summary to [trips@vfwdc.com](mailto:trips@vfwdc.com)

DESTINATION	Googs Track (Ceduna SA to the Trans Australian Railway)
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Stuart Bowker MOB: 0428 539 157
DATE	Monday 15th October—Ceduna Thursday 25th October -Kimba or earlier if there’s an easy crossing.
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Ceduna South Australia 15/10/18 6PM at the Ceduna Caravan Park or TBA
GRADE	WET: Difficult DRY: Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	From Ceduna to the Trans Australian Railway line, there is 363 sand dunes to cross, this is a mini Simpson Desert. We will head up to the railway line then into Kingoonya and then head down to the Gawler Ranges National Park for a look see. Finishing the trip in Kimba SA.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 6
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	Ceduna to Kimba via intended route approx. 650kms
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Ceduna; Glendambo if required DIESEL: Ceduna; Glendambo if required
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	650kms
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Food, camping gear, recovery equipment to be out for 8 days. SORRY NO CAMPER TRAILERS as many sand dunes.
MAPS REQUIRED	Hema Great Desert tracks Eastern sheet
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	Channel 12 UHF or channel as required by local area
GOOGLE MAPS	<a href="#">See here</a>

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. <a href="http://www.naracoortecaves.sa.gov.au">www.naracoortecaves.sa.gov.au</a> Monday Day 4 - Beach run to Buggy club + Robe
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"> <li>• First Aid Kit (and knowledge of how to use it)</li> <li>• Tyre deflator, inflator and tyre pressure gauge</li> <li>• UHF Radio - Recommended 5W output</li> <li>• Basic Tool Kit</li> <li>• Suitable Jack &amp; Jacking base plate</li> <li>• Fire extinguisher</li> <li>• Torch</li> <li>• Spare fuses</li> </ul>
MAPS REQUIRED	Nil—You can pick up from Visitors Center at Beachport
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	INCAR UHF is recommended—Channel 12
GOOGLE MAPS	<a href="#">See here</a>

<b>DESTINATION</b>	Portland Buggy Club
<b>LEADER/CONTACT NO.</b>	NAME: Tony Barbera MOB: 0417 153 424
<b>DATE</b>	Nov Melbourne Cup Weekend Saturday 3rd to Tuesday 6th November
<b>MEETING PLACE / TIME</b>	TBC
<b>GRADE</b>	WET: Easy DRY: Easy/Medium
<b>TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS</b>	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
<b>VEHICLE LIMITS</b>	MINIMUM: 4 MAXIMUM: 10
<b>APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION</b>	410kms from Scoresby to the Buggy Club.
<b>LAST AVAILABLE FUEL</b>	PETROL and DIESEL: Portland
<b>DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES</b>	It's everywhere on the way.
<b>EQUIPMENT REQUIRED</b>	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"> <li>• First Aid Kit (and knowledge of how to use it)</li> <li>• Tyre deflator, inflator and tyre pressure gauge</li> <li>• UHF Radio - Recommended 5W output</li> <li>• Basic Tool Kit</li> <li>• Suitable Jack &amp; Jacking base plate</li> <li>• Fire extinguisher</li> <li>• Torch</li> <li>• Spare fuses</li> </ul>
<b>MAPS REQUIRED</b>	Nil
<b>RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF</b>	INCAR UHF is recommended—Channel 12
<b>GOOGLE MAPS</b>	<a href="#">See here</a>



<b>DESTINATION</b>	Guy Fawkes Day, Bonfire Night—St Annes Winery
<b>LEADER/CONTACT NO.</b>	NAME: David Bruinsma MOB: 0417 747 860
<b>DATE</b>	Monday 5th November
<b>MEETING PLACE / TIME</b>	64 Garrards Ln, Myrniong VIC Time: TBA
<b>GRADE</b>	WET: Easy DRY: Easy
<b>TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS</b>	<p>We have been invited to attend St Anne's winery for a bon-fire night - probably on Monday 5th November. Below is a little bit of information about Guy Fawkes (I had to look it up on Wikipedia)</p> <p>More information will be made available closer to the time, but for those who have not been able to attend the clubs other trips planned for the Cup Weekend, this might be a suitable opportunity to get together close to Melbourne CBD.</p> <p>I think there will be opportunity to camp overnight again at the Winery, hopefully with less windy conditions than Xmas in July.</p> <p>Guy Fawkes Night, also known as Guy Fawkes Day, Bonfire Night and Firework Night, is an annual commemoration observed on 5 November, primarily in Great Britain. Its history begins with the events of 5 November 1605, when Guy Fawkes, a member of the Gunpowder Plot, was arrested while guarding explosives the plotters had placed beneath the House of Lords. Celebrating the fact that King James I had survived the attempt on his life, people lit bonfires around London; and months later, the introduction of the Observance of 5th November Act enforced an annual public day of thanksgiving for the plot's failure.</p>
<b>VEHICLE LIMITS</b>	MINIMUM: - MAXIMUM: -
<b>APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION</b>	40kms from Melbourne CBD
<b>LAST AVAILABLE FUEL</b>	PETROL and DIESEL: Every major suburb
<b>DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES</b>	Every major suburb
<b>EQUIPMENT REQUIRED</b>	Camp chair, and maybe overnight camping supplies
<b>MAPS REQUIRED</b>	Nil
<b>RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF</b>	UHF Channel 12 or call me
<b>GOOGLE MAPS</b>	<a href="#">See here</a>

<b>DESTINATION</b>	McKilops Bridge (Deddick Trail)
<b>LEADER/CONTACT NO.</b>	NAME: Jeff Griffiths MOB: 0425 705 224
<b>DATE</b>	3/11/18 to 6/11/19 Melbourne Cup Weekend
<b>MEETING PLACE / TIME</b>	BP McDonalds on the Pakenham Bypass (on the freeway) Meet at 7:30 AM for 8:00 am departure
<b>GRADE</b>	WET: Medium / Difficult DRY: Medium
<b>TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS</b>	<p>Saturday Drive up to McKillops Bridge on the way stop have a look at where the Snowy river and Buchan river meet.</p> <p>Saturday night camp the night McKillops Bridge then. Sunday head down the Deddick Trail to Jacksons Crossing. Camp there.</p> <p>Monday have a day there to relax, swim, have a look around. Tuesday head home maybe have a look at Buchan Caves on the way through.</p>
<b>VEHICLE LIMITS</b>	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: 8
<b>APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION</b>	400kms
<b>LAST AVAILABLE FUEL</b>	PETROL and DIESEL: TBA
<b>DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES</b>	TBA
<b>EQUIPMENT REQUIRED</b>	Full recovery gear, tools and any spares you may require. AT or MT tyres. Must have a Snorkel fitted UHF radio in vehicle or hand held. All your own camping gear and food for 4 days Nibbles for happy hour. Sorry no Camper Trailers
<b>MAPS REQUIRED</b>	Rooftops Snowy River -McKillops Bridge -Lakes Entrance
<b>RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF</b>	UHF Channel 12
<b>GOOGLE MAPS</b>	<a href="#">See here</a>

# SNOW TRIP 2018

## MOST IMPORTANT GROUP

18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August  
by Bruce

### Contestants:

Bruce (Trip Leader)

Ly Ho & Darna

Callum Brown

Phil Griffith & Family

Steve Dickson

Anthony VB

Carissa (ants sister)

Mark Fowler (Visitor)

Ashley and John Partridge (in the fridge!)

Brett Buchanan (Tail End Charlie)



Well after the many hassles of had getting permits, losing our original date, changed contestants, changes to permits, we were ready to play.

Decided to meet up at Jamieson pub, as its warm and friendly! People had various ideas of accommodation and times of arrival and shizzle, so some of us enjoyed dinner, the VERY warm fire, and some refreshments while watching the footy on tele. Some decided to come up in the morning, and one group in the fridge decided to come up early on Friday, do some wheeling and camp! Then there was the family in their nice shiny caravan at the park too :)

Saturday morning met with much ice on cars, and the mountains, they was white! Down to the shop in main street for some bacon egg rolls and coffee. The staff there were very friendly and the coffee was that nice some of us had 2-3 cups.

Time to air down and freeze fingers and toes, then line up for 8.30 departure. The punters turned up in dribs and drabs, but all ready to go.

Heading out of town, the wildlife was everywhere, roos, wombats, deer, dropbears, the works. The idea was to get to picnic table (bout 1/3rd way) and have a stop and reassess things. Well heading up the hill we discovered snow <1000 which was no real surprise.. so a quick stop to



re-align people, chat with all contestants to make sure everyone was happy, throw some snowballs at Ashley and away we go again.



Heading up the snow thickened quite quick, and we hadn't got to the tables yet, and it wasn't looking promising! Being in a Patrol, there was little concern for the TL, and getting to the tables the indecision of left, center, or keep going up the road was the downfall - finally stuck. Listening on the radio, turns out he wasn't alone - Callum also decided to test his recovery gear. Note that the track left by the patrol was like the Hume, and very few had any issues following.

Back to the patrol, lots of trial and error, but finally belled out at the tables - it was out with the shovels for Ly and Bruce.



Callum was now free as was the mighty Patrol of Awesome - for a minute. While free, the indecision hit again, and slid across into the gutter on the inside of the track. Much RPM and back and forward - free again... for a sec, then belled out in middle of track. Our crowd had caught up

at this stage and were parked up on side of track before the tables waiting... and waiting... And then the world caught up and also started waiting and waiting.. nothing like an audience.

So Anthony decided to try and use the Lunar buggy to winch the Patrol Backwards. But the snow was too deep - it was nowhere near as good as mighty whitey... So we winched forward and then nailed it in reverse to get somewhere back towards the tables - Success but still a fail :(

At this point, everyone had managed to cruise around the tables and by now the massive traffic jam was around 50 cars! Good way to make friends.



Some went past us, and got about 100mtrs, and that was it. The snow was eating everyone. We had a non official meeting and it was decided that nobody was getting to the summit. In the meantime, many snowballs had been thrown at Ashley (what did you do to Claire!), the kids had a play in the snow, with Ant's tribe rolling a snowball that was HUGE - I mean about 3-4ft round to which they then changed into a snow chair! It impressed many!

One of the other groups spent hours trying to turn around only few 100mtrs further up the track, so we made the right decision! Even few of their crew parked up at the tables.

So heading down the hill on the way back with tails between our legs was disappointing but we hadn't got to the hardest part yet - the large downhill and then up - to which you would have got down easily, but getting up or turning round to come back would have been mission impossible.

Part way down we stopped and had some munchies and drink, then back to town.



We decided to meet back in hour and go for a look at the Jamieson Brewery which was a great decision. Most got a Paddle of tasters, and we chatted of hour or more, 4then back to the pub for dinner, beer and more footy!

Next morning everyone made their ways home.



In the end, out of all the groups on our weekend, only 1 car out of the 50+ 4bs \*reportedly\* made it to the summit, but I doubt it.

I'd like to thank all punters who made it a great trip, social event, snowball throwing at Ashley great - good people and good attitudes go a long way on a trip. Next year... summit or bust!

See ya at Beachport for some insane sand driving.  
Bruce.



# SNOW TRIP 3

## DAY 2

26<sup>th</sup> August  
by Maree & Stuart

Saturday to the snow was great and on Sunday morning the group met at the coffee shop in Jamieson to decide how to go home.

Maree, Stuart, Mary, Jeff, Ann and Alan all decided to take the scenic route.

We started on the Woods point road, the sign said logging trucks and to use channel 40. So we all changed to 40, just to get a heads up if there is any trucks on the road, and to be warned in advance. The road has lovely curved bends as its following the river through the hills. The road was wet and icy in places but a delightful drive.

Heading pass the A1 mine site there is a renewed activity there with the road showing signs of usage. We passed the clay shooting club and they had signs up to beware as they were practicing. We passed this with a few comments on who's a sitting duck here.

Finally gaining altitude and seeing signs of snow on the side of the road, excitement. Jeff and Mary saying how different it looked as they had been up this way with Bruce on the night run not long ago.

Then we headed to Matlock and it was white, the picnic table was lost in the snow drifts. So we decided to go and visit the telecommunication tower, our first attempt was unsuccessful as the snow was too deep and we kept getting bogged even after deflating our tyres so we headed back to the main road that had been cleared but was still icy and slippery. We found the other road to the tower and it was passable finally making it to the top only to find loads of other 4x4 enjoying a bbq and general snow activities

All things considered it was a great end to a wonderful snow weekend. Please enjoy some of our photos.











# TALLAROOK DAY TRIP

8th<sup>th</sup> September  
by Des Whall

## The Magnificent Seven

Des	- Pat (virgin trip leader filling in for the injured Sally)
Ben	- D-Max
Callum, Trudy and Zach	- Ranger
Caroline -	- Fortuner (and her 102 year-old dog that had more energy than the energizer bunny)
Roger & his young fella	- Prado
Will & Lauren	- D-Max
Andrew & Simon	- Landcruiser

We met at Lilydale McDonalds around 8am, some in the rear carpark, some in the front carpark and the rest inside. After introductions, a quick bite and coffee (okay, maybe 2 coffees) we were off, heading along the Melba Hwy toward Glenburn.

Approximately 40 minutes later we turned off Melba Hwy onto Break Oday Rd, then Whittlesea-Yea Rd, Broadford-Flowerdale Rd, eventually cruising into Strath Creek around 9am.

Continuing through Strath Creek (as there was little else you could do in Strath Creek) along Broadford-Flowerdale Rd we passed through Kerrisdale Bushland reserve before turning onto Horans Track approximately 1 hour 15 from Lilydale.

Directly into Horans track we located a parking bay where we aired down and had a quick chat about the day ahead.

Horans Track runs along a ridge providing spectacular views both to the east and west, so it wasn't long before we had stopped to record some memories. I managed a sensational shot of my right foot getting out of 'Pat' and then a gorgeous pot hole before steadying an obviously out of control iPhone toward the scenery on offer. Others were more successful.

Horans Track (dirt road) was in good condition so entered Tallarook State Forest in no time. No challenges as we meandered along Horans, onto Mt Hickey Rd ascending gradually to Mount Hickey (805m high) where we stopped for morning tea. No views on offer due to the heavy

foliage and locked fire tower gate.



Back-tracking a short distance down Mt Hickey Rd we turned onto Caddell Tk, descending to a brief, but awakening section of rocky track at the bottom before turning onto, and following Gravel Pit Tk to Main Rd. Heaps of gravel, no pits and fairly cruisy.

Next turn was onto Freemans Rd passing through Freemans Camp. The only campsite in the entire forest with amenities. Naturally a stop was in order with a substantial contribution by most.

Continuing to the end of Freemans Rd past numerous closed seasonal tracks we turned onto West Falls Rd before turning onto No 2 Loop, then onto No 1 Loop. A bit of mud and water but nothing to warrant bringing the 4WD. Several nice flat camping grounds along these two loops. Turning onto West Falls Rd allowed us to group up a bit before turning onto Jenkins Rd and then Main Rd. A short distance later we turned onto Army Rd, then Bridge Tk, Falls Link Rd and East Falls Rd, stopping at Warragul Rocks for a short break and stretching of the legs. The eastward view from Warragul Rocks out over the valley along the Goulburn River is spectacular.

Discovering trespassers were camped in our designated lunch spot, we moved on, continuing south along East Falls Rd to the intersection of East Loop where we found a nice wide flat area to have lunch. History will depict this spot as the spot Will discovered that he could almost lie down and





sleep in the back canopy on the D-Max. Awesome!

East Loop provided the most water and mud for the day. Nothing too stressful with all water holes



having firm bottoms ▢ and the track being wide enough to straddle the numerous ruts.

Back on Main Rd heading West we next turned onto Tehans Rd before veering right into Brandy Tk. Things were warming up, a little bit of mud, a few water holes and fair climb before descending Brandy Corner Rd to Tehan No 2 Tk.

It was about this time in the movie where the village was attacked by the banditos and the Magnificent Seven's gunfighting skills were challenged for the first time. Likewise, I was challenged. Nervous, sweating and a crook coin toss had me continuing straight, when I should have veered right. My god, what was I thinking, I could have lost everyone! Okay it wasn't that bad, and thankfully could warn everyone to stop and not follow me. Those that had, were close enough to reverse out.

Valiantly, and unnerved by the sheer death-defying drop-off outside my door and narrowing track, with clenched cheeks I progressed, albeit slowly, seeking any opportunity to turn around. Reaching a point where the track climbed at around 20-25 degrees before disappearing into the clouds (not dissimilar to Jack's bean-stalk) I was presented with a vehicle-width area in which to make a 302-point turn. Okay probably 8. A change of undies and wiping smeared lip balm off St Christopher saw me back out onto the main track and us continuing our journey to Tehans No 4 Tk which provided the most fun for the day.

Steep, loose shale, rocks and numerous twists and turns finally gave us a reason to be driving the vehicles we were in. So much fun in fact everyone voted to do another loop before finishing. I think everyone voted for it.

This decision was to provide the only convoy flaw for the day. Apparently, and I must stress that I wasn't there so did not witness this first hand...but Simon, Andrew's brother in law along for the



day, was briefly distracted when he dropped a stitch and they missed the turn onto Cable Tk. Yes, the corner was marked, but dropping a stitch can be very distracting ▢.

Turning off Horans into Cable Tk and then onto an unmarked track saw us again partly traverse Brandy Corner Rd before turning onto Tehans No 3 descending a very steep, gravelly, slippery track, before climbing back up to Horans Rd via the challenging Tehans No 4 Tk. Well done and nice driving by all.

Returning down Horans we aired up at the carpark, said our goodbyes and headed home. Very enjoyable day, no-one lost, injured or annoyed to the degree they left early. Great job on the radio Zach.

Great attitudes and company, thank you to all participants.

