



FREE WHEELING

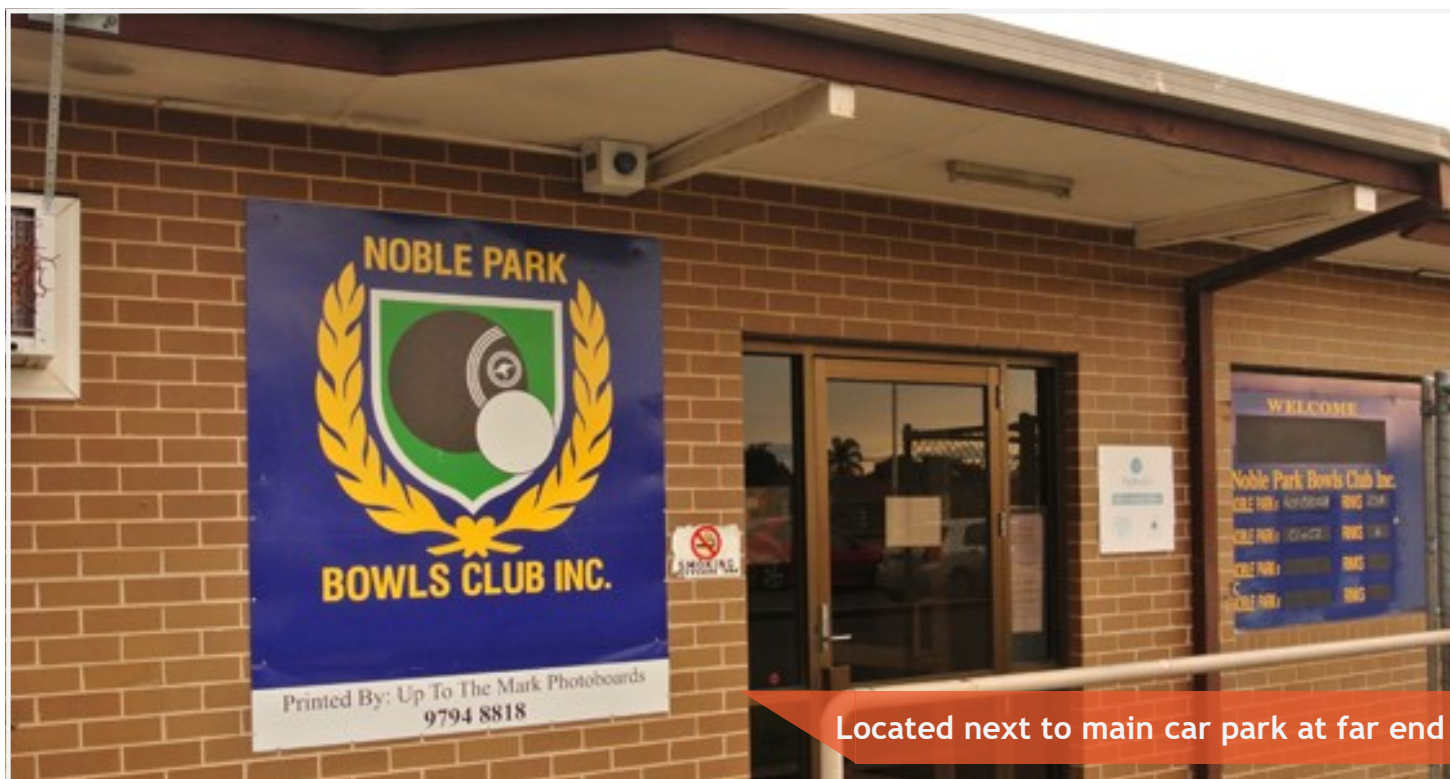
April 2019



Official Newsletter of the
Victorian Four Wheel
Drive Club Inc

Registration No
A0002184F

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Crockett in the Otway's



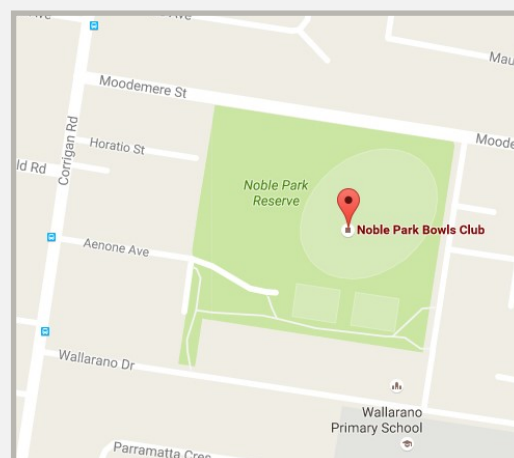
Located next to main car park at far end

VFWDC General Meeting Venue

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

Bowling Club Rooms

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



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



Aberfeldy Track

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

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

2018-2019

President	Steve Pitcher	president@vfwdc.com
Vice President	David Bruinsma	vicepres@vfwdc.com
Secretary	Sally Higgs	secretary@vfwdc.com
Treasurer	Tony Barbera	treasurer@vfwdc.com

General Committee

Trip Coordinator	Andre Van Der Walt	trips@vfwdc.com
Magazine Editor	Ly Ho	editor@vfwdc.com
Association Delegate	David Bruinsma	delegate@vfwdc.com
General Committee	Stuart Bowker	
General Committee	Callum Brown	
General Committee		

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
Catering	Lisa Barbera	

Club Details

Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club
Registration No	A002184F
Correspondence	PO Box 778 Dandenong VIC 3174
Email	secretary@vfwdc.com
Website	www.vfwdc.com
The Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club is an affiliated club of Four Wheel Drive Victoria - www.fwdvictoria.org.au	



Hi everyone,

Welcome to the April edition of *Free Wheeling* magazine.

We all know how serious the recent (and, in some cases, ongoing) Victorian bushfires have been and the devastation that they cause. For safety reasons, we have unfortunately had to either cancel or postpone a few of our advertised trips/events that were planned for bushfire affected areas. I am also aware that some of our members have been on high alert due to the threat of fire, both within and around the areas that they live.

From the conversations that I have had with many members, there is a genuine desire for the Club to provide assistance to those that have been affected by the recent fires. As a Club, we will of course look to support those communities that are in need of assistance following the fires. I have in the last month met with and discussed this issue with our state-based representatives at Four Wheel Drive Victoria. They do expect to be asked to assist as state authorities, land managers, volunteer and community groups transition from planning to clean up phase over the coming period.

In the meantime, should anyone wish to lend their support ahead of any official Club participation, we have circulated contact

details for Blazeaid (www.blazeaid.com.au) which is a not-for-profit organisation that is coordinating much of the volunteer work being done around those fire affected areas. On a brighter note, last month we had Rudi Paoletti from West Gippsland Relic, Mining and Heritage Protection Inc present to our Club at our General Meeting. Rudi will be attending our next Club working bee in the Aberfeldy area which is pencilled in for late May. Rudi will also be showing us around the local area, highlighting some of the sites of historical significance. I do hope that you can make it to our working bee as it is not only a chance for the Club to give something back for the free access and use of parks and facilities in the areas that we frequent, it is also an opportunity to learn more about the rich history of some of these areas too.

Until I see you next, please be fire alert, keep safe and remember to tread lightly.

Steve Pitcher

President

CLUB MERCHANDISE



PRICING


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.

CLUB NOBLE FORM

Did you know if you're a member of Club Noble (the sporting club 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:/...../.....

Your Play

YourPlay gives you the power to track how much money and time you are spending as you play. You can also use YourPlay to set limits on the money and time you spend on gaming machines and to see your playing history online at any time. YourPlay can be added to your loyalty membership card and used on any gaming machine in Victoria. You can register for YourPlay at yourplay.com.au or ask a staff member for assistance

INTERNAL USE ONLY

Membership Number:

Customer ID Sighted:

Staff Member's Name:

Confirm Customer's over 18:

THANK YOU AND WELCOME TO CLUB NOBLE

CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

April				
3rd	Wed	General Meeting		
13th	Sat	Tyre repairs and winching practice	Stuart Bowker	0428 539 157
15th	Mon	Committee Meeting		
19th	Fri	Easter Friday public holiday		
19th to 28th	Fri to Mon	Flinders Ranges and Mungo National Park	Sally Higgs	0435 782 207
19th to 27th	Fri to Sun	Border Track / Ngarkat Conservation Park	Roger Blakeman	0490 055 963
22nd	Mon	Easter Monday public holiday		
25th	Thu	Anzac Day public holiday		
May				
1st	Wed	General Meeting		
20th	Mon	Committee Meeting		
25th to 26th	Sat to Sun	Aberfeldy Working Bee		
June				
5th	Wed	General Meeting		
17th	Mon	Committee Meeting		
November				
TBA	TBA	Biannual Trip to Beachport and Robe for Melbourne Cup weekend	TBA	TBA

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

IMPORTANT

- **Club merchandise has been reduced!** Check out the new prices on page five 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

6th March 2019

Attendees

As per attendance sheets

Apologies

As per attendance sheets

Minutes from Last Meeting

Accepted by Stuart

Seconded by David

Matters arising from Last Meeting

Nil

Correspondence In/ Out:

Emails:

- Four Wheel Drive Victoria - E News - Distributed to Members on 28/02/19
- Four Wheel Drive Victoria - revised affiliation fee for Four Wheel Drive Australia
- Member enquiries
- Email to Safety Dave inviting to attend future meeting

Mail:

- Land Rover Owners Club Review Magazine
- Bendigo Bank Statement Jan 2019
- AUS Post PO BOX annual bill

Accepted by Ly

Seconded by Andre

Treasurer's Report

As per treasures report

Accepted by Callum

Seconded by Em

Association Delegate Report

- Clean up the bush event coming up
- David and Steve will be attending the next members update meeting put on by 4WD

Victoria

New Members/Guests and Prospective Members

- Paul—100 Series
- Dean—GU Patrol
- Simon—79 Series

General Business

- Ly discussed volunteering for high country running/ endurance event support
- Em raised question on if we would be willing to support people impacted by the Bunyip Fires. 4WD Victoria have positioned to say they will be seeking volunteers to support. Club will support the approach through 4WD Victoria to assistance. Em is going to coordinate a trip to help.
- Discover Four Wheel Driving Magazine - for free to members
- Financial Members to receive sticker from 4WD Victoria

Driver Training

- Training weekend coming up. TBC for May
- Additional Driver Training Instructor being looked at for the club. Committee is working through the details

Merchandise

- New merchandise - Scarf, beanies, stubby holders
- Steve thanks Des for efforts in sourcing new merchandise

Upcoming Trips

- Labour Weekend - Wonangatta - David B - CANCELLED
- Labour Weekend - Huts of the High Country - Stuart - CANCELLED
- 13/04 - Winching and Tyre Repairs - Location TBA - Stuart
- Easter and week following - Flinders Ranges - Sally
- Easter and week following - Border Track -

Roger

- Driver proficiency training - Date TBC
- Aberfeldy working be 25th and 26th May - David with Rudy Paoletti

Guest Speaker

- Rudy Paoletti (President of Westland Gippsland Relic, Mining and Heritage Protection) to talk about the Aberfeldy region track maintenance project
- Working on getting Safety Dave to visit club for a meeting
- Sought an expression of interest to have a presentation on snakes \$285 - majority of members were interested in the club progressing organising it.

Past Trip Reports

- Nil

Raffle Prizes

- Recovery Treds - Bruce C
- Map Book - Tony B
- Vehicle and Equipment Wash - Sam
- Tie down tracks - Michael

Meeting Closed: 22:08 Hours

Next meeting 3 April 2019

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)

FREE: Fire Wood

FREE

Bring you saw and trailer.

"...I have no photos as the wood varies from fallen branches to dead, but standing trees. All Gum trees. Up to almost 1m in diameter."

492 Yarragon South Road
Yarragon South, 3823

Gary
kiwiau@inet.net.au
0408 093 529



FOR SALE: Sunroof Visor 35.5 inch / 90cm

\$20

Bought it off eBay and didn't measure before buying. So doesn't fit the car and pretty much brand new.

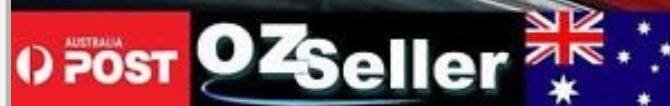
90cm x 16cm. Reinforced Acrylic comes in black. [See this eBay link](#) for more pics and info.

Ly Ho

ly.tri.ho@gmail.com

0433 387 811

35.5" Sunroof Moonroof Visor



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



TREASURER'S REPORT

Bringing Four Wheel Drivers Together



Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
www.vfwdc.com

Treasurer's Report February 2019

<u>Cheque A/C`</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/02/2019	\$5,782.78
Add:	Raffle	\$185.00
	Merchandise	\$0.00
	Memberships	\$120.00
	Total Monies In:	\$305.00
<u>Less:</u>	Catering	\$15.50
	Stationary	\$13.90
	Flowers for Ian & Audrey	\$25.00
	Total Monies Out:	\$54.40
	Closing Balance as at 28/02/2019	\$6,033.38
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/02/2019	\$6,604.23
	Interest Paid	\$0.00
	Closing Balance as at 28/02/2019	\$6,604.23
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/02/2019	\$150.00
	Add:	
	Less:	
	Closing Balance as at 28/02/2019	<u>\$150.00</u>
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position	<u>\$12,787.61</u>

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Tyre Repairs and Winching Practice—TBA
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Stuart Bowker MOB: 0428 539 157
DATE	Saturday 13th April 2019
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Caltex Longwarry (East bound), Corner Sand Rd, Princes Hwy, Longwarry VIC 3816 8:30 am for a 9:00 am departure
GRADE	Wet: Easy Dry: Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Plan is to allow members to practice using their own winches in a controlled environment and I will give a demonstration on roadside tyre repairs. At this stage no 4x4 driving is planned. All welcome even if you don't have a winch.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: NA
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	50kms
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Caltex Longwarry DIESEL: Caltex Longwarry
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	NA
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Recovery gear, munchies and lunch
MAPS REQUIRED	Roofotp Yarra Valley West Gippsland
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12
GOOGLE MAPS	See here

DESTINATION
LEADER/CONTACT NO.

Flinders Ranges and Mungo National Park

NAME: Sally Higgs
MOB: 0435782207

DATE
MEETING PLACE / TIME

Easter Week - Friday 19th April - Sunday 28th April
TBC

GRADE
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS

WET and Dry: Easy / Medium

Touring trip to Flinders Ranges and returning via Mungo National Park.

Departing Melbourne on morning of Good Friday 19th April and travelling through to Renmark SA.

Renmark to Wilpena Pound and stay 2 nights at Wilpena Pound Resort and then 1 night bush camping. While in the area do Mt Carnarvon.

Then head to Alpana Station for 2 nights. Drive Mt Samuel and do Sunset Tour.

From Alpana Station head to Broken Hill for a night.

Through to Mungo National Park for a night and then onto Swan Hill and head home to Melbourne on 28th April.

There will be lots of driving but building in time to relax and explore.

VEHICLE LIMITS

MINIMUM: 3
MAXIMUM: 5

Will need early confirmation as accommodation is booking out already.

**APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE
TO DESTINATION**

Total distance travelled will be approx. 3000km

LAST AVAILABLE FUEL

PETROL: Wilpena Pound (plenty of fuel along the way)
DIESEL: Wilpena Pound (plenty of fuel along the way)

DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Max 500km

Camping and 4WD equipment with some self sufficiency as we will be doing combination of bush and caravan park camping

Camper trailers are ok

Food and Snacks to eat along the way but will be opportunity to eat out and get supplies

MAPS REQUIRED

Flinders Ranges and Mungo National Park Maps
Trip leader will have plenty of maps :)

RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF
GOOGLE MAPS

Start on CH11 and see what traffic there is
[See here](#)

DESTINATION	Border Track/Ngarkat Conservation Park
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Roger Blakema Email: r_blakeman@hotmail.com MOB: 0490055963
DATE	Friday 19th to Saturday 27th April 2019
MEETING PLACE / TIME	BP Calder Northbound, Calder Park at 8am
GRADE	WET: hard DRY: medium/hard
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Day 1 - Melbourne to Mildura (caravan Park) - 540km Day 2: Mildura to shearers Quarters, Murray Sunset NP - 200km Day 3: Shearers Quarters to Murrayville (Caravan Park) - 100km - Easter egg hunt Day 4: Murrayville - rest day: optional day trip to Karte Conservation Park (100km return and 1.5km walk) Day 5: Murrayville to Pine Hut Soak (Ngarkat CP)- 52km - easy day Day 6: Pine Hut Soak to Red Bluff, Big Desert Wilderness Area - Border track one way - hard) - 85km Day 7: Red Bluff to Keith (Caravan Park) - Border track / Ngarkat CP/Mount Rescue lookout- 145km Day 8: Keith - rest day - (Caravan Park) (optional day trip to wineries) Day 9: Keith - Melbourne - 505km Day 10: spare day.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 4
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	515km
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Mildura/Pinnaroo-28km from Murrayville)/Keith DIESEL: Mildura/Pinnaroo-28km from Murrayville)/Keith
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Everybody will need to be self-sufficient for the entire trip. Sufficient drinking water must be taken as it is not available at the camp sites.
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Full Recovery gear, shovel, air compressor, maxtrax or equivalent, hat, sunscreen etc.. Sand Flag - advisable Camper Trailers - No
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS	As this trip requires pre campsite bookings and vehicle permits into Ngarkat Conservation Park, positions will not be confirmed until a deposit has been made. Vehicle registrations and number of people travelling per vehicle need to be provided to my email above. I will respond with payment details. Please specify if you require a powered site when staying at caravan parks. All campsites have drop toilets only
MAPS REQUIRED	TBA
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	12
GOOGLE MAPS	See here

DESTINATION	Aberfeldy Area Club WORKING BEE
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: David Bruinsma MOB: 0417 747 860
DATE	25th and 26th May
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: easy 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. 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	-
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	150Km
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Moe LPG: Moe
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	75Km
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Camping Gear Appropriate clothing for the working bee
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	Channel 12