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Free Wheeling



Grampians - Halls Gap Trip September 2011

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VFWDC GENERAL MEETING VENUE

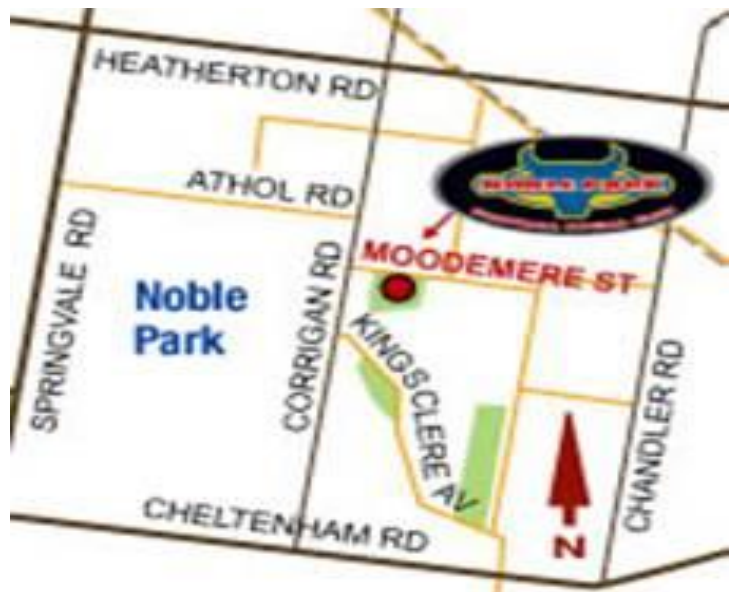
The club meets at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club, 46-56 Moodemere St, Noble Park on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 8.00pm (No meeting in January). Members and Guests are welcome to dine at the Bistro before attending the meeting.

First **WEDNESDAY** of each month 8.00PM Start

Venue:

Bowling Club Rooms (Next to Car Park)

Noble Park Football Club
46-56 Moodemere Street
Noble Park
Melways ref: 89 D4



FREE WHEELING

Hello and welcome to the November newsletter. November is the best month of the year, as it see the first long weekend since the Queen birthday weekend. And Melbourne cup weekend see the opening of most of the seasonal closure tracks, check out the details of the tracks before heading out.

Catherine

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Club Details

Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
Registration No	A002184F
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Meetings	Held 8pm, first Wednesday of each month, excluding January (no meeting).
Location	Noble Park Football Club (Bowling club near car park) 46-56 Moodemere Street, Noble Park Melways ref: 89 D4
Newsletter	All articles and photographs to be submitted prior to 20 th of each month to editor@vfwdc.com
	The Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club is an affiliated club of the Victoria Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc (VAFWDC)



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CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

2011				
November	Wednesday 2nd	General Meeting—At Everything Four Wheel Drive - Cranbourne	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	22nd	Committee Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	27th	Christmas Party	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	27th - 28th	Mystery Pub to Pub	David Hughes	0427 865 592 (Rosalie)
December	Wednesday 2nd	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	3rd	Oxfam Christmas Tree Delivery	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	Xmas / New Years Eve	Alice Springs - Northern Territory	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
January 2012	Wednesday 7th	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	17th	Committee Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
February	Wednesday 7th	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	Saturday 18th	GPS Course	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
March	Wednesday 1st	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296

Our website has been updated, check it out at www.vfwdc.com It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring a cd of the photos from your trips to the club meeting & pass them onto Bruce, so they can be added to our website for advertising. Only if you choose to.

For Sale

EMG Swag BRAND NEW - never been used still in the box. \$250
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Thanks, Chris Smith

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to this months *Free Wheeling*.

Well it isn't that far until Christmas! This year seems to have just flown by. The weather lately has been a bit up and down, but if the up parts are anything to go by, then its going to be a steamer of a Xmas camping season!

Some of the club members attended a working bee weekend in early October, to help with the repairs on Collins Hut, the club members who participated were good ambassadors for the club, and Dave B's running a trip up to Collins Hut, on the Melbourne Cup weekend; to see the outcome of our club members efforts, so some hopefully some photos will be forthcoming and be shown in next months newsletter!

On a bad note, the famous "Cheviot Tunnel" has been closed to all public traffic. Nobody seems to know why it has been closed off. Some people even knew about the situation back in March, but nobody bothered to tell 4wd Vic. 4wd Vic were eventually made aware of the situation in October and are now going to look into it. Too late, the horse has already bolted.

The clubs annual Christmas party is coming up, on the last weekend of November and lets hope for a good turn out, as there is going to be plenty of fun activities and games for all who attended, and the catering has been arranged again by Luke, the catering is well worth it. Please make sure you put your name down on the trip form, at the November club meeting at Everything Four Wheel Drive.

Due to much complaining, rumbling and questions about where money goes over the recent years, we had our regional rep from 4wd Victoria - Tim come out to answer everyone's questions... at last months club meeting. Problem was, not a lot of club members attended the meeting, to help voice the clubs views. Even with the committee informing everyone he was coming for months in advance, we were hoping to put up 'bullet proof shields' for him, but it was one of the smallest attended meeting since I've been in the club, and the whingers didn't show up to ask their questions. So I'll take that as the whole subject is now in the bin. You had your chance.

Anyway that's enough from me for another month. Take it easy out there it is still wet and slippery on the tracks but summer is coming!!

Remember, it is your club – the more you put in the more you will get out of it

Regards
Bruce Cremonesi
President VFWDC



Trip Incentive Scheme

The committee had decided to implement this idea, to help promote the club and encourage club members to run more trips. This will be over a period of the committee year.

Prizes will not be awarded to the same person. The prize will be a voucher to an nominated establishment of your choice (within reason), sorry no cash.

The following prizes will be on offer:





CLUB MERCHANDISE For Sale

(Revised Price List)

Club Polo Shirts	\$28.00 ea
Club Polar Fleece ½ Zip Jumper	\$38.00 ea
Club Polar Fleece Full Zip Jacket	\$48.00 ea
Club Sleeveless Reversible Vest	\$44.00 ea
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Club Bucket Hat	\$16.00 ea
Club Wide Brim Hat	\$18.00 ea
Club Beanie	\$12.00 ea
VFWDC Sticker (long)	\$ 6.00 ea

(The VFWDC long stickers will be available at the next club meeting. Please see David Bruinsma for these stickers).

We encourage all members to purchase a Club Polo Shirt.

Email your order to committee@vfwdc.com.
Please ensure you advise size required.

Minutes of General Meeting October 2011

General Meeting 5th October 2011

The meeting was held at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club and was opened at 8.10pm by President Bruce Cremonesi

Present: There were 21 members present as per the attendance book

Apologies: 11 members not present as per the apologies book

Visitors: 5 visitors as per the visitors book

Minutes of previous General Meeting

Accepted : Johan
Seconded : Andrew

Matters arising:
Driver training - will be due for February

Correspondence in
Membership renewal - Andrew merlo
4FDC business plan 2010-2013
Track Watch (from 4wdv)
Landrover review magazine
Overland Cruising
Bendigo bank statement
Collins hut working bee
Track clearing working bee's

Correspondence out

Club Magazines as per usual
Books for the first aid course

Treasurers report

Term Deposit	\$	5465.34
Cash	\$	
Petty Cash	\$	50.00
Money In	\$	150.00
Moneys Out	\$	1073.28
Balance	\$	6266.68

Accepted: Andrea
2nd: Sally

Minutes of General Meeting October 2011 Continued

Trip reports

Sally reported on the Grampians trip. Sally's group got there early, Bruce arrive late (after dark). Everyone got up early because of Bruce's snoring. Most people went their separate ways in different directions (Wineries, Zoo, etc). Went to the local bistro for dinner. About 9 groups, from caravans to tents.

Trip coordinators report

The various trip leaders gave a brief overview of the following upcoming trips.

Type	When	Where	Trip Leader
Weekend	8 th 9 th Oct	Collins hut working bee	Latrobe 4wd club
Weekend	15 th 16 th Oct	Melville Caves	Bruce
Weekend	29 th Oct 1 st Nov	Collins Hut	David Bruinsma
Weekend	29 th Oct 1 st Nov	Robe	Johan
Day	27 th Nov	Xmas party	Bruce
Pub to pub	27 th /28 th Nov	Progressive	
Weekend	16 th , 17 th , 18 th Dec	High country	Bruce
2 weeks	Xmas/news years	Alice Springs, via Uluru	David Bruinsma
GPS course	Feb		

Event Coordinators Report

Association Report

General business

First Aid course:

Other Business

Tim Trainer is here from 4FDV to talk to us.

Tim gave an overview of what FWDV does for the Four wheel drive movement in Victoria. Many questions was asked of Tim, which he managed to answer

Raffle

This month there is TWO prizes

Tickets sold by Sally (Emily was not present, and was missed by everyone)

Prize	Won by:
Pair of shackles	Andre
Tree trunk Protector	Charlie Costa

Meeting Closed: 9:45 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 8.00pm..... at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club.

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Christmas Party

27th of November 2011
Braeside park 11am to 4pm
Fully catered – Spit Roast (same
as Xmas in July) – Sadly no
wholemeal rolls.

Santa (*thanks Tim*)– bring
present along for kids,
WRAPPED And LABELED.

PRICE LIMIT \$20.00

Dozens of fun events on for kids
and adults. Spin around 4 times
and race to the flag
3 legged races,
3 people with their right foot
strapped to an old ski races
Sack races (WHY ARE THEY ALL
RACES – CANT WE ALL BE
FRIENDS),
Egg and spoon races,
Something about a balloons
between your knees running
50mtrs without bursting it and
passing it to someone without
using your hands
Pin the tail on the Something...
Cricket, footy, baseball, coit flying,
etc etc.
And more!!!!

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Alice Springs – Northern Territory - New year's eve 2011
LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	DAVID BRUINSMA MOB: 0417 747 860
DATE	Boxing day Dec 26 th 2011 - For at least 2 weeks.
MEETING PLACE /TIME	TBA – but probably Berry in SA on 26 th Dec in the late afternoon.
GRADE	WET: MEDIUM/HARD DRY: EASY
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Intend leaving on Boxing day 2011, with the first days drive to be the longest of the whole trip (about 800+ kms). After that, most days will be less than 600km. Intention is to do site seeing all the way to Mt Isa, exploring anything on the left hand side (west) of the highway whilst heading north. I must be in Alice Springs for a wedding on New years eve – everything in between and after that is very flexible. Again, on the return trip – anything worth looking at on the LEFT hand side (east) of the highway (now we are heading back) will be fair game to be explored. The return trip is also intended to be done at a sedate pace with 400 to 600kms per day to be the norm. I do expect to try some 4x4 (or at least dirt) tracks on the way home if the weather & circumstances permit.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: me and my family MAXIMUM: 6
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL & DIESEL: major towns
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	All personal camping gear, food, drinks, recovery equipment – & a good sense of fun & adventure. Plenty of drinking water, & spare fuel or long range tanks.
MAPS REQUIRED	HEMA desert maps (any other suitable maps you can get hold off)
RADIO CHANNEL UHF	UHF 12 (I'll have a 2 nd UHF radio on scan mode as well)

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	It's a mystery
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	David Hughes Ph: 9706 2966 Work: 9798 1492 Mob: 0427 865 592 (Rosalie)
DEPARTURE DATE & RETURN	25 th – 27 th of November
MEETING PLACE	TBA
GRADE WET & DRY	Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Meeting at one place and then travelling from there to here and everywhere and having a lot of fun along the way
VEHICLE LIMITS MAXIMUM	14
APPROX KMS	TBA
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	TBA
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	12



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

THE MAN WITH THE RED SUIT IS WATCHING

Over the last 19 years, FWDV have encouraged club members to organize a team of vehicles to support the annual Christmas tree drive. Your club and its members will be supporting a well recognized community event and fundraiser for Oxfam's important work,

As well as this, the goodwill and public recognition for FWDV Clubs in supporting this well organized operation, and also adds a positive image to our public profile.

You can make it a fun day out, dress up or even decorate your vehicle to get in the spirit.

For a couple of hours or even a couple of days of your time, you will help Oxfam but also promote the good work that your club and its members do, in conjunction with FWDV to assist the communities. Supporting Oxfam with the deliveries not only helps the community but also gives you a sense of good feeling, especially seeing the children's faces when the tree arrives - Just like Santa Claus.

Meeting at the Scout Hall, Pakenham St, Blackburn (Melway Map 47 H 12) on Saturday 3 December . If your club can help please contact Brian Moran -Coordinator Oxfam Australia Christmas Tree Project Phone 94973227 Fax 94994759 Email: briangum@tpg.com.au with the approximate number of vehicles your club can provide by late October. It will be good to see more clubs become involved this year, including the Bellarine and Mornington Peninsula areas. Thank you

Trip Reports

23/9/2011 - 25/9/2011

Grampians Halls Gap Trip Report

On Friday the 23rd of September we left our house very early to meet



everyone at Lake Fynns Caravan Park. When we got there, we all helped to set up camp and did our own thing while waiting for other club members to arrive. Bruce and Steve were the last to arrive. That night we all sat around the camp fire talking till late into the night. Friday afternoon Sally, Mick, John and myself all went into town and investigated what was open and what the town had to offer. We went to the Aboriginal information center, where they gave us the track closure list and we also got to see some pictures of all the damage that was caused by the floods and fires in the recent years. The damage was horrific. After dinner Jim decided to feed a hungry possum that was outside their camper trailer, but instead of taking the bread the silly little possum thought 'mmmm'. I like the look of this persons finger I might take a bite to see what it tastes like.' Everyone agreed that Jim was silly for trying to feed the possum, lessoned learned, don't feed the wild animals.



On Saturday the 24th of September most of us went and did our own thing Steve, Bruce, Nicole and all the kids went to the zoo and then onto the alpaca farm. Whilst Mick, Sally, John, John (Jack), Julie, Jim and myself all went to the quarry to have a little sticky peak around and then we also stopped into

Reeds lookout. We were just about to head off, when we saw Audrey and Ian turn up at the quarry. That night mum and I went to the front office to book a table at the caravan park bistro for dinner. A little bit after us, booking our table, Bruce and others decided to join us for dinner. We ordered two garlic breads thinking that it would be only a few pieces of bread; but as we were to



discover when the garlic bread turned up, we were all blown away because they ended up being whole loaf of bread. All the meals were basically bigger than the size of the plates, they were good decent meals, well worth going back to enjoy again. Bruce, and Jim were the only people to finish their whole meals and they were both very full, but both of them could not go past having a sticky date pudding for dessert. On Saturday night we pretty much had a huge storm roll through the caravan park, with abundance of heavy rain and high winds during the night. On Sunday we all left camp a little bit late, then we wanted too. Some people went straight home whilst Bruce, Jack, John, Sally, Mick, Bec, and myself all went to a few wineries and bought a heap of wine. At one of the wineries we saw a heap of emus helping themselves to the vines. After our second winery visit, we all headed off towards home. We left Bruce when we were about half way home. All together it was a great weekend away. Thanks very much to Bruce for the superb trip. P.S: sorry if I spelt your names wrong we lost the information.

Written by: Emily Harris





FWDV Delegates Brief Sheet to be read out at Club Meetings, or printed in Club Magazines.

October 2011

Women's 4X4 Driver Training Course – Vacancies exist on the next Women's 4X4 Training Course to be held on Friday 21st October (Theory) and Sunday 23rd October (Practical) A great course which is identical in content to the Proficiency Course, but is reserved for female participants only, and includes a fully catered morning tea and lunch in the course cost, please contact the Office on 9857 5209 or email

office@fwdvictoria.org.au

New Chainsaw Operator Courses – FWDV have revised the content of their Chainsaw Operator Course and are now offering two different courses. The standard course has now converted to a One Day Course covering the competency package RTC2304A and the cost of this course has now been reduced to \$200 (incl gst). Coupled with this we have introduced a new Two Day Course which covers the two competency packages of both RTC2304A and the Forestry Package competencies FPICOR2205A, FPICOT2204B & FPICOT2221B.

Chainsaw Operator Refresher Course - Along with these two courses, a third course has been produced and that is a Chainsaw Refresher Course, which is a one day course, covering the RTC2304A competency and this course is priced at \$150.00 (incl gst) Please Note: It is recommended that all holders of a Chainsaw Accreditation should attend a Chainsaw Refresher Course every two years.

Leisurefest – Sandown Racecourse - Leisurefest will also be held again this year from Thursday 6th October to Sunday 9th October 2011 at Sandown Racecourse. FWDV are looking for volunteers to assist with the staffing of their stand, if you are able to assist please also contact Wayne Hevey – Projects & Events Manager at the Office on 9857 5209 or email events@fwdvictoria.org.au

Camp Host - Sites are still available for the Melbourne Cup Long Weekend. If your club is going out to your favourite spot, why not consider participating in the Camp Host program. Your club will be reimbursed for your time and effort along with helping Parks Victoria and DSE over this holiday weekend period. Clubs wanting to assist in promoting our recreation of four wheel driving should contact Wayne Hevey – Projects & Events Manager at the Office on 9857 5209 or email events@fwdvictoria.org.au

Oxfam Christmas Tree Deliveries 2011

Over the last 19 years, member clubs of Four Wheel Drive Victoria have supported Oxfam Australia in their annual delivery of Christmas Trees. We are looking for drivers, navigators and vehicles that can carry 8 to 25 freshly cut trees, with or without a trailer. Many 4WD clubs have found this a very enjoyable and rewarding activity that makes a considerable contribution to the larger community in which we live. If your club can help please contact **Brian Moran - Coordinator Oxfam Australia Christmas Tree Project** Phone 94973227 Fax 94994759 Email: briangum@tpg.com.au with the approximate number of vehicles your club can provide by late October.

4WD Victoria AGM - Nominations for Board Member Vacancies Required.

Nominations are required from members who might like to contribute to the association by becoming a member of the 4WD Victoria Board of Management. At the AGM in November nominations for Secretary and Treasurer along with Normal Board Member positions will be required, anyone wishing to either discuss or nominate for these positions are invited to contact the CEO on 9857 5209 or email ceo@fwdvictoria.org.au

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