



JUNE 2012

Free Wheeling



Anzac Day - 2012

Notice Board

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 and November meeting at selected location). 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,
down the far end of the car park)

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



FREE WHEELING

Hello and welcome to the June newsletter. This month sees the last long weekend for a few months and the last chance to get out there and enjoy the high country, before it's closed till Melbourne Cup weekend. Some tracks have already been closed early, please check these before heading off. Enjoy your long weekend, whatever your plans are.

Catherine

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Club Details	
Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
Registration No	A002184F
Correspondence	PO Box 778 Dandenong Vic 3174
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Website	www.vfwdc.com
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

2012				
June	Wednesday 2nd	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	20th	Committee Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	24th - Sunday	Noojee & surrounding area	Ashley Martin	0438 600 904
	30th June-14th July 30th June-20th July	Simpson Only Simpson & Dig Tree etc	Dan Robinson	0407 334 169
July	Wednesday 4th	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	Friday 13th - Sunday 15th July	Snow Trip - Mt Skene	Mark & Catherine Felton	0439 345 207
	18th	Committee Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	27th—29th	Xmas in July	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
August	Wednesday 1st	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	22nd	Committee Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
September	Wednesday 5th	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	Expression of interest	Broken Hill, Cameron Corner	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	19th	Committee Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to this Month's *Free Wheeling*.

Well things are moving long and around at the moment. We have our driver training team working some O/T on their gig. The weather is starting to feel like we will get some good snow trips in this season, hopefully 2-3! I bet the chainsaws will get a good work out too, with some good campfires - required for warmth!

June long weekend is coming up, and there isn't much discussion on much happening but I'm sure by the meeting something will popup is head!

Xmas in July is happening and is at one of our club members properties out at Nar Nar Goon! So nice and close to home, and plenty of firewood to keep us chickens warm and toasty.

We need names and numbers for the Xmas gig ASAP for the caterer. So if your coming, email trips@vfwdc.com or even better come to the next club meeting and put your name down on the form.

Anyway that's it for this month..

See you all at the General Meeting, or out on the trails.

Take care

Bruce

President VFWD

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.

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Noojee and surrounding area	DESTINATION	Simpson Desert & the Digtree
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	Ashley Martin Mob: 0438 600 904	LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Dan Robinson MOB: 0407 334 169
DATE	Sunday 24 th June	DATE	30 June – 14 July (Simpson only) 30 June – 20 July (Simpson & Dig Tree etc)
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Yarra Junction 9am, Park opposite main road shops	MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBD
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Medium DRY: Easy-Medium	GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Easy DRY: Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>This will be a casual day to explore the area and take in the sights including Ada tree, Trestle bridge plus a couple of old wood working mills. This is not intended to be a difficult trip but will involve a few easy to medium tracks along the way.</p> <p>Due to members being scattered either side of town the most central meeting point is Yarra Junction.</p>	TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>We will be leaving Melbourne travelling up to Mt Dare & then through the Simpson desert (West to East), From there we will be travelling on through to Innaminka & the Dig Tree. People coming can pick to head home after Birdsville if they need or stay along & visit Innaminka & the corner country. The route through the desert will be a mixture of the tracks. We will be going through Walkers Crossing to Arkaroola.</p> <p>NO Trailers.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: 10	VEHICLE LIMITS	MAXIMUM: 4
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	50	APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	Need to travel ~600k's of desert without fuel, we will be filling up at Mt Dare.
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: N/A DIESEL: N/A	LAST AVAIL-ABLE FUEL	PETROL: Mt Dare DIESEL: Mt Dare
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	N/A	EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	All camping, WATER, food for ~5 days in the Simpson Desert. Some provisions will be available at Mt Dare & Birdsville. Park Pass will be booked & organised in the month before we leave.
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Basic recovery equipment		
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	12		

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Snow Trip— Mt Skene
LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	NAME: Mark&Catherine Felton MOB: 0439 345 207
DATE	Friday 13th—Sunday 15th July
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Twelve mile campsite, outside of Jamieson
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Medium DRY: Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>We will be heading up Friday night, we will be leave Saturday morning at 9am, to head up and over Mt Skene. Hopefully we will have some snow to play in, up on Mt Skene. Twelve mile, will be our base camp, so trailers are welcome.</p> <p>And packing up camp and leaving Sunday morning, heading back to Melbourne.</p> <p>Please note, we are required to get a permit two weeks before, finally numbers/details will be taken at June's meeting. It is also mandatory to carry/use snow chains. There is a fine and lose of dermit points, please make sure chains are carried/used.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MAXIMUM: 6
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	200km
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Mansfield DIESEL: Mansfield
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Self sufficient Chains for tyres



Xmas in July



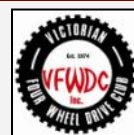
After such success last year, we have scheduled in another Christmas in July, (currently booked in, July 27th - 29th). This will be funded by the club excluding alcohol and drinks & we were still looking into adequate camping areas within a 1-2 hour of Melbourne.

Saturday night will be a roast meal with salads & deserts, breakfast will also provided on Sunday. All other meals will be have to be self catered by attendees.

Please put your name down on the trip data form at the next club meeting, if your interested in attending.

Final numbers required for July club meeting, after this date numbers will not be accepted.

For any further information, please get in contact with the trip co-ordinator. trips@vfwdc.com.



CLUB MERCHANDISE For Sale (Revised Price List)

Club Polo Shirts	\$28.00 ea
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VFWDC Sticker (long)	\$ 6.00 ea

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

No minutes of the General Meeting from May 2012

Finances for April 12

Balance as at 1/4/12	\$7522.72
Plus deposits	\$105.00
Less payments	-\$169.90
	\$7457.82
Less unrepresented cheques	-\$137.00
Balance as at 30/4/12	\$7320.82
Term deposit balance as at 30/4/12	\$5766.52
Petty cash	\$50.00



Notice to all club members

July's General

Meeting will be held

at ARB in Kilsyth.

42/38-44 Garden Street

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**More info is
available on the
club's forum & at
the June club meeting**

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Anzac Day Trip 2012

Anzac day saw some of the committee members taking off early in the morning for a "reckie" to search for another location for the Christmas in July party, as last years location was a bit muddy.

David was the first to arrive at Longwarry, then Mark & I arrived, where we looked over maps and chatted about where we should head, then John & Tina arrived.



Our choice was to head towards Neerim South, where we headed up Patrol Rd and came across Sawdust heap track, which due to yesterday being a day where it was continued to rain all day saw this track become a very sloppy mess. David tried to have a go at it, with no much success though. There was just no grip and no luck of reaching the top, so David positioned his vehicle so he could be snatched back around, so we could continue on the sealed track. It was a chance for the FJ cruiser to show us what it was made of, it helped David slide back down the hill. David got a bit close to the embankment turning around, that he ended up with a bit of panel damage, just above his back passenger lights.



We continued on towards Hawthorn Campsite. We walked around and had a look around the campsite, there was a new bridge over the high/wide flowing river. Which made the campsite open/cleared, uneven and very muddy. It



wasn't going to be a good site. So we headed out to Fumina South along Kings Road.

After heading a bit out of our way, we turned around as we had passed Russell creek

track, this track was also very slippery, it took us down to a river crossing, which was very deep and flowing very fast.

We all crossed across, it came up over the bonnet, even up to the door handles, lucky it was a short crossing.



This took us up the staircase road, where we found a clearing and stopped for lunch, lucky enough the sun came out for us to be able to get out of the car and enjoy lunch. We did a few more tracks - Rowleys ridge, Approx track and then headed out on Costins Road.

The rain started to fall and we had to "air up" in the pouring rain, it was time to head home. It was decided that we could take up the offer of Ian hosting the event at his farm, just outside of Pakenham. We couldn't get in contact with Ian, but took a look at the property from the road side and David would get in contact with Ian accept the offer. We all headed home safe and sound.





May 2012

Rural Response Group – Flood Relief

We ask that any club/individual who wishes to join the volunteers assisting with the Flood Relief effort in the North of the state advise FWDV of their intentions, so we can pass on your request to assist to RRG Flood Relief Coordinators Alan Marshall and Peter Townsend. The need for flood recovery support to this area will continue for many months and it is essential that our efforts are properly directed and coordinated to maximise our contribution. Some of the activities already identified range from property clearing, fencing, along with cleaning and re-painting. Tasks are likely to be varied and not just requiring physical strength - therefore any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

4WD Victoria Photography Competition

4WD Victoria Photography competition is underway. Each monthly winner selected by our judges will receive a 4WD Gift voucher to the value of \$280.00 (incl GST), monthly winners will also go in to a Final Draw for the Major Prize of a Digital Camera to the value of \$400. Entrants can only win one monthly entry, so come on all you budding shutter bugs, get you entries in for your chance to win some great prizes. Further details are available in the April Edition of Trackwatch Magazine (pages 30 & 31).

Congratulations to our March 2012 Winner – Robert Norman (TLCV) – with his photo of Davies Plain Track

Jamieson – Licola Road Seasonal Closure

Mansfield Shire Council has advised that they will be closing the Jamieson - Licola Road from Thursday 14th June 2012 to Thursday 1st November 2012. Under the MOU signed between 4WD Victoria and the Mansfield Shire Council, Clubs/Members wishing to use the road may apply to do so by completing the Jamieson – Licola Road Permit application on the FWDV Website under the Track Information / Track Permits tab. Once issued the Permit must be carried in the vehicle at all times when using that road.

Please Note: A minimum of 14 days notice is required to process applications.

Vacancies on Advance Driver Training Course – Saturday 12th / Sunday 13th May 2012

Four Wheel Drive Victoria have a couple of vacancies left for our Advance Driver Training Course on the weekend of 11/12/13 May 2012. Member cost \$260.00 each. The course is a very involved with lots to learn including winching, recoveries and plenty of advanced driving tracks to be found. For further information visit www.fwdvictoria.org.au or contact the Office on 9857 5209 or office@fwdvictoria.org.au

Vacancies on Women's 4X4 Driver Training Course – Sunday 17th July 2012

A few vacancies exist on the Women's 4X4 Driver Training Course to be held on Sunday 17th July 2011. This course as the name implies, is for women only, and is identical to our very successful Proficiency Course following units from SRODRV001B. Topics include – 4WD Characteristics and handling, Pre Departure checks, Steep ascents and descents, Side slopes, Basic Navigation, Sand Driving, Water Crossings, Negotiating all types of Terrain and Recover Equipment. For further information visit www.fwdvictoria.org.au or contact the Office on 9857 5209 or office@fwdvictoria.org.au

Education & Training Unit

The Education and Training Unit are looking for members to join their Sub committee, anyone with an interest in Driver Training, Chainsaw Training, Map Reading / GPS, and Trip Leading may apply, however preference will be given to those members who are already qualified instructors. If you would like to contribute to the success of 4WD Victoria's ETU, please contact the Office and we will put you in touch with a member of ETU who can discuss with you what is required of a member on this very important Sub-committee.

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