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**Victorian Four Wheel Drive
Club Inc.**

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VFWDC

May 2016

Official Newsletter of the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc

Wonangatta Trip - Easter 2016

Registration No A0002184F

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 from 6:30pm.

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

Venue:

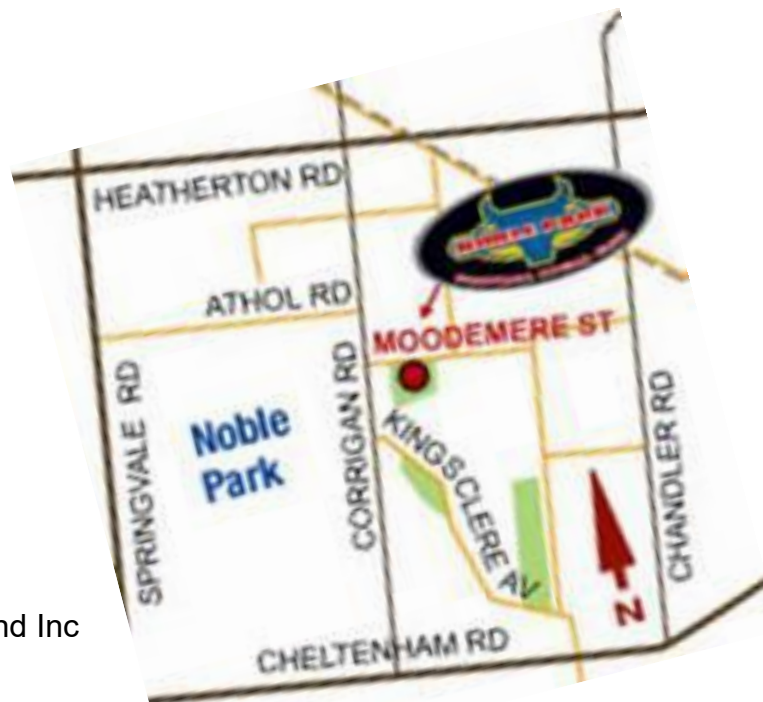
Bowling Club Rooms (Next to Car Park,
down the far end of the car park)

Noble Park Football Club

46-56 Moodemere Street

Noble Park

Melways ref: 89 D4



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www.westgippslandinc.com.au

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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 - www.fwdvictoria.org.au		

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE			
Club Polo Shirts	\$28.00 ea	Club Hoodie	\$48.00 ea
Club Polar Fleece Full Zip Jacket	\$48.00 ea	Club Sleeveless Reversible Vest	\$54.00 ea
Club Caps	\$15.00 ea	Club Bucket Hat	\$16.00 ea
Club Wide Brim Hat	\$18.00 ea	Club Beanie	\$12.00 ea
Club Drivers Jacket (Coat)	\$80.00 ea	VFWDC Windscreen stickers (small) \$6.00 (large) \$8.00 ea	
We encourage all members to purchase a Club Polo Shirt.			
Email your order to merchandise@vfwdc.com . Please ensure you advise size required.			



News From The President

Hello and welcome for yet another issue of the VFWDC monthly magazine.

As we start to head towards the colder weather I would have thought that our trips might have started to drop off during the middle part of the year, but we still have an impressive number of trips on offer over the next couple of months. So if you are keen to get out 4 wheeling or a simple camping trip, look through our club Calender on the next page and see what is available, or let our Trip Coordinator know if there is a trip you would like to do.

Just a reminder that whenever we go camping, make sure you stay on the tracks and do not make your own tracks. Especially when looking for firewood, simply park to the side of the track (to allow other vehicles past) then wander into the bush on foot to collect wind swept branches or fallen trees. Also, when you make your camp fires, do take the time to sift through and remove debris left behind by previous campers who may have been inconsiderate enough to 'bush their rubbish'. Then dig the accumulated ash out to create a hollow prior to starting your own fire rather than starting a fire on a raised mound.

The committee is looking for a new Magazine editor (for immediate start if possible) and also for new committee members to replace those wanting to retire from committee at the next AGM, so please be ready to put your hand up to help the committee run this club. I have found being involved with the committee has been a most enjoyable time in the club, and has certainly been a worth the time effort, but after nearly 6 years of involvement, it is time for someone else to fill my place in the committee.

The old Club Library is well out of date, and the committee is offering the contents to the members to take home with them. So if there is any books, maps, dvds that you think you may like to read or use, please help yourselves.

There has been a couple of price increase's with the merchandise due to the cost the club has had to pay, and also there is the extra logo in the inside of the reversible jackets, so please refer to the new price structure on the previous page.

If anyone is reading this magazine on line, and is not yet a member of a club, please feel free to come along to our monthly meeting in Noble Park and come and say giddyay to a committee member and introduce yourself, we are a friendly bunch of folks and I'm sure you will be made to feel very welcome as a guest at our meeting.

So whatever your plans are over the coming weeks and months, I hope you get a chance to go out and enjoy our great outdoors.

David Bruinsma
VFWDC Club President
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CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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2016		May		
4th	Wednesday	General Meeting	President	
15th		Deadline for magazine articles	Editor	
14th/15th	Sat/Sun	Caz's not quite 40th Birthday week-end	David	0417 747 860
17th	Tuesday	Committee Meeting	President	
21st-22nd	Sat/Sun	Aberfeldy Working Bee	David	0417 747 860
2016		June		
1st	Wednesday	General Meeting	President	
10th-13th	Frid to Sunday	Portland Buggy Club	Bruce	0400 425 296
15th		Deadline for magazine articles	Editor	
21st	Tuesday	Committee Meeting	President	
2016		July		
2nd - 13th	2 weeks	Canning Stock Route	Stuart	0428 539 157
6th	Wednesday	General Meeting	President	
9th/10th	Sat/Sun	Xmas in July - St. Annes Winery	David	0417 747 860
15th		Deadline for magazine articles	Editor	
19th	Tuesday	Committee Meeting	President	
2016		August		
6th	Wednesday	AGM and General Meeting	President	
15th		Deadline for magazine articles	Editor	
23rd	Tuesday	Committee Meeting	President	
2016		September		
6th	Wednesday	General Meeting	President	
9th/12th		Border Track	Mick	0424 766 616
15th		Deadline for magazine articles	Editor	
20th	Tuesday	Committee Meeting	President	
2016		October		
5th	Wednesday	General Meeting	President	
15th		Deadline for magazine articles	Editor	
15th/16th	Sat/Sun	Aberfeldy Working Bee	David	0417 747 860
18th	Tuesday	Committee Meeting	President	
2016		November		
2nd	Wednesday	General Meeting	President	
15th		Deadline for magazine articles	Editor	

Minutes of General Meeting April 2016

Meeting started 8pm

Attendees – as per book

Apologies – as per book

Minutes from Feb Meeting

Read and Accept

Accepted: Joe

Second: Ben

Incoming Correspondence

Emails from prospective members

Cross Country and Landy Club Magazines

VKS737 magazine

Outgoing Correspondence

Emails to prospective members

Treasurers Report

As per attachment.

Accept – Stuart

Seconded – Mick

Matters out of Minutes

Getting badges sewn on jackets – Carolyn spoke in relation to this and the process.

Membership renewal form

Member reward scheme, but The Association wants our member info and they aren't getting it.

Removing option for posting out magazines – we no longer post out magazines as the cost totals round 1/3rd of our total income with printing and postage costs.

Looking to get the sister club gig with Bellarine going and running a trip somewhere at sometime. Suggestions to be put forward.

Communication policy V3 will be emailed to all members before the end of this week.

New club brochures are on the table for people to take and hand out to anyone.

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

Stuart – Marysville and surrounds 16/17th April

Dave 14/15th May to Aberfeldy Bush escape Little O'Tooles.

Bruce – Portland Buggy Club 10-13th June – need a membership form and pay 2 weeks before going.

Dave – St Annes

Mick – Border Track August.

Stuart – Canning Trip July 2nd – Return August – Trip Full

Snow Trips – plenty of them in July.

General Business

Level 2 First Aid Course – During Winter CPR + Refresher. Possibly in August.
 Dave explained what was involved last time the club did them – multiple choice, and then onsite in the CBD.
 Discussion on AGM. Needing people to put hands up.

Coffee Break

General Business

Dave handed out New Member Packs
 Dave discussed consumption of alcohol at club trips. We pride ourselves on being a family club, and being legless isn't a good thing. We ask all members to try and control themselves, we as a committee don't want to be heavy handed, we can just advise people and ask our members to be smart about it.
 Bruce discussed Kulkyne campers in administration and be careful as their website appears to be still taking orders.
 Bruce discussed Portland Trip and what is involved with the permit and camping onsite.

Club Trips Been and Gone

Driver Training- discussed.
 Mansfield Huts trip - discussed.
 Wonnangatta Station- discussed.
 Pinch River- discussed.
 Source of Murray- discussed.
 Vic Deserts- discussed.

Raffle drawn

John T.
 Lucky Phil.
 Tim.
 Dave B.

Dave thanked everyone for the night.

Meeting Closed

10pm

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Treasurer's Report

March 2016

<u>Cheque A/C</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/03/2016	\$3,590.84
Add:		
	Merchandise	\$104.00
	Raffle Feb 2016	\$113.70
	Total Monies In:	\$217.70
Less:		
	Catering Chq 480	\$21.65
	Fiorelli (Weigh Bridge) Chq 477	\$45.00
	Refund Membership overpayment	-\$400.00
	Total Monies Out:	-\$466.65
	Closing Balance as at 31/03/2016	\$3,808.54
	Plus: Un presented Cheque #469	-\$400.00
29/01/2016	Actual Balance When Cheque's Presented	\$3,408.54
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/03/2016	\$6,171.27
	Interest Paid	39.14
	Closing Balance as at 31/03/2016	\$6,210.41
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/03/2016	\$150.00
	Add: Transfer in from Cheque A/C	\$21.65
	Less: Catering Costs - Meetings	-\$21.65
	Closing Balance as at 31/03/2016	<u>\$150.00</u>
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position	<u>\$10,168.95</u>



To: All association club members.

Our association treasurer, John Farlow, has recently decided to leave the board. We would like to thank John for the great work he did in bringing the association's finances back under control and into excellent shape especially after what he was presented with when he joined the board at the start of 2014. All members should be extremely thankful of the knowledge that John brought to the position and the huge effort that he put into producing excellent financial reports, presenting these at association meetings and providing guidance to the board and office on the association's spending and budget. He also chaired the business and finance sub-committee which was focussed on the financial operation of the association.

As a result of John's departure the board is seeking applicants to fill this position. If you have experience in such a position, including a working knowledge of MYOB and financial operations in a Not For Profit organisation, we would be keen to hear from you. Qualifications such as being a current, or recent, CPA would be preferred but all reasonable applications will be considered.

Please feel free to contact myself at either of the numbers below if you are interested in applying for this position.

Thanks,

Damian Stock

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UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Almost 40th birthday bush party- Aberfeldy District
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Carolyn MOB: 0402 28 30 31
DATE	Sat 14th May / Sun 15th May
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Saturday morning 9am at Caltex in Longworry
GRADE	WET: Medium/Hard DRY: Easy/Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>Trip to Aberfeldy staying at little O'Tools.</p> <p>Staying for 36 hours to celebrate another year of getting older; Enjoying the company of those who arrive.</p> <p>Saturday Night will be a fun night - please plan for 'roast' cook off friendly competition, and then after dinner roasting mashmellows over the fire</p> <p>(almost 40, means she turns 39 yo)</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 10
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	300 kms, depends on how much exploring we choose to do.
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Moe DIESEL: Moe
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Less than 100 kms
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Camping gear, Recovery gear, Food, Water, Sense of fun and relaxation - Camp Ovens for Roasting Dinner
MAPS REQUIRED	
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Aberfeldy District—Working Bee
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: David MOB: 0417 747 860
DATE	Saturday 21st May / Sunday 22nd May
MEETING PLACE / TIME	tba
GRADE	WET: Medium/Hard DRY: Easy/Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>Trip to Aberfeldy staying at little O'Tools.</p> <p>Saturday as we go into Aberfeldy area, we will look at all signage and clean and repair as necessary, including trimming weeds and grass at the base of all signage. We will prepare a written report for each sign, so we can send to Rudi for record keeping, and also for our own records so we can ascertain if we need to go back for further works than originally anticipated.</p> <p>After the 'working' bee, we will enjoy some basic 4wd'ing until we reach either Little O'tools or O'tools depending on how busy the area is on the weekend.</p> <p>Happy hour from 5 to 6 (everyone to supply a plate of something)</p> <p>Sunday will be a few more tracks, depending on mood, as we head out and aim for home.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	<p>MINIMUM: 2</p> <p>MAXIMUM: 10</p>
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	300 to 450 kms, depends on how much exploring we choose to do.
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	<p>PETROL: Moe</p> <p>DIESEL: Moe</p>
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Less than 100 kms
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Camping gear, Recovery gear, Food, Water, Sense of fun and relaxation. For the Saturday - need gloves, cleaning wipes, chain saws, wipper snippers (with heavy duty cord preferred)
MAPS REQUIRED	
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Portland Buggy Club @ Portland Victoria
LEADER/CONTACT.	Name: Bruce Email: secretary@vfwdc.com
DATE	June Long Weekend. 10 th to the 13 th Departing Friday June 10 th not too early.
MEETING INFO	BP Servo on Eastlink Outbound 9.30am for 9.45am departure for a leisurely cruise down there.
TRIP GRADING	DRY : Medium WET : Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>Heading to the 1800ha Portland Buggy club to play in the sand. Everything for the sand enthusiast and is a generally great place to relax.</p> <p>BIG hills for sand tobogganing! Bring ya own skim/body board etc. along!</p> <p>You need to apply and pay 2 weeks in advance for a permit - 4 days \$50</p> <p>Form available here at the meeting from Bruce.</p> <p>Awesome place to learn the fine art of sand driving. There are dunnys and showers on site.</p> <p>Nice grassy campsite + bonfire will be spotted from the space station. Fishing was tops in the gutters last time if that floats ya boat.</p> <p>May also be wildlife around the camp as there as last time.</p> <p>If there is interest - Seals tour www.sealsbyseatours.com.au</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 6 MAXIMUM: 40
APPROX KMS	~ 400 klms to Portland. And 10klms past there.
LAST FUEL	Portland has numerous Service Stations.
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	<p>Full Recovery Gear required. It's up to you to have the correct gear.</p> <p>All vehicles must display a red flag of not less than 20cm x 30cm at the top of a pole not less than 4m from the ground. The pole must not lay horizontal at speed.</p> <p>Rated front + rear recovery points</p> <p>Snatch Strap + Rated shackles</p> <p>Gloves + Shovel</p> <p>Tyre Pressure Gauge + Compressor for reflatting tyres</p> <p>UHF Radio</p> <p>Be Self-sufficient food and sleeping wise. Camper Trailers Welcome.</p> <p>Video or Still Camera highly recommended.</p> <p>Warm Clothing</p> <p>Sense of Adventure and Humour + munchies n stuff for happy hour.</p>
UHF Channel	UHF 28

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Canning Stock Route
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Stuart MOB: 0428539157
DATE	2 nd of July to the 13 th of August 2016
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBA
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Difficult DRY: Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Travel via Alice Springs and the Tanami Tk to Billiluna at the Start of the CSR 21 days on the CSR to Wiluna then on to Leonora to start the Great Central Road to Giles and to the Surveyor Generals Corner. Traveling out from the corner Via Uluru and Yulara and (if time permits) start the Simpson Desert crossing to Birdsville and home via Iniminka, Camerons Corner, Tibooburra, Broken Hill and Mildura.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 5
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination and return	10,000 kms
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	DIESEL: Billiluna
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	2000k Each vehicle must carry enough fuel to get through to the advised fuel stops with a safety margin in reserve approx 300 lts
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Recovery gear, Camping gear and enough food and water for three weeks without supplies.
MAPS REQUIRED	Hema Maps Great Desert tracks Central Sheet and Western Sheet. TL will have Maps.
RADIO CHANNEL UHF	12 and 40 on the CSR

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Xmas in July - St Annes Winery
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: David MOB: 0417 747 860
DATE	Saturday 9th July to Sunday 10th July 2015 (<i>provisional date</i>)
MEETING PLACE / TIME	At St. Annes Winery from 12 mid-day onwards on the Saturday: 64 Garrards Road, Myrniong VIC 3341
GRADE	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. The committee intend to supply the Saturday night dinner on our huge BBQ. The Committee will also supply a cooked breakfast on the Saturday morning. Numbers are needed prior to the weekend either by putting you names and passenger number down on the trip data form at a preceding club meeting - or by emailing me on president@vfwdc.com with your details. We need to know if you are coming for DINNER ONLY, or staying for breakfast as well.</p> <p><i>(I need someone from the club who would be interested in arranging the food and/or cooking as Marie will likely be on the trip with Stuart on the Canning Stock Route).</i></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 !!!!!There is NO 4wding intended at all for the weekend (actually no driving at all until the next day as you head home), but for those who would like to get some 4wheeling done, there will be opportunity to do so upon your departure on Sunday to head up through Wombat SF, I can certainly recommend to try the XL track which has some nice bog holes last time I drove through.</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>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 5 MAXIMUM: whole club
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Bachuss Marsh DIESEL: Bachuss Marsh
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Bachuss Marsh
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Normal camping gear - and then relax around the camp fire.
MAPS REQUIRED	Normal GPS is sufficient to get to St. Annes
UHF	UHF 12

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Border track
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Mick MOB: 0424766616
DATE	Sep 9 th Sep 12 th
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBA
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Med DRY: Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	We will be exploring some of the big desert and the Murray Sunset country and the border track
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 8
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Fuel is readily available DIESEL:
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	At most 300km
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	This trip could be wet or dry the area is like the high country....unpredictable so be prepared!
MAPS REQUIRED	Victoria's desert map
RADIO CHANNEL UHF	12

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Aberfeldy District - Working Bee
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: David MOB: 0417 747 860
DATE	Saturday 15th October / Sunday 16th October
MEETING PLACE / TIME	tba
GRADE	WET: Medium/Hard DRY: Easy/Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>Trip to Aberfeldy staying at little O'Tools.</p> <p>Saturday as we go into Aberfeldy area, we will look at all signage and clean and repair as necessary, including trimming weeds and grass at the base of all signage. We will prepare a written report for each sign, so we can send to Rudi for record keeping, and also for our own records so we can ascertain if we need to go back for further works than originally anticipated.</p> <p>After the 'working' bee, we will enjoy some basic 4wd'ing until we reach either Little O'tools or O'tools depending on how busy the area is on the weekend.</p> <p>Happy hour from 5 to 6 (everyone to supply a plate of something)</p> <p>Sunday will be a few more tracks, depending on mood, as we head out and aim for home.</p>
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MAPS REQUIRED	
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12

We Want Your Old Trip Notes

We are looking for old trip notes from leaders who have lead a trip in the past. This is to give other members some ideas of trips they could run. Please email our trip coordinator

trips@vfwdc.com

YOUR PHOTOS WANTED!



If you have any great trip photos please email them to Ben web@vfwdc.com to add to the website gallery.

Make Sure you let Ben know which trip the photos are from. Please make sure to blur or black out all license plates.



TRIP REPORT

Victorian Deserts— trip report Easter 2016

By Max and Sandra

On Good Friday the group met for brekkie and coffee at the Melton Outbound Truck stop. We headed up the Western Highway towards Ararat for our first stop of the day. There we stopped for a coffee and drove up to the One Tree Hill lookout for a spectacular view of the Grampians.

Our next stop was to meet with Ron from the Wimmera 4WD Club. He is a fire spotter for the Little



Desert NP area and mans the fire tower at Mt Arapiles during the summer months. He invited us up into the tower from where we saw a magnificent view and he explained to us how the spotter's look for fires, work out where they are and how they report it to the emergency services. He also showed us some photos of local fires that have occurred in Little Desert. To see these photos it was quite fascinating but scary at the same time. It was a very interesting and worthwhile visit and we would like to thank Ron for his time and sharing his knowledge of the area.

After some track tips from Ron, we were back on the road and drove to Centenary Park for a quick lunch. There we saw a large number of rock climbers camped in the area. Centenary Park is a rock climber's paradise and there were quite a few climbers hanging off the rocks that day.

We headed into Little Desert NP, entering from Cooack. We drove along the southern edge of the Park, heading north onto Mallee Track towards Eagle Swamp Track and on the way out towards Dimboola. We aired up and proceeded towards Rainbow where we camped at the Rainbow Caravan Park for the night.

After we set up camp we headed to the local Pub for a counter meal and a chat with the friendly locals.





On Saturday, after packing up camp, we shopped for last provisions and ventured into the Wyperfeld NP for a full day of sand 4wding. We headed west on Pella Track to Chinaman Well for morning tea. From Chinaman Well Track to Murrayville Track to stop at The Springs for lunch. Further north we turned right into Milmed Rock Track. Of course we stopped at the Rock to take some photos and leave our signatures in the visitor book and a few club leaflets. We said our 'hellos' to a friendly travel gnome that had taken pride and place at the Rock. We turned east onto Pella Track, drove along the edge of the Park and then south to the Western Beach campsite at Lake Albacutya to set up camp for the night.

Easter Sunday we drove across Lake Albacutya (dry lake) and went exploring the eastern side of Wyperfeld NP, heading north. Sandra did a great job as navigator, juggling the map and the GPS (with some swearing in between) to take us through an unknown area of the NP for us. The tracks that we did were Park Road, Ring Road, North South Track, Eagle Track, Moonah Track and last of all Gunners Track to Underbool. We discovered a couple of interesting sites along the way such as the Eastern Lookout, the Wonga campground and the Casuarina campground. We aired up to head to Murrayville where we saw some derelict military tanks and then headed south to Big Billy Bore campsite. Set up camp and a good fire and here we relaxed and chatted, watching the camp roast cook.

On Monday we were thinking to do more tracks in the area, but low on fuel and realising we were a long way from home we decided to head towards Ouyen to fuel-up and go home. Max wasn't sure if he was going to make it to Ouyen and thanks to Norm and his extra fuel we were able to make it into town and fuel-up for the long drive back to Melbourne. Thanks Norm. On the way back we decided to drive through a little country town called Brim. Brim was a sleepy town until a Queensland artist, Guido van Helten, decided to paint four mystery locals on their silos. Well, we were pretty amazed with his talent. If you are in the area, we recommend you stop and take a look. We said our goodbyes at Ararat as Norm, Lou and Gary decided to stop for a coffee break and Max and Sandra decided to keep going.

Overall it was a very interesting and fun trip. We all made it through



safely, met interesting people, discovered some new tracks and had fun playing in the sand. We had a few adrenalin rush moments with the many 'whoops' in the desert.

Thanks to the members who joined the trip.

TRIP REPORT

David, Carolyn and Samuel
 Steve, Nicole and girls,
 Ben, Clare and boys
 Owen and Wendy
 Marcus and Helen (friends of Owen and Wendy)
 Shane and Melanie

Day 1 - Good Friday

Woke up to a beautiful dark morning leaving home in time to meet with everyone at the BP for a fuel top up and to meet up with the rest of our group. We left promptly at 6:30. Traffic heading out was constantly but flowing.

Met up with Shane and Melanie in Dargo; a few of us topped up with fuel and meat pies before heading up the Dargo rd towards Talbotville via Grants historical Town.



We arrived in The Wonnangatta Valley at about 3:30; just in time for us all to set up our camps and get the firewood for the evening. It's a bit tricky setting up camp when the afternoon breezes picks up though! With the sun beginning to set, dinners began to happen with marshmallows for the kids coming out after. With the long day having been had with most starting at about 5am, all of us where in bed by 9:30-45.

Day 2 - Easter Saturday

Saw the morning fog descend into the Valley as the birds

started singing to let us know that it was getting close to 7am. The fire was started to help warm us up, the Billys where filled for the first round of coffee and breakfasts started to happen. With all our tummies being filled, the kids had a really good start at burning off the much stored up energy from yesterday's long trip in the car. Another young lad (called Alex) from a camp further up enjoyed the company of our groups of kids, while the adults sat and enjoyed a lazy morning. Over a late morning beverage, we decided to take a walk up to the homestead and cemetery where we met up with the park rangers and had a lovely chat with them. We walked back to camp in time to start thinking about having lunch. The Valley is extremely busy and there is a constant flow of traffic coming and going of a range of sized groups of both over nighters and extended stayers ... At 2pm there was a talk being held up at the homestead of the history of the area and how "The friends of the Gatta" came to be. Was a very interesting talk.



With the awesome sunshine and gentle breeze, the kids enjoyed playing (and getting rather wet), in the creek below camp. It was actually a good thing it was a little lower in the level side as it made it easier to find shallower areas for the younger kids. Happy hour started just after 4 as the fire was started up again while the kids enjoyed a game of wiz ball and tag. Dinner plans and marshmallows were put into motion a bit earlier as a night walk was planned up at the homestead for those interested in a 'murder mystery' at 8:30. With Saturday night being the middle night, after the kids had gone to bed, most of the adults stayed around the camp fire and enjoyed a few drinks and laughs! A great night ... During the early hours of the morning the Easter Bunny made his presence known ...



Day 3 - Easter Sunday

The fog didn't encroach on us as heavy on Sunday morning; but the clouds looked a little more threatening. Thankfully the morning cleared up beautifully though. While the kids eat the beginnings of the eggs while the adults got the fire going to start breaky. Marcus, Wendy, Shane and Melanie decided they wanted to tackle some of the hills in the area and set off at 10am for a 3hr hike ... The rest of us enjoyed a relaxed morning and while the kids played. Ben, David and Steve went off to collect more fire wood for the rest of our stay. Lunch was a mixture of damper (made by Carolyn and David); venison from (Owen) and other odd bits too (including chocolate!!)



As the afternoon set in, some of the youngest went down for a nap while the others played quietly - the previous day's busyness catching up to them! The adults sat and chilled around a dwindling fire. The day wasn't proving to be as warm as yesterday but was still very pleasant. With the knowledge of leaving the next day starting to descend, some of the families decided to have dinner a bit earlier while it was still light. As evening came around the glow sticks came out with lots of fun times. The dark clouds rolled around us threatening to open up but nothing eventuated. With the youngens in bed by 8:30 the adults enjoyed the last of the firewood to be burned along with drinks and lots of good times.



Day 4 - Easter Monday

The birds woke us early at 6:30 telling us it was time to get up and get packed. With cold breakys done the usual organised chaos of packing everything away ensued. The planned leaving time was set for 9am - thankfully we were ready all on time for a casual departure; we "swung" past the swing bridge that Owen, Wendy, Marcus and Helen had visited the previous day to 'check it out'. A nice little spot. Continued on our way up through Zeka Spur track, lots of traffic

both ways!!! Took us 2.5 hrs to get to Howitt Plains. Headed then for Heyfield via Licola for a well needed break. Got to Heyfield for a bakery run but soon found it closed (being a public holiday), but stumbled upon the local fish and chip shop for a much needed munch break and run about for the kids. Left about 45 minutes later and we all went our separate ways home again. Thanks to all for an awesome few days away! Great food, great company and great weather - looking forward to our next together.



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 expected from the Executive Committee positions.

Presidents Duties

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

Secretary's Duties

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 and Laminate membership cards for current year ensuring that they are signed (MemberCard06-07.doc may be used as a template)

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's Duties

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 Duties

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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