



FREE WHEELING

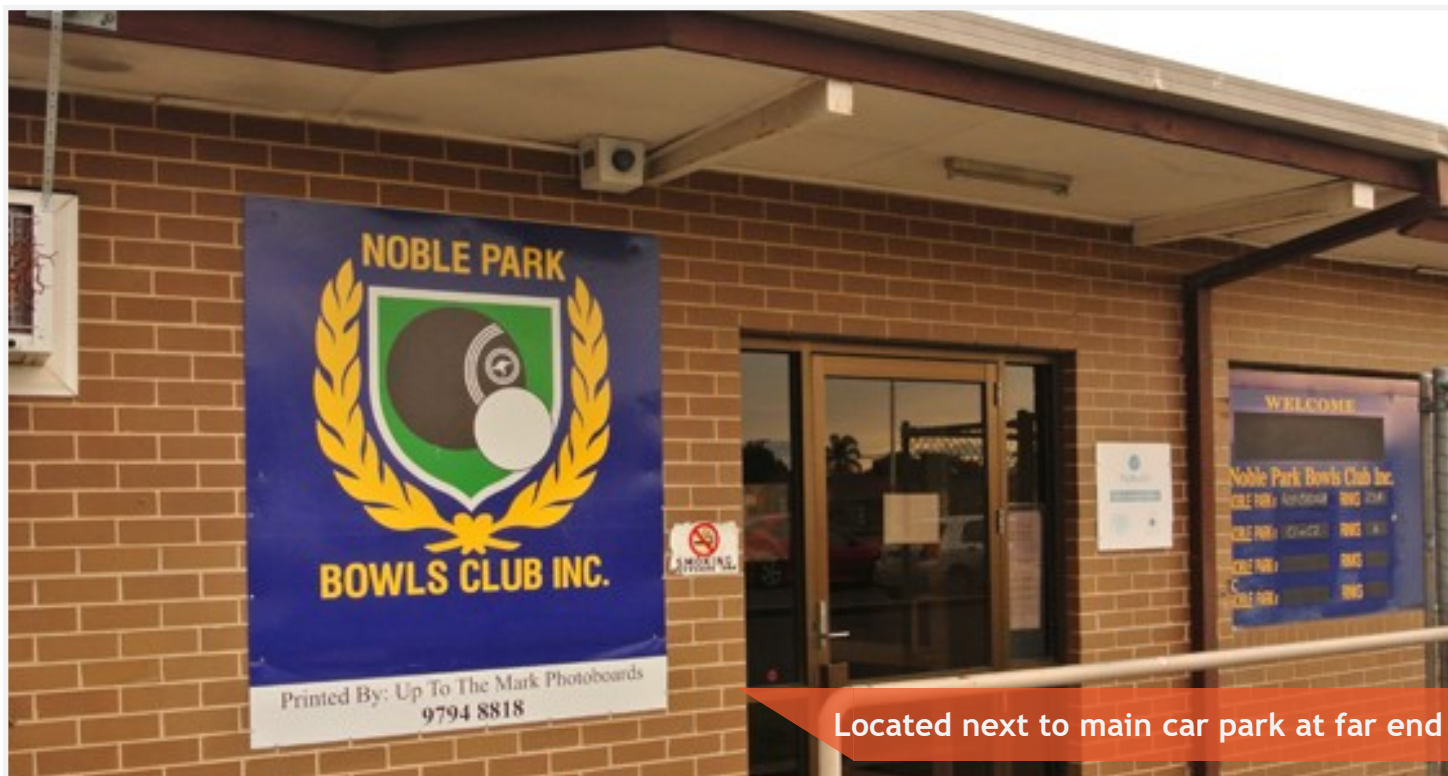
October 2017



Official Newsletter of the
Victorian Four Wheel
Drive Club Inc

Registration No
A0002184F

Original photo by Andrew
Hoopers on the September
Aberfeldy Day Trip



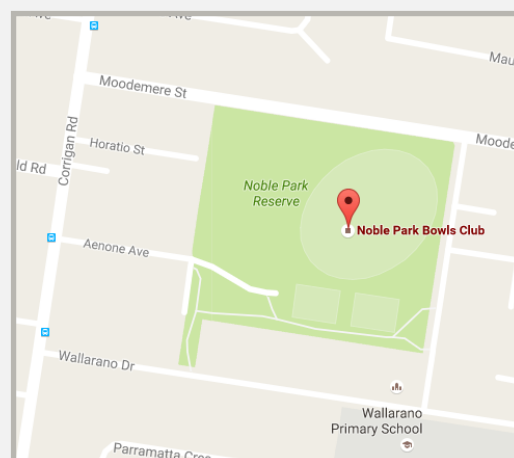
Located next to main car park at far end

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

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

2017-2018

President	Ben Whitworth	president@vfwdc.com
Vice President	Steve Pitcher	vicepres@vfwdc.com
Secretary	Bruce Cremonesi	secretary@vfwdc.com
Treasurer	Tony Barbera	treasurer@vfwdc.com

General Committee

Trip Co-Ordinator	Stuart Bowker	trips@vfwdc.com
Magazine Editor	Ly Ho	editor@vfwdc.com
Association Delegate	David Bruinsma	delegate@vfwdc.com
General Committee	Ashley Martin	
General Committee	Callum Brown	

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

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](http://www.fwdvictoria.org.au) - www.fwdvictoria.org.au

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Club Polo Shirts	\$28.00	Club Hoodie	\$54.00
Club Polar Fleece Full Zip Jacket	\$48.00	Club Sleeveless Reversible Vest	\$54.00
Club Caps	\$15.00	Club Bucket Hat	\$16.00
Club Wide Brim Hat	\$18.00	Club Beanie	\$12.00
Club Drivers Jacket (Coat)	\$80.00	VFWDC Windscreen stickers	
		Small	\$6.00
		Large	\$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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi all,

Welcome to the VFWDC Free Wheeling magazine.

The weather is improving and come November the seasonally closed tracks will start opening up so we can expect things to start picking up in trips calendar. If you have somewhere you would like to go to and need some help or advice please have a chat to Stuart, our club trip co-ordinator, or any other committee member and get something organised.

Check out the [Parks Victoria website](#) for the details on track openings. A link to the "Road Closures" page is available on the club website.

The days are getting longer and daylight savings has also started here in Victoria. So take advantage and get out and about.

We have a new Merchandise Manager! Des Whall has only been with us for a short time, he joined in July, but he has volunteered to take over the Merchandise portfolio. Well done Des!

Join me in thanking Carolyn Bruinsma for her efforts as Merchandise Manager over the last few years.

Christmas is just around the corner and we need some ideas about what we would like to do for the club Christmas party. Wow, it seems like only yesterday that we had Christmas in July! Have a think about it and we will talk about it at the October meeting.

I hope to see all our members at the next general meeting and out on the tracks.

Ben Whitworth
President

CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

October 2017

4th	Wed	General Meeting		
17th	Tue	Committee Meeting		
19th	Thur	Proficiency Training—Theory	Ashley Martin	0428 134 399
			Phil Griffith	0419 865 472
21st to 22nd	Sat to Sun	Proficiency Training—Practical	Ashley Martin	0428 134 399
			Phil Griffith	0419 865 472
???	???	Aberfeldy Working Bee	David	0417 747 860

November 2017

1st	Wed	Aussie Disposals Dandenong South—Special Meeting		
3rd to 7th	Fri to Tues	Beachport / Robe	David	0417 747 860
17th to 19th	Fri to Sun	Haunted Stream Track	Brett Nuske	0405 441 819

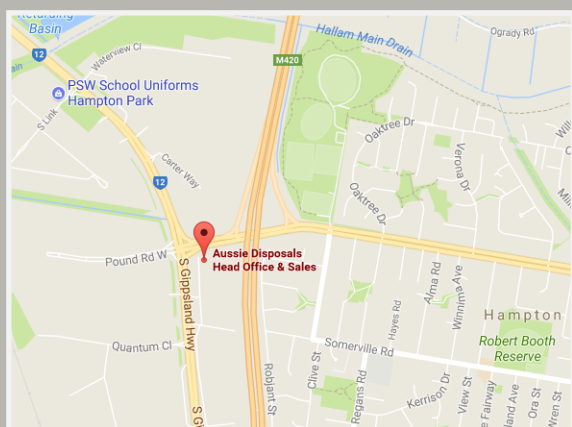
December 2017

???	???	Christmas Party TBA		
6th	Wed	General Meeting		
19th	Tue	Committee Meeting		

January 2018

		NO General Meeting		
7th to 21st		Fraser Island and Moreton Island	Callum	0439 972 204

IMPORTANT



November meeting will be at Aussie Disposals Dandenong South. Please note the date is Wednesday 1st of November. A delicious BBQ dinner will be served at 7PM. Please RSVP on the trip form at the October General meeting for catering purposes or [email Stuart](#). Meeting will commence around 7:30PM

Address: [345-353 S Gippsland Hwy, Dandenong South VIC 3175](#). [Google Maps link here](#)

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

September 2017

Meeting started 8pm

Attendees - as per book

Apologies - as per book

Minutes from Aug Meeting

Read and Accept

Accepted: Mick

Second: Emily

Correspondence from mins

Nil

Incoming Correspondence

- Emails from prospective members
- Resignation from Gay and Col—but they will be back

Outgoing Correspondence

- Emails from prospective members

Treasurers Report

As per attachment in magazine.

Accept - Dave

Seconded - Mick

4wd Vic

Nil

General bizzo

Ben

- Advertising in the Club Magazine. For Sale in the Club Magazine
- We need members to step up and fill the following positions; Merchandise Manager
- November meeting place has been organized by Shane - will be at Aussie Disposals - Dandenong Wednesday 1st of November.
- October Proficiency Course will need to be rescheduled - Phil?
- Melbourne 4x4 show - anyone attend? What did you think?

- Ask new visitors to stand and introduce themselves and what car.
- Good ideas from Previous meetings;
- Insurance Broker as Guest Speaker (Mick)
- Victorian Police as Guest Speaker (Stuart)
- Ned Kelly descendant glad to talk about the famous bushranger. Trip to Stringy Bark Creek
- Driver Training weekend date Change - 21st 22nd October. Theory night will be the Tuesday or Wednesday depending on
- Discussion on insurance and make sure you know who your insured with.

4wd Vic Report

Nil.

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

- Aberfeldy and surrounds - With Stuart.
- Gaffneys Creek trip - 29th - 2nd September - Tony
- Skene Trip - 22nd September - Sam
- Proficiency Training 21-22nd Oct with Phil
- Beachport/Robe Nov Long weekend- with Dave B
- Haunted Stream - 17th - 19th November - Brett N
- Fraser Island and Morton Island - 7th - 28th January - Callum
- Cape York - 18th August 5 weeks in total - Mick and Sally.

Driver Training

21st- 22nd October

Past Club Trips

- Xmas in July
- Snow Run - Upper group.
- Snow Run - Lower group
- Brett's midweek trip.
- Cobaw state forest

- Stu Central

Stuart mentioned we need some more trips, so if you have any ideas, please email them through to committee@vfwdc.com

Raffle drawn

- First prize - Andrew H.
- Second Prize - Ashley M
- Third Prize - Visitor
- Fourth Prize - Bruce

Meeting Closed

10pm

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)

FOR SALE: GU Patrol accessories

\$50, \$60

Ashley
0428 134 399

Kaymar GU Patrol wheel carrier spacer bracket:
Allows for larger diameter wheels such as 35's and incorporates a fixing for reversing light.

\$50

ARB GU Patrol dual battery tray

\$60



FOR SALE: Esky

See below

[Sally](#)

Esky \$100. Measurements 720x425x515cm.

0412 464 129



FOR SALE: Free fire wood

FREE

[Gary](#)

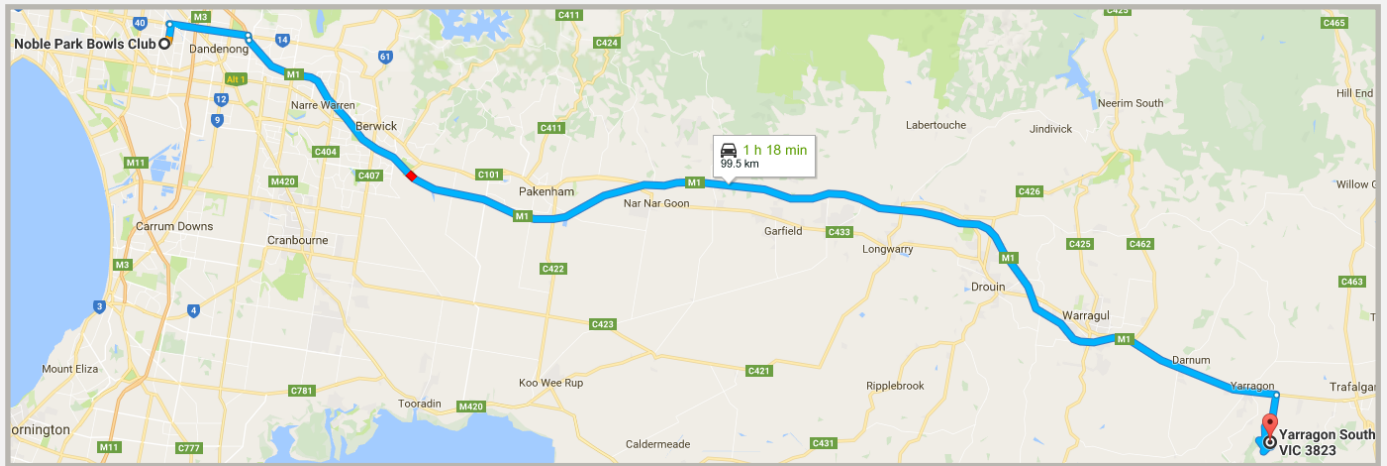
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Blackwood and Gum. Some dry, some are not.

Bring chainsaw and trailer.

I have trees coming down next week, and branches being trimmed also. There is wood on the ground also. Most of it needs cutting up and carting away. Current access is reasonably good.

Location: Yarragon South



FOR SALE: Samsung CLP-415NW Colour Printer

\$50

[Stuart](#)

0428539157

The club's now retired colour printer. Works perfectly.

See the [full specs here](#)



Bringing Four Wheel Drivers Together



Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
www.vfwdc.com



Treasurer's Report August 2017

<u>Cheque A/C`</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/08/2017	\$4,044.30
Add:	Membership Renewals	\$440.00
	Raffle Ticket Sales	\$92.25
	Total Monies In:	\$532.25
<u>Less:</u>		
	Petty Cash	\$13.85
	Club Projector	\$570.00
	Total Monies Out:	\$583.85
	Closing Balance as at 31/08/2017	\$3,992.70
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/08/2017	\$6,399.78
	Closing Balance as at 31/08/2017	\$6,399.78
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/08/2017	\$150.00
	Add: Cheque Account	\$13.85
	Less: Catering	-\$13.85
	Closing Balance as at 31/08/2017	\$150.00
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position	\$10,542.48

UPCOMING TRIPS		DESCRIPTION
LEADER/CONTACT NO.		<p>Proficiency Training</p> <p>Little O'Tooles camping ground & surrounds</p> <p>Ashley Martin - 0428 134 399</p> <p>Phil Griffith - 0419 865 472</p>
DATE		<p>Theory - Wednesday October 19th, 7.30pm start</p> <p>Practical - Saturday October 21st to Sunday October 22nd</p>
MEETING PLACE / TIME		<p>Theory - Noble Park Football Club, Blue & Gold Room (above dining area)</p> <p>Practical - BP Service Centre Officer (Princess Fwy) Friday 5pm</p> <p>BP Service Centre Officer (Princess Fwy) Saturday 7.30am</p>
GRADE		<p>WET: Easy/Medium</p> <p>DRY: Easy/Medium</p>
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS		<p>The Club encourages all members to participate in a proficiency course to ensure the basic fundamentals of 4 wheel driving are gained.</p> <p>Theory provides an overview of the tread lightly principals, vehicles dynamics and functions, tackling various terrains along with other subjects. This provides the back ground for the practical weekend.</p> <p>Practical we run through individual vehicles and differences, basic recovery equipment and recap some of the theory (including home work :)). We then begin the practical side running through several techniques to ensure safe vehicle recovery when in difficult situations. Once all participants are confident with these we hit the tracks to putt all the theory into practice.</p> <p>Sunday will be a leisurely start then we traverse a number of tracks which allow you to become familiar with your vehicles capabilities and gain further confidence. We should be finished by 2 o'clock arriving back to Melbourne around 4.</p> <p>As with past participants the weekend provides confidence to safely 4WD either with the club or friends.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS		<p>MINIMUM: 4</p> <p>MAXIMUM: 8</p>
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE		300km's approximately
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL		<p>PETROL, LPG, DIESEL: Moe</p> <p>(please have full tank of fuel before leaving meeting place)</p>
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES		200kms
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED		<p>Theory - pen and concentration</p> <p>Practical—you will need to be self-sufficient for camping and have your brain switched on.</p>
MAPS REQUIRED		Rooftop Walhalla / Woods Point
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF		UHF 12
GOOGLE MAPS		See here

DESTINATION	Beachport / Robe - 2017
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: David MOB: 0417 747 860
DATE	Melbourne Cup Weekend 2017 Friday 3rd to Tuesday 7th (longer if you wish)
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBA - Depends on who is coming, and respective departure times
GRADE	WET: Medium DRY: harder if the sand if Dry.
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>I plan to leave very early on the Friday morning from Berwick at approx. 6am to avoid the worst of the peak morning traffic, setting up camp early afternoon.</p> <p>Hopefully arriving to set up at the caravan park in Beachport, and then spend family time on the beach (sunning, fishing, swimming) with opportunities for group drives up the beach or for individual family activities whenever and however you want.</p> <p>BIG Sunday Roast (if we can have the camp fire). If we are lucky the fire ban doesn't start until after Cup Weekend. But we got caught out last year, so no fire.</p> <p>Intending to pack up on the Tuesday morning and head back to Melbourne. Some members usually stay the whole week.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 1 MAXIMUM: 10 +
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	Approx. 550km to Beachport from Melbourne CBD
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Every major town DIESEL: Every major town
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Every major town
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	All Recover gear - Max Trax if you have them Self Sufficient for all camping gear (in a caravan park) Sand Flag
MAPS REQUIRED	Normal GPS to get to Beachport Beach track maps are available at Beachport
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12
GOOGLE MAPS	See here

DESTINATION	Haunted Stream Track
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Brett Nuske MOB: 0405 441 819
DATE	Fri Nov 17 - Sun Nov 19 (Fri and Sun are optional with no planned activities)
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Tambo Crossing / 10AM
GRADE	WET: Hard DRY: Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Optionally arriving on Friday and camping overnight at Tambo Crossing, Saturday will involve driving the full length of Haunted Stream Track and then optionally camping at either Marthavale Hut or Italian Flat at Dargo.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 7
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	200KM
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Bruthen DIESEL: Bruthen
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	200km
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Camping gear and food/water (if staying overnight), standard recovery gear, good AT/MT tyres, snorkel would be advantageous as there are 54 river/ford crossings to negotiate.
MAPS REQUIRED	Bairnsdale - Dargo - Omeo Adventure Map: Rooftop Maps
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12
GOOGLE MAPS	See here

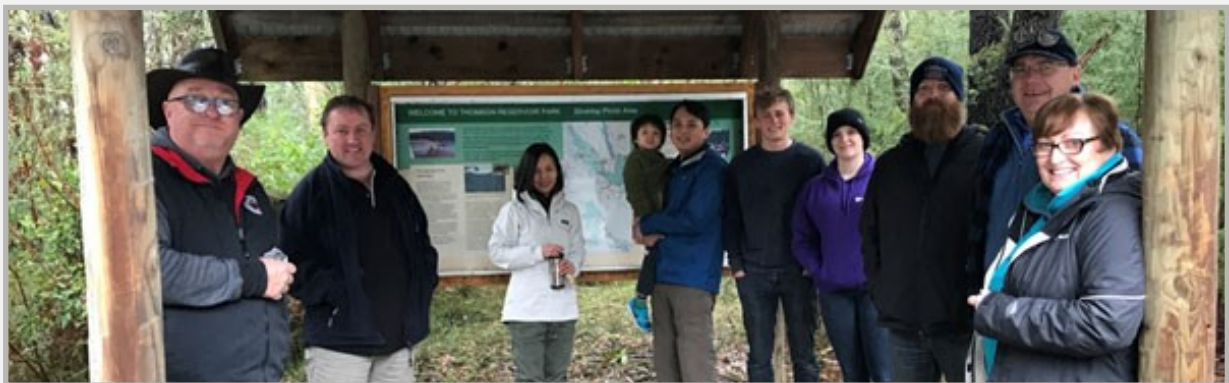
DESTINATION	Fraser Island and Moreton Island
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Callum Brown MOB: 0439 972 204
DATE	7th January 2018—28th January 2018
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBA
GRADE	WET: Medium DRY: Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	The intent of this trip is to relax and have fun. We will be traveling to Fraser Island and Moreton Island. We will stay for 7 nights at Fraser Island and we will spend 3 nights at Yurru camp area and 4 nights at Sandy Cape camp area. We will then make our way to Moreton Island for 4 nights and travel the coast roads on the way home.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 1 MAXIMUM: 4
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	4000
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: TBA DIESEL: TBA
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Self-sufficient camping. This means we will need to bring all food and water for both Islands and considerations will need to be made for waste disposal. Basic recover gear required.
MAPS REQUIRED	Fraser Island and Moreton Island maps
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12
GOOGLE MAPS	See here



9th September
by Stuart & Maree

Stuart & Maree	Landcruiser
Alex, Joyce & Isaac	Patrol
David	Patrol
Andrew	Landcruiser
Will & Lauren	Navara Ute
Phil	Everest
Brett & Nicki	Landcruiser

We started at Yarragon, a sleepy town with a tasty local bakery and coffee shop. The weather is against us but we head out anyway. Up to the top car park at the dam wall to air down, discussions on what tracks will be accessible considering the week of rain we have had



Down Williamson spur track, on to Merrington camp ground. Looking down at the brave campers we continued on to Junction track. Headed over Aberfeldy River, it was a bit deeper than we anticipated but everyone managed. Heading up junction track we felt the slippery greasy clay prove challenging.

Choosing Donnelly creek road and on to Jorgensen camp ground, because Dave's left front wheel had picked up a rock and was making a strange grinding sound. Best to have a look and make sure it's safe so he pulled off the wheel.

All fine we headed off to White star track, Going down to the river was slippery and clay based, but heading up the other side was too wet, so we went to plan B down to Codes flat.



We passed the orchard, and headed up Comet Track, with all the rain it was really slippery, and rutted, in some spots you just had to join the ruts and power up the hill. There was a choice with left or right one being a challenging rock climb and the other a slippery rutted mud pit. Which was easier is a debate, but everyone managed with expert advice from the experienced club members Stuart Phil and Brett.



We headed to Aberfeldy town ship and there was white stuff on the ground! What to do? Head out more tracks or look for more snow? A voice comes over the radio, snow please (Thanks Nicki) so we head up to Mt Selma. We found snow, strange how that white powdery stuff turns us all into kids again. There were snow balls flying, a little snow man and even a snow angel.



So thanks to everyone who joined us on this day trip, the weather could have been kinder, (Phil braved shorts all day) but we had an awesome day. To the new members it's all about getting out doing it. To the experienced members it's great to see you readily share your knowledge and experience to keep everyone safe on the tracks.

