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## Presidents Report October 2005

Hello and welcome everyone to this month's Free Wheeling.

It was great to see so many at last month's extra-ordinary A.G.M. to finalise the new committee, which I'm proud to announce has now been finalised.

I welcome the new committee on board, starting with

- Steve Boyle as Vice President,
- Carissa Galovic as Treasurer,
- George Pledger as Secretary,
- Paul Ryan as Assistant Secretary,
- Anthony Van Buiten as Web Manager,
- James Holden as Librarian,
- Ian Webber as Trip & Events Co-ordinator,
- Terry Johninke as Projects Co-ordinator,
- Ian Warburton as New Member Contact,
- Annie Simpson and Steve Utting as Newsletter Editors.

We will all try and do our best for you the members, but we will need your assistance also from time to time.

I walked into the shops the other day, and low and behold, Christmas stockings and decorations are on sale already, which is a reminder that christmas is just around the corner so we will have to get the Christmas party organised.

Talking about getting things organised, I would like a show of hands at the next meeting as to whether we have a bush dance early next year or not.

Our annual Pub-to-Pub went off very well. We had all the weather conditions you could think of from rain, hail, sleet, snow to blue skys and sunshine....but more about that in the trip report.

Not much to say this month, so till next time we meet, take care.

Over & Out

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consistency...slice up the sausages, add the bacon,  
onion and mushies...heat through...

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## Minutes of the General Meeting 06 September 2005

The Meeting was held at the Dandenong Library and opened at 8.15pm by newly-elected President, David Hughes who welcomed everyone to the meeting. September

David advised that Lesley would be acting as Secretary for this meeting and thanked her for assistance over the past month.

**PRESENT:** 39 members present as per Attendance Book.

**APOLOGIES:** Brian Martin, Bryan West, Tania Utting, Lisa Petrou, Maxine Ryan, Yvonne Hempston, Nicole O'Connor-Gunn, Aline Van Buiten, Gary and Paula Johnston, Liz Beaton.

**VISITORS:** George Pledger introduced the following visitors who were welcomed to the meeting: Phil Griffith, Ian and Daff Whitecross, Dwayne McLenti.

David opened the meeting by explaining the reason for the need to hold an Extraordinary AGM, ie to finalise the Committee for 2005/6.

As advised, due to the lack of support at last month's AGM all positions were not filled. David went on to say that he was aware that some members had good reason for not attending the AGM, but it appears that every time the AGM is held, many members fail to attend for fear of being roped into something. Prior to the AGM, there was only one nomination received for the entire committee.

Nominations were received and accepted at the AGM for the following positions:

President:	David Hughes
Vice President:	Steven Boyle
Secretary:	Nil
Treasurer:	Carissa Galovic
General Committee:	Anthony Van Buiten Paul Ryan James Holden Ian Warburton

As the position of Secretary did not receive any nominations, the Committee-Elect held a meeting to resolve the vacant position, as per the Association Constitution. It appears there is nothing in the Election Procedures to resolve this situation. However, the Constitution of the Committee (Clause 20 Section 4) reads:

*In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of an Ordinary Member of the Committee, the Committee may appoint a Member of the Association to fill the vacancy and the Member so appointed will hold office, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting next following the date of appointment.*

It is apparent the Constitution needs to be amended to alleviate future problems in this regard and it is intended to include the following paragraph:

*The Secretary shall be an Officer of the Club, and shall be appointed by the Committee of the Club for such period and on such terms and conditions as the Committee shall think it fit and may be selected from the Committee at the first meeting of the newly elected Committee.*

Since the AGM, George Pledger has put up his hand for the role of Secretary and has been nominated for the position. This nomination was accepted by the meeting.

One or two General Committee positions were also still required to be filled. Ian Webber and Terry Johnke nominated and were accepted.

The Extraordinary AGM closed at 8.25pm and the General Meeting commenced.

David read his President's report as per the current edition of the newsletter. He particularly made reference to the memorial service in honour of Alan Wade which will be held at 2pm on 11 September at Picnic Point Park, Longworry North, and encouraged as many members as possible to attend.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes of the August meeting as per Newsletter.  
Accepted: John Partridge. Seconded: Anthony Van Buiten.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Nil.

**SUPPER:** Thanks Steve Pitcher and Pat Casey.

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

Association correspondence:

- Notice and Agenda of General Meeting and AGM to be held on 28 September 2005.
- Copy of 2004 AGM Minutes.
- Copy Minutes General Meeting held 27 July 2005.
- Nomination Form for Membership to Committee of Management 2005-2007.

Receipt for payment of Affiliation Fees.

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- Qasco Mapping Professionals who produce mapping products and guides of all types.
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Introductory letter from Bob Dunn, author of *The Disputed Country – Australia's Lost Border* – a book which chronicles the survey of the SA-Vic border from 1847-1850. Full colour 96 page soft cover publication at \$32.50 per copy plus postage and handling.

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

Letter to all members advising of Extraordinary AGM to be held on 6 September prior to the General Meeting .  
Newsletter.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

As all documents are still with the auditor, there will be no Treasurer's report this month. A full report will be presented next month.

**TRIP CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

As a new Trip Co-ordinator has not yet been appointed, David asked Michael Rodger to report on the following forthcoming trips/events:

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|------------------|---|
| 16-18 September: | <i>Mystery Pub-to-Pub.</i> Numbers urgently required so that David and Rosalie can finalise. A flyer was distributed with costings, meeting places/times etc.   |
| 25 September:    | <i>Toolangi Day Trip:</i> Ashley Martin. Details as per email circulated.   |
| 2 October:       | <i>Noojee Nav Rally:</i> Anthony Van Buiten – details as per newsletter. Anthony drew attention to the fact that this was a “nav rally” – not to be confused with the Nav Run which is organised by and also copyrighted to Rudi Paoletti.  |
| 14-16 October:   | <i>Advanced Training Weekend:</i> John Partridge. Will be held in the Avoca area. Details as per email circulated by Ashley.  |
| 23 October:      | <i>Annual Car Rally:</i> David and Rosalie – details as per newsletter.   |
| 28 Oct-1Nov:     | <i>Cup Weekend:</i><br>Trip 1: Ashley Martin: Butcher Country/Caledonia and Macallister River: Details as per email circulated. Camping on Macallister; Sunday night roast. Hopefully someone will be leaving earliest on the Friday to get good camp spot.<br>Trip 2: John Partridge: Broken Hill – details as per newsletter. |
| 18-20 November:  | <i>Annual Fishing Trip:</i> Ashley Martin. Details as per email circulated. Due to previous problems with the opening of Mayford, decided this year to head off to King River – camping at Pineapple Flat.  |

Following receipt of an email from Ashley, David raised the issue of the trips that had been omitted from the newsletter. He said that the editors had been under pressure with work this month and had to ask for assistance with printing etc which was provided by David's son-in-law, Dean. Steve Utting apologised to the meeting and the apology was accepted by the President.

Ashley responded by saying that he was disappointed that the 5 trips that he submitted to the editors by email on 17 August had not been included in this month's edition of *Free Wheeling*. In particular, a Training Weekend planned for the forthcoming weekend – 10-11 September – which would now have to be cancelled. He added that there had

also been other reports and articles submitted for publication over the past few months which had not been published. Ashley stated that the newsletter was the voice of the Club in relation to forthcoming trips and trip reports – and other pertinent information – and if not included, people had no idea what was going on. He has emailed details of all forthcoming trips to members.

#### EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

Ashley reported that the AGM Dinner held at the Mulgrave Country Club was a success and that everybody who attended enjoyed the evening. Those who did not, missed out on a good night!

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

**First Aid Training:** This issue was raised again in relation to the Association's offer of training at a cost of \$150 per course.

Ashley stated that his sister is an accredited First Aid Trainer and has offered her services if the club is interested. More details at next meeting.

David stated that it was a good idea for every club member to have at least basic first aid training.

Michael reminded the meeting of the \$50 discount offered to members as incentive to run (at least) two trips per year.

**Memorial Service:** David asked members to confirm their attendance by the end of the week.

**Library:** Carl suggested it would be a good idea for the Club to purchase a copy of *The Disputed Country – Australia's Lost Border* to keep in the Library.

**Harwoods:** Pat read a little trip report received from Bill and Coral Harwood on their trip north.

Apparently they haven't as yet progressed very far as they are having too much of a good time with the local locals in Burke!

Pat also reported that Tom Brachna and Andy Moore are still very much enjoying their holidays sailing around the Whitsundays.

**Working Bee SA:** John once again mentioned the working bee at Border Track, 1-2 October, which is being organised by the SA 4WD Association in conjunction with DSE. Anybody interested in joining John – and Ashley(?) – should contact him.

**Trip Leaders:** John and Ashley are considering the idea of holding a "Trip Leaders Evening" for those members who are thinking of leading a trip but are still a little wary. Members were asked if there would be any interest in this proposal and a positive response was received. Will advise details at later date.

**Driver Training:** Michael Rodger has passed the test and is now an official Club Training Instructor. Congratulations Michael.

**Equipment:** Mark Capper offered the club a filing cabinet on the proviso it was kept for club use.

**RAFFLE:** Tickets sold by Ashley and Terry.

Won by:	Ian Warburton	Model Car - Porsche
	Ashley Martin	Model Car - Mercedes
	Barry Hempston	Bottle of Wine

**MEETING CLOSED** at 9.50pm.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** To be held at Dandenong Library on Tuesday, 4 October 2005.

#### **Editors Note.**

*I stood up at the meeting after Ashley had presented his complaint, partly so those present could put a face to one of the editors of the magazine and also to respond to Ashley. The essence of my response (the contents of which were omitted from the minutes) was to remind members that club positions are occupied by volunteers. Whilst perfection would be preferred, it is rarely achieved or expected. I apologised for any inconvenience caused.*

*It is probably prudent to highlight the recent difficulty in filling club positions and suggest encouragement from club members for those holding positions of honour may help produce more participation in the future.*

*On that note, **thank you** for the words of encouragement and the positive feedback on the new magazine format from the many members that spoke with me during the tea break. Encouragement stimulates the learner in us all (Ed. Steve)*

# Contributions from Club Members

I would like to thank the former Committee and members for their support over the past two years, and wish the 2005/6 Committee every success for the coming year. In particular, good luck to George for his period in office as Secretary of the VFWDC.

*Lesley Peters, Past Secretary*

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

A trip to the Kimberly region of Western Australia is being planned for 2006. Departing 29 April for approx 8 weeks.

I am seeking expressions of interest from anyone interested in coming along for the whole or part of the trip.

For more details of trip contact George Pledger on mobile 0427 547 402 or email [gpledger3@yahoo.com.au](mailto:gpledger3@yahoo.com.au) or at a club meeting  
*George Pledger (New Secretary)*

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#### How could ICE help?

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#### How should I choose my ICE contact?

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make decisions if needed.

When could ICE information help?

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Who supports the Australian ICE campaign?

Many Australian emergency organisations have thrown their support behind the ICE campaign and Telstra's education efforts.

What if a mobile phone is locked or needs a password to activate it?

Many mobile handsets are simply key-locked and can be accessed by pressing two keys. However it's correct that some phones need a password to activate and that is why Telstra recommends that people do not ever rely solely on a mobile phone during emergencies.

*Leigh Pettigrew*

### Yahoo Groups

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Then go to

<http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/vfwdc>

And click on "Join this group"



## Club Calendar at a Glance

Date Of Trip	Destination (more detail in forthcoming trips)	Contact
2nd October	Navigation Rally—Noojee	Anthony Van Buiten Mob: 0413 784 074
4th October	Club Meeting—Dandenong Library	David Hughes
14—16 October	Advanced Training—Avoca State Forest	John Partridge Mob: 0428 331 211
20—23 October	National 4X4 show—Exhibition Centre	
23 October	Annual Car Rally— Find out on the day	Dave & Rosalie Hughes Home: 03 9706 2966
28 October—1 November	Butcher Country/Caledonia and Macallister River	Ashley Martin Mob: 0438 600 904
8 November	Club Meeting—Dandenong Library	David Hughes
18-20 November	Annual Fishing Trip—King River	Ashley Martin Mob: 0438 600 904
6 December	Club Meeting—Dandenong Library	David Hughes



## Trip Report

### Toolangi

(held over from earlier mag)

Trip Leader Paul Ryan & son Robert  
John & Leanne  
Ashley  
Anthony  
Carissa, Joe and Lachie  
Alex Van Rehnen

We met at Maccas in Lillydale on the Sunday morning. We departed Maccas at half past and headed into Toolangi. It was a find day but sere wishing for rain.

When we arrived, the first track we took on was Rocky Track. This was the first time I've seen and heard of Rocky Track but others in the group knew of it.

Paul was the first to take it on. Pauls was going well till about 2/3rds the way up. There was a bang and a sudden stop. Paul backed out of a huge ditch and sized it up then went for it. He got to the top.

A third of the track from the top was very severe... John was next to go. He got to roughly the same spot and stopped requiring him to back out a bit then he gave it some and got to the top. From where we were standing that section looked very rough.

Ashley took it on also and did OK. The rest of us took the chicken track half way up to the right and followed it up to the top. From there we drove up and down several tracks.

Toolangi was so dry and the dust was so bad the cars behind the leader had to drive with caution due to limited visability.

We arrived at a section of track we had to climb. There were several ways up, you could go right, left or centre.

Paul went up the centre and stopped dead in a huge ditch near the top. He tried and tried but could not go forward. He backed out and headed off to the left and up to the top.

John was next up the same track and got stuck in the same spot. After giving it several goes he stopped and winched himself to the top. The rest of us went left to the top.

We had lunch at the camp grounds where we did our training weekend. After lunch we took on some more tracks. All the bog holes were bone dry.

After a while we decided to call it a day. We stopped, re inflated our tyres and headed home.

Carissa & Joe

Trip Leaders - its your responsibility to nominate a member to write the trip report.



## Trip Report

*Trip Leader:* Paul Ryan

*Participants:* Maxine & Madeline Ryan

Roger & Helen Baird

Ashley Martin & Lesley Peters

Brian ("Happy") Martin

After the predictable nerve-racking drive from Clayton to Port Melbourne to collect Ashley, we headed off at around 4.00pm. The traffic was as always on a Friday afternoon, but we had a fairly easy, uneventful run up to our destination – *Lulworth Cottages* in Hepburn Springs. We arrived at around 5.30, and were greeted by Roger and Helen who had made their way up earlier in the afternoon and settled in quite comfortably. The Ryans were not far behind us, as was Brian. We settled into our respective cottages – the Bairds in the *Aurora*, the Ryans in the *Argyle* and the Martins (and me) in the *Locarno* – and arranged to meet up a bit later for dinner. It was a relaxing evening and off the bed at a reasonable hour?

### Social Report

Saturday was chilly but no rain (good). The boys had made their plans the previous evening and they were off at around 9.00am to check out the tracks in the area. Maxine, Madeline, Helen and myself left a little later, driving into Daylesford to check out the shoppes. We spent about an hour "doing the street" and then made our way to *Lavandula* lavender farm. After a very pleasant couple of hours at the farm, including lunch and browsing the local wares, we headed back to the cottages to catch up on the day's four-wheeling activities and to make the all-important decision on where to dine. That decision made, we were off to *Lucini's Pasta Restaurant* in Hepburn Springs. What a great choice – the restaurant is located in the original Old Macaroni Factory which was established in 1859. Everything about this place was tops – the atmosphere, the staff, the food, the wine, and the music – Dean Martin's greatest hits – in particular *That's Amoré* – was a hit (scusa the pun). Oh – and they even hand out a colouring page for the kids – big and small! We eventually shifted ourselves back to the Ryan's pad where we kicked on for a few more hours.

A casual start to Sunday morning – breakfast, followed by a stroll down to the Springs which were just next door to the cottages. Roger and Helen decided to head off for a "walk down memory lane" in the Malmsbury area. The rest of us left at around midday and made our way to the local wineries. We made a brief stop at Ellendale Winery, and then a long stop at The Big Shed Winery at Glenlyon. I must say that this was the longest I have ever spent

## Hepburn Springs/ Daylesford/ Loddon River 8-10 July 05

(Held over from earlier mag)

at any one winery at any one time. The Irish host extraordinaire, Felix, was definitely one-of-a-kind and certainly a darn good salesman! We finally left with quite a few boxes between us and made our way to Kyneton for a quick lunch, after which we went on our merry separate ways.



Thanks heaps to Paul for organising this trip. It was a very pleasant respite from bush camping and definitely a fine idea for the colder months. The accommodation was very good, as was the company, and the variety of things to do made for a really great weekend. **Lesley**

### 4WD Report

The boys decided to take a trip around the Castlemaine Gold Diggings area. I jumped in with Paul, while Roger sat in as passenger with "Happy". First stop was at Jacksons Lookout which has a great view of Daylesford and the surrounding area, but in a few years the tops of the trees may need a trim. Next was Mount Franklin which also has great views. From there we toured around the Gold diggings area for a few hours, while there isn't any real four wheeling in the area, there is some great scenery. We managed to find a few gold diggings and some shafts. On our way back we stopped at Vaughan Mineral Springs where we had lunch; there was no-one there and these springs would be less hectic than those at Hepburn. From there we made our way back to Daylesford for a look around the town. The ladies were still lunching, so we decided to sample a few ales at the local, from where we headed back to the cottages for a relax before dinner. **Ashley**



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## Upcoming Event

### Noojee Navigation Rally

2nd October

<b>Date:</b>	Sunday 2nd October
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Anthony Van Buiten
<b>Contact No:</b>	0413 784 074 AH: 9764 3381
<b>Destination:</b>	Noojee
<b>Meeting Time/Place:</b>	Latrobe River Camping Area GPS Ref. 55H 402415/ 5806634
<b>Vehicle Limit:</b>	<i>Min:</i> 4 Teams, <i>Max:</i> 10 Teams
<b>Grade:</b>	<i>Easy to Medium</i>
<b>Approximate Kms:</b>	Up to Group
<b>Last Available Fuel:</b>	Noojee, near Yarra junction
<b>Equipment:</b>	Usual recovery gear
<b>Maps:</b>	Rooftops Maps, Vic Maps and any others you have will be an advantage
<b>Radio Channel:</b>	Channel 12

**Trip Activities:** Quite a few people have expressed an interest in some sort of GPS navigational event for the club. After competing in a few NavRun events I thought I would organise a Navigation Rally for the VFWDC. This will be primarily a navigation event and secondly a driving event. What this means is that all you will need to compete is a 4WD with All Terrains a digital camera and a GPS. I will not be trying to find the biggest hills and the hardest tracks but the driving will still be interesting.

When you navigate your way to a co-ordinate you will be required to take a photo with your vehicle included as proof that you have found it. Cameras with a storage card of just about any description are preferred, but mobile phone cameras will also be accepted.

If you think you are skilled enough in the art of map reading then a GPS may not be necessary. (Special note for Ashley: This does not apply to you!)

It will be a one day event starting at 9:00am and finishing up at 4:00pm. It is not a timed event and speeding or reckless driving will not be tolerated. Pack a lunch as you will need to eat it on the run.

You can participate on your own or you can team up with another vehicle if you wish. Maximum of two cars per team..



## Upcoming Event

### Advanced Training

Friday 14th — Sunday 16th of October

<b>Trip Leader:</b>	John Partridge
<b>Contact No:</b>	Mob: 0428 331 211
<b>Destination:</b>	Avoca State Forest
<b>Meeting Time/Place:</b>	Shell Service Centre Westgate Bridge—Todd Rd exit
<b>Vehicle Limit:</b>	<i>Min:</i> 3, <i>Max:</i> 10
<b>Grade:</b>	<i>Wet:</i> Medium/hard <i>Dry:</i> Medium
<b>Approximate Kms:</b>	200
<b>Last Available Fuel:</b>	Petrol/Diesel available at Avoca
<b>Equipment:</b>	Basic recovery gear
<b>Maps:</b>	None
<b>Radio Channel:</b>	Channel 12

For those who have completed the Proficiency training course this is a must.

We will be going to Avoca where there is a great variety of tracks and only 2.5 hours from Melbourne. The weekend we will be mostly driving but we will cover recovery including winching and how to place your vehicle to tackle the obstacles.



## Upcoming Event

### Annual Car Rally

Sunday 23 October

<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Dave and Rosalie Hughes
<b>Contact No:</b>	TEL: 03 9706 2966
<b>Destination:</b>	In the clues
<b>Meeting Time/Place:</b>	To be Confirmed
<b>Vehicle Limit:</b>	<i>As many as possible, the more the merrier</i>
<b>Grade:</b>	Wet—Easy, Dry Easy, Navigationally Challenged—Hard
<b>Approximate Kms:</b>	This is used to work out how many wild goose chases you went on so we cant really tell you at this stage
<b>Last Available Fuel:</b>	TBA
<b>Distance Between Supplies:</b>	This may depend on how lost you get
<b>Equipment:</b>	Lunch and a sense of humour
<b>Maps:</b>	Melways
<b>Radio Channel:</b>	Channel 12

**Trip Activities:** The car rally is an annual event that is a lot of fun for the whole family. For those that haven't been involved before, a list of directions is provided that may be subject to some interpretation. The idea is to get to the meeting point with the least number of wild goose chases and collect the largest number of items listed on the way. The rally is not a race, starting times are recorded and points will be deducted if you get there too quickly (i.e. no speeding will be allowed). If you win you will be awarded a trophy and get to run the event next year. Good luck.



## Upcoming Event

### Broken Hill Trip

Friday 28th of October— Wednesday 2nd November

<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Leanne Young
<b>Contact No:</b>	MOB: 0411 773 863
<b>Destination:</b>	Broken Hill
<b>Meeting Time/Place:</b>	McDonalds Western Ring Road 3PM or camp site
<b>Vehicle Limit:</b>	<i>Min: 1, Max: 8</i>
<b>Grade:</b>	<i>Wet: easy Dry: Easy</i>
<b>Approximate Kms:</b>	Quite a long way
<b>Last Available Fuel:</b>	Petrol/Diesel available at Broken Hill
<b>Equipment:</b>	Basic recovery gear
<b>Maps:</b>	None
<b>Radio Channel:</b>	Channel 12

Friday - Drive to overnight stop. Somewhere near Mildura

Saturday - Arrive at Silverton Camping Ground (Bush camping with basic facilities). Set up camp and do a bit of sightseeing in Silverton.

Sunday - Sight See Broken Hill. Walking Tour, Galleries, Pubs and mines. Spend some time exploring the Living Dessert. Many of the galleries and museums are only open on Sunday's so this is the perfect day to spend in town.

Monday - For the more adventurous, a day trip to White Cliffs via Mutawintji NP. (Relaxing and veggieing out is acceptable)

Tuesday - Pack up camp and head off to Kincheqa NP. Spend some time looking around before setting up camp for the last night, for those spending an extra night.

Melbourne Cup (V4WDC – style) will be run later in the evening- via the cactus pear.....

Wednesday - Meander home, maybe stop of at a winery or 2..



## Upcoming Event

### Macalister River Trip

Friday 28th of October— Tuesday 1st November

<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Ashley Martin
<b>Contact No:</b>	Mob: 0438 600 904
<b>Destination:</b>	Macalister River
<b>Meeting Time/Place:</b>	TBA
<b>Vehicle Limit:</b>	<i>Min: 3, Max: 10</i>
<b>Grade:</b>	<i>Wet: Medium Dry: Easy/Medium</i>
<b>Approximate Kms:</b>	250
<b>Last Available Fuel:</b>	Petrol/Diesel available at Licola
<b>Equipment:</b>	Basic recovery gear
<b>Maps:</b>	None
<b>Radio Channel:</b>	Channel 12

Macalister River is a lovely spot approx 1½ - 2 hours from Licola.

The Camping spot we want is on the banks of the river and the journey in is fairly easy and suitable for camper trailers. There are a couple of drives from the camp that will take you to a great lookout and other interesting areas. The fishing can be good so don't forget the rod.

As John has made a tradition in the past of having a roast on cup weekend, in keeping with this we will have a carvery feast on the Sunday night.

The weekend will be yours to do whatever you wish: sit, fish, drive or just recharge the batteries.

As there are no close facilities you will need to cater for food ect. for the whole weekend.



## Upcoming Event

### Fishing Trip-King or Howqua River

Friday 18th — Sunday 20th November

<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Ashley Martin
<b>Contact No:</b>	Mob: 0438 600 904
<b>Destination:</b>	Macalister River
<b>Meeting Time/Place:</b>	Lillydale Maccas
<b>Vehicle Limit:</b>	<i>Min: 3, Max: 10</i>
<b>Grade:</b>	<i>Wet: Medium Dry: Easy/Medium</i>
<b>Approximate Kms:</b>	400
<b>Last Available Fuel:</b>	Petrol/Diesel available at TBA
<b>Equipment:</b>	Basic recovery gear
<b>Maps:</b>	None
<b>Radio Channel:</b>	Channel 12

There has been a change of venue for this years annual fishing trip. Mayford has been the traditional spot but due to distance and uncertainty when the track opens I have decided to change the location to a closer spot. The destination will be finalized at a closer date.

Come along and fish, swim, relax or whatever you like. This is a weekend that you have the choice of what you wish to do.