



JUNE 2010

# Free Wheeling



*Strickland Spur Recce -by Phill and Paul 29 May 10*

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at 8.00pm (No meeting January). Members and Guests are welcome to dine at the Bistro before attending the meeting.

First WEDNESDAY of each month 8.00PM Start

Venue:

Bowling Club Rooms (Next to Car Park)

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



## FREE WHEELING

Hello and welcome to the June newsletter. With winter well and truly here, the trips have dropped off a bit. **The only trip report in this issue is Part 2 of Bruce's Robe extravaganza.** As always, I'm after any interesting content for the newsletter, so feel free to email me at [editor@vfwdc.com](mailto:editor@vfwdc.com).

Cheers,

Shane Michelon



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Meetings	Held 8pm, first Wednesday of each month, excluding January (no meeting).
Location	Noble Park Football Club (Bowling club near car park) 46-56 Moodemere Street Noble Park Melways ref: 89 D4
Newsletter	All articles and photographs to be submitted prior to 20 <sup>th</sup> of each month to <a href="mailto:editor@vfwdc.com">editor@vfwdc.com</a>
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello and welcome to this month's edition of *Free Wheeling*.

You will shortly be receiving your membership renewals for 2010-2011. The fees for the upcoming year have not changed and will remain at Single \$70 and Family \$75. You will have the choice of paying membership fees at a meeting or via EFT. If you choose to EFT please ensure you notify the Treasurer via email confirming the transaction. It is difficult for Phil to determine who has paid if there is no reference and confirmation. Also, on the forms will be a section to advise your joining date. While we have good records for the past decade, the joining dates of long term members is patchy and it would assist the Committee to have everyone's joining date for our future records.

We have also set a date and confirmed the venue for this year's AGM dinner. The function will be held at the Dandenong Pavilion from 7pm on Saturday August 14. This should give everyone plenty of notice so make sure you mark this in the diary for what is always a good night. Full details are in the newsletter.

While it was mentioned in the last President's report, we need people to consider becoming a Committee member. Please give it some thought and don't hesitate to call to discuss the requirements for any of the positions. It is not a difficult job and is rewarding to know you contribute to a fantastic club.

We have a special guest from High Country Huts Association for the June meeting. This will no doubt be an extremely informative talk about the many huts scattered throughout the high country. Bruce advised the talk will take approximately 30-45 minutes and will include history behind the huts and what is required to maintain them for many years to come. This will be one not to miss.

Lastly, there are two great trips being run on the Queen's Birthday long weekend. Anthony has a trip to Collins Hut near Dargo, while Bob ventures back to Top Crossing Hut. Both will be great trips and there will be some good day trips being run from base camp. Full details are in the upcoming trips info.

See you on the next trip - or at the next meeting.

*Ashley Martin*  
President

# Minutes of General Meeting – 3 March 2010

General Meeting May 2010

Accepted: Mark Felton  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ken Pitcher

The meeting was held at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club and was opened at 8.00pm by President Ashley Martin.

Present: There were 29 members present as per the attendance book

Apologies: Maxine Ryan, Lesley Peters, Aline Van Buiten, Karen Griffith, Jim O'Brien, Michael & Verylle Rodger, Paula Johnston, Ken Beard, Michael Harris, John Wimetal

Visitors: Rob McGregor, Chris Whiteside, Andrew Barnett

## Minutes of previous General Meeting

Accepted : Shane McNeill

Seconded : Anthony Van Buiten

Matters arising: Nil

Correspondence in

Overland Cruising - April 2010

CCJC - April 2010

LROCV - March 2010

Variety Club QLD - Head to the Hills 4WD Explorer Nov 2010

High Country Reservations Promotional Material

Correspondence out

Newsletter

Treasurers report

Term Deposit	5202.49
Cash	3073.05
Petty Cash	50.00
Money In	445.00
Moneys Out	762.00
Balance	8008.54

## Trip reports

Licola - it was a good trip according to David. He headed up Friday night camped at Tamboritha Road. Spent Saturday on the Caledonia, and on Sunday headed up to Howitt Hut before heading home.

Trip coordinators report

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

Type	When	Where	Trip Leader
Weekend	Queen's Birthday	Dargo	Anthony Van Buiten
Weekend	Queen's Birthday	Mansfield - Trailer Trip	David Bruinsma
Weekend	Queen's Birthday	Top Crossing Hut	Bob McKerron
Day Trip	TBD	Marysville	Phil Griffith
Long (Trip Full)	June	Madigan Line - Simpson Desert	Ken Beard
Weekend	Late July	Snow Trip - Mt Skene	Craig Major

Short notice trips - please send an email to the Trip Coordinator [trips@vfwdc.com](mailto:trips@vfwdc.com) and Dan will forward it on to [all\\_members@vfwdc.com](mailto:all_members@vfwdc.com). E.g if you decide on Thursday to go for a drive on Saturday and want to throw it open

Trip data form will be hosted as a Word doc on the Web.

Visitor forms will also be hosted. Visitors includes anyone who is not a direct family member therefore even friends need to have a visitor form.

Guest Speaker

Eddie from OL (and Eastern Ranges 4WD Club) kindly spoke to the meeting. Opposite Lock are keen to re-establish their business in Victoria and to do so want to form a lasting relationship with the association and affiliated clubs.

All Vic stores are franchise exc. Mitcham. Dandenong to open soon.

See [www.oppositelock.com.au](http://www.oppositelock.com.au) for list of stores

New Lightforce Lights

XXX Lights

XXX Hid Spots - 10% Discount to Association Clubs

OL E-Locker - uses Electromagnets to engage, no Air, no O-Rings. Only 2 wires going onto the diff with switches on dash.

Snatch Block

Bull Bars - Specials with TMax winch

Recovery Hitch

Purpose of tonight to offer a permanent discount to members of Association clubs

Event Coordinators Report

AGM Dinner - Pavilion, Dandenong, Sat 14<sup>th</sup> August 2010 hopefully in the Private Room. Confirmation will be in the next Newsletter.

Trip form to come. Names please, it helps.

Association Report

Each board member has been allocated a club to liaise with. Our liaison is Hari Maragos. Hopefully we can get him to a future meeting.

Roadworthy - John sold his car with a 2 inch body lift, **2 inch suspension plus 33" tyres. A lot of places will not roadworthy anything with more than 2" combined lift.** Adjustable panhards are not roadworthy either. Although this is not yet law it looks like it has been tacitly adopted. The association have missed the last 2 meetings. ARB et al have been assured that this is not yet law. John spoke to Vic Roads and Roadworthy have **been advised to go off Aus Std which is the 2" max or go by Vic Rule which is 2/3 original suspension travel. Possible agreement will be 2" suspension plus 1" tyres (i.e. from 31" to 33" is OK), combined. Anything else will need to be engineered. This is a bit of a minefield. Watch this space.**

We will try to get a response from the Association on what is happening with this.

## General business

Ironman Snorkel - Safari have taken a recent hammering because other brands have been taking market share. They have recommended to stay away from imported products. It is true that some are not good quality however some such as Ironman are every bit as good as the Safari product. Please be wary if you see articles such as these .

High Country Huts association will be speaking next meeting.

Committee Positions - August will be the AGM. President and Secretary will be standing down, so we will be looking for new people. Please think about standing.

Other Business

Nil.

Raffle

Thanks to Eddie from OL for the donation of raffle prizes

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Recovery Gear Bag- David Bruinsma

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Quick Fists - Luke Teunissen

Meeting Closed: 9.50pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 2nd June at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club.



## CLUB MERCHANDISE For Sale

(Revised Price List)

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# 2010 AGM DINNER

**When:** 7.00pm til Midnight  
Saturday, 14 August 2010

**Where:** Dandenong Pavilion  
55-61 Princess Hwy  
Dandenong

**Details:** Private room  
A la Carte menu  
BYO (wine only)  
No deposit required, but we do  
need to confirm numbers ASAP

**Contact:** Ashley Marlin  
0438 600 904



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## CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

2010				
June	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	General Meeting	Ashley Martin	0438 600 904
	11–14	Trip—Wonnangatta River Dargo/ Collins Hut	Anthony Van Buiten	9764 3381
	11–14	Mansfield State Forest Alpine Park	David Bruinsma	a/h 9702 0288
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Trip—North Simpson Desert - Madigan Line	Ken Beard & Jane Spence	5971 4683
July	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting	Ashley Martin	0438 600 904
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Day Trip—Marysville area	Phil Griffith	0419 865 472

### UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Wonnangatta River Dargo/Collins Hut	DESTINATION	Marysville Area
LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	NAME: Anthony Van Buiten TEL: 9764 3381 MOB: 0413 784 074	LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	Phil Griffith 0419 865 472
DATE	June 11-14 Queens Birthday Weekend	DATE	Sunday 18th July
MEETING	7:00pm Longwarry BP Service Station	MEETING	TBA
GRADE	WET: Medium DRY: Easy-Medium	GRADE	Easy / Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Its been a few years since a few of us has visited Collins Hut, so I thought this long weekend would be a good chance to do so. There will be a day trip or two, exploring the nearby tracks or the option to relax around camp. The entrance onto scrubby creek track has been steep in the past but nothing too bad. Still able to take camper trailers in and out.	TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	An easy drive around Marysville area with an opportunity to get out and go for a walk and look around. An easy family day.
VEHICLE LIMITS	2– 8	VEHICLE LIMITS	
APPROX KMS	300km	APPROX KMS	
FUEL	Dargo	FUEL	
DISTANCE BE- TWEEN SUP- PLIES	Supplies available from Dargo, or we drive past the Wonnangatta Caravan Park on the way in where people often stop for ice.	DISTANCE BE- TWEEN SUP- PLIES	
EQUIPMENT RE- QUIRED	Recovery Gear Warm Clothes. This is the high country, expect anything	EQUIPMENT RE- QUIRED	Basic Recovery gear, Warm Clothes BYO Lunch.
MAPS REQUIRED	<b>Rooftop's Dargo-</b> Wonnangatta Adventure Map covers the area if you would like to bring your own map.	MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftop's "Maysville—Lake Eildon"
RADIO CHANNEL	12	RADIO CHANNEL	12



DESTINATION	Mansfield State Forest Alpine Park
LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	David Bruinsma a/h 9702 0288 0417 747 860
DATE	Queens Birthday Long Weekend Frid 11th June to Mon 14th June
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Lilydale McDonalds, Friday 11th, say 7.0pm to feed little Kids and the big Kids too. (OR) Saturday 12th Sheeppark Flat camping area by 9.30am
GRADE	WET: Easy DRY: Easy
TRIP ACTIV- ITY DETAILS	I am aiming for a good, casual, fun, easy weekend for my first trip with this club. As we have 3 days, there is no need for vast distances to be covered each day, especially with setting up and packing up camping equipment. This trip is aimed as a beginners trip WITH TRAILERS going off-road. Also suitable for people who are looking to purchase off-road trailers to watch what you need to do safely when 4wd- ing when burdened with a trailer. Chance of seeing some snow. There are some creek crossings, which may be a trickle of water or a bit higher ???
VEHICLE LIM- ITS	2- 6
APPROX KMS	Lilydale to Mansfield, approx 150kms Mansfield to first overnight stop, will be approx 30 to 35kms (Sheeppark Flat area), only the later 1/3 will be off- road.
FUEL	Mansfield
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	It is expected to be approx 230km Round trip to/from Mansfield
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	All Recovery Gear Food Water Camping Equipment (ie trailers) etc for 3 nights and 3 days Bring your Cameras, there should be plenty of scenery and huts to see.
MAPS RE- QUIRED	Rooftop's "Bush Huts Around Mansfield"
RADIO CHAN- NEL	12



## Beachport - Carpenters Rocks Beachport - Robe 2010

Starters.

TL: Bruce, his daughter Rebecca Cremonesi - GU Patrol -  
The Awesome  
TEC: Danny, Mishy, Lachy, and Maddy Robinson - GU Pa-  
trol - The Turncoat

Tim, Alison and Mat Baker - GU Patrol  
Gary Smith - GU Patrol

**Johan, Mrs Johan, 2 little Johan's Liebenburg** - GQ Patrol  
Steve, Nicole, 2 little Nicole Pitcher- Custom 3wd 100  
Series

Kandee and Cameron Cremonesi - Mazda 3 Sport/racing.  
Ken, Jane, 2 not so little Ken Beards - Some Toyota thing  
- The Evil Hunter

**Luke, Mrs Luke, 2 little Luke's** - Ford Exploder - The  
Hunted

(A continuation of the report from the previous edition)

### Day 4. - Beachport to Robe



Another day - another early start! Due to great  
planning by our TL, we had Low Tides again today,  
making for LOTS of beach driving!! A secret mes-  
**sage was sent to Bruce that the only "MUST DO"**  
for the day, was the order at the back of the con-  
voy must be The Hunter, The Hunted, with the  
Traitor at the back. Nobody was really sure why,  
nobody knew who asked for it either! With the ex-  
tra punters onboard today we had a large group.  
The Hunter led us along the main road which was

bum smooth until the turn off towards the beach which instantly changed to rough. Continuing along we came to the first beach for the day a short section then back into the dunes, then to 5 Mile Sand Dune - the first hill to play on. There were slow races, fast races, reversing, drifting, **photos, footy, wee wee's and lots more. As some** played, 3 ran back to town - 2 for fuel, 1 for his wallet! Once back together we moved on towards Nora Cerina.

Moving away from the 5 Mile Hill people were playing on, Bruce lead again. We went downhill, uphill, around a corner, downhill and up and we



were back on the beach. This is what we came for came the cry on the radio. Another good chance for games to begin down the back, trying to trap Luke! The lure was set over the radio but the Exploder made it through again and again, creating much cockyness in the land of Ford. People were wondering if he would ever be caught! The track varied along this section from nice wide and quick to very narrow, but always well signposted. Again, the credit must go to the Wattle Ranges club for their work and efforts. The sand was a little softer in some sections compared to yesterday so the pace of driving needed to increase to keep momentum up. What was strange was there was no wind! The beach was smooth, and water along the coast was FLAT, Bruce called back he had never driven that section of beach without it being -5 wind chill! It almost looked like you could have dived in for a swim! But nobody took the challenge.

Then came the call from the back of the pack **'there are beach buggies coming'**. **Strange but true!** We were around the buggy club area of the beach, so maybe they were lost? These 2 race

buggies came cruising down the beach and they looked serious fun! We pulled up at the end of the beach section to let them past but they came up to us, did a u-turn and we expected them to rocket back down the beach, but there was more noise than a atomic bomb going off but the buggies went nowhere, they were all show!!! Quite disappointing.



At the place we stopped, there was a great rocky outcrop into the water. We took photos while others handed out a few drinks to the kids and the kids had a bit of fun on the beach! Some of us went for a walk out onto the rocky outcrop that went 100mtrs or so out into the ocean. The water was straight out of a tourist brochure - crystal clear, and very light blue - it was very hypnotic. All this time, Gary was keeping an eye on events from the centre of the pack, very quiet, and stealth! Not so from the Hunter who decided he would need help! So he started putting the word out to the other drivers that assistance was needed.



Back on track, there was a bit of traffic at this **point, something we hadn't had up until now.** So we found ourselves being held up quite a lot which got annoying really fast. Most bothersome was when you would get around the slower cars/blockage then take the next ramp back to the beach expecting a nice fast run along the beach, for the track to do a U Turn, and you come head on to the group of nuffys that you just passed! Then have to wait 10 mins for them to figure out

what day it was, decide they were going to have a go, only to have them get bogged directly in front of you. 8 people climbed out of the truck and then the driver drove on, they climbed back in and they get bogged again – BUT!!! They were out of the way.

Time was getting on, and we were coming up on Stinky bay where you cannot drive the beach. We turned and took the last exit up through Nora Creina. The hunter made another attempt here to bog Luke, but once again, the hunted was way too smart to get stuck there! Almost like he was expecting it! Nora Creina is an amazing little place that is named after a shipwreck in January 1859. It consists of 20 odd huts/shacks, and a small fishing population. The track through the town is private property, and is gated at the northern end, so last car through shuts the gate. All though the gates, **it's a slow trip up the road to the Little Dip Conservation Park track.**



The roads from Nora to the LDCP track are well maintained for the amount of traffic they get! We come to the fence, and turn once again into the bush. The track along here was like a scene from Indiana Jones, Bruce stating on the radio that it was low first, very rocky, and there were massive webs with spiders the size of small cars (we think **he was lying**). **It's a nice track, rather rough and rocky** which leads onto Errington Beach. Once again, the sand was rather soft and puffy, causing the traffic we thought we had left behind, to come into play again. Weeding our way though the **bogged cars, the marking on the maps stated 'as you leave the beach, select low range'**, first time I'd seen that. We had a choice, of turn right to go to Little Dip Lake, or left to the beach, so beach it was! The map then indicated, **"EXTREMELY SOFT"** beach, so on we went – AND IT WAS with everyone staying up high away from the water, well TL decided to **'test the lower beach'**, and nearly sank like a rock! **There was no chance to stop for a latte' along here, much to Dan's and Tim's disgust, we kept trekking as we didn't want to spend hours digging ourselves out of the beach. We had a good run**

so far, and wanted to keep it that way. Well maybe not as the call came from the back – that the trap had been sprung and the Hunted was bogged!!! It took the best part of 2 days to get him but success **had come. I'm still waiting for the taxidermist to finish with the corpse, and to see the trophy on the wall.**



Continuing along past Long Gully Camp the track once again got narrow as it cut its way up and through the grassy hill, with all thinking lets hope **we don't come across others. We didn't – YET.** Back onto the beach here for a few klms, and the pace really picked up out front, with a bit of highly skilled fast driving, and turning, and sand flying up **over the roof of a few 4b's.. Norty boys. Heading on** through Bishops Pate, Domaschenz track, back on



the beach, we came across a bogged BRAND NEW \$10,000,000 Discovery. Some helpful tips were given, like turn the switch on the dash that is marked **"UNBOG ME"**, well for the price you would

expect one! Ken, being a Toyota driver knew full well what it was like to be bogged all the time, stopped and gave him a hand. After a short term, it was finally moving. Onwards towards Hermitage Beach and the lovely exit at the end of the beach, which becomes very chewed out real quick, and has some large rocks in the middle to catch the self-aggrandizing (and it did!)

#### BUT FIRST



- Once on the beach, we came across Kens buddy\*\* in the Disco was sitting on his chassis! **This time the bloke's wife was out of the car, and was walking off into the sunset, 200mtrs away by this stage!! Turns out Kens mate was a lawyer! So most of us ran for our lives. Apparently the bloke didn't say thanks to Ken last time he helped him, so he wasn't so keen to help this time though. Few of us had made it up through the cutting, through the large rocks, and were up on top of the lookout over the beach. The Disco was on the sills. His wife was still walking away! In the end Mr Disco trudged over to Ken to beg for his assistance. First question, "what pressures", and the blokes face looked like a clown at the circus waiting for ping pong balls. After letting 2psi out of his tyres, the bloke thought he was ready for action. Then Ken asked if it was in 4wd, the bloke said that he didn't know.**



Dan and Ken had a look inside, very tidy and clean but they struggled to find the 4b shifter, which ended up being a switch that you turn. So Ken is hooked up, and dragged him back towards the blokes' missus. **At this stage there were 20-30 cars**

watching next to them, and up on the lookout. In the meantime, there had been a good 10-15 cars trying to get up the hill, and most stopped to watch **the show. Even the blokes' kids were running! But** towed back 100mtrs to the main track, all was good - for the moment!

It was then Disco Daves turn to have a go at getting up the hill off the beach. This should be easy - bollocks! Coming along the high beach line that everyone else was using, it was getting very chopped up by this time. Giving it a few revs, he got to the point where you had to turn right and go **up the hill. Well that didn't happen. This bloke was** getting some good practice at reversing. Back down onto the beach, but instead of staying in the high tide tracks, he appeared to get stuck again, but giving the rev limiter a run, he was heading up the hill, with a standing ovation from the crowds, and **the ranger who had joined the list of VIP's watching** the show. The blokes wife dived down under the dash as they came past the crowd, but everybody made sure to take photos to send to him - but nobody got his address.

We watched a few more cars attempting to get up the hill which in reality, was no challenge for anybody in our group, but it was getting stupid busy up on the hill now, with people not waiting their turn to go down the hill, causing issues with those stuck on beach trying to get a run up. At this point, Bruce put the call out LETS GET OUTTA HERE!

\*\* It has only just occurred to me that Ken set this whole thing up with the Disco! Obviously one of Kens mates that tagged along. He wanted us to believe that the Yota was worthy... **Ken Ken Ken... tsk tsk tsk.**

**From here onto Robe we didn't encounter anymore** beach, it was all tracks cut into the landscape, following the cliffs along to give some more spectacular views, with some tracks were very deep. We came across one section where the local surfers were parked up in some old Subaru's, few old ford utes, and VW transporters! There was still some kms to go! The tracks were very undulating, with **many blind hills. You can tell the locals, they don't** have flags!

Few times we came across some cars coming the other way, happily they waited, then we came to the last real hill of the day, only couple of kms from the tip (which is the end of the tracks). But this hill was way too much for the luxury Toyota of Mr Ken. It made great listening for Bruce, Tim, Johan and Gary who were waiting at the turnoff trying to stop other cars heading out. Several efforts **LOCKERS and all, he couldn't crest the hill. He** reversed back and let others through, I'm not to-

tally sure but I think he had to wait for a Chinook helicopter to lift the top of the wallet junk out of there – even the Exploder and all others made it. Why there were no photos taken of this rescue of international proportions, I have no idea

sharks caught earlier in the day. But it was very cold and windy by this time. So back to the van to have a few laughs, hot instant coffee and dinner. The stories had already begun by the time we arrived.

As night fell, most started packing up ready for the early departure in the morning.

Early rise, packing up some wet campers was a given, as there was a heavy dew again. Then the tearful goodbyes were had, (some were still asleep!), and everyone made their way home.



The waiting got too much for Bruce, Tim, Johan, and Gary who slowly worked their way into Robe to the shops and park on the beach to air up, let the kids run around again, and Johan's missus and kids even went swimming! Tim's missus went to get some chips for the kids, she was gone an hour and half! Gets busy in Robe! Some kicking the footy, laying back, looking at local wildlife, airing up was done and Ken and crew finally turned up. At this point the group split up to head back to van park.



**Great weekend was had by all. I can't wait to do it again with a great bunch of people. Much thanks to everyone for having a great attitude, and all being there for the fun of it all. Most fun I've had on a trip in ages!**

See ya out there.  
Captain Wrongway



Some went straight away back to the caravan park, while a few others went to Woakwine Cutting to check out one of the real marvels of engineering. Starting in 1957 2 very determined blokes using an old D7 Cat tractor cut 1klm long 28mtrs deep and 30mtrs wide to drain a peat bog to turn it into farming land! 276000 cubic mtrs of ROCK was removed! The work took 3 years, and they drained 420 hectares of peat!

From here we went to the Jetty in town which is the longest in South Aussie, and one of the longest in Australia. There was plenty of fishing action happening on here with the locals with some large