

Free Wheeling



Club members attending First Aid training - August 2011



VFWDC GENERAL MEETING VENUE

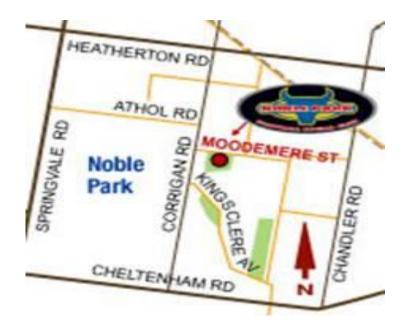
The club meets at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club, 46-56 Moodemere St, Noble Park on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 8.00pm (No meeting January). Members and Guests are welcome to dine at the Bistro before attending the meeting.

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 October newsletter. Spring is in the air and the days are slowly becoming longer. The warm weather is getting closer and it's the time of the year when more trips will be appearing on the calendar. Look further on in the newsletter for more details.

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Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc	
Registration No	A002184F	
Correspondence	PO Box 778 Dandenong Vic 3174	
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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 20th of each month to editor@vfwdc.com	
	The Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club is an affiliated club of the Victoria Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc (VAFWDC)	



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CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

2011				
October	Wednesday 5th	General Meeting-Delegate from VFWD	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	8th - 9th	Possible working bee at Collins Hut	Ashley Martin	0438 600 904
	15th-16th	Melville Caves - Camper trailers welcome	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	25th	Committee Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	29th - 1st Nov	Dargo / Collins Hut	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
	29th - 1st Nov	Robe - South Australia	Johan Liebenberg	0407 563 210
November	Wednesday 2nd	General Meeting—At Everything Four Wheel Drive - Cranbourne	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	22nd	Committee Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	27th	Christmas Party	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
December	Wednesday 7th	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	3rd	Oxfam Christmas Tree Delivery	Bruce Bruinsma	0417 747 860
	Xmas/New Years Eve	Alice Springs—Northern Territory	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
January 2012	Wednesday 7th	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	17th	Committee Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
February	Wednesday 1st	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	Saturday 18th	GPS Course	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296

Our website has been updated, check it out at www.vfwdc.com It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring a cd of the photos from your trips to the club meeting & pass them onto Bruce, so they can be added to our website for advertising. Only if you choose to.



EMG Swag BRAND NEW - never been used still in the box. \$250 Meas. 108x31x31cm

Please call Chris 0400 540 183 or

Email gxl4x4@bigpond.com

Thanks, Chris Smith





The committee had decided to implement this idea, to help promote the club and encourage club members to run more trips. This will be over a period of the committee year. Prizes will not be awarded to the same person. The prize will be a voucher to an nominated establishment of your choice (within reason), sorry no cash.

The following prizes will be on offer:





CLUB MERCHANDISE For Sale

(Revised Price List)

Club Polo Shirts	\$28.00 ea
Club Polar Fleece ½ Zip Jumper	\$38.00 ea
Club Polar Fleece Full Zip Jacket	\$48.00 ea
Club Sleeveless Reversible Vest	\$44.00 ea
Club Caps	\$15.00 ea
Club Bucket Hat	\$16.00 ea
Club Wide Brim Hat	\$18.00 ea
Club Beanie	\$12.00 ea
VFWDC Sticker (long)	\$ 6.00 ea

(The VFWDC long stickers will be available at the next club meeting. Please see David Bruinsma for these stickers).

We encourage all members to purchase a Club Polo Shirt.

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

Minutes of General Meeting September 2011

General Meeting 7th September 2011

The meeting was held at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club and was opened at 8.10pm by President Bruce Cremonesi

Present: There were 27 members present as per

the attendance book

Apologies: There were 5 members absent as per

the book

Visitors: There were 4 visitors present as per the

book

Minutes of previous General Meeting

Accepted : Nevelle Seconded : Sally

Correspondence in

RFDS - Wings of the outback magazine, and request for donations

Cross Country jeep club magazine

The Eureka echo magazine

Bendigo Bank statements (x2)

2 membership renewals (and change of address for Joyce Male)

Oxfam Xmas tree delivery

Correspondence out

Club Magazines as per usual

Treasurers report

 Term Deposit
 \$ 5465.34

 Petty Cash
 \$ 50.00

 Money In
 \$ 2566.37

 Moneys Out
 \$ 2711.37

 Balance
 \$ 7242.59

Accepted: Mark 2nd: Dan

Trip reports

Sam's Mt Skene Snow trip - not a lot of snow this year compared to last year. First day spent up at the summit, and the next day at Woods point for lunch. Black river track and the rivers were up very high. There were about 7 groups up there. There are also a couple more huts that have been built up there.

Minutes of General Meeting September 2011 Continued

Trip coordinators report

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

Туре	When	Where	Trip Leader
Weekend	September 23 rd	Halls gap	Bruce Cremonesi
Weekend	8 th 9 th Oct	Collins hut working bee	Latrobe 4wd club
Weekend	15 th 16 th Oct	Melville Caves	Bruce
Weekend	29 th Oct 1 st Nov	Collins Hut	David Bruinsma
Weekend	29 th Oct 1 st Nov	Robe	Johan
Day	27 th Nov	Xmas party	Bruce
2 weeks	Xmas/news years	Alice Springs, via Uluru	David Bruinsma

There might be a couple of Day trips organized at short notice in November.

General business

John Partridge did a "show and tell" with LED light bars

First Aid Course training was done on the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of August

New committee - still need a new Vic-President

Oxfam Xmas tree deliveries -

Collins hut re-build will be taking place in October.

Fire Wood collection, now does not need a permit for 'personal use only' during certain seasons.

November Meeting will be held again at John's shop in Cranbourne - and there will be plenty of raffles - John will be trying to hit up the suppliers for stuff to donate to the raffle.

Raffle

This month there is 4 prizes donated by John Partridge

Tickets sold by Raffle Queen Emily

Prize	Won by:
Tree protector (black rat)	Sam
Black Leather gloves	Julie
Tyre gauge	Adam
Fizzers	Pete

Meeting	Closed:	•••••••••	pm
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Next Meeting: Wednesday 8.00pm...... at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club.





Christmas Party

27th of November 2011
Braeside park 11am to 4pm
Fully catered – Spit Roast (same as Xmas in July) – Sadly no wholemeal rolls.
Santa (thanks Tim)– bring present along for kids,
WRAPPED And LABELED.
PRICE LIMIT \$20.00

Dozens of fun events on for kids

and adults. Spin around 4 times and race to the flag 3 legged races, 3 people with their right foot strapped to an old ski races Sack races (WHY ARE THEY ALL RACES - CANT WE ALL BE FRIENDS), Egg and spoon races, Something about a balloons between your knees running 50mtrs without bursting it and passing it to someone without using your hands Pin the tail on the Something... Cricket, footy, baseball, coit flying, etc etc.

And more!!!!

Collins Hut



As mentioned at the recent general meeting our club was involved in restoring Collins Hut located on the Wonnangatta River. The club spent many weekends restoring the hut, clearing the overgrown vegetation and installing a long drop toilet. Countless hours were put in by members to keep it standing for years to come. Rosalie Hughes even managed to track down the Collins family who attended a meeting to provide a history of the hut.

Unfortunately the hut has been vandalised and DSE wish to demolish it. Through contact with 4WD Vic La Trobe 4x4 Club and our club agreed to work in conjunction to once again restore the hut. DSE don't understand why the effort but happy for us to proceed.

Latrobe 4X4 recently attended a meeting with the local DSE ranger to discuss what's required. As a result a working be is organised for October 8&9. Latrobe has organized new sheeting for the outside and paint but requires glass/perspex for the windows and timber shutters. If any member can assist with industry contacts for either item please let me know.

There was interest of assistance from a number of members at the last meeting so would hope we can gather a good group of members to assist.

We will discuss this further at the September meeting but if you're unable to attend and have questions please call me on 0438 600 904.

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Our new website is up and running: www.e4wd.com.au

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	BEACHPORT-ROBE-CARPENTERS ROCKS
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	Johan Liebenberg
DATE	29th October - 1st November - Melbourne Cup Weekend
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Twin Mobil Service Centre Outbound, Western Ring Rd, Ardeer early Saturday morning.
GRADE	Beach driving can be easy - or hard (Depending on tides, weather)

TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS

Saturday Day 1: Melb - Beachport (Southend).

Sunday Day 2: Beachport - Robe

Monday Day 3: Rest Day or Southend - Carpenters Rocks

Tuesday Day 4: Home. If there is interest, we can do the Blue Lake in Mt Gambier on the way home.

ACCOMMODATION:

We will be base camping (tents/swag/camper/) at Southend bush camp (15km south of Beachport). It is around 4 km outside town with dunnys and a water tank (rain water). Nicely laid out camping sites with fire places and shared tables (fires subject to restrictions?)

There is also a newsagents that sells fuel in Beachport, but not much else.

Honesty box at camp site.

\$11 per night per vehicle

BRING WITH YOU FOR THE WEEKEND:

- -- Recovery gear any questions see me at club meeting.
- -- Air pressure gauge, tyre inflator, tyre deflator. (will be running round 15-20psi on sand)
- -- UHF
- -- Tarp and Poles may be handy for socializing at nite.
- -- Good warm clothing and probably boots & spare dry clothes it can be COLD.
- -- Camping Gear.
- -- Cameras we may have a photo competition with a prize for best at next meeting!
- -- Sense of Humour.

OTHER INFO:

Tides: http://www.mobilegeographics.com:81/locations/456.html?y=2011&m=11&d=29

Other things to do/see:

Eat seafood galore - Get some lobsters off the boat in Robe!! Crayfish cooker in the caravan park if you wish.

Visit - Small lakes - Lake George Shore - Five Mile Drift.

Day trip to the Wineries.

Woakwine Cutting

Fishing on the beach or the 772mtr long jetty!

Relaxing and Bird watching

Old Grain and wool store which is now the Local Museum

Swimming - The Pool of Siloam is unique to Beachport. With a salt concentration seven times greater than the sea, it is an ideal swimming spot creating unusual buoyancy, and has a reputation for its powerful healing properties. And lots more!

More info: http://www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=318

**LAST TO ARRIVE DOES TRIP REPORT **

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Basic recovery equipment / Sand Flag
RADIO UHF	12

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	COLLINS HUT
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	DAVID BRUINSMA MOB: 0417 747 860
DATE	MELBOURNE CUP LONG WEEKEND FRI 28 th OCTOBER TO TUES 1 ST NOVEMBER 2011
MEETING PLACE / TIME	COLLINS HUT
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: MEDIUM DRY: EASY
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Feel free to come along either Friday night or Saturday morning. First 4x4 trip will not be leaving Saturday morning until 10am, and will be an easy trip, aiming to be back at camp before 4pm. Sunday will be a POT Roast-off for a late lunch (probably eating about 2 or 3pm. Monday I will be attempting a long 4x4 run somewhere, and will want to leave camp before 9am and might be getting back latish. Tuesday will be aiming to mostly pack up by mid-day and leave after lunch.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: no minimum MAXIMUM: 10
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL & DIESEL: DARGO
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	All personal camping gear, food, drinks, recovery equipment – and a good sense of fun and adventure
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftops - Dargo Wonnangatta map
RADIO CHANNEL UHF	UHF 12

DESTINATION	Alice Springs - Northern Territory - New year's eve 2011
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	DAVID BRUINSMA MOB: 0417 747 860
DATE	Boxing day Dec 26 th 2011 - For at least 2 weeks.
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBA – but probably Berry in SA on 26 th Dec in the late afternoon.
GRADE Please adhere to	WET: MEDIUM/HARD
new trip classifications	DRY: EASY
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Intend leaving on Boxing day 2011, with the first days drive to be the longest of the whole trip (about 800+ kms). After that, most days will be less than 600km. Intention is to do site seeing all the way to Mt Isa, exploring anything on the left hand side (west) of the highway whilst heading north. I must be in Alice Springs for a wedding on New years eve – everything in between and after that is very flexible. Again, on the return trip – anything worth looking at on the LEFT hand side (east) of the highway (now we are heading back) will be fair game to be explored. The return trip is also intended to be done at a sedate pace with 400 to 600kms per day to be the norm. I do expect to try some 4x4 (or at least dirt) tracks on the way home if the weather & circumstances permit.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: me and my family MAXIMUM: 6
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL & DIESEL: major towns
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	All personal camping gear, food, drinks, recovery equipment – & a good sense
	of fun & adventure. Plenty of drinking water, & spare fuel or long range tanks.
MAPS REQUIRED	HEMA desert maps (any other suitable maps you can get hold off)
RADIO CHANNEL UHF	UHF 12 (I'll have a 2 nd UHF radio on scan mode as well)







First Aid Level Two Training

Saturday 20th & Saturday 27th of August 2011

Congratulations to all club members who attended and participated in the Level Two First Aid. Alot of information was "crammed" into two days, heaps of questions were asked and the trainer was very knowledgeable.

As you can see from the photos, there was also alot "hands on" training and plenty of theory work to be filled out in our workbooks. There was so much knowledge to take in, but not enough hours in the day. Members had to take their workbooks home and fill out the last few pages and return them to complete the course.

The club should feel proud and safe with their fellow members being certified and qualified, when their away on their next great adventure somewhere in the great outdoors.





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FWDV Delegates Brief Sheet to be read out at Club Meetings, or printed in Club Magazines.

September 2011

Leisurefest – Sandown Racecourse - Leisurefest will also be held again this year from Thursday 6th October to Sunday 9th October 2011 at Sandown Racecourse. FWDV are looking for volunteers to assist with the staffing of their stand, if you are able to assist please also contact Wayne Hevey – Projects & Events Manager at the Office on 9857 5209 or email events@fwdvictoria.org.au

Camp Host - Sites are still available for the Melbourne Cup Long Weekend. If your club is going out to your favorite spot, why not consider participating in the Camp Host program. Your club will be reimbursed for your time and effort along with helping Parks Victoria and DSE over this holiday weekend period. Clubs wanting to assist in promoting our recreation of four wheel driving should contact Wayne Hevey – Projects & Events Manager at the Office on 9857 5209 or email events@fwdvictoria.org.au

Oxfam Christmas Tree Deliveries 2011 - Over the last 19 years, member clubs of Four Wheel Drive Victoria have supported Oxfam Australia in their annual delivery of Christmas Trees. We are looking for drivers, navigators and vehicles that can carry 8 to 25 freshly cut trees, with or without a trailer. Many 4WD clubs have found this a very enjoyable and rewarding activity that makes a considerable contribution to the larger community in which we live. If your club can help please contact Brian Moran - Coordinator Oxfam Australia Christmas Tree Project Phone 94973227 Fax 94994759 Email: briangum@tpg.com.au with the approximate number of vehicles your club can provide by late October.

4WD Victoria AGM - Nominations for Board Member Vacancies Required.

Nominations are required from members who might like to contribute to the association by becoming a member of the 4WD Victoria Board of Management. At the AGM in November nominations for Secretary and Treasurer along with Normal Board Member positions will be required, anyone wishing to either discuss or nominate for these positions are invited to contact the CEO on 9857 5209 or email ceo@fwdvictoria.org.au

4WD Victoria Raffle

Tickets for the second of 4WD Victoria's two raffles for 2011 have been sent to clubs to sell on the basis of one ticket per member, and at only \$2.00 per ticket we ask each club for their assistance in selling all of their allocated tickets. 4WD Victoria rely on these two raffles each year to assist with our fund raising activities, and they jointly assist us in keeping down any increase in Affiliation Fee's that may be deemed necessary.

Prizes for the raffle are as follows:

1st Prize - Pair of Hella Luminator Xenon Driving Lights (Model: Rallye 4000 XGD - Pencil Beam)

Donated by Hella Australia - Value \$1,800

2nd Prize – Engel 1000W Generator (Model: SHX1000)

Donated by Engel Australia - Value \$950.00

3rd Prize – 4WD Four Wheel Drive Victoria Training Course

Donated by Four Wheel Drive Victoria - Value \$390.00

4th Prize - GME TX6100 (5 watt) 80 Channel Compact Hand Held UHF Radio

Donated by Standard Communications Pty Ltd - Value \$270.00

5th Prize - Set of 10 x Spatial Vision 4WD Maps

Donated by Spatial Vision - Value \$112.00

Raffle will be drawn on Monday 12th December at 4WD Victoria, RSL Hall 2 Centreway, Balwyn.

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ITS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

THE MAN WITH THE RED SUIT IS WATCHING

Over the last 19 years, FWDV have encouraged club members to organize a team of vehicles to support the annual Christmas tree drive.

Your club and its members will be supporting a well recognized community event and fundraiser for Oxfam's important work.

As well as this, the goodwill and public recognition for FWDV Clubs in supporting this well organized operation, and also adds a positive image to our public profile.

You can make it a fun day out, dress up or even decorate your vehicle to get in the spirit.

For a couple of hours or even a couple of days of your time, you will help Oxfam but also promote the good work that your club and its members do, in conjunction with FWDV to assist the communities.

Supporting Oxfam with the deliveries not only helps the community but also gives you a sense of good feeling, especially seeing the children's faces when the tree arrives - Just like Santa Claus.

Meeting at the Scout Hall, Pakenham St, Blackburn (Melway Map 47 H 12) on Saturday 3 December. If your club can help please contact Brian Moran -Coordinator Oxfam Australia Christmas Tree Project Phone 94973227 Fax 94994759 Email: briangum@tpg.com.au with the approximate number of vehicles your club can provide by late October.

It will be good to see more clubs become involved this year, including the Bellarine and Mornington Peninsula areas.

Thank you