



FEBRUARY 2013

Free Wheeling



Mystery Pub to Pub Trip

Notice Board

VFWDC GENERAL MEETING VENUE

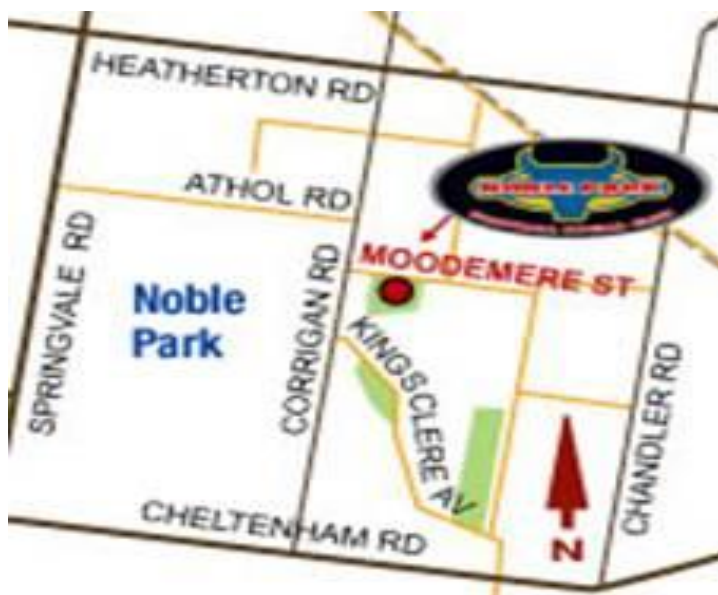
The club meets at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club, 46-56 Moodemere St, Noble Park on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 8.00pm (No meeting in January and November meeting at selected location). Members and Guests are welcome to dine at the Bistro before attending the meeting.

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

Venue:

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

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



FREE WHEELING

Hello and welcome to the January newsletter. Welcome back, hope you all had a safe and enjoyable break. 2013 isn't starting off to well, bush fires are again raging through the high country, which might limit our trips there. However were looking at several other options, check out the calendar for further details.

Catherine

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Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
Registration No	A002184F
Correspondence	PO Box 778 Dandenong Vic 3174
Email	secretary@vfwdc.com
Website	www.vfwdc.com
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 th 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

2013				
February	Wednesday 6th	General Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	8th	Monthly Night Run	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
	16th	New member day trip - EASY	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
	20th	Committee Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
March	Wednesday 6th	General Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	8th - 11th	Knockwood - New member trip EASY	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207
	15th	Monthly Night Run	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
	17th	Day Trip - Marysville 'Take 3'	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	20th	Committee Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	29th March - 1st April	Easter Long Weekend Tolmie Mansfield	Sam Ayoubee	0414 503 874
April	Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	5th	Monthly Night Run	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
	12th - 14th	Huts, Camper trailers - New Members EASY	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	14th	Day trip - Castlemaine	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207
	17th	Committee Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	26th - 28th	Wabonga Plateau Trip	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207
May	Wednesday 1st	General Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	3rd	Monthly Night Run	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
	10th—12th	Cape Otways - Aire River Caravan Park	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	22nd	Committee Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
June	Wednesday 5th	General Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	7th - 10th	Exploring Huts - No Trailers	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	26th	Committee Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
July	Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	5th - 7th	Christmas in July	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	19th - 21st	Snow Trip - Permit Required Mt Skene	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207
	24th	Committee Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to this month's of free wheeling.

Hello and welcome to 2013 I'm happy to see that we made it through 2012 with out the world ending, which makes a good start to this year. Thankfully.

It is sad to say the year hasn't started off too well for most people, our thoughts go out to those affected by the bush fires that have been raging in Tassie as well as in Victoria and to all those who are now ravaged by floods in Qld and NSW. I hope all will be better in the near future for all of them.

Now to club items please remember that we are once again running the trip incentive scheme this year with David pushing hard to win most trips run and several other members are in the running for most trips attended. Please try to support those who are running trips if you can, it's a shame that some trips don't go ahead because of lack of numbers.

We also need to get a couple of volunteers to help with the sub committee and the constitution, to be able to set it out in accordance with the new way the government wants us to have it.

I am looking forward to the next few months with plenty of public holidays, which make for long weekends so please think about where you might want to go on a weekend or a day trip or a winery or any other type of fun things to do even just camping at your favourite spot.

The committee is trying to organise some driver training sometime in the first half of the year for those who have not done their training yet. It's a good opportunity for you to learn the skills necessary, to help you to drive your vehicle with confidence, it's amazing how much you can learn on these trips.

See you all out in the bush or at the meetings throughout the year.

Mark Felton

President VFWDC

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Knockwood Reserve
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	Markncat Felton 0439 345 207 or Via Email: editor@vfwdc.com
DATE	Friday 8th—Monday 11th of March
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Lilydale Macca's (Back car park)—For 7pm departure
GRADE	WET: Easy DRY: Easy
<p style="text-align: center;">TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS</p> <p>This will be a weekend for all the first timers for the club and all the regular members to come and have a fun relaxing weekend. Bring trailers, campervan, tents, bring them all, as Knockwood is easily accessible, with drop toilets.</p> <p>There will be a trip to Mount Terrible, where we'll take a few nice easy tracks. We'll visit the Kevington pub for lunch, visit Jamieson brewery and berry farm. Once again, take advantage of a stay in camp, by having a pot roast on Saturday night, so bring your favourite meat and camp oven along. Come and check out what our club does have to offer.</p> <p>If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us and ask us.</p>	
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: N/A MAXIMUM: N/A
APPROX KMS	200kms, 400-500kms round trips
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	Mansfield
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	50kms
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Basic recovery equipment, self sufficient
MAPS REQUIRED	N/A
RADIO UHF	12

DESTINATION	Expression of interest – Tolmie Mansfield
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Sam Ayoubiee MOB: 0414 503 874
DATE	Easter Weekend
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Tba—Contact Sam Ayoubiee for further details
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: DRY:
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Family weekend camping. This trip will be trailer friendly, base camping with day trip outings to explore the local area.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: MAXIMUM:
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	tba
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: DIESEL:
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	tba
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Day Trip to Castlemaine	DESTINATION	Wabonga Plains Trip
LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	NAME: Markncat Felton MOB: 0439 345 207	LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	NAME: Markncat Felton MOB: 0439 345 207
DATE	Saturday 14th April	DATE	Friday 26th - Sunday 28th April
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Servo next to Calder Park 7am	MEETING PLACE / TIME	Lilydale Macca's (Back car park) - For 7pm departure
GRADE	On sealed roads, no off roading. It will be a sight seeing day.	GRADE	WET: Medium DRY: Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>This will be a sighting seeing day, as it's been a few years since we've been out this direction.</p> <p>We'll be checking out the growing harvest festival, there will be workshops, demonstrations and stalls and check it out on the web. We'll stop off for a bite to eat for lunch, if you choose to or bring your own.</p> <p>Then in the afternoon, we'll check out the Buda historic home & Garden (there is a small entry charge). Possibly stop into a winery or two, time dependant. We'll head home sometime late afternoon.</p>	TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>We'll be camping at Buttercup Five campsite, just out of Sawmill settlement. Option to meet us Saturday morning at this campsite for 9am departure. We'll be going in via Pineapple campsite, take a look at King Hut, travelling along the staircase, passing Lake Cobbler, across the Dandongadale Buffalo divide track, down to Bennies, to take Wild Horse Gap track, along the Razorback, Burnt top track, stop at Top Crossing hut and stopping at Lake William Hovell. If time permits, take a look at Paradise Falls as well and possible come out via Tomahawk Gap.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM:2 MAXIMUM:8	VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM:3 MAXIMUM:8
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	tba	APPROX KMS	200kms off-road from Sawmill settlement/ Gates Mt Buller/Mt Striling. 600kms round trip roughly.
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	N/A	LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	Diesel: Mansfield Petrol: Mansfield
MAPS REQUIRED	N/A	MAPS REQUIRED	TBA
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12	RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12

Positions Vacant

Currently there are existing vacancies & 'acting' roles available within the club committee pending more permanent appointments to these vacant roles. We require volunteers to fill these roles by the 1st of March 2013, please contact the committee.

Important Legislative Changes that will affect VFWDC

As anticipated, Consumer Affairs Victoria ("CAV") has published preliminary details regarding the proposed changes to the legislation that will apply to clubs and associations that are incorporated in Victoria, effective from **26 November 2012**. There is a 12 month transitional period but I'm not precisely sure as to what exactly the transitional period covers (eg. just the changes to financial reporting or the whole of the legislation).

As such, it is incumbent on all of us to ensure that we have a reasonable understanding of what the proposed changes entail and, to the extent that we may feel a need to provide any feedback, ensure that any submission is finalised and lodged before the closing date.

For more information and key links and documents include:

New legislation affecting Victorian incorporated associations;
Changes affecting incorporated associations from November 2012 - Legislation update;
Information about the Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2012 Regulatory Impact Statement;
Associations incorporation Reform Regulations 2012 Regulatory Impact Statement; and
Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2012.

CAV is running a series of information sessions (see Calendar of Events on the Associations Website) to familiarise interested parties with these new changes.



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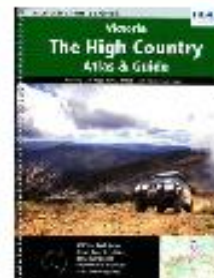
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Minutes of General Meeting December 2012

General Meeting 14th December 2012

The meeting was held at Noble Park Football Club and was opened at 8:15pm by the President Mark Felton.

Present: as per the attendance book

Apologies: as per the Apologies book

Visitors: as per the Visitors Book

Minutes of previous General Meeting (November meeting)

Accepted : Andrew

Seconded : John

Matters arising:

Nil

Correspondence in

Not available due to club secretary not present due to work commitments.

Correspondence out

Club Magazines as per usual

Treasurers report

Term Deposit	\$	5905.04
Cash	\$	
Petty Cash	\$	50.00
Money In	\$	329.00
Moneys Out	\$	460.85
Balance	\$	6225.26

Accepted: Mark

2nd: Ian

Term deposit is due for renewal on 22nd December - we have decided to transfer some money from our cheque account and bring up the investment to \$7000 and to go for a shorter term of 6 months instead of 12 months - for more flexibility.

Trip reports

Sam Ayoubie briefly spoke about Andre's trip to Walhalla 3rd to 6th November, staying at O'Tooles Flat camping ground. Sam spoke about David driving down flats track with camper trailer (no trailer brakes). We saw a D22 Navara that had been rolled and towed out.

Gary Smith spoke about Mark's trip to Lone Graves on 16th to 18th November. Had to rework how and which tracks

to go on due to a motor bike race through some of the tracks on the weekend. Went to see the graves, went to find some of the old mines - went through a tunnel of foliage due to the regrowth after the fires, ended up turning around.

Joe spoke about Dave Jacksons day trip to Mt Terrible. Met at Lilydale and went off for a fairly easy dry trip up and back. No breakages no break downs and no problems. Even Ian didn't break his car this time.

Xmas Party report by Catherine and Mark. Met at Gumbuya Park at about 12 noon. Nearly 20 people came for lunch and watched a couple of Peacocks' fighting for about an hour, and afterward had a walk through the bird cages.

Trip coordinators report

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

Type	When	Where	Trip Leader
Night Run	Friday	Bunyip State Forrest	David Bruinsma
Oxfam Xmas tree delivery	Saturday	All over	Mark Felton
Week get away - base camp (trailers)	Dec 27 th for 5 days	Wonnangatta Station, base camp	David Bruinsma
Week get away - no trailers	Dec 26 th to 31 st	Alpine progressive trip	Gary Smith
Austrailia Day w/e	25 th to 28 th Jan	Otways trip	Mark Felton

Events Report

Trip Incetive Scheme 2011/2012

Winner of Trip Leaders: shared win by David Bruinsma and MarkNCath

Split prize of \$250, so David and MarkNCath got a \$125 gift card each.

Winner of Trip participant: won by Gary Smith, a \$150 gift voucher.

Association Report

Changes to the consumer affairs act regarding incorporated clubs. Mark attended a seminar on Monday night at the Victorian Association. The main change that we need to ready to adopt is that a Public Officer role is not longer needed, the role falls to the roll of the Secretary.

Steve summarized further for the members present at the meeting:

On 26th November 2012 the clubs have been under the incorporated bodies act 1981. There has been 3 separate attempts to update the act, so the state govt has decided to clean the slate and start again. The requirements are written to give the members more rights, the term 'constitution' will now be known as 'rules'.

The govt actually provide a 'template rules' that we can use so that we can be compliant, instead of paying big fees to have a new rules written up. There is a 12 month phase in period. If we do nothing, the new legislative framework would apply (prevail) where our current constitution is deficient.

What we need to do: we take the new template and write in our small changes (eg, only one type of member is in the rules, so we need to write in the types of membership that we have in the constitution, single, families, silver, gold etc). Other obvious change is that we need a 'statement of purpose'.

General business

Bill Harwood asked the committee questions at the end of a presentation relating to new government changes for incorporated clubs. As a club do we need to do some house cleaning in relation to exsisting issues that have fallen by the wayside, before being bogged down with all this new regulation, i.e

club name tags, ... *(response being that Andre and David now have that issue well in hand)*

Reciepts of payments *(response being that current treasurer has written receipts for ALL payments received)*

Accurate data for club magazine delivery, and content of what is being put into our club magazine (this should not be the responsibility of the editor to proof read each item).

What constitutes a club trip and how many vehicles are there to be on a club trip. *(response being that a trip form to be filled in and a participant list available for members to sign up on. min. ONE vehicle, but we prefer more than one of course for safety).*

Suggestion: maybe the committee could put a tips section in the magazine about trips etc.

Other Business

Raffle

This month there are 3 Prizes, 2 atlas's donated by Everything 4wd and bottle of wine by Audrey.

Prize	Won by:
Hema Touring Atlas of Australia	David
Hema Atlas and Guide around Australia	Max (new member)
Bottle of White Wine	Adam

Meeting Closed: 10:05 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 8.00pm February 6th at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club.

Notice to all club members

A special note from Emily Wimetel, a club member:

I will be shaving and colouring my hair this year, for the world's greatest shave; which goes from 14th - 17 March. I still haven't chosen a place or time but if I'm lucky Jimmy Cupples might help me shave and colour my hair.

Please guys just think about the general struggle families these days, they have with the cost of everything that they need to do, just so they can get the vital treatment for their loved ones that they might not ever see again.

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Thanks heaps guys

The following is a link to my profile and just follow the prompts: <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/EmilyWimetel>

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Treasurer's Report

November 2012

<u>Cheque A/C</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/11/2012		\$6,296.26
	Add:		
	2 x Dual/Family Memberships	\$150.00	
	Raffle Proceeds (November Meeting)	<u>\$179.00</u>	
	Total Monies In		\$329.00
	Less:		
	Chq # 371: Trip Incentive Scheme	-\$400.00	
	Chq # 372: Catering (Oct Meeting)	-\$13.90	
	Chq # 373: Web Hosting to 13/12/12	<u>-\$46.95</u>	
	Total Monies Out		-\$460.85
	Plus:		
	Unpresented Chq # 372	\$13.90	
	Unpresented Chq # 373	<u>\$46.95</u>	
	Total Unpresented Cheques		\$60.85
	Closing Balance as at 30/11/2012		<u>\$6,225.26</u>
<u>Term Deposit</u>	(No Change)		\$5,905.04
<u>Petty Cash</u>	(No Change)		\$50.00
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position		<u>\$12,180.30</u>



THURSDAY 31st JANUARY 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

4WD VICTORIA RURAL RESPONSE GROUP JOINS BLAZE Aid IN FIRE RELIEF EFFORTS

The **4WD Victoria Rural Response Group** (a sub group of Four Wheel Drive Victoria) has joined with **BlazeAid** bringing additional volunteers to assist in the reconstruction of farm fencing and clearing of burnt trees and other debris on affected properties across Victoria.

This additional man-power will allow farmers to consolidate their stock, equipment and materials and move forward in their quest to keep running their respective business operations as quickly as possible.

With approximately 5000 members from 74 associated Four Wheel Drive Clubs across Victoria, the **4WD Victoria Rural Response Group** has performed similar duties in the past and has years of expertise in this environment. Our members are more than pleased to be of assistance in these challenging circumstances.

Through years of active club experience, our volunteers are all self sufficient with regards to their personal requirements, including vehicles, camping and sleeping equipment as well as vital supplies of food and water.

Moving from one location to another, is also no great problem as the group understand the necessity of operating on the most desperate and needy properties, directed by the BlazeAid co-ordinator who is working with the relevant Shire authorities.

The overall purpose naturally, is to make as big an impact on the restoration of those in need as quickly as possible. We have been encouraged by the offers of assistance from our Association members and it therefore makes excellent sense to join with the BlazeAid volunteers to bring about these goals and ensure the well being of communities wherever disaster has occurred.

With this in mind, our workers carry out their task with dedication and professionalism, seeking only to help families return to some sense of normality and restore communities.

In conjunction with this, we are also working to help other areas not covered by the larger groups, so at 4WD Victoria we keep the communication lines open in case of such calls.

For further comment or information please contact:

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Trip Reports

On a brighter note, my Friday night run was attended with 5 vehicles, the people attending the trip had not been on a trip with me before at all, so that was a pleasant change.

December's Friday night run ...

We left on time and got up to Bunyip state Forest just before dark and aired down. We managed to get to the area I wanted to drive tracks just as we lost day light and for the very first time we hit low range, we also hit all the spot lights at 8:30pm. We only managed to do one track, which took 2 hours. First time I ever did that track only took 15minutes. What a difference.

Trip was attended by:
 Leader David in a Navara
 John in a Holden frontera
 Andrew in a hilux
 Ian in a patrol
 Mark in his cruiser.

My Navara didn't get stuck, but I had to back up twice to try and take different lines. The Frontera got stuck twice, it was pulled back the first time to take a 2nd go at that spot then he got through, but near the end on the track he got stuck again, so the Navara backed up in the ruts to gently drag the Frontera up the remainder of the length.

The Hilux did not get stuck (that I recall) but hit the bash plates hard enough to cause rubbing on the front end causing an annoying rattle which we thought might have been a serious problem (lucky for Andrew it wasn't a big problem). Ian got all crossed up in the track at one time, (later admitting it was driver error) he was gently pulled back out by Mark, and when he had a 2nd go, Ian got all the way up the track.

Mark didn't get into problems with his 60 series, but kept himself busy either directing or otherwise being involved in all but one of the recoveries.

We decided to call it 'a night' early at 10:30pm at the top of the track, which took another 20minutes to drive in high range back to the bitumen where we aired up before heading home. I think most people would have been home by about 12:30 in the morning.

I think everyone enjoyed the drive and the challenges we faced on the night. It was never intended to be a 'hard trip' it just goes to show how track conditions change from year to year with the weather, mud and deep ruts.

David Bruinsma

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Trip Incentive Scheme

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:





The Annual Pub to Pub to Pub 4WD Weekend
9 – 11 November 2012



Day 1 – Friday, 9th

Our weekend adventure commenced at the Waurn Ponds Hotel on Friday night where the group of 17 met for a counter meal and welcome to the start of the Club trip. Everyone was in high spirits, ready for a weekend of fun, games, mystery and of course craziness. In Terry's famous words – *if you don't think we're crazy now, wait until tomorrow night!* After our meal and receiving our game packs, we all jumped into our 4WDs and made the short trip to our mystery accommodation just down the road, the Aristocrat-Waurnvale Motel. We, the babies of the group, decided to call it an early night whilst some of the more experienced group stayed up for more banter and cheer. We had a lot to learn from these experienced partygoers.

Day 2 – Saturday, 10th

After a comfortable nights sleep, we were roused by loud screams and laughter coming from the carpark. We found out later that it was Rosalie's reaction to seeing Terry walking around in the carpark with just his jocks on. Hmm, maybe the craziness is starting to happen early. But all in good fun. Getting together, the group paid tribute to who 12 years ago

started this annual tradition and sadly for the first time was not with the group. At 9.00am, with a sunny day ahead of us, we jumped into our 4WDs to start our magical mystery tour. Where were we going, which direction will we take? With David and Rosalie leading the way, our quiz games and pen in hand, we headed onto the Geelong Ring Rd and then eventually onto Anglesea Road. The competition was on, eagerly looking out for any item on the scavenger hunt list we could cross off. A concrete truck, cows, a green station wagon, goats, bales of hay. Our first sightseeing stop was to view the Split Point Lighthouse at Aireys Inlet. Spectacular views of Victoria's rugged coastline ensured that the cameras were kept busy taking photos of the stunning waters of Bass Strait and the picturesque views of the lighthouse and its surroundings. Back at the carpark, we spotted the "license plate with a z". How lucky were we? Quick take a photo as proof. Tick that one off the scavenger hunt list. Morning tea was at Moggs Creek picnic area and the ladies put on a lovely spread of home cooked sweet and savouries, enough to feed an army. After our break, we then ambled our way back and further down the Great Ocean Road and of course we couldn't go without stopping to take a short break at the Great Ocean Road Memorial Park at Eastern View - a lovely dedication to the returning soldiers of WW1 who built this magnificent road.

Continuing to follow our leaders on this mystery tour we continued down the Great Ocean Road, stopping to view the Erskine Falls and then stopping to have lunch and admire the view at Teddy's Lookout. With a quick toilet stop and view of the beach at Lorne we headed further down the coast, eventually parking our vehicles at Apollo Bay for a gelati. Little did we know, that across the road from where we parked our cars, the Iluka Motel and Restaurant would be our resting place for the night. After a huge meal and lively banter at Iluka Restaurant everyone



went back to their rooms to try and complete their quiz's and work on their artistic flair given that the final result of the competitions were being held the following day. As Max and I wandered off to sleep we thought about where we would end up tomorrow.



Big thank you to the group for making us feel so welcome to our first Pub to Pub trip and for making our weekend a blast. And special thanks must go to David and Rosalie for organising such a wonderful and interesting trip. The group consisted of:- David, Rosalie, Ray, Dawn, Terry, Peter, Janine, Annie, Paula, Helen, Glenn, Jessie, Mark, Tommy and Sheila.

Max & Sandra

Day Three Sunday 11th November

After a good nights sleep in very comfortable rooms, we woke to an amazing morning. Those amongst us with the energy went for a stroll to the beach and along the main street of Apollo Bay before enjoying breakfast together in the beautiful sunshine at tables outside the restaurant of our hotel/motel. Breakfast was good and the staff was cheerful and lots of fun, what a way to start the day.

We packed up and left around 9:30 am. We heading further down the Great Ocean Road and turned off towards Cape Otway Lighthouse. Several kilometers on, we pulled off to the side of the road like lots of other tourists to view the many Koala's in the trees, we were just amazed to see how many there were, and you'd be lucky to see three or four at any one time, here there were so many we almost couldn't

count them, of course the consequence of there being so many in such a small area the trees are suffering and many of the trees were devoid of any leaves.

After arriving at the light house Visitor Center most of us did the tour which involved visiting the Telegraph Station built in 1859, then those who weren't afraid of heights climbed up the Lighthouse. It got a bit dizzy going around and around the narrow stair case to climb to the top of the lighthouse, but the view at the top was well worth the effort, and we were so lucky to have such a clear day the views were spectacular.

Heading back towards the Great Ocean Road, we turned off onto Blanket Bay Road and made our way to a great picnic spot where we stopped for lunch and presentations to the winners of the several competitions that Rosalie had organized for us over the weekend. Much to my

surprise I won the prize for picking the closest spot to were we were staying on Saturday, not too sure how that happened, as the place I picked was over 100 km from where we ended up, just luck I guess. Congratulations to Shelia who won the prize for the most correct answers to the questionnaires etc. and Mark who won the prize for his artistic design work.

After that we split up in to two groups, those heading straight back home and those with still a bit of time to do a bit more touring. We were in the first group and left around 2 pm, along the road back to Apollo Bay we were treated to some amazing views that weren't as noticeable when we were heading towards Cape Otway. Leaving Apollo Bay we climbed up through the hills towards Colac, where once again the views of the beautiful countryside, which was so green with the blue ocean in the distance, were spectacular.

How lucky are we to spend the weekend with a great bunch of people and visit such wonderful places. Of course we all owe Dave, Rosalie & Annie a big thank you for their effort in researching and organizing such a enjoyable trip.

Janine Frankland



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

December 2012

New 4WD Victoria Board Elected

4WD Victoria held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 22nd November, and the following members were elected to the Board of Management.

Executive Officers

President – Carol Reed (Pajero Club)
Vice President – Damian Stock (Subaru Club)
Secretary – David Crainean (Pajero Club)
Treasurer – Ross Wadeson (Associate Member)

Ordinary Board Members

Eric Bishop (Toyota Landcruiser Club of Victoria)
Lou Catherine (Toyota Landcruiser Club of Victoria)
Colin Oates (OffPeak 4WD Club)

Immediate Past President & Editor

Graeme Walsh (LROCV & Idlers 4WD Club)

Carol Reed, the recently retired President of the Pajero 4WD Club, has taken on the important role of Association President for the next two years. She brings a wealth of experience and talent to this role. During her four year term as Club President she saw the club grow to approximately 1,100 family members, improve its many procedures and processes, and achieve strong financial management. She has been involved in every major event the club was involved in during her term and has a strong understanding of member's needs. The Club even awarded Carole and her husband Ron with a Life Membership as a thank you for their hard work and commitment.

Carol brings a strong business acumen, leadership, organisational, club and life skills to the Board of Four Wheel Drive Victoria, and leads by commitment, involvement, fact finding and a common sense business approach to all matters.

Carol leads a Board all of whom have held roles as Company Directors, Company Secretary, Consultants, Project Management, and Senior instructors, both in Australia and overseas. To support Carol are Vice President - Damian Stock (current President of the Subaru 4WD Club), Secretary - David Crainean (Pajero 4WD Club Membership Secretary), and Treasurer - Ross Wadeson (qualified Accountant and Associate Member). The Ordinary Board members are Eric Bishop and Lou Catherine (Toyota Landcruiser Club of Victoria) and Colin Oates (past President of the Offpeak 4WD Club). Between them all there is a wealth of senior level management.

Carol takes over from previous President Graeme Walsh who has retired after 40 continuous years of heavy involvement with several four wheel drive clubs and 4WD Victoria, and having been around the Association ever since he was part of its formation 37 years ago.

As the peak body representing four wheel drivers in the state of Victoria since 1975, 4WD Victoria, has a new and enthusiastic Board, and will continue with its important role by working closely with members, Land Managers and Government.

4WD Victoria Training Courses

4WDVic's website has been updated with it's range of Training Courses for 2013. Courses are already booking fast for our February courses, so get in early to not be disappointed. All courses conducted during 2012 were extremely well patronised by both members of the public, and commercial organisations, with the last few months extremely busy. The many instructors from the different clubs are to be complimented on their hard work in seeing that the Courses are conducted in a professional and safe manner.

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