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JULY 2013

Free Wheeling



Club Trips in April 2013

Official Newsletter of the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc

Registration No A0002184F

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VFWDC GENERAL MEETING VENUE

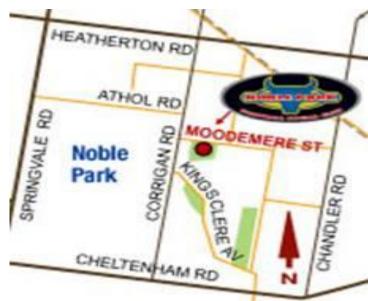
The club meets at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club, 46-56 Moodemere St, Noble Park on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 8.00pm (No meeting in January and November meeting at selected location). Members and Guests are welcome to dine at the Bistro before attending the meeting.

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 July newsletter. This month see's the third annual Christmas in July trip, which is going to be out at Talbotville. It's going to be another great trip, make sure you get your name down and join us. Get out there and join one of the trips, for more information please see further into the newsletter for more information.

Catherine

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Club Details		
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

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2013				
July	Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	29th June-14th July	Central Australia Trip	Gary Smith	0408 093 529
	5th - 7th	Christmas in July - Talbotville New member trip EASY	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	19th - 21st	Snow Trip - Permit Required Mt Skene	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207
	19th—21st	Snow Trip - Permit Required Mt Skene	Sam Ayoubee	0414 503 874
	24th	Committee Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
August	Wednesday 7th	AGM GENERAL MEETING	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	16th - 18th	Weekend Trip - Shepparton - New member trip EASY	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207
	28th	Committee Meeting		
September	Wednesday 4th	General Meeting		
	18th	Committee Meeting		
October	Wednesday 2nd	General Meeting		
	23rd	Committee Meeting		
November	Wednesday 13th	General Meeting		
	1st—5th	Melbourne Cup Weekend - Knockwood Reserve	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207
	21st	Committee Meeting		
December	Wednesday 4th	General Meeting		
	7th	Club Christmas Party Break Up Party		
		Christmas - New Year trip		
January 2014		NO GENERAL MEETING		
	24th - 27th	Murray River Trip - Long Beach (Ulupna Island)	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207
	22nd	Committee Meeting		
	5th	General Meeting		///////////////////////////////////////

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to this month's of free wheeling.

Yes this is a Cold month but there's alot happening, the very first of these is the Christmas in July which I'll be cooking the roast meat for dinner; along with the other committee members and also your Sunday breakfast if you decide to join us, which I hope you will. I would love to see every member come along as it will be a fantastic weekend (yes possibly cold but I'm not scared to camp in the cold, as long as you stay warm and dry you'll be fine).

Next on the list is the annual Snow trips which looks like we could have plenty of snow up there again this year I'm hoping anyway and if there's enough interest we might look at running a second one later on if the snow holds out.

Finally a couple of things, the club membership fees have gone up slightly as of the first of July but if you hurry and make the deadline you will still save some money.

Lastly I would like to remind you that at the AGM (August meeting) we'll be having a special meeting to vote on the new rules, which has been adapted from the current club constitution, as its currently known will be replaced with the governments own model rules if we don't bring ours up to the new standards.

Copies of the current constitution and the new club rules will be available at the next club meeting so members can read through them and familiarise yourself with the new rules and be aware of them, so you can vote on the changes at the August meeting.

Until next time stay safe and warm.

Mark Felton President VFWDC

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINA-	Central Australia Trip	DESTINATION	Toolangi State Forest
TION	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	LEADER/	NAME: David Bruinsma
LEADER/	NAME: Gary Smith	CONTACT NO.	TEL: 0417 747 860
CONTACT	MOB: 0408 093 529	DATE	Day Trip
NO.			29 th June 2013
DATE	29nd June - 13/4th July	MEETING	8:00am at Lilydale McDonalds for
		PLACE / TIME	8:30am Departure
MEETING	ТВА	GRADE	WET: Hard
PLACE /		Please adhere	DRY: Medium to hard
TIME		to new trip	
GRADE	Dry: Easy	classifications	
	Wet: Medium	TRIP	This trip is intended to get our
	Troval to Alice Corings via the	ACTIVITY	4wd's dirty, make no mistake about
TRIP	Travel to Alice Springs via the Oodnadatta track and on to	DETAILS	it. We found a great track at the
ACTIVITY	Finke following the Ghan		end of our last night run that we ear marked for further exploration
DETAILS	route.		during the day.
	Drive a loop through the West		We might get through in about an
	MacDonnell Ranges, Kings		hour, but with the bog hole we are expecting, it will likely take us well
	Canyon and Uluru.		into the afternoon.
	Drive south, down the Stuart HWY back to Melbourne.		All 4x4's must have strong recovery
	Mostly camping along the		points. Prefer that everyone has
	way, but with some cabin /		their own snatch straps and air
	motel accommodation in the		compressor. Please take off light weight side
	southern areas.		steps, as they are likely to get
	Driving around 800 km per		damaged.
	day on sealed roads, and	VEHICLE	MINIMUM: 3
	around 500 km per day on gravel roads through Vic and	LIMITS	MAXIMUM: 10
	SA.	APPROX KMS	Expect less than 75km's
	More leisurely pace in NT.	Meeting place	
	Stock up prior to departure,	to destination	
	and again at Alice Springs.		PETROL: Healesville
VEHICLE	MINIMUM:2	AVAILABLE FUEL	DIESEL: Healesville
LIMITS	MAXIMUM:8	EQUIPMENT	All recovery gear! Winches
APPROX KMS	tba	REQUIRED	preferred. No road tyres, need to
Meeting			be all terrain or mud terrain tyres.
place to		MADC	
destination		MAPS	Toolangi state forest
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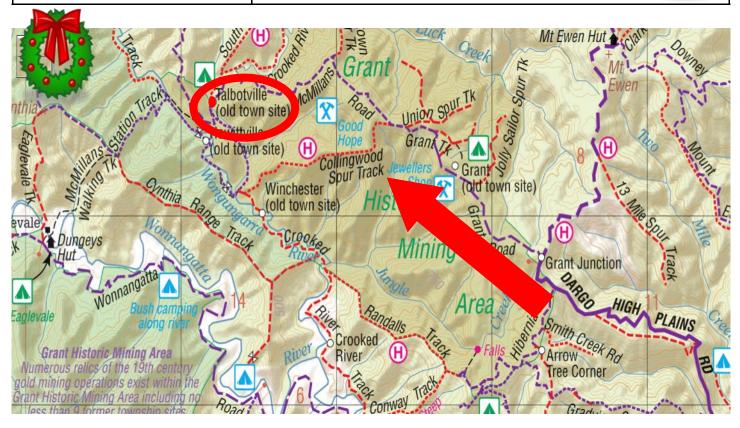
DESTINATION	Xmas In July	
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	Committee Members	
DATE	Fri 5/7/13 to Sun 7/7/13	
MEETING	Talbotville, just outside of Dargo. Welcome anytime Friday onwards	
GRADE	Easy	

TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS

This weekend has two wheel drive access via McMillans Road, off the Dargo high Plains Road and down Grant Road, into a large open, grassy flat area, including drop toilets. Camper trailers, huge tents, caravans, all are welcome. Camping is close to the Grant Historical area, close enough for a short drive. The campsite is located next to a river, for those who want to have a go at fishing. Saturday night we'll be having a roast meat, which will be funded by the club, attending members will be asked to bring a favourite side dish of their choice. All other meals will have to be self catered by attendees, don't forgot your favourite 'happy hour' snacks for Saturday afternoon. If possible could club members please bring shelters and tables for the Saturday communal dinner, that would be greatly appreciated. This will be a relaxing weekend. Please contact the committee if you have any questions. A map of the location is attached below.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Self sufficient equipment



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AVAILABLE DIESEL: Mansfield			
FUEL			
EQUIP- Self sufficient		Self sufficient	
MENT Chains for tyres	-		
REQUIRED			

DESTINA-	Mt Skene – Snow trip
TION	• •
LEADER/	NAME: Sam Ayoubee
CONTACT	MOB: 0414 503 874
NO.	
DATE	19 July – 21 July 2013
MEETING	Leaving Friday morning approx. 7am
PLACE /	meeting point Heyfield Service
TIME	Station
GRADE	WET: Snow
TRIP	Driving up towards Mt Skene staying
ACTIVITY	at Crows Hut. Driving up to the
DETAILS	snow. Family orientated.
VEHICLE	MINIMUM: 3
LIMITS	MAXIMUM: 6
APPROX KMS	From Heyfield to Mt Skene approx.
Meeting	100km
place to	
destination	
LAST AVAIL	PETROL: Licola
FUEL	DIESEL: Licola
IULL	DILJLL, LILUIA
DISTANCE	Approx. 1 hour drive
BETWEEN	
SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT	Snow chains, recovery gear and
REQUIRED	definitely winches
MAPS	Leader has a map
REQUIRED	F
RADIO	12
CHANNEL	
CB / UHF	



Most of this we have in stock ready to go.

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UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Shepparton - New member trip EASY
LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	NAME: Markncat Felton MOB: 0439 345 207
DATE	Saturday 16th - 18th August
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Lilydale Macca's 7pm
GRADE	On sealed roads, no off roading. It will be a sight seeing weekend.
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	This will be a sighting seeing weekend. We'll be camping just outside
	of Shepparton, we'll be stopping at the Heritage museum, for the kids we'll make a stop at kids town, where's it's a gold coin donation to enter.
	There's a car museum and the Emerald Bank Heritage centre and to stop at and most importantly Campbell's Soup and SPC factory outlets, just as well we have four wheel drives.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM:2 MAXIMUM:10
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	700kms round trip
RADIO CHANNEL UHF	UHF 12



CLUB MERCHANDISE For Sale (Revised Price List)

Club Polo Shirts	\$28.00 ea
Club Polar Fleece 1/2 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

We encourage all members to purchase a Club Polo Shirt.

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



A supplier has been found for the club's merchandise. We have placed the first order and we'll be taking more orders from now on, please see above for prices. Order forms will be available at the next club meeting.

> **Congratulations** to Phil Griffith, who has become accredited as a club driving instructor.

Minutes of General Meeting June 2013

The meeting was held in the Bowls club, Noble Park Football Club and was opened at 8.15pm by club president Mark Felton.

Present: members present as per the attendance book

Apologies: members present as per the Apologies book

Visitors: There were 4 people listed in the Visitors Book

Minutes of previous General Meeting

Accepted: Johan Seconded: Sally

Matters arising: NIL

Correspondence in Land rover Review CCJC Eurika Echo Overland Cruiser

Correspondence out June news letter

Treasurer's report

Term Deposit	\$7073.96
Cash	\$5571.82
Petty Cash	\$150
Money In	\$350.70
Moneys Out	\$591.00
Closing balance	\$ 5331.52
Consolidation balance	\$ 12456.49

Accepted: lan 2nd: John

Trip reports

Lake Tali Karng: Started on Friday night, very wind and got to top at around midnight at Millers Hut. Wet and rainy. Teamwork to get the tents set-up. Went for a drive on Saturday. Saw Mororka hut and Horse yard flat. On Sunday took it easy. Went up to Sentinels, challenging track but everyone made it. Had some good views and photos.

May Night run - The night run was conducted safely with no mishaps and their was 6 vehicles in attendance on the night. The trip wrapped up at about 11:30pm.

Trip coordinators report

Туре	When	Where	Trip Leader
Touring, no trailers	7-10 May	Woods point Camp.	Sam
Bluerag	7-10 May	Dogs Grave	Mark & Cat
Winery / Brewery	22 June	Red hill	Mark & Cat
Christmas in July	5-7 July	Talbotville	Committee
Snow trip	19 th July	Mt Skene	 Sam (Hard) Mark & (medium/ easy)
Outback Tour	29 June	Alice Springs, Ularu	
Non 4wd	16 - 18 August	Shepparton	
Mud run	29 June	Toolangi	Andre / Dave

Events Report

Association Report

General business

Members are requested to not shy away from running trips.

Amendments are presented to members.

{ 14 Associate members

(1) An associate member of the Association includes—

(a) all members under the age of 18 years;

(b) Silver Member. A Silver Member is an active member of the club who has had 25 years continuous membership with the Association. In recognition of this the Committee of Management waives the membership fee for the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc. for these members amount of any annual subscription payable to the Association. The member is not a financial member of the Association and therefore has no voting rights and may not occupy a position on the Committee of Management. The member continues at all times to be an affiliated member of Four Wheel Drive Victoria- and must through the payment, when due from time to time, of the associated affiliation fee and plus any insurance costs attributed to this category of membership. A Silver Member may, if they so decide, continue choose to be recognized recognised as Financial Member a financial member of the Association by paying their membership fee an annual subscription amount that is equal to that payable by a full fee-paying member. Payment of the fee annual subscription entitles them a Silver Member to full voting rights and allows them the Silver Member to nominate for and occupy positions on the Committee Management, if they Silver Member so wishes. Clause 14(2) does not apply if a silver member Silver Member elects to pay the Association's full association membership fee, as the member Silver Member will be considered a full fee-paying member of the association Association with the honorary title 'Silver member Member' (due to length of membership with the Association).

(c) Gold Member. A Gold Member is an inactive member of the Association who was formerly recognised as an honorary member Member or Silver Member. Gold Members are non financial members of the Association and do not have voting rights nor may they occupy a position on the Committee of Management. Gold Members are inactive and therefore are not affiliated members of Four Wheel Drive Victoria. Gold Members are not required to pay affiliation fees and insurance costs. Gold Membership may be bestowed on a member at the instigation of the Committee of Management.

(d) any other category of member as determined by resolution at a general meeting.

Bruce reads his letter of concern. Could more members please help in running trips. John supports his point of view. Email available trips?

Dean still has a contact for awnings. This is ongoing.

Other Business Raffle No raffle Meeting Closed: 10:15 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 8.00pm June 5th at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club. If your interested come along earlier and have dinner at the bistro as we have a table booked from 6:30pm onwards and meals are two for one. Hope to see you there.



Millers Hut

Sally and Tristan's first trip bush did not get off to the best start.

All packed up and ready to go and we start the "truck" to find a Christmas Tree of lights across the dash...not good when they relate to traction control and downhill descent controls. Quick call to Steve to say that we have to get it checked out by the mechanic and will call when we are on our way. Mechanic cleared the fault and said we need to get it fixed but will be ok for the weekend...YIPPEE we called Steve to say we are on our way to the designated meeting spot of BP Pakenham Bypass and will see them there.

Not entirely sure on where that was (newish to Melbourne) I check the wonderful Google for the address and then input it into our trusty TomTom navigation device. Little did we know it was going to take us on a self-guided TomTom adventure. What is a TomTom adventure you may ask? Well it is where you follow the directions on TomTom and end up somewhere different to the location that you want to get to. The address that you put in will be correct but the destination will be wrong and no matter how much you argue with TomTom it will say it is right. Here is how to have a TomTom adventure.

10 Steps to having a TomTom adventure

- Do no research as to location of meeting place.
- Input address as provided BP Pakenham Bypass Google tells you that the address is 93 Princes Freeway, Officer.
- Follow instructions given by TomTom blindly and believe it will get you to the right place.
- Ignore your own common sense when you arrive at what you think is the correct destination (you are just passing the Officer off ramp and there is a giant BP Service Centre. TomTom is telling you otherwise and saying that you are still 80km away so this cannot be right destination.
- Check location anyway as TomTom can get it wrong. Don't see anyone that looks like they are heading bush for a weekend or vehicle matching description that you have been given. Don't consider you may have arrived before them and use mobile phone to determine their location.
- Leave correct destination and believe TomTom is the font of all navigation knowledge so continue following directions.
- Arrive at destination as per TomTom to find that you are in a small town with no BP in sight.
- Contact trip leader and try to describe where you are (Yarragon)
- Find out you are 80kms from where you should be and that your original common sense destination was actually the correct one.
- Arrange to meet trip leader at new meeting point in Yarragon.

Steve, Nicole and family caught up to us at Yarragon and then we were on our way. We were lucky that our TomTom took us along the road to where we were meant to be heading so we did not really loose much time.

The drive up through to Licola was incredible as bush fires had only been through a month or two back. We stopped at Licola to get last minute supplies and then we headed into Millers Hut. We arrived just after dark and got the tents set up, fire going and had dinner.

Tristan and Steve headed into the bush a way to get some wood. It was a little steep so I ended up sitting in Steve's truck holding the breaks on while they collected firewood and filled the roof rack up.

The wind was howling and we were staying up to meet the next group of arrivals due in about midnight. The rain came at just after 10pm where we all went to our tents to wait for the second group.

The second group - Cat & Mark, Mark, Ian & Audrey, Owen & Amanda arrived just after midnight to pouring rain and howling wind. I was cosy and warm in the tent so did not get up to greet them. Tristan poked his head out and pulled a back muscle so was going to be no help whatsoever. Steve assisted in getting tents set up. Ian & Audrey's camper trailer was perfect for a quick set up.

The storm passed through that night and we awoke to a clear but cold day.

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We had a leisurely breakfast and then got on the road to go and have a look at Horseyard and Moroka Huts. This was where the second group got to see what the road they drove in on was actually like.

Not long after we left camp there was a slight incline that was quite muddy and slippery that we all chugged through except for one who had some issues in getting up and in fact couldn't!

There was some great consternation on why this could be the case when the others had made it through...it was then determined that putting your vehicle into 4WD might be useful and surprisingly once it was engaged the traversing of



the muddy slippery hill was easy!



We took our time at each of the huts wandering around considering how difficult it would have been to get the materials to build the huts when they did as well as thinking about living in them.

We got back to camp about 3pm and then debated on whether we would go through to The Sentinels or to make camp for the evening and then go there in the morning before we left. The decision was made to stay and cook up a storm and head out in the morning before heading home.

The shelters were erected, firewood collected and chopped up and then happy hour was on. The fire was stoked up to build up coals so that the roast beef, damper, roast vegies, spit roast beef, steaks, chips, rice pudding could be cooked.



Dinner was served and we all settled around the fire to tell yarns and just while the night away - it was a little cold but nothing a warm fire and layers of clothes would not solve. The marshmallows on sticks topped off a great evening of food.

The evening for some stretched into a very early morning with food being cooked at 4am for a final top up before bed.

The morning dawned overcast so we began packing up and prepared for the trip through to the Sentinels. This is where you can look out across the valley and in some spots see down to Lake Tarli Karng. It took half an hour to walk/ climb to the edge and for me who has never been to the alpine region of Victoria and it was amazing. We returned to camp for lunch and to complete packing up and left at about 2pm. We got home around 7:30pm. It was a great weekend and we would definitely go there again.







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New Application - \$30 (one-off) Renewal of Membership

Single - \$70	Dual/Family - \$80	Silver (25+ Yrs) - \$40

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