



MAY 2013

Free Wheeling



Dave's April Night Run

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VFWDC GENERAL MEETING VENUE

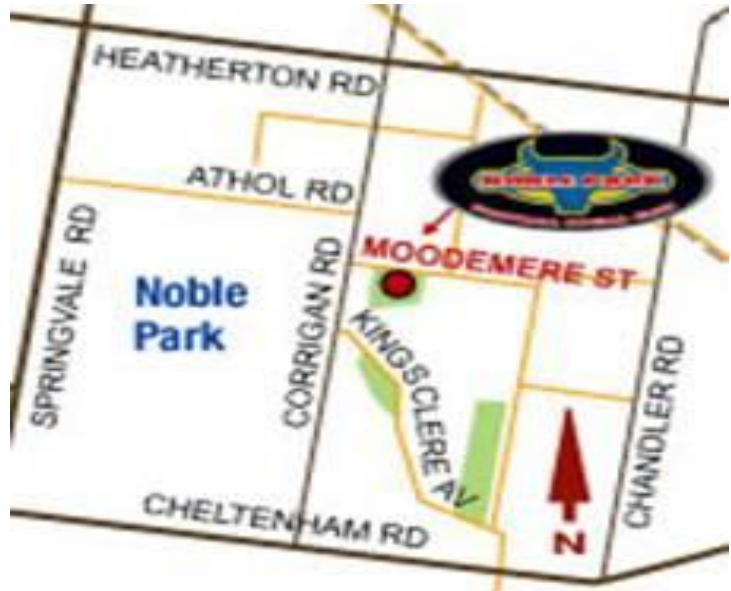
The club meets at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club, 46-56 Moodemere St, Noble Park on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 8.00pm (No meeting in January and November meeting at selected location). Members and Guests are welcome to dine at the Bistro before attending the meeting.

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 May newsletter. With the end of day light savings, we've said good bye to the long days which means it's getting close to the time that the high country closes their seasonal closure tracks. There are a few trips before then so get out there and join one of the upcoming trips. See further into the magazine for more information.

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
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CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

2013				
May	Wednesday 1st	General Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	3rd - 5th	Millers Hut / Lake Tali Karng	Steve Pitcher	0421 205 529
	22nd	Committee Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
June	Wednesday 5th	General Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	7th - 10th	Queens Birthday Weekend - McKillops Bridge	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207
	19th	Committee Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	22nd	Winery Trip - Red Hill Day Trip	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207
	End of May/June Club Meeting	Club Memberships Are Now Due		
July	Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	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
	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	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
September	Wednesday 4th	General Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	13th - 15th	Winery Trip Heathcote- New member trip EASY	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207
	18th	Committee Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
October	Wednesday 2nd	General Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	11th—13th	Wombat State Forest - Winery Bendigo Trip	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207
	23rd	Committee Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
November	Wednesday 13th	General Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	1st—5th	Melbourne Cup Weekend—Knockwood Reserve	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207
	21st	Committee Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	30th	Club Christmas Party Break Up Party	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
December	Wednesday 4th	General Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to this month's of free wheeling.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Don for his wonderful presentation of the bush bq at the meeting last month, as it was great to see the evolutions the product has had and all the 'extras' that were available. Don had plenty of specials that were available to our club members.

Secondly, club membership fees are due by the end of June please try to make the deadline as the price rise will occur as of the 1st of July. Any payments made after the July meeting, will have to pay the new price of \$70 for single membership and \$80 for dual/family membership. Please see the last page of this months newsletter for the club's renewal form. Payments can be processed online, if you require the banking details, please contact Steve our Treasurer for the details.

Thirdly, please keep in mind the club's annual Christmas in July trip is coming up soon, which the committee will be cooking the roasts meat and those club members who are attending will be asked to please bring a plate of 'some sort' to accompany it, this will be worked out at a later stage.

There are quite a few trips coming up in the next few months, as you can see from the calendar on the previous page. If your interested in attending any one of the clubs trip, please remember to put your details down on the trip data forms or get in contact with the trip leader.

See you out there

Mark Felton
President VFWDC

UPCOMING TRIPS




DESTINATION	Millers Hut / Lake Tali Karng
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Steve Pitcher MOB: 0421 205 529
DATE	3 – 5 May 2013
MEETING PLACE / TIME <i>A second/later group may depart later in the evening but this is <u>not</u> assured.</i>	BP Service Station, Princes Freeway (Pakenham Bypass), Officer (Meet 1:00 pm for 1:30 departure),
GRADE	WET: C Grade (Medium) DRY: C Grade (Easy-Medium)
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Base Camping at Millers Hut. From there, we can head over to the Sentinels lookout to view Lake Tali Karng from above (no vehicular access down to the lake itself – those that are interested can hike down to the water's edge from camp, and get back in a day, but it is only suited to experienced hikers). I will run a day trip on the Saturday, taking in Moroka Hut and Horseyard Hut (4L most of the way) and a packed lunch or easy to prepare lunch is recommended as we will not return to camp until mid-afternoon. The return trip from Horseyard will be an easy drive back (2WD / 4H) for the most part to cater for those with kids and/or anyone wanting to get a roast on. Camper trailers are welcome (make sure you can lock/secure your trailer if participating in the day trip), families with children are also welcome/encouraged (the length and difficulty of the day trip has been set to cater for those with children and/or anyone who has limited off-road driving experience).
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 10
APPROX KMS (Meeting place to destination)	350 Kms
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Licola (Heyfield is the 2 nd nearest) DIESEL: Licola (Heyfield is the 2 nd nearest)
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	50 kms (approx) back to Licola from Millers Hut
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED <i>In case of an emergency (eg. Bushfire), completed Personal Information Forms / Visitor Forms are required for this trip.</i>	All equipment and supplies required to be self-sufficient for 3+ days and to cater for simple vehicle break-downs (eg. Basic tools and spares for your vehicle/trailer) and 4WD recoveries (front and rear but winches are not essential). Quality A/T tyres and spare/s – please remember keys for any spare tyre locks or tow hitch locks.
MAPS REQUIRED	While not essential, all participants are encouraged to have a reasonably new map of the area. Good quality maps include: Rooftop's 'Dargo-Wonnangatta Adventure Map; and Hema Maps High Country Victoria.
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	Channel 12 UHF

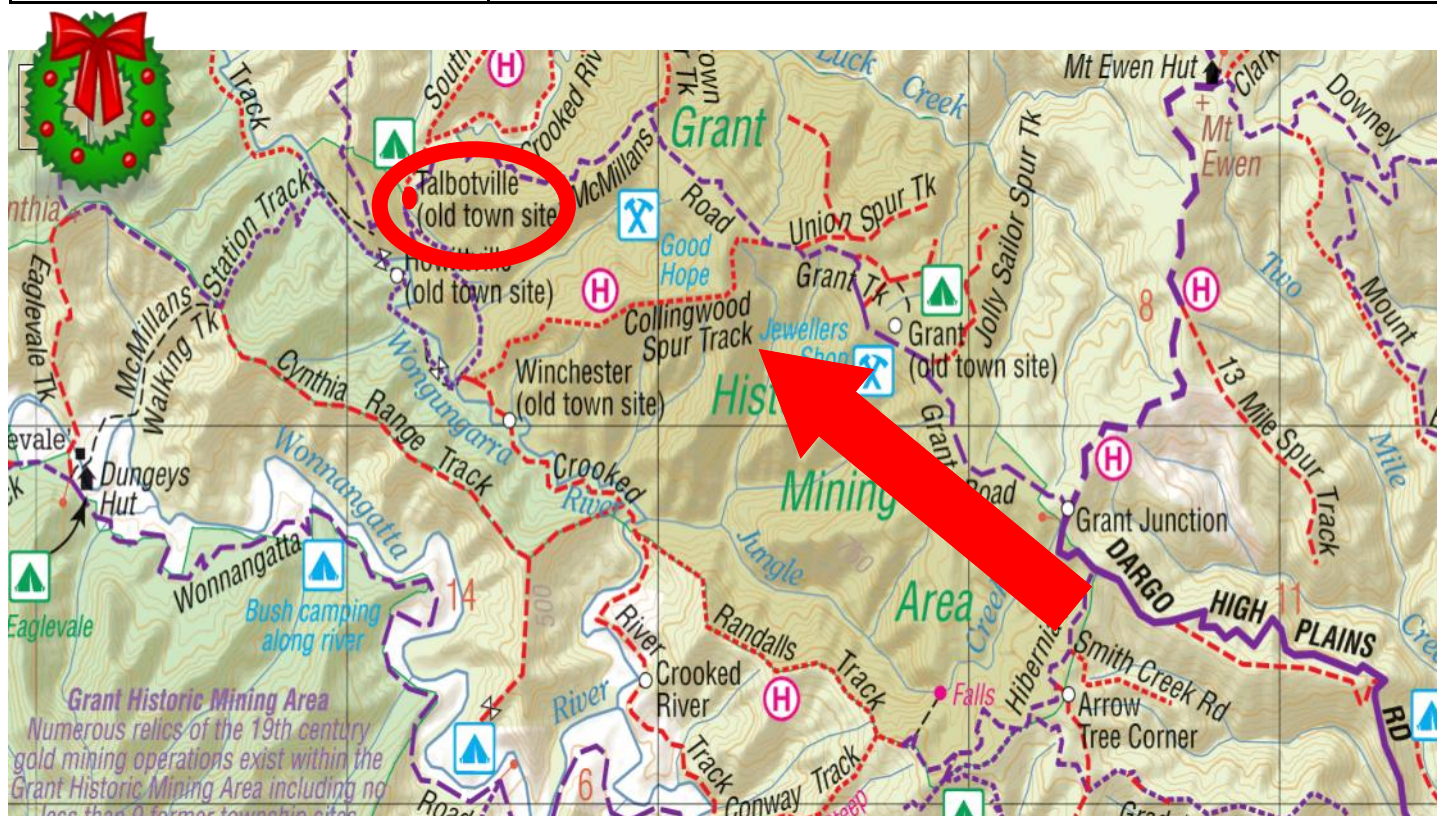
UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	McKillops Bridge - Snowy River
LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	NAME: Markncat Felton MOB: 0439 345 207
DATE	Friday 7th June - 10th June
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Longwarry BP - 7pm
GRADE	Dry: EASY Wet: MEDIUM
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>Were taking advantage of the long weekend and heading up to far East Victoria.</p> <p>We had to miss this area at Easter, so with another long weekend, we'll try again.</p> <p>We'll take a look around the local area, checking out McKillops bridge, Gelantipy, Little River & Raymond Creek Falls. Travelling over Mt Deddick & Mt Brown.</p> <p>There are some rocky roads and numerous water crossings in an isolate part of the state.</p> <p>We'll be covering a large number of kilometers. This will be a pick up and travel trip, consistently moving, no stay in camp & sorry no trailers.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM:2 MAXIMUM:8
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	1000 - 1500 kms round trip
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Self sufficient
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	Orbost
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftop Snowy Mountains
RADIO CHANNEL UHF	UHF 12

DESTINATION	Winery Trip - Red Hill Day Trip
LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	NAME: Markncat Felton MOB: 0439 345 207
DATE	Saturday 22nd June
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Macca's BP Servo Cnr Thompson Road & Western Port Highway 8:30am
GRADE	On sealed roads, no off roading. It will be a sight seeing day.
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>This will be a sighting seeing day, we're going to see some of the local sights around the area.</p> <p>We'll be visiting the Red Hill Cheese makers, Red Hill Cherry Farm, Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm & Red Hill Brewery.</p> <p>We'll stop off for a bite to eat for lunch, or you choose to bring your own.</p> <p>Then in the afternoon, we'll check out a winery or two, time dependant. We'll head home sometime late afternoon.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM:2 MAXIMUM:8
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	tba
RADIO CHANNEL UHF	UHF 12

UPCOMING TRIPS

	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			
<p>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 forget 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.</p> <p>A map of location is attached below.</p>			
	EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Self sufficient equipment	



UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Snow Trip - Mt Skene
LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	NAME: Markncat Felton MOB: 0439 345 207
DATE	Friday 19th - Sunday 21st July
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Twelve mile campsite, about 15kms outside of Jamieson
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Medium DRY: Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>We will be heading up Friday night, we will be leave Saturday morning at 9am, (you can meet us here on Saturday, if Friday doesn't suit), we'll head up and over Mt Skene. Hopefully we will have some snow to play in, up on Mt Skene. Twelve mile, will be our base camp, so trailers are welcome.</p> <p>And packing up camp and leaving Sunday morning, heading back to Melbourne.</p> <p>Please note, we are required to get a permit two weeks before, finally numbers/details will be taken at the end of June. It is advised if you could carry snow chains.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: 10
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	200km
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Mansfield DIESEL: Mansfield
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Self sufficient Chains for tyres

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	<p>This will be a sighting seeing weekend.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM:2 MAXIMUM:10
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	700kms round trip
RADIO CHANNEL UHF	UHF 12

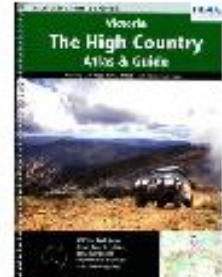
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Minutes of General Meeting April 2013

The meeting was held at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club and was opened at 8.07 pm by President Mark Felton.

Present: 16 members

Apologies: 4 members

Visitors: 4 visitors

Minutes of previous General Meeting

Accepted: Sam Ayoubiee

Seconded: Andrew Hooper

Matters arising:

Max Mena donated the Tupperware

Correspondence in

Land Rover Review
Overland Cruising
Bank Statement
ARB 4x4 Action
Track Watch
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Correspondence out

April Magazine

Treasurers report March 2013

Opening Balance	\$	5454.38
Closing balance	\$	5454.38
Term Deposit	\$	7000
Interest	\$	73.96
Term Deposit	\$	7073.96
Petty Cash	\$	150
	Catering	\$ 44.03
	Postage	\$ 53.63
	Balance	\$ 52.34
Consolidated Closing Cash Position	\$	12580.68

Accepted: Ian Rhodes

2nd: Brett Buchanan

Trip coordinators report

Next trip will be 8th to 11th March (for the weekend): Johan - Knockwood

Night runs: Friday 5th April - Dave

Friday 17th May - Dave

13 April - Castlemaine - New member trip. No 4wd required. - Catherine & Mark

26 - 28 April Wabonga Plateau trip. Mark & Catherine

3-5 May Millers hut - Steve.

Queens Birthday weekend - TBA - Dave

Christmas in July - Talbotville. Camping weekend. Bring-a-Dish.

BUSH BQ - Don Montague presented the BushBQ to the Club and offered a 10% discount to any interested members. A very interesting product and well designed.

Be Brave and shave - Emily Harris was aiming to raise \$250, however Emily managed to raised \$575, well done.

Trip Report

Bunyip - cancelled

March 15th Night run - disappointing dry conditions. Police blitz on the way home. Dean returned the next day in the wet. We had lots of fun.

March 23rd - Marysville, there were nice & easy tracks. Jamie (new member) did very well. Max got stuck (low patrol!?!). Visited the fire tower & we ended up interrupting a car the rally event.

EASTER WEEKEND - McFarlane flats - Found the start of the Murray River. Had a great trip & had great people attending. Found some really good campsites & tracks.

Easter weekend 2 - Tolmie - Sam ran over a rabbit and it became a snack.

Association Report

Nil

General business

Membership cards handed out.

Meet and Greet volunteer, still require some help with this position.

IPad app - PDF maps. Dave found.

Dean awnings - Contact for awnings. 2.5m x 2.0m \$180. 2.0m x2.0m \$165

Changes to dates - Newsletter is incorrect.

Club membership price increase in June \$75 to \$80.

Merchandise inquiry, from Sally Harris.

Raffle

Tristan won gloves

Andrew won a LED torch

Meeting Closed: 22:15 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 8.00pm April 3rd at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club.

Trip Reports

Marysville Area

Saturday 23rd March



Attendees;

David	GU
Ian and Audrey	GU
James	Jackaroo
Max, Emily, Ingrid and Realene.	GQ

After we all met at Healesville and made our introductions it was time to head off.



We proceeded in convoy over the spur and turned right into Old coach rd where we aired down. Shortly after we turned right into Whitehill track and followed it over to Acheron Way.

It's here that we cross Acheron Way in and then pick up Strickland Spur Tk. At least that was the plan.....As it turned out the area was closed due to a C.A.M.S rally being run, Bu@#er!! Looks like plan B.



After a look at the maps and a brief discussion we decided to take Acheron Way then Marysville rd and pick up our intended plan at Mt Gordon rd, where we could go up to the fire tower where morning tea was called.

After morning tea we back tracked down Mt Gordon rd then followed Triangle rd, N Palmer track, Worchester's rd, Peak track and then back down Triangle rd across the river and into Marysville for lunch.



Lunch was (of course) had at the bakery where we got to see a number of the rally cars go past on their way between stages.

We were also joined by some of the local birds (king parrots).

After lunch we went back across the river and turned right into Mary Meadows track, Dip creek track, triangle rd, then up Perry's track and Ackerman track which is where the fun started. James got a

little off line going up hill and came to a stop, but to his credit he was able to back out and have another go at it. Well done James.



The next to get our attention was Max. Nothing too dramatic. It was just a short section that was well rutted and Max just slipped off the top and into the ruts. But they were deep enough that Max landed on his diffs.

But on a bright note it did give Ian a chance to try out his 3 day old winch. Tick that one off the 'to do list'. And of course while this was all happening three motorbikes had to come past, and they weren't about to wait....

Then we drove Peake track, N Palmer track and Worcestes rd and then out onto Maroondah Highway. By now it was time to call it a day, so we all aired up (some members had a bit of compressor envy) and then we all made our way home.

A good day was had by all. As threatening as the weather looked at times, we got lucky and it didn't get any rain.

Thanks to all who attended.

P.S. thanks to Emily for the photos (as I forgot my camera again!!!)





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