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**Victorian Four Wheel Drive
Club Inc.**

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VFWDC

October 2015

Official Newsletter of the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc

Registration No A0002184F

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

Aberfeldy Track managed by West Gippsland Inc

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2015-2016		
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CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE			
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
Club Drivers Jacket (Coat)	\$80.00 ea	VFWDC Windscreen stickers (small) \$6.00 (large) \$8.00	
We encourage all members to purchase a Club Polo Shirt.			
Email your order to merchandise@vfwdc.com . Please ensure you advise size required.			



CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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2015 October				
7th	Wednesday	General Meeting	President	
17th	Saturday	Aberfeldy Track– Bridge building	David	0417 747 860
21st	Wednesday	Committee Meeting	President	
30th to 3rd Nov	Long Weekend	Beechport / Robe	David	0417 747 860
30th-3rd	Long weekend	High Country– Wonnangatta	Sally	0435 782 207
November				
7th	Saturday	Weighbridge	David	0417 747 860
11th	Wednesday	Special Meeting - Dandenong ARB	President	
18th	Wednesday	Committee Meeting	President	
20th-22nd	Friday-Sunday	Walhalla / Aberfeldy	Scott	0423 544 551
21st	Saturday	Marysville	Stuart	0428539157
27th	Friday	Toolangi Night Run	Scott	0423 544 551
December				
3rd	Wednesday	General Meeting	President	
16th	Wednesday	Committee Meeting	President	



News From The President

Hello and welcome to the October issue of our Club Magazine.

Hopefully the worst of the cold weather will be behind us as we look forward to the warmer months when we enjoy most of our off road adventures.

As a family, Carolyn, Samuel and myself are eagerly looking forward to the trips that we already have planned for October and November - and are also thinking about December and January. I hope that there are others in our club that are thinking likewise. In the month of October, we have the working bee trip planned to Aberfeldy track, as Rudi has sourced all the materials required to build a footbridge at the half way point of the track, and we are required to haul the materials from the start of the track to where we will be installing the footbridge. Once that is completed we will walk down the remainder of the track and do any further maintenance that is required on the track.

For those that are planning to come along, most people will be leaving very early in the morning with me and heading up for an early start on the Saturday, as Rudi has other plans and will be eager to head off on other exploration. As we will be planning an early day, I will be heading down to O'Tools for a relaxing afternoon with my family and other club members for the remainder of the day and plan to camp overnight coming home on Sunday after a late breakfast.

On the cover this month is a photo of your truly at the recent Camping, Fishing and 4wd show at the Melbourne Showgrounds. I stumbled into a couple of people that are well and truly recognised by 4wd'ers in Australia and was given permission to use the photo in our magazine. So my thanks to Graham and Shaun for posing with me at the show. I also managed to get their autographs on Samuel's shirt that he has been collecting autographs on for the past 3 or 4 years. Even has our own John Partridge autograph on the shirt ...

For the October meeting, I shall need to give my early apologies as I have family commitments in Brisbane for a nieces wedding and shall leave the monthly club meeting in the safe hands of our Vice President, Sally. In November, we still have our club meeting booked at ARB in Dandenong and will not be meeting at our usual place in Noble Park - just remember, the November meeting is the SECOND Wednesday of month, not the FIRST Wednesday.

If you are planning to come to visit our club for the first time - please don't be shy and come up to the front and introduce yourself to any of the committee members, We would love to meet you.

That's enough waffling from me for now, otherwise there won't be anything left for me to say at the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at our meetings, or on a trip.

David Bruinsma

President

Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club inc.

Minutes of General Meeting September 2015

Agenda for General Meeting 2nd September 2015

The meeting was held at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club and was opened at 2000hours by President David Bruinsma

Present: There were __17__ members present as per the attendance book

Apologies: There were _8_ members absent as per the Apologies book

Max and Sandra

Bruce Cremonesi

Mick and Sally Harris (Cape York trip)

Steve Pitcher (Cape York trip)

Mandie and Scott Lehman

Mark Kochen

Gary Smith

Joe Yammouni

Visitors: There were _4_ listed in the Visitors Book

Minutes of previous General Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed late so will be tabled at the next general meeting for acceptance.

Accepted :

Seconded :

Matters arising:

An incident report was received from Scott Lehmann pertaining to the minor incident on the Mt Skene trip, between Mark Felton and Steve Zonneveldt. Report has been filed with the trip leaders trip forms

Aberfeldy - received confirmation email a couple of days ago, that the date in October has been confirmed by Rudi.

Tony Felton offered to join the committee as a general member. Accepted at the committee meeting on August 11 2015

Correspondence in

Email from Rudi at Maintenance managers of the '**ABERFELDY TRACKS**' project on October trip for bridge building.

Minutes of General Meeting September 2015

Correspondence out

Treasurer;

Club annual Statement was sent to Consumer Affairs Victoria.

Payment for additional club memberships sent to 4WD Victoria Association

Treasurers report : Please see page 9 for the treasurers report.

Accepted: Stuart

2nd: John

Trip reports

Sam's Mt Skene Trip was cancelled

Sharon and Andy had a short notice trip to the high country – Wonangatta over Mt Hotham to Omeo.

Trip coordinators report

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

Type	When	Where	Trip Leader
Trip Leaders Info	Sat 12th Sep	Berwick	David
School hol's	19th Sep to 2nd Oct	Fraser Island	Stuart
Weigh Bridge	Sat 19th Sep	Hallam	David
Bridge Building	Sat 17th Oct	Aberfeldy	David
Cup Weekend	Friday 30 th Oct – Tuesday 3 rd Novm	High Country	Sally
Cup Weekend	Friday 30th Oct to Tues 3rd Nov	Beechport / Robe	David

Event Coordinators Report

Nil

Association Report

Nil

General business

Nil

Minutes of General Meeting September 2015

Other Business

Mic and Amp has been sourced for use at general meetings so that everyone is able to hear.

Members will be asked to use the mic when presenting

Convoy rules are being reviewed and will be presented to the club

National 4X4 Show

David spoke to 4WD Victoria and they would like a poster that advertises our club and will need to provide materials for promotion.

4WD Victoria will also consider RPL for relevant certificates

Bruce Cremonesi is investigating becoming a driver trainer.

David will not be at next club meeting and Sally will be chairing meeting.

Raffle

Raffle prizes were held over till next month due to low numbers and low number of prizes

Meeting Closed: __2045 hours

Next Meeting: Wednesday 8.00pm 7th October 2015 at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club.



Treasurer's Report

August 2015

<u>Cheque A/C</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/08/2015		\$2,463.01
	Add:		
	Raffle Proceeds (August 2015 Meeting)	\$110.00	
	Membership Renewals 2015 – 2016	\$1140.00	
	Merchandise sales :	<u>\$329.00</u>	
	Total Monies In:		\$1579.00
	Less:		
	Merchandise Order	-\$530.95	
	Security Access Card - Weighbridge	-\$25.00	
	Transfer out to Petty Cash Account	-\$23.97	
	Stationary and printing:	-\$58.68	
	Refund Membership overpayment	<u>-\$400.00</u>	
	Total Monies Out:		-\$1,037.65
	Plus: Un presented Cheque # 467		\$58.68
	Un presented Cheque #469		\$400.00
	Closing Balance as at 31/08/2015		\$3,003.36
<u>Term Deposit</u>	(No Change)		\$6,091.60
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/08/2015	\$150.00	
	Add: Transfer in from Cheque A/C	\$23.97	
	Less: Catering Costs - Meetings	<u>-\$23.97</u>	
	Closing Balance as at 31/08/2015		\$150.00
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position		<u>\$9,095.96</u>

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Aberfeldy Track, Bridge building working bee
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: David
DATE	Saturday 17 th October 2015
MEETING PLACE / TIME	7am at BP on the Pakenham Bypass Should get us up to Aberfeldy by 9:30am
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Medium DRY: Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	We will be meeting Rudi up in Aberfeldy then proceeding to Aberfeldy track. I expect Rudi will have all necessary materials that we will need. Tools required: Shovels, Picks, Hammers, Chain Saws, Brush Cutters, PPE (like gloves, etc plus chain saw PPE) IF time permits, we shall look at some other areas in our district and do further maintenance and tracks clearing (and sign cleaning). BYO lunch and fluid replenishment for the day. It is very likely that I will be staying overnight down at O'Tools on the Saturday night, coming home after a late breakfast on the Sunday.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 4 MAXIMUM: 8
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	Approx. 200km from Melbourne CBD
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Moe DIESEL: Moe
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Moe
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	As listed above
MAPS REQUIRED	
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Beachport
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: David MOB: 0417 747 860
DATE	Melbourne Cup Weekend 2015 Friday 30 th October to Tuesday 3 rd November
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBA – Depends on who is coming, and respective departure times I intend to leave Berwick no later than 6am on Friday morning to avoid the worst of the peak traffic
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Medium DRY: Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	I plan to leave very early on the Friday morning, setting up camp early afternoon. Planning to camp at the caravan park at Beachport, and then spend family time on the beach (sunning, fishing, swimming) with opportunities for group drives up the beach or for individual family activities whenever and however you want. Planning to pack up on the Tuesday morning and head back to Melbourne. Other members of the club have indicated that they intend to stay the whole week.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 1 MAXIMUM: 10 (flexible)
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	Approx. 550km to Beachport from Melbourne CBD
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Every major town DIESEL: Every major town
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Every major town
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	All Recover gear – Max TraX if you have them Self sufficient for all camping gear etc etc
MAPS REQUIRED	Normal GPS to get to Beachport Beach track maps are available from Beachport
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	High Country - Wonnangatta
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Sally Higgs MOB: 0435 782 207
DATE	30 October – Tuesday 3 rd November
MEETING PLACE / TIME	630pm BP Pakenham Bypass Friday 30 th October. We are also happy to arrange a meeting point on the
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Medium/ Hard DRY: Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	We are heading for the high country for Melbourne Cup weekend. Friday we will head off and find a camp site near Licola and on Saturday will be making our way through to the Wonnangatta Valley. We may get there that day or we may not. I have not planned much further than that at this stage. I will be planning over
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: 8
APPROX KM	800km
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Licola DIESEL: Licola
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	100km
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Recovery Gear, Camping equipment, Food, water and equipment to be self-sufficient for 4 days. Please bring
MAPS REQUIRED	Roof Top Dargo – Wonnangatta Adventure Map
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	Channel 12 UHF

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Weighbridge afternoon – Hallam
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: David MOB: 0417 747 860
DATE	Saturday 7 th November 2015
MEETING PLACE / TIME	43-47 Hallam S Rd, Hallam
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Easy DRY: Very Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Planning to have a casual afternoon from 2pm through to 4:30pm Bring your vehicle, and/or trailer(s), loaded or unloaded. Each time you pass over the weighbridge there will be a fee associated with each reading you need/want of your vehicle, vehicle/trailer weights. BRING CASH, as the club will be charged for each reading! (\$20 per weighbridge reading) If we have too many people, I will try to run another event within 6 to 8 weeks of this first event.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 5 MAXIMUM: 10
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	Approx. 40km from Melbourne CBD
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Every major suburb DIESEL: Every major suburb
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Every major suburb
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Pen and paper would be a great idea
MAPS REQUIRED	Normal GPS
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12 (yup, I'll have a handheld to chat to you as you get close enough to call up ...)

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Aberfeldy/Walhalla
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Scott and Mandie MOB: 0423 544 551 (Scott) or 0423 665 923 (Mandie)
DATE	Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd of November 2015
MEETING PLACE / TIME	7:30pm at BP on the Pakenham Bypass
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Hard - Very Hard DRY: Hard
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	We are planning to stay at Little O'Tools both Friday and Saturday nights. Will be doing some of the more challenging tracks in the area on Saturday and Sunday morning, before returning to Melbourne after lunch.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: 6
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	Approx. 200km from Melbourne CBD
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Moe DIESEL: Moe
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Moe
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Must have winch and own recovery gear. Minimum 2inch lift and MT or good AT tyres.
MAPS REQUIRED	Trip leader will have maps
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Marysville and surrounds
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Stuart & Maree MOB: Stuart 0428539157
DATE	Saturday 21/11/15
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Marysville main street outside the bakery 9:am for a 9:30 am departure. Bakery should be open for Breaky allow extra time
GRADE	WET: Medium DRY: Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	The trip will go to Keppel hut, MacFadyen Tk Quartz Crk Rd, Bull Fight Rd, Royston Range Tk to the Rubicon Power Station and maybe stop for dinner at the Buxton Burger place if anyone is interested. Bring packed lunch and munchies for roadside stops
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: N/A
APPROX KMS	300-400 klms round trip
Meeting place to destination	
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Marysville credit card sales only best to fuel at Healesville DIESEL: Marysville credit card sales only best to fuel at Healesville No LPG
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	400 klms
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Own basic recovery gear, tools and any spares you may require. AT or MT tyres
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftop maps Marysville-Lake Eildon or Big River Rubicon
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	12 UHF

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Toolangi
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Scott and Mandie MOB: 0423 544 551 (Scott) or 0423 665 923 (Mandie)
DATE	Friday 27th of November 2015
MEETING PLACE / TIME	7:30pm at Lilydale Macca's
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classi-	WET: Hard - Very Hard DRY: Hard
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Planning to revisit some tracks we drove on our last night run in May. Aiming to get the vehicles (and occupants) very muddy.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: 8
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	Approx. 100km from Melbourne CBD
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Lilydale DIESEL: Lilydale
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Lilydale
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Must have winch and own recovery gear. Minimum 2inch lift and MT or good AT tyres.
MAPS REQUIRED	Trip leader will have maps
RADIO CHANNEL CB /	UHF 12

We Want Your Old Trip Notes

We are looking for old trip notes from leaders who have lead a trip in the past. This is to give other members some ideas of trips they could run. Please email our trip coordinator

trips@vfwdc.com

**YOUR PHOTOS
WANTED!**



If you have any great trip photos please email them to Ben web@vfwdc.com to add to the website gallery.

Make Sure you let Ben know which trip the photos are from. Please make sure to blur or black out all license plates.

