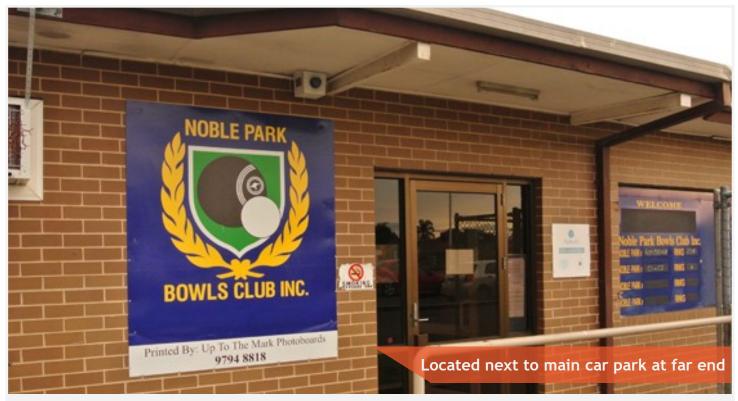


FREE WHEELING

August 2017



NOTICE BOARD



VFWDC General Meeting Venue

The club meets on the first WEDNESDAY of each month at 8:00pm. With the following exceptions; No meeting in January. November meeting is at a selected location, watch the calendar.

Bowling Club Rooms

Noble Park Noble Football Club 46-56 Moodemere Street Noble Park





Members and guests are welcome to dine at the bistro before attending the meeting from 6:30pm.

Aberfeldy Track

In association with <u>Westland Gippsland Relic, Mining and Heritage Protection Inc</u>, the club maintains a section of the Aberfeldy Track with working bees throughout the year. View the club

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

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Ben Whitworth President president@vfwdc.com Vice President Ken Beard vicepres@vfwdc.com Bruce Cremonesi secretary@vfwdc.com Secretary **Treasurer** Tony Barbera treasurer@vfwdc.com

General Committee

Trip Co-Ordinator Stuart Bowker trips@vfwdc.com Magazine Editor Ly Ho editor@vfwdc.com **Association Delegate** David Bruinsma delegate@vfwdc.com

General Committee Shane Dodman General Committee (position vacant)

Support Positions to Committee

Ben Whitworth web@vfwdc.com Web manager

Training officer Phillip Griffith Training officer **Ashley Martin**

Merchandise Carolyn Bruinsma merchandise@vfwdc.com

Club Details

Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Registered Name

A002184F Registration No

Correspondence PO Box 778 Dandenong VIC 3174

Email secretary@vfwdc.com

Website www.vfwdc.com

The Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club is an affiliated club of Four Wheel Drive Victoria -

www.fwdvictoria.org.au

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE					
Club Polo Shirts	\$28.00	Club Hoodie		\$54.00	
Club Polar Fleece Full Zip Jacket	\$48.00	Club Sleeveless Reversible Vest		\$54.00	
Club Caps	\$15.00	Club Bucket Hat		\$16.00	
Club Wide Brim Hat	\$18.00	Club Beanie		\$12.00	
Club Drivers Jacket (Coat)	\$80.00	VFWDC Windscreen stickers			
			Small	\$6.00	
			Large	\$8.00	
We encourage all members to pure					

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi all,

Welcome to the VFWDC Free Wheeling magazine.

Our Christmas in July took place in the month just gone and it was an excellent event. We had a great turn out, almost too many to fit around the fire! Great food, great drink and great company, what more can you ask for in life. Big thanks to David and Carolyn for organising the event, great job, and thank you to Emily for being chief cook, and all those who helped out. The kids enjoyed a couple of movies on the big screen in one of the St. Annes function rooms, nice and cosy with the heater on I might add.

We also had a couple of snow trips in July. While there was probably about half the amount. I hope to see all our members at the next of snow we had last year there was plenty to play in and not too much to stop us from getting a lot further than we were able to last year. We not only played in the snow, the kids gave the toboggans a good work out, but we also got in some good 4wd'ing including a couple of river crossings. Take a look at the trip reports for the full story.

The August meeting will see our Annual General

Meeting (AGM) take place. At the AGM we review the year past and elect our committee for the upcoming year. I encourage all members to come along and have their say. Have a think about who you want to represent your club for the year ahead. If you would like to contribute to the direction your club takes please volunteer to be part of the committee.

You will find nomination forms at the end of this edition of the club magazine and they will also be available on the night. If you would like to nominate someone please have a chat to them and get their agreement or if you would like to be nominated please drum up a couple of members to support your nomination.

Bring on the AGM!

general meeting and out on the tracks.

Ben Whitworth President

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

July 2017

Meeting started 8pm

Attendees - as per book Apologies - as per book

Minutes from June Meeting

Read and Accept Accepted: David b Second: Ly

Correspondence from mins

Nil

Incoming Correspondence

- Emails from prospective members
- Letter from Big 4 in Bendigo\
- Snow Trip Permit application.
- Emails to prospective members

Treasurers Report

As per attachment in magazine.

Accept - Mick

Seconded - Sally H

4wd Vic

Nil

General bizzo.

Ben

- Membership renewals due now
- Must have them done for the snow trip or fubar.
- Advertising and Forsale ads in magazine if you have a business, or anything to sell in the club magazine speak with Ly
- Mandy and Scott had a boy Lucas
- Next months meeting is AGM
- This months stuff

4wd Vic Report

Nil.

Upcoming Club Trips (Trip forms down the back of the meeting on the bench)

Xmas in July - 8th and 9th July - St Annes Winery - Dave Bruinsma

- Dave talked about St Anne's winery
- Will have kids movies on and food and drink
- The feed will be Payella (fancy name for rice)
- Lots of booze samples and bottles.
- We will be following the very very soft fire rules.
- We can be there from Friday but you make your own arrangements.
- Caravans, swags, tents, etc.

Snow trip - July 14th - 16th

- Discussion on the Snow trip
- Sam running top group
- Full and staying in a couple of huts
- Bruce running lower group
- Bruce discussed the requirements for the trip regarding permits, and safety
- Skipworth reserve
- Soft people staying in houses should make for awesome socializing.

Cobaw trip - Steve Pitcher - 26-27 August

- Technical trip
- Lots of low range stuff
- 6 cars only.
- Campsite within the park for bout 6 cars.
- 10 min drive from Romsey so supplies are doable.
- Alcorn Track is a challenging track, so starting there on day 1 - look it up on Youtube

Driver Training - sometime in October

Beachport Robe trip November

Technical trip

Welcome to Eddi from All Sat

Coffee break

Past Club Trips

Stuart mentioned we need some more trips, so if you have any ideas, please email them through to committee@vfwdc.com

Raffle drawn

- First prize Andrew H the Ram Mount.
- Second Prize Dave B Cable thingy
- Third Prize Gary Tiedowns
- Fourth Prize Tristan -
- Fifth Prize Cabley thingy

Meeting Closed 10pm



CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

August				
2nd	Wed	Annual General Meeting		
15th	Tue	Committee Meeting		
16th to 18th	Wed to Fri	Cassilis Historic Area	Brett Nuske	0405 441 819
26th to 27th	Sat to Sun	Cobaw State Forest	Steve Pitcher	0421 205 529
September				
6th	Wed	General Meeting		
19th	Tue	Committee Meeting		
October				
4th	Wed	General Meeting		
11th	Wed	Proficiency Training—Theory	Ashley Martin	0428 134 399
			Phil Griffith	0419 865 472
14th to 15th	Sat to Sun	Proficiency Training—Practical	Ashley Martin	0428 134 399
17th	Tue	Committee Meeting	Phil Griffith	0419 865 472
November				
1st	Wed	Aussie Disposals Dandenong South—Special Meeting		
3rd to 7th	Fri to Tues	Beachport / Robe	David	0417 747 860

IMPORTANT

- If you wish to join us for dinner before the General Meeting, please book a spot at <u>Club Noble</u>. Phone 9546 0653 and ask to join "Sally's table" from the club. You must book **BEFORE** the Monday on the week of the meeting to avoid disappointment!
- Discount promotion code for the <u>National 4x4 Outdoors Show, Fishing & Boating Expo</u>
 <u>Melbourne</u>: 4WDVIC (saving of \$5 off the adult ticket).



TRADING POST

Members can advertise any four wheel drive or camping related items they wish to sell or buy.

Just email the editor, editor@vfwdc.com, with the following:

- 1. Description of the item
- 2. Price
- 3. Contact details
- 4. Photos (highly recommended)

FOR SALE: GU Patrol accessories

\$50, \$60

Kaymar GU Patrol wheel carrier spacer bracket:

Allows for larger diameter wheels such as 35's and incorporates a fixing for reversing light.

\$50

ARB GU Patrol dual battery tray

\$60







Ashley

0428 134 399

FOR SALE: Cruiser parts

See below

6 x Mickey Thompson MTZ tyres 285/75/16: 4 x tyres 12.5mm, 2 x tyres 10.5mm tread depth

6 x Dynamic black steel rims suit 70 series v8 cruiser

\$1200 EC

5 x 100 series (IFS) OE original factory steel rims 8x16 inches

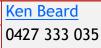
\$150 EC

2 x snake racing wheel spacers 150/5

\$80 EC

2 x OE original equipment 100 series tortion bars

\$80 EC





FOR SALE: Esky, roof top bag, swag

See below

Southern Cross Swag. \$900 Been seasoned, no leaks. Is only a year old. It has been used only 3 times. It is a nice comfy sturdy swag with lots of room.

Queen size swag when set up: 1500x2300x950cm Queen size swag when rolled up: 1600x400cm

Rhino Roof Top Bag. \$150 About 12 months old. Hardly used, in very good condition. It works well and keeps everything dry. Measurements:

1000x1200

Sally

0412 464 129





















FOR SALE: Free fire wood

FRFF

Gary

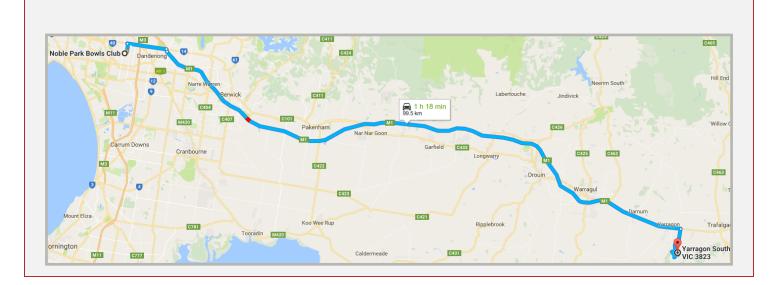
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Blackwood and Gum. Some dry, some are not.

Bring chainsaw and trailer.

I have trees coming down next week, and branches being trimmed also. There is wood on the ground also. Most of it needs cutting up and carting away. Current access is reasonably good.

Location: Yarragon South



FOR SALE: Samsung CLP-415NW Colour Printer

\$50

Stuart 0428539157

The club's now retired colour printer. Works perfectly.

See the full specs here





TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer's Report June 2017

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Cheque A/C`	Opening Balance as at 01/06/2017		\$3,417.10
Add	: Membership Renewals Raffle Ticket Sales	\$1060.00 \$88.60	
<u>Less</u>	Total Monies In: Club Insurance Petty Cash Flowers (Scott & Mandy)	\$235.00 \$26.95 \$50.00	\$1,148.60
	Total Monies Out:	\$311.95	
	Closing Balance as at 30/06/2017		\$4,253.75
Term Deposit	Opening Balance as at 01/06/2017 Interest Paid	\$6,363.69 \$36.09	
Petty Cash	Closing Balance as at 30/06/2017 Opening Balance as at 01/06/2017 Add: Cheque Account Less: Catering	\$150.00 \$26.95 -\$26.95	\$6,399.78
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\$150.00

\$10,803.53

Closing Balance as at 30/06/2017

Consolidated Closing Cash Position

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION Cassilis Historia Area

LEADER/CONTACT NO. NAME: Brett Nuske

MOB: 0405 441 819

DATE Wednesday 16th August to Friday 18th August

MEETING PLACE / TIME Dargo on Wedneday @10AM (can also arrive on the Tuesday

night)

GRADE WET: Medium

Dry: East/Medium

TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS Starting from Dargo, travel northeast taking in the sights until

reaching Cassilis Historic Area to see the historic mines and mining

relics (may require some walks too see some of the sights).

VEHICLE LIMITS MINIMUM: 2

MAXIMUM: 6

APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE 300km

TO DESTINATION

LAST AVAILABLE FUEL Petrol: Dargo

Diesel: Dargo

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED Camping gear, food, water and basic recovery gear

RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF 12

DESTINATION Cobaw State Forest

LEADER/CONTACT NO. NAME: Steve Pitcher

MOB: 0421 205 529

DATE Sat 26/08/2017 - Sun 27/08/2017

MEETING PLACE / TIME BP Service Station 937 Calder Freeway (Cnr Holden Rd),

Calder Park (outbound side) for 9:30 am departure

GRADE WET: Hard/Difficult (Double Black Diamond)

DRY: Harder/More Difficult

TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS Explore Cobaw State Forrest. Attempt Alcorn Track first.

> Most tracks are poorly maintained, challenging and technical to drive. A spotter/passenger would be useful for this trip.

VEHICLE LIMITS MINIMUM: 2

MAXIMUM: 6

70km

APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE

TO DESTINATION

LAST AVAILABLE FUEL PETROL: BP Calder Park

DIESEL: BP Calder Park

DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES Approx 70kms

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED Quality AT or MT tyres with good vehicle clearance and re-

> covery points (F&R), full recovery gear, winches an advantage. Camping overnight - must be self-sufficient.

MAPS REQUIRED Rooftop's Cowbaw State Forrest

UHF 12 RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF

DESTINATION Proficiency Training

Little O'Tooles camping ground & surrounds

LEADER/CONTACT NO. Ashley Martin - 0428 134 399

Phil Griffith - 0419 865 472

DATE Theory - Wednesday October 11th, 7.30pm start

Practical - Saturday October 14th to Sunday October 15th

MEETING PLACE / TIME Theory - Noble Park Football Club, Blue & Gold Room (above

dining area)

Practical - BP Service Centre Officer (Princess Fwy) Friday 5pm

BP Service Centre Officer (Princess Fwy) Saturday 7.30am

GRADE WET: Easy/Medium

DRY: Easy/Medium

TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS The Club encourages all members to participate in a proficiency course to ensure the basic fundamentals of 4 wheel driving are gained.

> Theory provides an overview of the tread lightly principals, vehicles dynamics and functions, tackling various terrains along with other subjects. This provides the back ground for the practical weekend.

Practical we run through individual vehicles and differences, basic recovery equipment and recap some of the theory (including home work:)). We then begin the practical side running through several techniques to ensure safe vehicle recovery when in difficult situations. Once all participants are confident with these we hit the tracks to putt all the theory into practice.

Sunday will be a leisurely start then we traverse a number of tracks which allow you to become familiar with your vehicles capabilities and gain further confidence. We should be finished by 2 o'clock arriving back to Melbourne around 4.

As with past participants the weekend provides confidence to safely 4WD either with the club or friends.

VEHICLE LIMITS MINIMUM: 4

MAXIMUM: 8

APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION

300km's approximately

LAST AVAILABLE FUEL

PETROL, LPG, DIESEL: Moe

(please have full tank of fuel before leaving meeting place)

DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES

200kms

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Theory - pen and concentration

Practical—you will need to be self-sufficient for camping and have your brain switched on.

MAPS REQUIRED Rooftop Walhalla / Woods Point

RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF UHF 12

DESTINATION Beachport / Robe - 2017

LEADER/CONTACT NO. NAME: David

MOB: 0417 747 860

DATE Melbourne Cup Weekend 2017

Friday 3rd to Tuesday 7th (longer if you wish)

MEETING PLACE / TIME TBA - Depends on who is coming, and respective departure

times

GRADE WET: Medium

DRY: harder if the sand if Dry.

TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS

I plan to leave very early on the Friday morning from Berwick at approx. 6am to avoid the worst of the peak morning traf-

fic, setting up camp early afternoon.

Hopefully arriving to set up at the caravan park in 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.

BIG Sunday Roast (if we can have the camp fire). If we are lucky the fire ban doesn't start until after Cup Weekend. But

we got caught out last year, so no fire.

Intending to pack up on the Tuesday morning and head back

to Melbourne. Some members usually stay the whole week.

VEHICLE LIMITS MINIMUM: 1

MAXIMUM: 10 +

APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE Approx. 550km to Beachport from Melbourne CBD TO DESTINATION

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 (in a caravan park)

MAPS REQUIRED Normal GPS to get to Beachport

Beach track maps are available at Beachport

RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF 12

EDITOR'S NOTES

Recovery shackles test

In issue #38 of <u>Unsealed 4x4</u>, they tested the breaking point of various types of recovery shackles: unrated hardware store shackle (crap, don't ever use it), metal rated shackle and soft shackle (made out of plasma rope).

<u>Read and watch the full article</u> to see how they were all tested them and results. Everyone should have rated shackles in their recovery bag. Having a few soft shackles can't hurt either considering they are light weight and pack small.



COMMITTEE DUTIES

As it is coming close to the time for the Annual General Meeting (in August), the committee has decided to add the basic descriptions of the duties accepted from the Executive Committee positions.

President

- The Presidents role is a voted Committee position and it is the Presidents responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules
- Attendance of general meetings making sure meetings are held in accordance with the requirements as specified in the Constitution
- Draw up an agenda for General Meetings and ensure meeting is run in a structured manor.
- Lead the meeting through the agenda, keeping discussion relevant, decision making clear and encouraging member participation when required
- Appoint general committee roles and delegate duties to the committee members
- Make sure Committee Meetings are held in accordance with the requirements as specified in the Club Rules
- Draw up an agenda for Committee Meetings and ensure meeting is run in a structured manor Write monthly Presidents report for the newsletter to report relevant information to members
- Attend Four Wheel Drive Victoria president meetings when required
- Oversee and assist in resolving any members disagreements
- Welcoming new members or visitors at general meetings

Immediate Past President

- This is an office bearers position and requires the incumbent to attend all General Meetings and occasional other meetings.
- The incumbent in this position, as it is not an elected position, does not hold any portfolios.
- The incumbent is to be a source of historical advice and information to the newly elected Executive Committee.
- The position has full voting rights similar to those of the elected Committee members.

Vice President

- The Vice Presidents role is a voted Committee position and it is the Vice Presidents responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.
- To convene and run orderly meetings in accordance to the Clubs Constitution in the event of the President is absent
- To organise guest speakers for each meeting and be responsible for providing the necessary support, assistance and fellowship to ensure that their presentation is of the highest quality and they leave our meeting with a deep respect for the organisation they have just visited. Furthermore, to introduce those guest speakers to the meeting and move an effective vote of thanks for their presentation.
- Assist in all necessary aspects of administration of the Club 20 Official Newsletter of the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc

Secretary's Duties

- The Secretary's role is a voted Committee position and it is the Secretary's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.
- Collect the club mail from the club PO Box (778) at Dandenong Plaza Shopping Centre prior to the General Meeting.
- Attend the General Meeting ensuring that The Attendance, Apologies and Visitors books are available for members / visitors to sign in
- Take the minutes of the General Meeting
- Present the incoming and outgoing correspondence at the General Meeting
- Type up the minutes noting number of attendees, apologies and visitors
- Attend the committee meeting
- File correspondence in and minutes of the general meeting
- Attend to any outgoing correspondence as determined by the committee
- Ensure new member kits are up to date and available as required
- Maintain the membership list
- Manage membership cards for current year ensuring that they are signed
- Attend to annual duties, fill out the Committee Details and Membership numbers and hand to the Treasurer to return to the Association with payment

Treasurer

- The Treasurer's role is a voted Committee position and it is the Treasurer's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.
- To receive all new member application, and member renewal forms and monies and issue receipts Deposit all monies received into club bank account (from membership fees, club raffles, sales of merchandise etc.
- Keep a record of the accounts—which can be made available by request of any club member
- Prepare a monthly financial status report for the General Meetings
- Prepare the AGM report with full annual financials, which will also include president and trip coordinators reports.

Trip Coordinator

- The Trip coordinator is appointed by the committee from voted General Committee members
- Ensure attendance to each Club General Meeting fully prepared with relevant information.
- If unable to attend it is the Trip Coordinators duty to ensure another committee member has the Trip folder with the up to date information for the Club Meeting
- Ensure attendance to all Club Committee Meetings
- Be up to date with the Trip Leaders Guidelines as specified by the Adventure Activity Standards and FWDV (copies are in the front of the binder)
- Ensure all trip information is correctly recorded in the Trips binder
- Ensure the Trip Information Forms are up to date for each meeting.
- Ensure copies of other relevant forms are available if or when needed (Track survey reports, Accident Survey Form, Trip Incident form, Personal Information forms, Trip rating information)
- Ensure all TDF (Trip Data Forms) are filled in correctly and a copy is passed onto the Editor
- Liaise with the Editor and follow up any trip reports that haven't been submitted

Association Representative

- The Association Representative is appointed by the committee from voted General Committee members
- To attend all Association meetings with the President, and to report back to committee and also the General meetings with all items pertaining to the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Association.

Editor

- The Editor is appointed by the committee from voted General Committee members
- Maintain club newsletter and have it ready for publication before the general meeting each month.

General Committee

- Up to 5 General Committee positions available and are voted Committee positions.
- General Committee members may be appointed to positions as outline above.
- General Committee members not given a specific portfolio support the committee as needed.

Web Manager

- The Web Manager is a support position appointed by the committee.
- Maintain the club website, email mailboxes and mailing lists.

Merchandise Manager

- The Merchandise Manager is a support position appointed by the committee.
- Maintain club merchandise stock and replenish as necessary
- Make merchandise available to club members at meetings

VICTORIAN FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB INC

Nomination for Election to the Committee of Management - 2017/2018

l	Signed:
Nominate	for the position of
I	Signed:
Second the nomination for election	to the Committee of Management.
I	Signed:
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of the Victorian Four Wheel Drive C	election to the Committee of Management Club Inc for the position of
	HEEL DRIVE CLUB INC ommittee of Management - 2017/2018
I	Signed:
Nominate	for the position of
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Hereby accept the nomination for e	

AUGUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

Members as Per Book

Visitors as Per Book

Apologies as Per book

Steve Pitcher opened with an explanation of the nights proceedings.

Presidents Report:

Dave opened up with a thanks to Amanda for taking on the magazine last year and the great job she did.

Which was well accepted.

Treasurers:

Tony gave the treasurers report.

Figures as per attachment. No questions from the members on the treasurers report.

General minutes from AGM 2015

No questions or matters arising

Accept: Maree Second: Andre

At this point Steve declared all positions vacant.

Positions:

President: Vacant

Vice President: Vacant

- Treasurer: Tony Barbera Returning Treasurer.
- Secretary: Bruce Cremonesi Returns as Secretary.
- Trips: Stuart Bowker Returns as Trips
- Web: Ben Whitworth Returns as Web
- Merchandise: Caroline B Returns as Merch.

Driver Training:

- Phil Griffith
- Ashley Martin
- John Partridge

General Committee:

- 1. Shane Dodman
- 2. Vacant.

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm