

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.

Blue and Gold Room

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

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 calendar for the next upcoming working bee.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

2019-2020

President Steve Pitcher president@vfwdc.com
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Training officer Ashley Martin

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Catering Ann Crockett

Club Details

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Registration No A002184F

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

www.fwdvictoria.org.au

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi all,

I'm sure that almost everyone in our club would be aware of the dreadful event that unfolded along Trigg Track last month. As fellow four wheel drive enthusiasts, I am sure that we all wish to pass on our heartfelt condolences and sympathy for the affected families and friends of Caleb and Shannon who both tragically lost their lives in a severe rollover.

While the news of their fate is extremely saddening, this was by most accounts an avoidable tragedy. There may be some very sobering lessons for us all to take from this and to reflect upon:

- Four wheel driving can be dangerous and we should always try to minimise the risks;
- Get in touch with local rangers and authorities before heading away;
- Consider your vehicle set up and driving skills/experience before attempting difficult terrain;
- Take note of, and respect, all track closures (including unseasonal and ungated closures);
- Consider installing a cargo barrier to improve vehicle rollover strength and occupant safety;
- Avoid travelling alone, always tell someone where you are going and use a 'ground charlie';
- Consider carrying a registered personal locating beacon whenever you travel.

On a much more positive note, I would like to thank the team at Safety Dave for attending and supporting our Club at our last general meeting. For anyone that missed out, the team at Safety Dave have agreed to hold open their advertised discounts for any of our Club members who couldn't attend or place an order with them at our last meeting. All members are encouraged to carry an appropriate first aid kit with them on Club events, particularly when travelling with children or through remote areas.

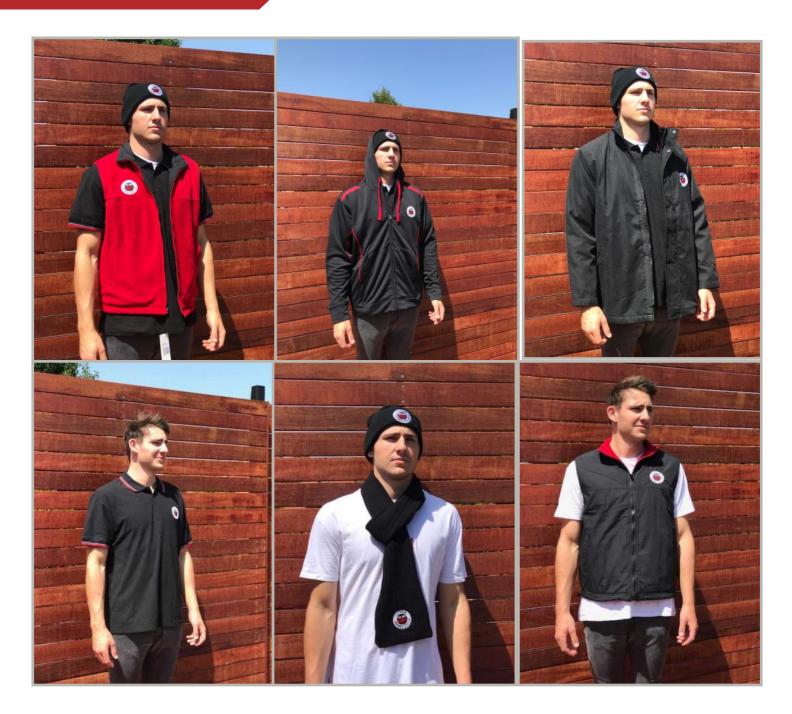
Later this month we have our next Club working bee scheduled for the Aberfeldy area and surrounding district. We would love to see as many people who can come along to this event. It is not just all about work (usually we squeeze in some play time too) and the more hands on deck, the easier it becomes for all. So if you can spare the time, please come along to help out, learn and explore in the knowledge that our Club plays an important role in preserving the rich history of this area.

Until I see you next, take care, keep safe and remember to tread lightly.

Steve Pitcher

President

CLUB MERCHANDISE



PRICING				
Club Polo Shirt	\$28.00	Club Hoodie		\$50.00
Club Singlet and T-Shirt	\$15.00	Club Sleeveless Reversible Vest		\$50.00
Club Polar Fleece Full Zip Jacket	\$45.00	Club Bucket Hat		\$16.00
Club Caps	\$10.00	Club Beanie		\$10.00
Club Wide Brim Hat	\$18.00	VFWDC Windscreen stickers		
Club Drivers Jacket (Coat)	\$70.00		Small	\$6.00
			Large	\$8.00
Club Cloth Badges 120mm	\$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 NOBLE FORM

Did you know if you're a member of Club Noble (the sporting club next door to the meeting), you get discounts on your meal and drinks. And when it's your birthday, you get more than enough points for a feed and drink. \$10 per year—pretty good I reckon!

Click here to download the form and hand it to reception desk.

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CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

October					
2nd	Wed	General Meeting			
19th to 20th	Sat to Sun	Aberfeldy Working Bee	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860	
21st	Mon	Committee Meeting			
November					
1st to 5th	Fri to Tue	Beachport / Robe	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860	
2nd to 10th	Sat to Sun	Eyre Peninsula SA-Coodlie Park Farm Retreat	Brett Buchanan	0407 878 970	
2nd to 5th	Sat to Tue	Buchan to Mckilops Bridge (Deddick Trail)	Jeff Griffiths	0425 705 224	
11th	Mon	Committee Meeting			
13th	Wed	Aussie Disposals Dandenong			
17th Nov to 8th		Tasmania 22 Days Away	Stuart Bowker	0428 539 157	
December					
4th	Wed	General Meeting			
7th	Sat	Christmas Party TBA			
16th	Mon	Committee Meeting			

Something goofy happened to someone on a trip? Nominate them for the next "Good on ya" trophy! Send a quick summary to trips@vfwdc.com

IMPORTANT







November meeting will be at Aussie Disposals Dandenong South. Please note the date is Wednesday 13th of November. A delicious BBQ dinner will be served at 7PM. Please RSVP on the trip form at the October General meeting for catering purposes. Meeting will commence around 7:30PM

Address: 345-353 S Gippsland Hwy, Dandenong South VIC 3175. Google Maps link here

Safety Dave is offering discounts on a range of products. Speak to David Bruinsma to find out more.

- Club meeting venue has changed. The meeting is now held in the Blue and Gold Room, upstairs of Club Noble. You can enter via the front door or at the back where a member will show you up.
- 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 "Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club" table. You must book **BEFORE** the Monday on the week of the meeting to avoid disappointment!

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

4th September 2019

Attendees

As per attendance sheet

Apologies

As per attendance sheet

- Tony and Lisa
- Shane and Jennie
- Dean Fisher

Minutes from Last Meeting

Accepted by Ann Crockett Seconded by Andre van der Walt

Matters arising from Last Meeting

Nil

Correspondence In/ Out:

Emails In and out:

- Various Four Wheel Drive Victoria Emails
- Emails coordination November Offsite

Mail

Not collected this month

Treasurer's Report

- As per treasure's report
- Waiting for full information on the Term Deposit.
- A full report will be provided at next months meeting to confirm balances

Association Delegate Report

- Delegates meeting on 14th September
- Are starting to get more clubs joining up to the association
- Information being shared on vehicles

New Members/Guests and Prospective Members

Visitors - as per attendance sheet

Driver Training

2018 Driver Training Certificates presented to:

- Ann Crockett
- Allan Leighton
- Brett Buchanan
- Michael Scopel
- Steve Ignatidis
- Looking at doing an Advance Course
- March for the proficiency course

Merchandise

Please see Des for all merchandise requirements

Guest Speakers

 Safety Dave presentation on first aid kits, reversing cameras

General Business

- Travel buddy camp oven—Ashley is doing a bulk buy so please let him know if you are interested.
- Tristan, Sally, Ly and Ann will be undertaking Oxfam trailwalker in March next year.
- Fire restrictions are already in place for NSW state and National Parks due to dry weather conditions
 - Discussion on media reports around Four Wheel Drive Victoria—David is going to get more information from the delegates meeting on 14th September
- November meeting will be held at Aussie Disposals Dandenong South

Upcoming Trips

See trip data forms attached

- 14th September Photography Trip
- 21st September Baw Baw waterfall trip David B
- Grand Final weekend—Des considering trip to Mitchell State Park. Will send out all members email to confirm if going ahead
- 19th October—Aberfeldy Working Bee—David B
- Melbourne Cup—Beachport/Robe Trip —David B
- Melbourne Cup weekend-Deddick Trail-Jeff
- Ayre Peninsular Melbourne Cup weekend plus a few days—Brett
- Tasmania November— Stuart = Trip is full

Reminder to have a personal information form in each vehicle.

Forms can be found here: https://vfwdc.com/forms.html

Past Trip Reports

Jeff presented on Mt Skene trip that went via Licola—did not make summit

Raffle Prizes

- Snatch Strap—David b
- Eggs—Maree B
- Eggs—Andre
- First Aid Kit—kindly donated by Safety Dave—Brett
- Air Chair—Ly
- Tool Bag bundle—Jack

Meeting Closed: 21:54 Hours

Next meeting: 3rd October, 2019

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)

OZtrail Easy Fold Stretcher Tent Single (beige colour)

\$20

Had this for about a year (second owner). Getting rid of it because it leeks through the fly sheet with heavy rain. If you sleep this under an awning or tarp then it's no problem. No rips or tares that I know of. One of the carry bag's zipper-handle has broken off but can still zip with the other zipper.

Ly

0433 387 811

Ly.tri.ho@gmail.com

View official page for photos and video



TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer's Report August 2019

Cheque A/C` Opening Balance as at 01/08/2019			\$4,804.59
Add	: Raffle	\$90.00	
	Membership renewals	\$670.00	
	Merchandise 2 x beanies	\$40.00	
	Total Monies In:		\$800.00
<u>Less</u>			
	Catering	\$31.50	
	Consumer Affairs Victoria PMI Annual	\$236.80	
	Total Monies Out:	\$268.30	
Closing Balance as at 31/08/2019			\$5,336.29
Term Deposit Opening Balance as at 01/08/2019 \$6,670.26			
	Interest Paid	\$0.0	
	Closing Balance as at 31/08/2019		\$6,670.26
Petty Cash	Opening Balance as at 01/08/2019	\$50.00	
	Add:		
	Less:		
	Closing Balance as at 31/07/2019	18	\$50.00
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position		\$12,006. <u>55</u>

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION Mitchell River National Park to Heyfield

LEADER/CONTACT NO. NAME: Des

MOB: 0412 170 139

DATE Grand Final Weekend

Friday 27th September to Sunday 29th September, 2019

MEETING PLACE / TIME Outbound BP Service Station at Officer

7.30 am—Friday 27th September, 2019 for 8 am departure.

GRADE WET: Medium

DRY: Easy

TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS Plan is to drive to Mitchell River National Park, Angusvale Camping Area, arriving early afternoon. Set up camp and head out and drive a couple of local tracks (perhaps take a look at Wallers Hut) before returning for the night with some

firewood. Drop toilets are available at site.

Day 2, head west along Tabberabbera Track, crossing Dargo Road to numerous options maintaining a westerly direction to Avon Track. Several options for camp Saturday night. Avon Track has numerous spots to camp (depending on vehicle numbers) and there is Golden Point Hut/ or thereabouts or Huggetts Crossing camp ground.

Day 3, a late start and cruisy drive out to either Coongulla or

Heyfield and home.

VEHICLE LIMITS MINIMUM:

MAXIMUM: 5

TO DESTINATION

APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE Approximately 240 Kms (round trip say 500Kms)

PETROL: BP Stratford LAST AVAILABLE FUEL

DIESEL: BP Stratford

DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES 100 Kms

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED Rated recovery points

Basic recovery gear, vehicle specific tools/spares.

Self-sufficient camping/food/supplies

Chainsaw optional (will have mine) PPE gear is mandatory if

bringing and intend using chainsaw.

Fuel/oil if bringing chainsaw

MAPS REQUIRED Rooftops—Bairnsdale to Licola

RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF UHF Channel 12 or my mobile

DESTINATION Aberfeldy Area Club Working Bee

LEADER/CONTACT NO.

NAME: David

MOB: 0417 747 860

DATE Saturday 19th to Sunday 20th October

MEETING PLACE / TIME McDonalds on the Packenham bypass departing 6:30 PM Friday night or meet us at Aberfeldy township Saturday

Morning for a 9:00 am departure.

GRADE WET: Medium

DRY: Easy

TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS

Idea is to head up past Aberfeldy to start cleaning and clearing of some of the winter undergrowth from the base of the signs together with any fallen trees over the walking tracks our club is looking after.

We generally try to break into 2 groups of at least 3 vehicles each so we can cover our entire area in a single morning, so I'm putting down a minimum of 6 vehicles

Then to camp at Little O'Tools for the night and do some four wheel driving Sunday before heading home Sunday afternoon. Bring packed lunch and munchies for roadside stops

VEHICLE LIMITS

MINIMUM: 6

MAXIMUM: n/-

APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION

300-400km round trip

LAST AVAILABLE FUEL

PETROL: Moe

DIESEL: Moe

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DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES

72km

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Own basic recovery gear, tools and any spares you may require. Self-sufficient camping and food for the weekend. If you have one please bring a chain saw, chain oil and fuel. Note: Personal Protective Equipment is mandatory for chain saw operators eg; earmuffs, safety visor, Chaps, work gloves and sturdy boots.

MAPS REQUIRED

Rooftop maps Walhalla-Licola

RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF

UHF 12, or call me on mobile

GOOGLE MAPS

See here

DESTINATION Beachport / Robe

LEADER/CONTACT NO. NAME: David

MOB: 0417 747 860

DATE Melbourne Cup Weekend

Friday 1st to Tuesday 5th November (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 traffic, 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 +

TO DESTINATION

APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE 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 (in a caravan park)

Sand Flag

MAPS REQUIRED Normal GPS to get to Beachport

Beach track maps are available at Beachport

RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF UHF 12

DESTINATION Eyre Peninsula SA - Coodlie Park Farm Retreat

LEADER/CONTACT NO. NAME: Brett Buchanan

MOB: 0407 878 970

DATE Saturday 2nd November 2018 to Sunday 10th November 2019

MEETING PLACE / TIME On Road - TBA

GRADE WET: Medium

DRY: Medium

TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS

Camper Trailer Friendly - Base Camp at Coodlie Farm. Various accommodation options available see

www.coodliepark.com.au

We are going off grid for the 5 days at Coodlie Park. Explore 4wd tracks on northern section of Eyre Peninsula.

- Talia Lake Newland Conservation Park Sand Dunes & Beach Fishing
- Gawler Ranges National Park
- Venus Bay Conservation Park Westall Way Loop
- Coodlie Park Beach
- Baird Bay Eco Experience Swim with Sea Lions & Dolphins (nb cost applies approx. \$180 per person half day) include a diversion to Murphy's Hay Stacks
- Elliston or Streaky Bay

Warning - Travel to and from Coodlie Park - will be long with minimal breaks - aiming to be north of Adelaide for first night which will require quick stops for fuel/comfort stop

and driver change only.

VEHICLE LIMITS MINIMUM: 1 (us)

MAXIMUM: 10 (more the merrier)

APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION

1400 kms each way plus local driving

LAST AVAILABLE FUEL

PETROL/DIESEL: Main Highway throughout - last fuel before Coodlie Park - Wudinna Eyre Highway

DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES

On Highway 2-300 kms

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Basic Recovery equipment for Sand Driving i.e. Shovel Recovery Bords, Snatch strap etc.

MAPS REQUIRED

Hema - leader will have maps

RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF

Channel 14

DESTINATION Buchan to McKilops Bridge (Deddick Trail)

LEADER/CONTACT NO. NAME: Jeff Griffiths

MOB: 0425 705 224

DATE Melbourne Cup Long Weekend

2nd November 2019 to 5th November 2019

MEETING PLACE / TIME BP McDonalds on the Pakenham Bypass (on the

freeway) Meet at 7:30 AM for 8:00 am departure

GRADE WET: Medium / Difficult

DRY: Medium

TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS Drive up to Jasksons Crossing and camp on the Snowy

River

Sunday

Head up to Raymond falls to have a look then to Waratah

Flat camping ground

Monday

Head to the Deddick trail camp at McKilops Bridge

Tuesday

Head home might do a few tracks on the way out Please note as this is the first weekend the tracks will

be open please bring a chain saw if you have one.

VEHICLE LIMITS MINIMUM: 3

MAXIMUM: 8

APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE Total kms for weekend about 700ks

TO DESTINATION

LAST AVAILABLE FUEL

PETROL: None after Buchan DIESEL: None after Buchan

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED Full recovery gear, Long range Tank or carry extra fuel in jerry cans AT or MT tyres. High Clearance Must have a Snorkel fitted UHF radio in vehicle or hand held., tools and any spares you may require All your own camping gear and food for 4 days Nibbles

for happy hour. Sorry no Camper Trailers

MAPS REQUIRED Rooftops Snowy River -Mckillops Bridge -Lakes

Entrance

RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF UHF 12

DESTINATION Tasmania 22 days away

LEADER/CONTACT NO. NAME: Stuart and Maree

MOB: 0428 539 157

DATE Sunday 17th November 2019 day sail to Devonport

to Sunday 8th December 2019 9:30 am day sail to Melbourne

MEETING PLACE / TIME Spirit of Tasmania Departure point Station Pier Port

Melbourne 7:30 am or as per boarding requirements

GRADE ____

WET: Extremely difficult

DRY: Difficult

TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS Plan is to do some of Tasmania's iconic four wheel drive

tracks.

VEHICLE LIMITS MINIMUM: 2

MAXIMUM: 5

APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE Approximately 2000 km in Tasmania

LAST AVAILABLE FUEL PETROL: Available in most towns in Tasmania

DIESEL: Available in most towns in Tasmania

DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES Available in most towns in Tasmania

Full recovery gear and well setup vehicles only, lifted, A/T tyres, F&R recovery points, winch etc. Camping gear to be self sufficient for at least four days NO CAMPER TRAILERS as

many tracks are rated difficult.

MAPS REQUIRED Hema Tasmania

RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF Channel 12

TO DESTINATION