



FREE WHEELING

February 2021



Photo provided by Sally Higgs
Nunniong Plains Trip January 2021

Official Newsletter of the
Victorian Four Wheel
Drive Club Inc

Registration No
A0002184F

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 held at a selected location watch the calendar.

Next Club Meeting February 3, 2021

Held at:

Blue and Gold Room

Club Noble

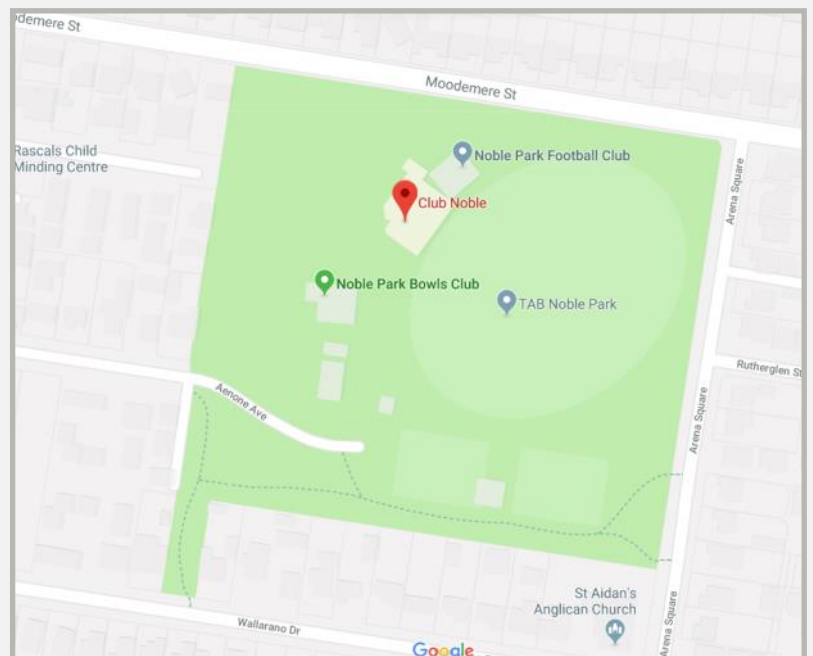
46-56 Moodemere Street

Noble Park

Melways ref: 89 D4

Members and guests are welcome to dine at the bistro before attending the meeting from 6.30pm.

For bookings call 03 9546 0653.



Aberfeldy Track

In association with [Westland Gippsland Relic, Mining and Heritage Protection Inc](#), 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.

CLUB NOBLE FORM

Would like to become a member of Club Noble and enjoy the benefits the club has to offer
[Click here to download the form](#) and hand it to reception desk.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Membership Application (Tick Box) New ☐ Renewal ☐ Existing Member No:

Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Other ☐

Given Name/s: Male ☐ Female ☐ D.O.B:/...../.....

Last Name:

Address: Suburb:

State: Postcode:

Mobile Phone Number: Home Phone Number:

Email Address:

I hereby apply to become a member of the **Noble Park Football Social Club Ltd** and agree to observe the rules and by-laws. I verify that I am over the age of 18 and understand the Loyalty Membership Terms as published on the **clubnoble.com.au** website. I agree to strictly abide by these Loyalty Membership Terms as amended from time to time and declare that the details in the application are true and correct.

I wish to receive all communications including promotional material and third party offers that include alcohol or gaming related advertising.

Yes ☐ No ☐

I also agree to receive and accept the annual reports and financial statements from Club Noble by either:

Email ☐ Website ☐

I agree to receive my Player Activity Statement in accordance with government legislation.

SMS ☐ Email ☐ In-House ☐

I am a Member of one or more of Club Noble's affiliated clubs:

Anglers ☐ Bowls ☐ Cricket ☐ Football - Seniors / Juniors ☐ Golf ☐ Soccer ☐ Tennis ☐

Signature: Date:/...../.....

FEES

Membership Fee (Tick Box) Year \$10 ☐ 2 years \$20 ☐ 3 Years \$30 ☐ Gaming \$0 ☐

Payment Details (Tick Box) Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Credit Card ☐

Card Holders Name: Card Type: Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐

Signature:

Card No: Expiry Date:

INTERNAL USE ONLY

Membership Number: Customer ID Sighted:

Staff Member's Name: Confirm Customer's over 18:

Receipt Issued (date): Receipt Number:

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

2020-2021

President	Sally Higgs	president@vfwdc.com
Vice President	Callum Brown	vicepres@vfwdc.com
Secretary	TBA	secretary@vfwdc.com
Treasurer	Ly Ho	treasurer@vfwdc.com

General Committee

Trip Coordinator	Des Whall	trips@vfwdc.com
Magazine Editor	Mary Griffiths	editor@vfwdc.com
Association Delegate	David Bruinsma	delegate@vfwdc.com
General Committee	Callum Brown Jeff Griffiths	

Support Positions to Committee

Web Manager	Ben Whitworth	web@vfwdc.com
Training officer	Phillip Griffith	
Training officer	Ashley Martin	
Merchandise	Des Whall	merchandise@vfwdc.com
Catering	Ann Crockett	

Club Details

Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club
Registration No	A002184F
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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Happy New Year!

I hope that you managed to have a break over the festive season and even snuck away for time out in our fabulous country. With 2020 now all but a weird memory of not leaving the house much, seeing everyone on a screen and trying to come up with different ways to stay engaged with our members, we can now look forward to 2021. While we still have to stay COVID safe and aware we can now start getting back out on the tracks and doing what we love. We are also now able to get back to face to face meetings! There will be some restrictions but we will make the most of being able to meet and have a coffee and a chat.

We have already had 2 trips this year. One a relaxing stay on the beach by the mighty Murray and another exploring the high country around the Nunniong Plains. I was lucky to be on this trip to take some money to the communities who had been hit by the bushfires last year and to witness the enormity of the burn. The positive thing to see though was the communities were bustling with people - queues at the bakery, and the bush was coming alive with lots of regrowth, the cackle of the kookaburra and plenty of animals and insects around. The insects did like biting me though!

Your committee has had its first meeting for the year where we talked about what went well for last year and what we can learn from. Our club was extremely resilient, we tried out new technology, new ways of communicating, we had guests to our meetings and we managed to issue a club magazine every month (thanks Mary for pulling them together). We even managed to attract some new members. Welcome to the club!

To our new members, I look forward to meeting you face to face and I hope that you enjoy the trips that will soon start happening. To our existing members, thank you for your continued support and willingness to adapt to different circumstances.

We are planning a number of trips and would love your input into where you want to go and we will help you run the trips as well so we can really make the most of the outdoors. Our first meeting will be dedicated to planning some trips for the year. I cannot wait to hear about the places people want to explore and learn more about.

Here is to a great 2021 and I will see you out on the tracks!

Sally

CLUB MERCHANDISE



New top for summer season.
T-Shirts, Vests, Light jackets—plenty of stock available. Order now ready for your next trip.

PRICES

Club SS Polo Shirt	\$30.00	Club Wide-Brim Hat	\$5.00
Club SS Shirt 40th Anniversary	\$10.00	Club Sandwich Peak Hat	\$5.00
Club Polar Fleece Jacket (Full Zip)	\$30.00	Club Woollen Pom Pom Beanie	\$20.00
Club Fleece Hoodie	\$30.00	Club Cable Knit Scarf	\$20.00
Club SS Reversible Vest—double embroidery	\$50.00	Club Neoprene Stubby Holder	10.00
Club Drivers Jacket	\$60.00	Club Coth Badges 120mm	\$8.00
Club Trekka Jacket	\$85.00	VFWDC Windscreen Sticker Sml	\$6.00
Club Bucket Hat	\$5.00	VFWDC Windscreen Sticker Lge	\$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

February 2021

3rd	Wed	General Meeting	Held at Club Noble	
12–14th	Fri-Sun	Mitchell and Avon Rivers	Des Whall	0412 170 139
15th	Mon	Committee Meeting		

March

3rd	Wed	General Meeting		
6th–8th	Sat–Mon	Mt Terrible	Sally Higgs	0435 782 207
15th	Mon	Committee Meeting		

April

7th	Wed	General Meeting		
19th	Mon	Committee Meeting		

May

5th	Wed	General Meeting		
17th	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

3rd February 2021—Club Meeting will be held at Club Noble at 8.00pm.

Sign in at reception and head upstairs to the club room.
Sanitise your hands. Don't forget to bring your a facemask.

Club Secretary Needed!

The Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club is looking for a Club Secretary.
If you can help out please contact the President, Sally Higgs via
email president@vfwdc.com

More details are provided on the following page regarding this position.

There are plenty of people to help, support and show you what to do, if you are able to help out, please contact asap.

SECRETARY POSITION

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
- Print 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
- Ensure that you have become signatory for Club Bank Account (coordinate with Treasurer)

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

2nd December 2020

Online Virtual Meeting Meeting Opened 8.05 pm

Attendees:

Apologies:

Brett and Nicky Buchannan, Callum,
Des Yapp, Andrew Hooper

Minutes from previous month

Matters arising from previous minutes

- Nil

Acceptance of Minutes

Accepted by: Daryl

Seconded by: Ben

Correspondence

Incoming correspondence in November:

- Nil

Outgoing correspondence in November:

- Nil

Treasurer's Report— November 2020

- Monthly Treasurers Report—November 2020

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Accepted by: Joe

Seconded by: Bruce

Membership Renewals

- 2 membership renewals in the past month

New Membership Update

- 2 new memberships in the past month

Association Report

Update on any Association News

- Nil

COVID-19

- Overnight Trips—15 person limit as per current government guidelines for gatherings
- COVID Plan and Contact Tracing Form is now available for club gatherings and trips.

Trips

- End of Lockdown Trip—Stuart
Went to Aberfeldy
- St Anne's Tasting—David—NIL—everyone too busy to attend

Upcoming Trips:

President Sally filled us in on upcoming trips

- Dec 4th—18th Davies Plains—Des
- Dec 12th Christmas Picnic at Crystal Brook Reserve Cardinia Reservoir—Sally
- Australia Day Weekend—Nunniong Plains (Des) and Ulupna Island (David)
- Feb 13 and 14—Avon River—Des

Trip platform—key things to note when using it. If you have put in as being waitlisted, you need to confirm if there are cancellations, otherwise trip leader does not get access to your phone number to call you.

Guest Speaker

- Justin Gill—HEMA MAPS: Sales & Partner Manager—Retail Products Victoria / South Australia / Tasmania

General Business

Any items for general business?

- Nil

Meeting closed at 9.36 pm

Next General Meeting set for
3rd February 2021

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bringing Four Wheel Drivers Together



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Treasurer's Report November 2020

<u>Cheque A/C</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/11/2020		\$6,453.52
	Add: Membership Fees	\$320.00	
	Total Monies In:		\$320.00
	Less: FWDV Memberships	\$1,200.00	
	Total Monies out	\$1,200.00	
	Closing Balance as at 30/11/2020		\$5,573.52
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/11/2020	\$6,796.40	
	Closing Balance as at 30/11/2020		\$6,796.40
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/11/2020	\$49.85	
	Closing Balance as at 30/11/2020		\$49.85
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position		<u>\$12,419.77</u>

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Treasurer's Report December 2020

<u>Cheque A/C</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/12/2020		\$5,573.52
	Add: Membership Fees	\$210.00	
	Total Monies In:		\$210.00
	Closing Balance as at 31/12/2020		\$5,783.52
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/12/2020	\$6,796.40	
	Closing Balance as at 31/12/2020		\$6,796.40
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/12/2020	\$49.85	
	Closing Balance as at 31/12/2020		\$49.85
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position		<u>\$12,629.77</u>



VICTORIAN FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

COVID-Safe Plan

This COVID-Safe Plan ("the Plan") has been developed to support Victorian Four-Wheel Drive Club in essence, to safely reopen, hold and/or sanction club gatherings.

Objective: To maintain a COVID-Safe environment whilst remaining compliant with public health directions.

The COVID-Safe Plan is grouped into four COVID-Safe principles. These include:

1. Ensure physical distancing
2. Wear a face covering
3. Practise good hygiene
4. Contact tracing

1. Ensure physical distancing

You must remain 1.5m apart as much as possible.

- Minimising the build-up of people waiting to enter and exit shared facilities and maintain 1.5m apart if forming a queue
- There is no more than one member and/or visitor per four square meters of publicly available space indoors
- Ensure outdoor social gatherings/overnight camping locations accommodate social distancing limiting contact
- Informing all participants to follow current public health directions when carpooling.

2. Wearing a face covering

All members, family members, partners and visitors attending an indoor meeting place must wear a face covering as per public health advice. Lawful exemptions recognised.

Face covering: mandatory indoors, unless an exemption applies. Include settings such as public transport, including when waiting at stations, ride shares, hospitals, care facilities and shopping.

- Face masks not required outdoors except where physical distancing cannot be maintained, such as farmers' markets and other outdoor retail.
- Requirement to carry masks at all times.

The Club, Committee and Trip Leaders will also:

- Provide guidance on how to correctly fit, use and dispose of face covering
- Inform participants that cloth masks should be washed each day after use. However, if during the day the mask is visibly dirty or wet, the mask needs to be washed immediately.

3. Practise good hygiene

Indoor meetings

- Attendees encouraged to regularly wash their hands. If soap and water is not available, alcohol-based hand sanitiser to be used (hand sanitiser will be made available at indoor meetings).
- Shared spaces to be frequently cleaned and disinfected including high-touch communal items such as doorknobs and handrails.

- Enhancing airflow by opening windows and doors.
- Single serve sachets, cups and condiments to be provided

Outdoor gatherings/camping

- Participants encouraged to regularly wash their hands. If soap and water is not available, alcohol-based hand sanitiser to be used (participants are expected to provide their own soap and water and/or alcohol-based hand sanitiser).

General:

- Do not shake hands or make physical contact with others
- Cough into elbows or a tissue
- Put used tissues straight into the bin, wash and/or sanitise hands immediately
- Avoid touching eyes, noses or mouths
- Do not share food or drink
- Practice strict hygiene when preparing food

4. Contact tracing

Do not attend meetings or participate in social gatherings and/or trips if you are feeling unwell or experiencing even the mildest symptoms.

Records of all attendees and participants to be kept for contact tracing.

Indoor meetings

- Attendance list to be made available to record name and contact details.
Information to be held by club secretary.

Outdoor gatherings/camping

- Contact tracing record to be collected by the trip leader and returned to the club secretary at the conclusion of the trip.

Contingency plan to manage any outbreaks.

This includes but not limited to –

- Secretary to identify and notify close contacts in the event of a positive case attending or participating in a club sanctioned activity during their infectious period.
- Secretary to engage with facility management and arrange to have site isolated and cleaned in the event of a positive case.
- Secretary to contact DHHS and notify the actions taken, provide a copy of contact details of any close contacts

I have read the VFWDC COVID-Safe Plan and commit to the objectives of the Plan for the duration of my attendance and/or participation in any club sanctioned gathering.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

VFWDC COVID-Safe Contact Tracing Form

Last reviewed by Des Whall/Secretary VFWDC 29/11/2020

VFWDC COVID-Safe Contact Tracing Form

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DESTINATION	Mitchell and Avon Rivers
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Des Whall MOBILE: 0412 170 139
DATE	Friday February 12 to Sunday February 14, 2021
MEETING PLACE / TIME	BP Officer outbound Departure 5.30pm
GRADE	WET: Hard DRY: Medium to Hard
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Friday evening drive to Johnston's Flat Camping Area on the banks of Freestone Creek. Saturday explore north and west along Avon River and camp for the evening. Sunday is a lazy start meandering along Avon River Track to Coongulla—Heyfield and home. Fuel availability—Outbound—Stratford, homeward bound — Heyfield some tracks are double black diamond so no campers/trailers please.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: Minimum (me) MAXIMUM: 6 Vehicles
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	Approx. 400 kilometers round trip
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Outbound—Stratford—Homeward bound Heyfield DIESEL: Outbound—Stratford—Homeward bound Heyfield
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	400 Kilometers round trip
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	First Aid Kit Fire Extinguisher Rated recovery points and own recovery gear AT Tyres minimum Vehicle specific spares Self-sufficient food and supplies Recovery Gear Electric Winch
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftops - Bairnsdale to Licola
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF Radio Channel 12
GOOGLE MAPS	

DESTINATION	Mt Terrible
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Sally Higgs MOBILE: 0435 782 207
DATE	Labour Weekend: March 6th—8th
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Saturday 6 th March 7:30am for 8am Departure BP Outbound - Packenham bypass. 65M1 Officer https://goo.gl/maps/XjLnoBSpJV3jbDXF9
GRADE	WET: Medium DRY: Easy / Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Saturday: Leaving from BP Packenham Bypass we will head out to check out the Noojee Trestle Bridge and then will head over Mt Matlock into Woods Point and down to our campsite at 12 Mile Reserve. We will set up camp and have a relaxing afternoon by the river. Will need to collect some firewood. Sunday: A cruisy get up and then we will head into Jamieson and then drive up to Mt Terrible and back down to Woods Point area. The length of time will determine which tracks we take. Monday: Head home via Jamieson over Mt Skene to Licola and home.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: Minimum 3 MAXIMUM: 10
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	Approx. 250 Km
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: BP Packenham Bypass DIESEL: BP Packenham Bypass Fuel also available at Jamieson
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Max 100 km
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Camping and 4WD equipment Camper trailers are ok Food and Snacks for the weekend
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftop's Marysville - Lake Eildon Adventure Map Trip leader will have plenty of maps :)
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	Start on Ch14 and see what traffic there is
GOOGLE MAPS	

Nunniong Plains

Trip Report

22nd to 26th January 2021

By Maree Bowker

Participants:

Des (Trip Leader)	Patrol
Shane & Jenny	Colorado
Michael & Sam	Triton
Sally & Tristan	Disco
Audrey & Ian	Patrol
Maree & Stuart	79 Ute



Friday 22 January

The discussion had been about the merit of leaving before the rush hour exit on a long weekend and the decision to meet at the Bruthen Hotel for dinner was the plan hatched. Well worth the extra effort. Through Ensay

which has camping on the riverbank but our final destination being Bentley Plains camping area. This provided a hut, drop toilet and rotunda all in really good condition.

Saturday 23 January

Nunniong Plains here we come with names like Saw Pit Road, Tea Pot Creek track with Blue Hill in the middle being 1332m high we got a feel for just how vast this area is. We challenged the 4x4 gears to up hills and down again, and as expected the bottom produced a river crossing. The other activity was chopping a tree or two that stopped us but there was a number of chain saws that all got a work out.

Finally stopping at Native Dog camping area, the water was a bit light on but the fire was roaring and the days tracks were analyzed with a few cold beverages.



Sunday 24 January

Overnight we heard the wild brumbies and the walk to the toilet in the morning showed just how many there was to see. The foals provided comic relief as they played and laid down in the sunshine, so lucky to see them so close. We found others hiding in the bush but not as photo friendly as this lot.

Heading off down Native Cat track and heading to Mundy Plains and the helipad for a view of the escarpment, you can only wonder how many hills you see in the distance, they go on and on and on.



We visited the Nunniong hut and Hunter huts, we started to drive on the black soil plains, but it was just a bit boggy and we used the alternative higher ground tracks, it would be really easy to get lost as there are roads going in all directions and not always marked on the maps, thanks to Des our fearless leader we found our way out of the maze.

The fires have destroyed much of the undergrowth, but the trees are showing signs of regeneration. It's hard to image how hot it must have been as the charred remains of the forest shows trees over 20m high fully burnt. Finally camping at the foot of Mt Stewart



A disco on the discovery trail.



Monday 25 January

Leaving Mt Stewart camping ground we climbed the track to the top 790m and looked out over the valley, well worth the rock steps to stand at the top.



Best bit according to Stuart no walking required, and Des took the credit for this achievement, next adventure was waterfall hunting and we found two.



Tristan at the waterfall.

Thanks to all who attended it was fun and a big thanks to Des for the planning and execution of another great trip.

Happy Australia Day 2021

Maree and Stuart

Being as the weather prediction was very hot over 40° C we headed to the Timbarra river to find a spot to cool off by the river. We chose Timbarra Central camping ground and it offered easy river access and plenty shady space. The afternoon was spent in the river with the temperature not disappointing the forecast hitting 43.5° C on our fridge temperature gage. A few cold beverages were consumed, and stories told of adventures past.

Tuesday 26 January

We packed up because the skies looked black and rain was in the air, heading back to Bruthen to the bakery for a morning tea stop. Everyone agreeing it was a great weekend and there is so many other tracks in this area to explore.



WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SELL

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)



GOOD-ONYA TROPHY

The Good-Onya Trophy is a great way to recognize members for their unique contributions.

Once a month club members have the opportunity to vote for their most worthy nominee.

The winner will be presented with this most prestigious club trophy at the monthly general meetings.

Send a quick summary to trips@vfwdc.com

Have fun on the tracks!



Editor's Note

Thank you to the Committee and to all the members who have contributed to the magazine. Without your contributions we wouldn't have a publication.