



FREE WHEELING

August 2023



Photo: Daisy Ellen
St Anne's Winery
Christmas in July

Official Newsletter of the
Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
Registration No: A0002184F



VFWDC Meeting Details & Venue

The club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm with the following exceptions:

No meeting in January
November meeting held at a selected "special" location

Blue and Gold Room
Club Noble
46-56 Moodemere Street
Noble Park 3174
Melways ref: 89 D4



This month's meeting will be held on **Wednesday 2nd August** at 8.00pm. Please note this will be our **Annual General Meeting** for 2023.

2022 - 2023

President	Callum Brown	president@vfwdc.com
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Web Manager	Ben Whitworth	web@vfwdc.com
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Merchandise	Daisy Quinn	merchandise@vfwdc.com

Club Details

Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club
Registration Number	A002184F
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Website	www.vfwdc.com

The Victorian Four Wheel Club is an affiliated club of [Four Wheel Drive Victoria](#)

President's Report

Good evening everyone,

I hope this message finds you all in good spirits. Today has been a truly enjoyable day on the road, as we embarked on an exhilarating snow trip (with very little snow). As always, I am reminded of how incredibly fortunate we are to be part of this amazing club that brings us together for such memorable experiences.

Just last month, we had a wonderful time during the Christmas-in-July trip, and today's adventure marked the second Mt Skene excursion of 2023. It's heart-warming to see how these trips feel like reunions with old friends, where the spirit of camaraderie prevails.

Now, I must confess that I have an aversion to paperwork, so I thought it best to combine monthly report with my Annual Presidents report. Efficiency at its finest, I'd like to think!

This year began with me taking on the role of Vice President, which some might say is the least demanding position among all. Running meetings at short notice was the primary responsibility. However, as fate would have it, things didn't quite unfold as expected. For the first time in the club's recorded history, we experienced the unexpected loss of our President.

In light of this, I extend my heartfelt thanks to Callum, a wonderful individual who perfectly embodied the core values of our club: Friendliness, Family, and Four-wheel-drive Fun. He will be deeply missed.

Moreover, I must express my gratitude to the other esteemed committee members who have worked tirelessly to keep our club running smoothly and navigated us through the challenges we encountered this year.

As the year progresses, I am honoured to pass on the baton of the presidency to the individual who will be elected to lead us into our club's 50th-anniversary celebrations. I have no doubt that this milestone year will be filled with joy, accomplishments, and a strong sense of community.

In conclusion, I want to thank each and every one of you for being a part of this incredible journey. It is your enthusiasm and support that make this club so special.

With warmest regards

Andre

Vice-President VFWDC

Club Calendar

August

Wednesday 2nd	Club Meeting & Annual General Meeting	8.00pm at Club Noble
Wednesday 16th	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8.00pm
Fri 18th - Sun 20th	Mt Skene Snow Trip	Organised by Bruce D (see Upcoming Trips)
Fri 25th - Sun 27th	Mt Skene Snow Trip	Organised by Anthony VB (See Upcoming Trips)

September

Wednesday 6th	Club Meeting	8.00pm at Club Noble
Wednesday 20th	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8.00pm

October

Wednesday 4th	Club Meeting	8.00pm at Club Noble
Wednesday 18th	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8.00pm

Other Dates

8th June 2024	Bruce's Big Trip	Organised by Bruce D (see Upcoming Trips)
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Meeting Minutes

Wed 5th July
Opened at 08.05pm

Attendees:

- As per attendance sheet

Apologies:

- Bruce, Daisy, Jacqui, Ben, Jason

Minutes of previous meeting:

- Minutes from last meeting - Read
- Matters arising from previous minutes - nil
- Accepting of minutes - Stuart
- Seconding of minutes - Ann

Guests:

- Alec - just joined club, drives Triton.

Correspondence In:

- 4WD VIC emails ref driver trainer's accreditation

Correspondence Out:

- Replies to emails
- Phil (who was in attendance to hand out driver training certs) gave an update ref the assessing of driver trainers by 4WD VIC which is coming soon.

Treasurer's Report:

- Monthly Treasurer's Report - as per the magazine
- Accepted: Dave
- Second: Sally

Association Report:

- 4WD VIC increased fees by \$5 which has been agreed and will be passed onto club membership fees from Jul'24 onwards.

Upcoming Trips:

- St Annes Winery - 7-9th July - now modified to be Christmas in July event too. Still plenty of space for any late sign ups, just let Daisy know so she can adjust for catering.
- Snow trips - 3 x trips planned, 1 other in Sept yet to get going. Steve 21st – 23rd July, Daisy 28th following weekend which is currently full, but possible swaps available, Last trip 19th Aug. Check forms at back so permits can be finalised with correct details. Need finalising by end of this coming week.
- Big trip planned for next year by Bruce D - details are out but big so its difficult to put all on trip form, contact him directly if need more detail or interested. Can join for sections if wanted.

Trip Reports:

Shrine of Remembrance, Bruce D - Went through Shrine, happy everyone showed up and well attended, and everyone greatly appreciated it. Proposal to run as an annual event which was well received, and Stu gave a public thanks for Bruce's experience and efforts for a great tour.

Stu & Maree Short notice Mt Matlock trip – talked about their short notice trip, where shall we go, Mt Matlock, but did think there would be some snow, checked roads open, expecting snow, got up there slush only, from previous years saw people with sausages, so this year cooked sausages on bread, onions on top, went down Peasant Track on way down, missed the turn off, then Jon became trip leader but with trees down he had to clear, down to Scotts Reserve, excellent camping spot, then headed down and came out via Warburton. Diesel pump out in Marysville so get fuel before last option.

Merchandise:

Nil

Magazine:

Meet the Member nomination - Luke D

General Business:

- Next month is club's AGM. There will be a few changes at committee level so we are definitely looking for Secretary, Vice Pres and President. So looking for possible nominations. Outline of responsibilities. Not intense. Please consider applying.
- Talked about AGM process for next month's meeting. Steve P agreed to be chair.
- Remember time to renew memberships, must be financial member to vote at AGM and also must be for snow trips. This is due to insurance.
- Phil asked about announcements must be put out via email not just FB because some people don't have FB. Andre agreed that committee would look into this and try to do this in future.
- Stu – just because its winter you cant go out, a lot of tracks are open, up in Aberfeldy, Deserts are open, and also a lot of camp sites. There is a lot to do so get out there.
- Query about website and trips platforms, quick update from Andre and Ly, its coming but slowly.

Raffle draw and meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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Treasurer's Report June 2023

<u>Cheque A/C</u> Opening Balance as at 01/06/2023	\$8,807.20	
Add: Merchandise	\$40.00	
Membership Fees	\$960.00	
Less: Web Hosting	-\$62.90	
Merchandise Expenses	-\$1025.29	
Closing Balance as at 30/06/2023		\$8,719.01
<u>Term Deposit</u> Opening Balance as at 01/06/2023	\$6,888.87	
Add: Interest	\$34.35	
Closing Balance as at 30/06/2023		\$6,923.22
<u>Petty Cash</u> Opening Balance as at 01/06/2023	\$38.30	
Closing Balance as at 30/06/2023		<u>\$38.30</u>
Consolidated Closing Cash Position		<u>\$15,680.53</u>

This month's meeting

Our next meeting is Wednesday 2nd August at Club Noble. And it is of course our AGM so maximum attendance would be great. The various committee heads will do a report on the year before the committee is dissolved. Steve P has kindly volunteered to take on the formalities at this point and guide us through the election and formation of the new committee. The roles and their responsibilities are outlined later in the magazine as are the nomination forms to get yourself elected - its not too late to nominate yourself. Please consider carefully whether you could assist the club by volunteering some of your time, in any way, shape or form. And with it being the 50th birthday year next year, if you become the President, you will go down in the annals of club history and have your beautiful face plastered all over the place!

Membership renewals

You should have seen an email in your inbox about membership renewal from the Treasurer, and we ask that you get on the case as soon as possible. As a gentle reminder, you need to be a fully paid up member in order to join any of the trips (thinking specifically the snow trips right now). If you are unsure how to renew, check out the membership page within the magazine itself or contact Ly as the Treasurer for help.

New T Shirts

After a lot of hard work by Daisy, our fabulous Merch Rep, the new style T shirts are ready for collection and payment. Daisy will be sending out more details so keep an eye out on email, FB and at the upcoming meeting on how to pay and pick up. Please try to remember what size you ordered otherwise Daisy might get angry! Thanks Daisy for your hard work getting this sorted - i know they look awesome.

Club's 50th Birthday

Just in case you weren't aware, next year is the club's 50th birthday. A working group has been formed to organise an amazing event(s) and are starting to look into options and ideas. So anyone who has any amazing ideas, please get in contact with any committee members. We are looking to make it an incredible event so all ideas, no matter how crazy are welcomed.

All and any contributions welcome

You know the score - I need trip reports, photos and any content to make the magazine an interesting read. Don't be shy, send the editor something!!

Please visit our website at VFWDC.com to view all our current membership forms and club policies.

For all new and renewal of memberships, please complete [the online form here](#)

If you are looking for a Temporary Membership, please complete the online form, [which can be found here](#).

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us via the Club Secretary on secretary@vfwdc.com

Payments:

Payment can be made via Bank Transfer. The details are as follows:

Account Name:	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
BSB:	633108
Account No:	111761979

Please ensure your transfer includes your name as provided on the membership application and renewal form in the reference.

Once you have made your payment/transfer, please send your completed membership application and renewal form to treasurer@vfwdc.com or you can present it to the Treasurer at any general meeting.

Thank you for choosing the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club

If you are interested in joining [Club Noble](#) where we hold our monthly meetings, their application form can be found [here](#).

Meet the Member

Please meet Luke. He has some very wise words in here and has obviously done a few dumb things too. He can play the drums, reckon's he's an 80's pop icon and once tried to dye his hair blue. Read on to find out more.....



Full name and any nicknames?

Luke David

When did you join the club?

March 2021

What's your vehicle?

2007 Mitsubishi Pajero 3.2L Turbo Diesel (Manual)

Favourite camp food?

Making a Hungarian Goulash using a goulash pot over the campfire. That with some fresh bread sitting around the camp fire can never go wrong.

Top tip to any beginners?

I would say Bunyip again as some nice fun tracks to get you started and build up the confidence and driving ability with your own vehicle. Very easy to plan and not too far away so can do a day trip as well.

Best piece of camping gear you are never without?

It may sound silly but i have a battery pack that can jump start car batteries multiple times in one charge. Also used as a torch and other functions. It has saved my bacon a few times when i forgot to turn off lights on the roof rack or devices left plugged in. I dont leave without it as i may not get home without it if something happens.

Dumbest thing you ever did in a car?

Thinking that a short cut track would save time and turned out to be an extremely difficult track on a very steep hill, with no where to turn around. Took 4 hours to only travel 2kms and had to cut down dead trees to make the track somewhat drivable since some of the ruts were taller than a person. Also had no phone signal and the other car couldn't get back up to assist so i was on my own.

Best book you have ever read?

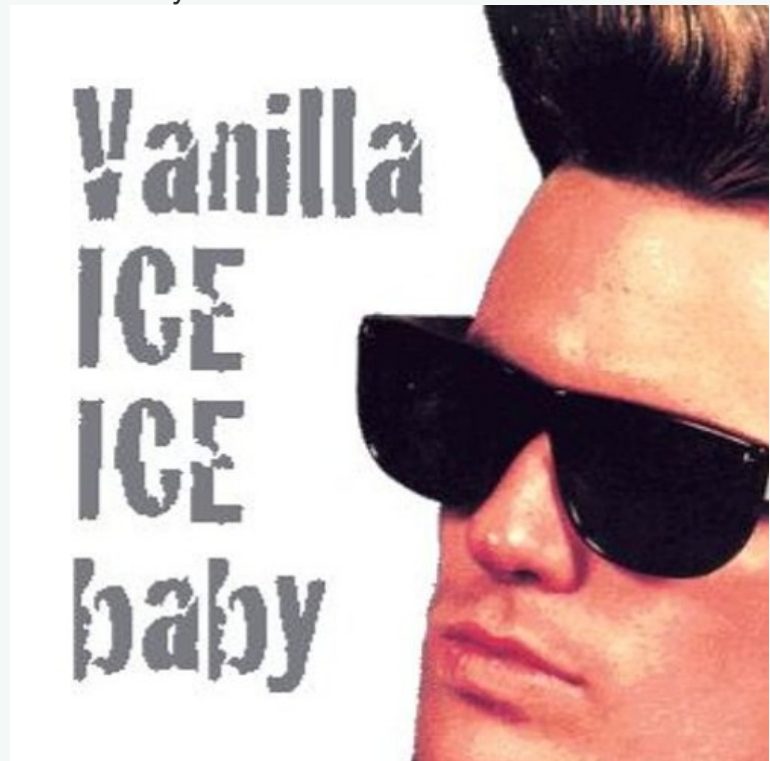
Tough one - I love reading about mythology - one of my favourites if you are into that, is called The Odyssey.

Most remote place you have ever been to?

I went out to the High Country with a group of friends down a track that was not on the maps. We were completely isolated with no one around.

What is your go to karaoke song?

Ice Ice Baby



Footie, football or rugby?

I will say footie but my main sport is NHL Hockey.

Dream vehicle and set up if you could afford it?

My dream 4WD would be a Mercedes-AMG G63 and would kit it out like it's been done for the Australian Military in the past. So lifted, bigger tyres, bull bars, under body protection, front and rear winches, recovery points all over, lifted with air bags for additional support and an engine tune to produce nearly 400kw and of course a nearly 200L petrol tank. Final touch would be to wrap it in camouflage.



What is your favourite tippie?

Whiskey - Jack Daniels Gentleman Jack

Dream track or trip at the top of your bucket list?

I didn't get a chance to go on the Blue Rag trip due to urgent car repairs I had to do. So would love to go on Blue Rag Range Track sometime soon as top of my bucket list.

Craziest haircut you ever had?	I once decided to put blue hair gel in my hair to change things up a bit. It just came out terrible and i immediately went home and washed it out!
Best mod you ever did to a car?	Installing a new suspension kit so new shocks and springs made all the difference for my approach and departure angles. I can now tackle more tracks without risking damaging the underneath of the car.
What snacks are we most likely to find in your cab?	Plenty of waters, cuppa soups, pot noodles, chips and probably some apples. Of course some instant coffee too!!
Any wildlife encounters on any of your trips?	I had a kangaroo jump in front of my car and swerved to miss it which led to me going into the ditch!!
First car you ever owned?	Blue Ford Falcon AU Series 3
Best overseas trip/ location?	I have always enjoyed travelling to Canada as it has beautiful outdoors and some awesome places to camp or 4wd. The people are always so friendly and I find they are very similar on how we view 4wd and the outdoors.
Favourite subject at school?	Computer Science
Worst job you ever had?	Working for a company that required 24-7 on call IT support. So going out to parties or events was always very difficult. My sleep routine was terrible for a long time as well as after that job.
Roughest night's sleep?	Didnt realise that we had set up camp in a previous dam with a bunch of friends. The weather turned for the worse and the camp site was literally sinking including the cars. To add to it we had winds up to 80km/h so I was up all night holding down the gazebos and making sure the tents did not flood.
Can you play a musical instrument?	I can play the drums as i started playing on a drum kit in primary school its something i have always enjoyed doing.
What is your go to joke?	Could be worse, could have bought a Ford!
What motivates & inspires you?	Putting in the hard work and getting the results over time as this keeps you pushing forward. Not everything can be achieved straight away but with hard work and commitment you can achieve anything.

You're driving from Melbourne to Perth, anyone in the world, dead or alive, can be your co-driver, who would it be?

I would say Kevin Hart because at least we would be laughing and joking the entire ride there.



Where in the world would you most like to visit?

I would like to visit either Japan or Greece as they have all been on top of my bucket list of places to visit.

What are currently watching on Netflix etc?

I am a big Star Wars fan so have been watching all the latest Star Wars TV series on Disney Plus.

Worst upgrade or kit purchase?

I purchased a King's awning and i used tie downs to secure it even more during a big wind event that just randomly came through. It bent the entire aluminium frame and where all the poles connect so its now not usable. I should have invested in something with better quality.

What kept you sane during lockdowns?

Raising a 6 week old border collie - I was very very busy!!!




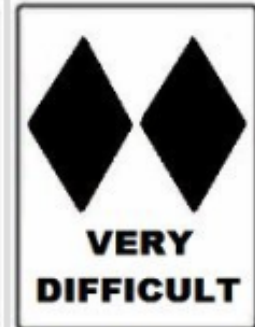
Best trip/track/park you have done?

I have always enjoyed doing the Bunyip Anderson and Little Bunyip Tracks. As they range in difficulty, so you have a mixture of everything there to suit what type of 4WD you like to do. Just always ends up being a fun day or night drive even.



Track Classifications

Four Wheel Drive Victoria have a track grading classification scale which has been developed to assist in advising Trip Leaders and participants on 4WD trips of the type of tracks that they can expect to encounter. On most trips participants can expect that a variety of tracks will be traversed each with an appropriate rating. Trip Leaders should advise participants of the range of track ratings expected to be encountered on the planned route. The following classifications will assist in determining an overall Trip Rating:

Considerations	Easy	Medium	Difficult	Very Difficult
Overall Description	All Wheel Drive and High Range 4WD. Novice Drivers	Mainly High range 4WD but Low range required. Some 4WD experience recommended.	Significant Low range 4WD with standard 4WD ground clearance. Should have 4WD driver training.	Low range 4WD with High ground clearance. Experienced Drivers
Advisory Sign				
Expected terrain and track conditions	Mostly unsealed roads with no obstacles and minor gradients.	Tracks with some steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. May have shallow water crossings.	Tracks with frequent steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. Possible water crossings.	Tracks with frequent very steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. May have difficult river crossings.
Vehicle suitability	All wheel Drive and High Range 4WD. Can be low clearance with single range and road tyres.	Suitable for medium clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain or road tyres.	Suitable for medium to high clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain tyres.	Suitable for high clearance vehicles with dual range and tyres suitable for the terrain. (Mud Terrain tyres).
Recovery equipment			Recovery equipment required.	Winch / Recovery equipment required.
Driver Training / Experience	Suitable for novice drivers.	Recommended that drivers have experience or 4WD training. Recommended to be done in groups of vehicles.	Recommended for drivers with reasonable experience or 4WD training. To be done in groups of vehicles.	Drivers with extensive experience and advanced training should only attempt as there are several technical challenges. Recommended to be done in groups of four or more vehicles.
Weather	May be difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.

Upcoming Trips

Destination	Mt Skene Snow Trip
Leader & Contact Details	NAME: Bruce Dunlop MOB: 0448 318467
Date	18-20th August 2023
Meeting Details	Two meeting options depending on your plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fri 18th @ Mansfield Bakery 1300 for 1330• Sat 19th @ The Café Jamieson (25 Grey St, Jamieson) 8:00am (8:30am departure)
Grade	Wet: Hard/Very Hard Dry: Med/Hard
Trip Activity Details	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. For those that can Friday lunch time at Mansfield, then to Jamieson caravan park set up, Pub Meal Friday night.2. The workers among us can roll in when suits Friday.3. Sat morning at Jamieson Café 25 Grey St.4. RTN Sat night.5. Sun on means and time departures
Vehicle Limits	MINIMUM: 4. MAXIMUM: 10
Approx km's meeting place to destination	Around 500 kms return from Melbourne Around 200 kms return from Mansfield
Last available fuel	PETROL: Jamieson (although I'd recommend Mansfield) DIESEL: Jamieson (although I'd recommend Mansfield)* * Alpine Diesel is available from Mansfield or Jamieson
Distance between supplies	55 kms from top of Mt Skene back to Jamieson
Equipment required	Fully recovery gear, rated front and rear recovery points, quality AT / MT tyres (preferably raised suspension also), Self-sufficient food/water supplies, Clothing (including footwear) appropriate for snow and extreme conditions.
Maps required	Rooftop's Jamieson-Licola Adventure Map is possibly the best for the area.
Radio Channel CB/UHF	UHF Ch 12

Upcoming Trips

Destination	Mt Skene Snow Trip
Leader & Contact Details	NAME: Anthony Van Buiten MOB: 0413 784074
Date	25 - 27th August 2023
Meeting Details	Doctors Creek Reserve Woods Point Rd Jamieson Friday afternoon – Sat Morning
Grade	Wet: Hard/Very Hard Dry: Med/Hard
Trip Activity Details	Head up on the Friday and meet at the campsite. I have the Friday off work so I will get there early and secure a spot to accommodate everyone. You can check out the campsite on Wikicamps. Saturday morning, we will head up to Mt Skene and have lunch (BYO snacks/meals) at the top of the mountain. Depending on snow depth / conditions, we may venture down the other side and back. Sunday, feel free to head home at your leisure.
Vehicle Limits	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: 10
Approx km's meeting place to destination	Around 500 kms return from Melbourne Around 200 kms return from Mansfield
Last available fuel	PETROL: Jamieson (although I'd recommend Mansfield) DIESEL: Jamieson (although I'd recommend Mansfield)* * Alpine Diesel is available from Mansfield or Jamieson
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Upcoming Trips

Destination	Big Trip with Bruce
Leader & Contact Details	NAME: Bruce Dunlop MOB: 0448 318467
Date	6 - 8 weeks starting 8th June (Kings birthday long weekend)
Meeting Details	TBC - can join and leave wherever works for you.
Grade	To be determined at time and place
Trip Activity Details	Mildura - Burra - Oodnadatta - Mt Dare - Lambert Centre - Alice Springs - Tanami Rd - Wolfe Creek - Broome (Fly In, Fly Out FIFO) - Barn Hill Station and/or Cape Leveque, FIFO - Gibbs River Rd - Mitchell Falls - Kununurra - Mataranka - Borroloola - Hells Gate Roadhouse - Normanton - Cairns FIFO again - Palmer River Roadhouse - The Tip - Palmer River Roadhouse again - Cairns FIFO - Normanton - Burke & Wills Roadhouse - Cloncurry - Birdsville - Innamincka - Cameron's Corner - Wilcannia - Hey - Echuca - Melbourne!
Vehicle Limits	Minimum 1, Maximum 5
Approx km's meeting place to destination	N/A
Last available fuel	N/A but allow approx 1000km
Distance between supplies	N/A but allow approx 1000km
Equipment required	Everything to be self sufficient. I am taking Club camper, so caravans at a pinch depending where we are, and swags as back up.
Maps required	Lots
Radio Channel CB/UHF	TBC

Trip Report

Mt Matlock Day Trip - 2nd July by Maree

Attendees:

Maree & Stuart - Trip Leader, 79 Ute

Alan & Ann - Prado

Steven C - Pajero

Suzi & Andy - Challenger

John & Tina - Patrol Ute

The day started with a lovely drive up the black spur in the pre-dawn light. The trees looking their best with the blanket of white fog. We met at the bakery and its just a timely reminder to read the whole trip form. Stuart had pointed out that you need to fuel up in Healesville, and not rely on Marysville, for fuel. The pump at Marysville had been damaged and was out of order. So, no diesel was available.



We headed up past Lake Mountain turn off to Mt Matlock. Taking the lower challenging track round the mountain, to the summit at 1372mts. No Snow. Just patches where it's been in the past. The clock on the dash was reading 2°C and the wind has that artic feel. The crisp clean air froze your nose, and I retreated for the big jacket, hat, gloves and snow boots, all the while our brave kiwi was making fun in his jandals and shorts. He did put on a beanie just for good measure. On you Alan.

I looked at the poor offering of snow with a sad face but Stuart and John smiled as when snow melts it turns into water and add water to the 4x4 tracks and you get sloshy muddy slippery challenging tracks. They were excited.



One of the reasons for this day trip was last time we were at Mt Matlock, there was some people who were cooking sausages and it was covered in snow. The smell of the BBQ was wafting and really a sandwich doesn't cut it. So, I said next time I'm going to take a fry pan and cook sausages. So, this part of the trip was a success. We had sausages in bread and had the discussion onions under or over the sausage?? You needed to be there to appreciate the smell.



From there we headed down Pheasant track, but Stuart missed the turn and so John who was on the ball took the lead and we all managed a tight U turn. The track then turned into a river with water running down it. We slipped and slid around the tight hairpin bends. Everyone taking extra caution as the tyres and the muddy clay soil were all going in different directions. It was a Low range first gear decent down the pinch and keep off the brakes as you may have slid down instead of a controlled drive.



We all managed with a few choice words like I feel I'm stuck in a washing machine on spin and I think Tina summed it up I feel like my head is in a shaker, I know exactly how she feels, the bumps and sideways slides, and hanging in the seat belt is all part of the day out on the tracks.



Jack Scott Reserve, a lovely camping ground and a long drop toilet.





A pre-dawn drive up through the Black Spur with the fog wrapping round the bends and settling into the trees.

Thanks to everyone who came with us, it was a great day. A big thanks to Ann as i have used some of her pictures.

Trip Photos - St Annes
Winery 7-9th July











We need your help on and off the tracks



**If you have some spare time
please consider joining the committee.
Your club needs you— do it for your club!**

Contact your Committee...

President

The President's role is a voted committee position and it is the President's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- Lead General Meetings making sure they are held in accordance with the requirements as specified in the Constitution.
- Prepare Agenda and lead the meeting, keeping discussion relevant, decision making clear and encouraging member participation when required.
- Appoint General Committee roles and Delegate duties to the Committee Members.
- Prepare agenda and lead Committee Meetings are held in accordance with the requirements as specified in the Club Rules.
- Write monthly President's Report for the newsletter to report relevant information to members. Attend relevant Four Wheel Drive Victoria meetings when required.
- Welcoming new members or visitors at General Meetings.
- Before the election of new committee members at an annual general meeting, the President must present to the meeting the annual report of the Committee on the activities of the club during the last financial year.

Vice President

The Vice President's role is a voted committee position and it is the Vice President's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- To provide support and backup to the President in their relevant duties
- To convene and run orderly meetings in accordance to the Clubs Constitution in the event the President is absent.
- To organise guest speakers or external club visits for selected meetings and be responsible coordinating the attendance of the guest.

Secretary

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
- Coordinate with treasurer to ensure a register of members is maintained in accordance with the rules. Liaise with Consumer Affairs Victoria to meet club obligations

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 the 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
- Update 4WD Victoria for membership lists to ensure insurance compliance
- Maintain the membership list
- Print and distribute membership cards for current year.

Trip Coordinator

The Trip Coordinator's role is a voted committee position and it is the Trip Coordinator's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- Ensure attendance to each Club General Meeting fully prepared to present with relevant information of past and upcoming trips.
- If unable to attend it is the Trip Coordinator's duty to ensure another committee member has the up to date trip information for the Club Meeting
- Ensure all trip information is correctly recorded and stored
- 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 Newsletter Editor
- Liaise with the Newsletter Editor and follow up any trip reports that haven't been submitted.

Association Representative

The Association Representative's role is a voted committee position and it is the Association Representative's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- To attend all Association meetings, and to report back to committee and also the General meetings with all items pertaining to the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Association.
- External liaison with other affiliated groups.

General Committee Member

- Attend and contribute to Committee Meetings
- Assist committee in running of club.



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Minutes
Annual General Meeting 3rd August 2022

Date: 3.08.2022

Time: 9.04 pm

Location: Club Noble

Open Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• As per attendance book that didn't turn up• Apologies: Dave B, Andy McCarthy, Suzi Whitford, Rory, Ian Berryman, Brett and Nikki	Cal
Reports from Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President Report - As per magazine• Treasurer Report - As per magazine• Trips Report- As per magazine • Callum called all positions Vacant.• Last AGM Minutes - No Matters arising• Accept minutes from Callum - Ben • Steve Pitcher took control of the meeting.• Nominations for<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President - Callum Brown - Unopposed.• Vice Pres - Andre - Unopposed• Secretary - Bruce - Unopposed.• Treasurer - Ly Ho - Unopposed.• Trips - Neville - Unopposed.• Association - .• General Committee - Daisy.• General Committee - Kelsy.• Stuff.	Callum Ly Neville
Meeting Close	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting close 9.20 pm	Cal

Trip Report

Mount Skene Snow Trip - 21 - 23rd July by Steve P

Attendees:

- Steve & Sara Pitcher: Toyota LandCruiser
- Dean & Michael Fischer: Nissan Patrol
- David & Caroline Bruinsma: Nissan Navara
- Anthony Van Buiten & Andrea Buckwell: Ford Ranger
- Joe Yammouni: Toyota LandCruiser
- John Patridge: Nissan Patrol

It was a fairly cruisy start to the weekend, a midday departure for the early crew on the Friday. We hit road works almost instantly, delaying progress by about 20 mins. The road to Mansfield had seen better days too with frequent stretches of 40 km p/hr along the Maroondah Hwy. I was nearly run off the road by a particularly “enthusiastic” truck driver who, it turned out, was in a hurry to get all of about 25 km down the road (but that didn’t dent our enthusiasm). It was along this stretch that we were joined by Joe who caught up with us around about Yea.

First stop was Mansfield for a refuel (people and vehicles). And then we were on our way! The drive into Snakes Reserve (about 30 mins past Jamieson) was uneventful but the road was littered with potholes. We arrived at base camp around 4:30 pm with daylight to spare.

Everyone hurried to set up camp and get a fire started (we had the foresight to bring firewood with us) before the sun went down. Dinner was had while we awaited John’s arrival, followed shortly thereafter by Anthony & Andrea, then David & Caroline. A few “hellos” and drinks around the fire were had before most retired early in preparation for the next day. We were fortunate with the weather, experiencing mild and still conditions for most of the night.



By morning, it became apparent that Anthony and Andrea would need to make a retreat for home due to a medical issue. After saying our goodbyes to them, the rest of us hit the dirt road back towards Jamieson shortly after 9 am. The “caffeinatics” (caffeine addicts) in our group got their final shots of coffee before making the ascent to Mount Skene. The conditions were mild and there was very little traffic as we climbed ever upwards towards the snowline.

A friendly competition was run over the CB radio to see who could most accurately predict the lower reaches of the snow line. I was well out with my estimate at 1200m but Joe nailed it with his prediction of 1400m and above (I think David & Caroline still owe Joe a hot meat pie for the win)! Everyone’s energy levels raised as we continued our ascent above the snow line and it didn’t take too long at all (about 1 ½ hours from Jamieson), or much effort, for all 5 remaining vehicles to reach the top of Mount Skene.

The kids (big and small) engaged in a bit of snow cone making and snow ball throwing. I copped one fair and square to the back of the head and neck (there’s nothing quite like the feeling of cold melting snow running down your back!) – thank you very much John! 😊



After some more snow play, we turned back down the mountain and headed towards a scenic lookout. The lookout was free of other 4WD clubs so we decided to stop there for a lunch break. A snowman was made while some passers by came then went before we decided to try our luck at visiting the site of the former (previously burnt to the ground) ski resort. We found the original access track, and I gave it a solid go to get up (stopping about 1/2 km up the track, but the bush had essentially reclaimed it over time. With some careful reversing, plus additional spotting from John, we managed to back all the way down to the main track. We called it there and made our way back down the mountain.







Next stop was the Kevington Hotel. We were fortunate enough that another group/club had also decided to drop in when we did. There were enough of us to persuade the new owners to re-open the pub for the afternoon. We all enjoyed a bevvv and some casual conversation by the main fireplace before deciding to head back to camp for the evening.





We had a stack of wood to burn (thank you Woody 😊) which we used to toast not only ourselves but some marshmallows after dinner. Gradually we retired for the evening and an informal competition of who could snore loudest was run.

Next morning, it was a fairly leisurely start for all but David and Caroline – they were up around the crack of dawn and back on the road towards home before we knew it. The rest of us took our time to enjoy a hot breakfast before packing up camp and heading back towards the big smoke ourselves.

All in all, it was a great weekend away, all the while in great company. Thanks to everyone that came along.

Steve & Sara Pitcher





Photo: Snow melt waterfall
by Maree