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May 2024



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Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club  
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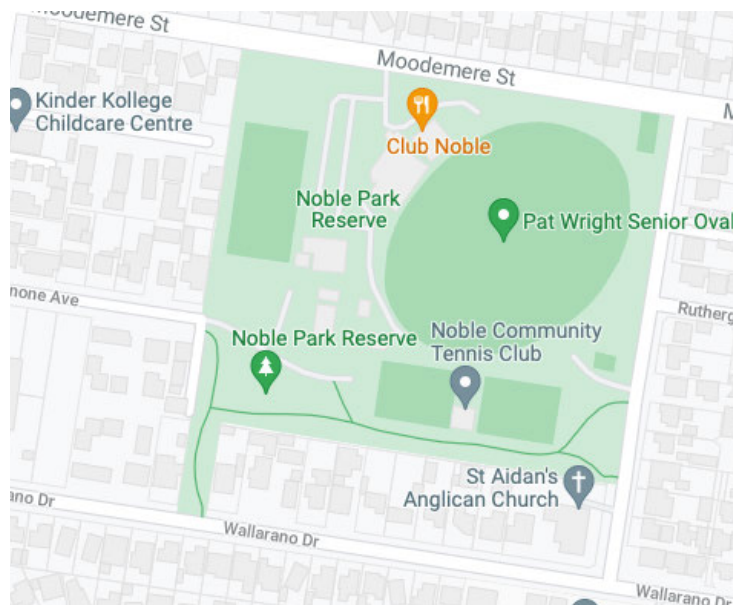
### VFWDC Meeting Details & Venue

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

No meeting at Club Noble in January.

#### Club Noble Addresss

Upstairs 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 1st May at 8.00pm.**

## Club Committee

### 2023 - 2024

President	Neville Van Leeuwen	<a href="mailto:president@vfwdc.com">president@vfwdc.com</a>
Vice President	Steve Miller	<a href="mailto:vicepres@vfwdc.com">vicepres@vfwdc.com</a>
Secretary	Daisy Quinn	<a href="mailto:secretary@vfwdc.com">secretary@vfwdc.com</a>
Treasurer	Ly Ho	<a href="mailto:treasurer@vfwdc.com">treasurer@vfwdc.com</a>

### General Committee

Trip Coordinator	Bruce Dunlop	<a href="mailto:trips@vfwdc.com">trips@vfwdc.com</a>
Magazine Editor	Luke David	<a href="mailto:editor@vfwdc.com">editor@vfwdc.com</a>
Association Delegate	Matt Marino	<a href="mailto:delegate@vfwdc.com">delegate@vfwdc.com</a>

### Support Positions to Committee

Web Manager	Ben Whitworth	<a href="mailto:web@vfwdc.com">web@vfwdc.com</a>
Training Officer	Phil Griffith	
Merchandise	Daisy Quinn	<a href="mailto:merchandise@vfwdc.com">merchandise@vfwdc.com</a>

### Club Details

Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club
Registration Number	A002184F
Correspondence Address	PO Box 778, Dandenong, VIC 3174
Email	<a href="mailto:secretary@vfwdc.com">secretary@vfwdc.com</a>
Website	<a href="http://www.vfwdc.com">www.vfwdc.com</a>

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Hi All,

Time is flying this year, yet another month has gone by. I hope that everyone enjoyed the big desert trip last weekend. I am really looking forward to hearing all about it at the meeting. I also ran a day trip from Marysville a few weeks ago, and it was a great day. We tackled some very narrow tracks, so I hope we didn't damage Sushant's brand-new car too badly. Alec also had to detour around the last hill climb due to some 4WD engagement issues. (See the trip report for all the details).

Last month at the meeting, we had Dion Henderson from Weigh Station come and do a presentation. He covered a lot of information regarding weights, loading, and compliance. There was a fair bit of feedback at the presentation, so I hope everyone was able to gain some more information on this topic. As mentioned, if there is enough interest, we can organize a "Weigh Day." Please reach out to me if this is of interest.

I recently attended the FWDV President's and Delegates Day. They discussed the following points:

1. **VEAC Report: Summary of impacts to FWDV** – I will share the minutes when they send them in relation to this. In the meantime, I encourage everyone to look at the VEAC report I shared a few weeks ago (the last few pages mainly). We have already completed the survey showing that we use all the identified areas very regularly.
2. **Rowville Property Purchase:** FWDV, in 50% conjunction with LROC (Land Rovers Owners Club), has purchased a building at Rowville. They are in the process of fitting this out with updated offices and meeting rooms. This will replace the current rented premise at Mitcham. There will be an offer to use the meeting rooms at a discounted rate for affiliated clubs, but at this stage, we will not be looking into that.
3. **Toolangi Training Ground:** The training ground is progressing, and training will be offered very soon. Still, there is some red tape in the installation of temporary buildings and toilets. We can really appreciate having our own in-club trainers who undertake this training for us. There may be an option for us to use the facilities if we want with our own accredited trainers.
4. **New CEO:** Wayne Hevey is retiring this year, and Craig Ryan has been announced as his replacement."



Kepple Hut

That's all from me for now.

Neville Van Leeuwen  
VFWDC President  
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# Club Calendar

## May

Wednesday 1st	Club Meeting	8:00pm Club Noble
Friday 3rd	Millers Hut / Lake Tali Karng	Organised by Steve Pitcher (see Upcoming Trips)
Wednesday 15th	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8:00pm

## June

Wednesday 5th	Club Meeting	8:00pm Club Noble
8th June 2024	Bruce's Big Trip	Organised by Bruce D (see Upcoming Trips)
Wednesday 19th	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8:00pm
Saturday 22nd	Trip Leader Training Day	Organised by Sally (see Upcoming Trips)

## Other Dates

14th September 2024	Merringtons or O'Tooles	Organised by David B (see Upcoming Trips)
19th October 2024	50th Celebratory Dinner	Venue: Club Noble (more detail in magazine)



## Club General Meeting Minutes

Date: 03/04/2024

Time: 8:00 pm – 9:53 pm

Location: Club Noble

Next Meeting: Wednesday 1st May 2024

Open Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Special welcome to Dion from Weigh Station</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Apologies: Stuart and Maree, Ian &amp; Audre, Phil, Alan and Anne</li> </ul>	Neville
Minutes from previous months club meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matters arising from previous minutes: Nil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Accept: Bruce Dunlop</li> <li>○ Seconded: Luke David</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Neville
General Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anne is in hospital having suffered complications during surgery. The club sends Anne and Alan our best wishes.</li> </ul>	Neville
Guests	No new faces	Neville
Correspondence	No correspondence – Mailbox has not been checked this month	Neville
	Ly to check mailbox as soon as possible.	
	Steven Miller has taken over the Secretary's role for the remainder of the year	
Tonights Guest Speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dion from Weigh Station Dion bought the business 4 years ago. Weights are closely linked to safety. Every vehicle has it's capacity limits. EG Y62 has ball weight restrictions which come off the GVM. In the event of an accident, police and/or insurers will weigh the vehicle. If overweight you can be charged by the police or void your insurance coverage. Well worth knowing were your vehicle and any towed trailer/camper/caravan. Can save you a lot of issues down the track (literally). New rule change for company registered vehicle – all motor vehicle incidents will be</li> </ul>	



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	<p>investigated as a work place incident by work cover. Tow truck (Tilt Trays) mostly now have scales built in so they can record the weight of the vehicle when loaded and then when unloaded. Police and insurers get a copy of this report. VFWDC is very grateful for Dion's presentation</p>	
Treasurer Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per written report from Ly Ho – Read by Neville – Written report will be in this month's club magazine.</li> <li>Closing cash position \$15,764.54</li> <li>\$6000 to be retrieved from term deposit when it rolls over in later in April. This will be to help pay for anticipated 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary expenses.</li> <li>Accepted by Sally</li> <li>Seconded by Ken</li> </ul>	Neville
Association News	No update from Matt Marino	Neville
	<p>VEAC report. A copy was sent to all members. Committee completed survey and returned results to VFWD who will compile results from all clubs into a response to VEAC. The government is proposing changing state parks into national parks.</p>	Neville
Upcoming Courses	<p>1<sup>st</sup> aid course – Outback 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Variation – Approximately \$125.00, CPR and Survival – 1 day course – Summary – Survival, basic CPR</p>	Neville
	Trip Leaders Course to be run by Sally on 22/06/2024 at Garden Road Clayton	Sally and Tristan
Incentive to Run a Trip	The club will offer \$5 membership discount towards trips organized and advertised – up to a maximum of	Neville



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	\$20 per couple - must be advertised and shared with the club	
Organising a Trip	<p>Trip signup sheets at back of club room.</p> <p>A map of Victoria is provided for picking your next destination.</p> <p>Discuss joining a trip with any of the trip organisers or other participants listed on the trip signup sheets.</p> <p>Please offer suggestions for trips or propose running a trip. If you need any assistance, the club is very happy to help.</p>	Neville
Recently Run Trips	<p>John – Driver training (15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024) – driving up Friday night/sat morning. Camping at O'Tools Friday night.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spark track at back of Tompson Dam</li> <li>- Adam had a manual vehicle, his 1<sup>st</sup> 4WD trip ever.</li> <li>- John lost his UHF and had to back track to find it.</li> <li>- Ex track, Googan's hut, Airs track, Flats track, One Speck track</li> <li>- Homework review Sunday morning</li> <li>- Everyone passed</li> <li>- Lunch at Aberfeldie River</li> <li>- See trip report in magazine.</li> <li>- Highly recommended</li> <li>- Thanks to the instructors</li> </ul>	John
Upcoming Trips	Chesterville Park Family day to be postponed	Neville
	Marysville trip to be run in lieu of Chesterville Park Family Day – Several huts, refer to recording	Neville
	Shrine Tour on Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> week end in June and 2 <sup>nd</sup> tour in August (When Bruce is back from his trip)	Bruce Dunlop (Former Shrine Ceremonial Officer)
	Bruce Dunlops's Trip – 8 weeks	Bruce Dunlop

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	<p>Leaving on the King's weekend. June 2024 up to Darwin to the Tip and back down again. Going via Mildura, Oodnadatta, Alice Springs via Finke, Lamberts Centre, across the Tanami to Broome, Gibb River Road, Katherine, Mataranka, Cairns via Palmer River Roadhouse, back through Cains, Burke and Wills Roadhouse, Burke and Wills Big Tree. People are welcome to join for specific sections. Some may be joining Bruce at Cairns.</p>	
	<p>John – McAllister River, 3 days camping, river crossing, camp on island, swimming hole, trout fishing.</p>	John
	<p>Trip Leaders Training Session – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024- table top session in Garden Road Clayton - highly recommended for everyone..</p>	Sally & Tristan
	<p>Sally – Big Desert – Anzac Weekend 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024, leaving Friday and back on Sunday – Blue Gum Camp site, re-attempt big red hill, camper trailer friendly – 13 vehicles going. A few have dropped out so a few more places available as at 06<sup>th</sup> Marth 2024. It will be a shake down trip for Sally and Tristan's new Nissan Patrol. They will use the trip to determine what mods may be appropriate for the Patrol. 5km of very sandy dunes, Try "Big Red" again. "It will and adventure"</p>	Sally & Tristan
	<p>Steve Pritcher's Trip – May 2024 – Millers Hut – Lake Tullikahn. Leaving Friday, set up camp at Millers hut. 1200m high altitude fresh water lake. Diesels will need alpine fuel or appropriate additive to prevent diesel fuel waxing. Saturday – Sentinel's Lookout, bit of a walk involved. Return trip on Saturday – Mooroka Hut if foot bridge is not closed. Horse Yard Flats and hut. Nights are expected to be very cold (at or below zero). Head back on Sunday. Nothing else planned for Sunday. Recommend bringing a chainsaw. It will be cold and a decent fire is going to be needed.</p>	Steve P
	<p>Steven Miller – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to approximately 05<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (12-14 days) – Route will be Melbourne Woomera, Coober Pedy, Lamberts Centre, to Uluru where we meet a two vehicle contingent from WA, then through the McDonald Ranges, to Alice Springs, down the old Ghan Railway, cross the Simpson Desert (West to East), Longreach (Qantas Aviation Museum), then back down to The Dish (Parkes Radio</p>	Steven M



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	Telescope), check out the Snowy Hydro Scheme, Snow camping near Kosciusko/Jindabyne, return to Melbourne	
	Astronomical Society- Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 (Weekend immediately after 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner) – May be end of year, off site, function. Need to know numbers early as VFWDC has to stump up a minimum payment. \$15 per head inclusive of dinner (Pizza). Pakenham School. Kid friendly. Approx 1 telescope per 10 people	Neville
Intermission	Raffle, Soft shackle, Champagne	9:07pm
IT Issues	None	
General Business	Request for photos for VFWDC web site	Neville
VFWDC 50th Anniversary Updates	Main 50 <sup>th</sup> celebration trip will be Camping at OTooles. 14-15th Sept 2024	Neville
	Club 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner to be held on 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 at 7:00pm - \$20 for members, includes dinner and gifts	Neville
	Club needs nominations for “Onya Award”. Email nominations to Neville at <a href="mailto:president@vfwdc.com">president@vfwdc.com</a> There will be a prize for best nomination.	Neville
	Carried over from last Month - Matt said the inaugural winner of the “Onya Award” was for putting a roast in a pot and leaving the plastic on.	Matt
	Andre collecting photos to put together a slide show for the 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 Anniversary Dinner	Neville
Proposed May Club Meeting Agenda Items	To be advised.	Neville
Magazine	Request for content for club members – Any interesting tales, anecdotes, good or bad experiences, feedback on anything four-wheel drive related for the information of others, anything nifty you have seen or bought in the last month ...	Neville

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	A volunteer is providing a Rig run down for the next issue of the club magazine. Steve and Armanda will do rig run down for May magazine	
Merchandise	Andy and Suzy have been volunteered to take on merchandise.  A list of old merchandise still available is on list at table at back of meeting venue.	Neville
General Business	No general business	Neviller
Raffle	Raffle Winners <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bruce Dunlop</li><li>• Steve and Armanda</li><li>• Ly Ho</li><li>• Neville</li></ul>	
Next General Meeting	Wednesday 01/05/2024	
Meeting Close	9:53 pm	Neville
Minutes taken by:		Steven Miller



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## Treasurer's Report March 2024

<u>Cheque A/C</u> Opening Balance as at 01/03/2024	\$4,160.26	
Less: FWDV – Association Fees	-\$28.00	
Meeting Catering	-\$20.70	
Driver Training Fuel Reimbursement	-\$334.85	
Driver Training Printing	-\$43.20	
Raffle Prizes	-\$29.99	
Closing Balance as at 31/03/2024		\$3,703.52
<u>Term Deposit</u> Opening Balance as at 01/03/2024	\$12,022.72	
Closing Balance as at 31/03/2024		\$12,022.72
<u>Petty Cash</u> Opening Balance as at 01/03/2024	\$38.30	
Closing Balance as at 31/03/2024		\$38.30
<b>Consolidated Closing Cash Position</b>		<b><u>\$15,764.54</u></b>

### **This month's meeting**

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 1st May, at Club Noble. We welcome all current members and any new members looking to see what our club is about. All of us look forward to the upcoming trips and we encourage anyone thinking of running a trip to speak to anyone in the committee to get some advice and guidance.

### **New Logo Coming Soon**



### **Membership Fee Changes**

Temporary Membership fees have increased to \$25, and these memberships will no longer be offered for snow trips. You will need to become a full member of the club to attend snow trips. General membership fees have increased to \$85 for a single and \$95 for families. Silver membership fees have increased to \$55.

### **Club's 50th Birthday**

Just in case you weren't aware, this year marks the club's 50th birthday. A working group has been formed to organize amazing events. From this committee, we have organized a commemorative camping trip for our 50th on September 14th. We are also planning a 50th Celebratory Dinner at Club Noble. Please see 50th Celebrations Brochure on page below.

### **Merchandise**

We currently have a range of merchandise in stock, and the list of available items can be found on the pages below. If you are interested, please feel free to speak to one of the committee members during the general meeting or email us at [committee@vfwdc.com](mailto:committee@vfwdc.com).



## VFWDC 50th Celebrations



### Whats planned so far for our 50th Anniversary as a club

- **Dinner Celebration** so come join us for a fun night with dinner, gifts and many awards to hand out.

Date: 19/10/2024

Venue: Club Noble

- **Camping Trip** so come join us for a weekend away around Aberfeldy. This area was the main go to place when our club originated.

Location: Meringtons / O'Tooles Campground

Date: 14/09 – 15/09

### To make our 50th Dinner Celebrations a great event we need some help!

- We need some photos from your adventures to make a slide show. Photos need to be of high quality and please send to [avanderwalt@chairo.vic.edu.au](mailto:avanderwalt@chairo.vic.edu.au) please include [web@vfwdc.com](mailto:web@vfwdc.com) so we can add to the website also.

- Nominations for awards (Onya awards)

- Suggestions for other awards

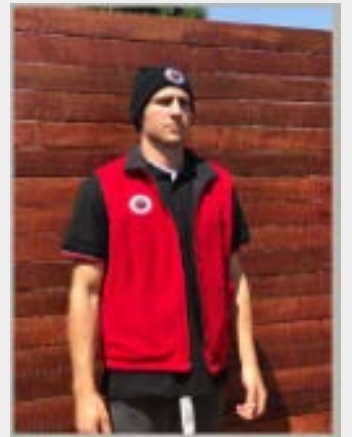
- Any other suggestion can members please send any nominations to [president@vfwdc.com](mailto:president@vfwdc.com)

**Merchandise** - Get in now to get your discount merchandise!

## Reversible Vest

Cost - \$30.00

Sizes – S, M , L, XL, 2XL, 5XL



## Drivers Jacket

Cost - \$40.00

Sizes - S, M, L, XL



## Zip up Hoodie

Cost - \$20.00

Sizes - S & M



## Scarf / Beanie / Cap / Stubbie Holder

Cost - \$10.00 each



Please visit our website at [VFWDC.com](http://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](mailto:secretary@vfwdc.com)

### **Payments:**

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

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<b>Account</b>	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club
<b>Name: BSB:</b>	Inc 633108
<b>Account No:</b>	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](mailto: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](#).



# 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
<b>Overall Description</b>	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
<b>Advisory Sign</b>				
<b>Expected terrain and track conditions</b>	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.
<b>Vehicle suitability</b>	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).
<b>Recovery equipment</b>			Recovery equipment required.	Winch / Recovery equipment required.
<b>Driver Training / Experience</b>	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.
<b>Weather</b>	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

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Bruce's Big Trip</b>
	NAME: Bruce Dunlop MOB: 0448 318 467 EMAIL: bdunloptrip@gmail.com
<b>Dates</b>	King's Birthday Long weekend
<b>Meeting Details</b>	<p>So I'm planning a 6-8 week trip next year. Starting around the King's Birthday Long weekend.</p> <p>Please see rough order of the trip on the next page.</p> <p>The fuel and driving may be a tad too much for the proposed standard trip form. Taking enough for 1000km should cover it with water and food for 10 days per person as well. Given most roadhouses etc are 400-500 km apart it's only the Tanami to cover.</p> <p>As well, leaving earlier, starting mid way or combination of both is more than welcome for the time poor folks.</p> <p>I will take the Cub Camper, caravans at a pinch, but be prepared to park up at places, swags of course an option.</p> <p>Will have some one night stop and prop sleep overs IOT spend longer at destinations ,but will not be doing extended stays IOT get it all done in time.</p>
<b>Grade</b>	TBC
<b>Vehicle Limits</b>	TBC
<b>Approx km's meeting</b>	Approx. 1000km and 400-500 km apart it's only the Tanami to cover
<b>Equipment required</b>	Water and food for 10 days per person
<b>Maps required</b>	TBC
<b>Radio Channel CB/UHF</b>	UHF Ch 13

## Destination

## Trip Activity Details

### Bruce's Big Trip Continued

Here is the rough plan for the route:

1. Mildura,
2. Burra,
3. Oodnadatta,
4. Mt Dare,
5. Lambert Centre,
6. Alice Springs,
7. Tanami Rd,
8. Wolfe Creek,
9. Broome, FIFO (Fly In Fly Out)
10. Barn Hill Station and or Cape Leveque, FIFO
11. Gibb river Rd,
12. Mitchell Falls,
13. Kununurra,
14. Mataranka,
15. Borroloola,
16. Hells Gate Roadhouse,
17. Normanton,
18. Cairns, FIFO again
19. Palmer River Roadhouse,
20. The Tip,
21. Palmer River again, (great steak sanger last time),
22. Cairns, FIFO ,
23. Normanton,
24. Burke and Wills Roadhouse,
25. Cloncurry,
26. Birdsville,
27. Innamincka,
28. Camerons Corner,
29. Wilcannia,
30. Hay,
31. Echuca,
32. Melbourne!

The fuel and driving may be a tad too much for the proposed standard trip form. Taking enough for 1000km should cover it with water and food for 10 days per person as well.

Given most roadhouses etc are 400-500 km apart it's only the Tanami to cover.



## Upcoming Trips

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Millers Hut / Lake Tali Karng</b>
	NAME: Steve Pitcher Mobile: 0421 205 529
<b>Dates</b>	Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th May 2024
<b>Meeting Details</b>	BP Service Station, Princes Freeway (Pakenham Bypass), Officer (Meet 9:00 am for 9:30 am departure), GPS Coordinates: Lat: -38°0699" Long: 145°3872"
<b>Grade</b>	WET: Hard DRY: Medium
<b>Trip Activity Details</b>	Base Camping at Millers Hut (GPS Coordinates: -37° 5415" Long: 146° 7871"). From there, we can head over on the Saturday to the Sentinels lookout to view Lake Tali Karng from above (no vehicular access down to the lake itself – those that are interested can hike down to the water's edge from camp, and get back in a day, but it takes the whole day and the walking trail is really only suited to experienced hikers). Time permitting, we could also head over to Moroka Hut and/or Horseyard Hut. Either way, a packed or easy to prepare lunch is recommended for the Saturday. Camper trailers are welcome but getting into or out of Millers Hut can be quite challenging if it should rain or snow (which is possible that time of year).
<b>Vehicle Limits</b>	MINIMUM: 2    MAXIMUM: 10
<b>Approx km's meeting place to destination</b>	Approx. 350 km
<b>Last available fuel</b>	PETROL: Licola (Heyfield is the 2 nd nearest) DIESEL: Licola (Heyfield is the 2 nd nearest) – no Alpine diesel available (BYO additive such as IceBreaker)
<b>Distance between supplies</b>	50 kms (approx) back to Licola from Millers Hut
<b>Equipment required</b>	All equipment and supplies required to be self-sufficient for 3+ days / 2+ nights. Be prepared in case it snows. Basic tools, spares and recovery gear (vehicles to be fitted with rated recovery points but winches are not essential). Quality A/T tyres (min) or M/Ts recommended due to rough/rocky terrain.
<b>Maps required</b>	While not essential, quality maps covering the area include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rooftop's Dargo-Wonnangatta Adventure Map; and</li><li>• Hema Maps' High Country Victoria.</li></ul>
<b>Radio Channel CB/UHF</b>	UHF Ch 12

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Trip Leader Training Day</b>
	NAME: Sally Mobile: 0435 782 207
<b>Dates</b>	Saturday 22nd June 2024
<b>Meeting Details</b>	Alykan Electrical Solutions Offices at Factory 11/ 35 Garden Road 9am to 1pm (finish time depending on how long we chat and plan)
<b>Grade</b>	Easy
<b>Trip Activity Details</b>	<p>This event is all about trip leading. How we go about preparing and running a trip.</p> <p><b>Before the trip</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Forms</li><li>- Sources of Information</li><li>- Maps</li><li>- Navigation devices</li><li>- Deciding on grade of trip</li><li>- Communicating with trip members</li><li>- Fuel Planning</li><li>- Gear Required for trip</li></ul> <p><b>During the trip</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dealing with plan changes</li><li>- Incidents on a trip</li></ul> <p><b>After the trip</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Trip reports</li></ul>
<b>Vehicle Limits</b>	Max number of people that meeting room hold will be 15
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### **Rig Run Down - Members - Steve and Amanda**

#### **What 4WDs have you have had over the years?**

Last few cars I've had in the last 10 years

CLS400 Mercedes

Subaru Forester - (still have this one)

VW EOS

Amarok

Golf R

ML63 Mercedes

CLS350 Mercedes

VW CC Passat

BMW 525i

#### **Tell us about your current 4WD and why you like this one?**

We drive a 2020 Black Y62 Ti-L model.. Just ticked over 85,000km and still runs like he did when we bought him as a brand new car.

My favourite stock feature is the console fridge which easily hold 4 x 750ml pump bottles and snacks..

His name is Hugo, and he's taken Amanda and I on some great adventures through a lot of the Vic High country as well as many fire trails around Lakes Entrance and East Gippsland.

Our biggest trip was a three week tour from home to Cooktown..

Favourite stop was Cape Tribulation, and best memory from that trip was having to stop on the Bloomfield track to let a cassowary cross the road.

We keep Hugo packed with all the essentials we need for an impromptu camping weekend, and just have to pack a couple of chairs and our shower and portable dunny..



Everything else is neatly stored either under the false floor, with access behind the back seats, or in the drawer system we have.

We have also fashioned up a very handy “Cardrobe” with the help of stackable plastic boxes from K-Mart.

This puts his everyday weight at about 3.8t, and when he’s fully loaded, about 3.87t. Still under the upgraded 4085kg GVM.

We dont tow, as we wheel our penthouse around on the roof, giving us great freedom and flexibility.. Where ever Hugo can go, we can set up camp in about 5 minutes.

Roof Top Tent is up, 270 degree awning is out, C-Gear floor is laid out, and table and chairs are ready to be used..

I used to change cars every 12 to 18 months as I got bored with them, but I just cant see myself wanting a different car to Hugo.

All mods and ongoing servicing has been done by OnTrack 4x4 in Kealba.. Absolute Y62 specialists..

### **What are some modifications you have installed on your current car giving a run down on your current vehicle?**

Aside from all stock Ti-L features, we have added the following modifications, and have also listed some of the equipment we regularly have on board.

The investment for the stuff listed below sits at just over 56K, as well as a bunch more other things that have been replaced over the past three years as we worked out what works best with our style of travel.

Please see list of modifications on the next page

## Modifications list

ARB Summit Bar  
Stedi Type X Pro Spotlights  
OnTrack Front Recovery Points  
Method 305 NV Matt Black rims 18x9 6/139.7 18 108  
Kenda Klever RT KR601 Tyres 285/75r10 (34.8 inch)  
Bushwrapz Pro paint protection Film  
Rasslar Rear Bar  
Rasslar Swing Arm Jack and Jerry Can  
Full Boar Drawer system  
Full Boar False Floor  
Duel battery system.. Baintech 110 ah Lithium  
Wedgetail Platform rack  
GME VRS 3330UHF  
4085kg GVM Upgrade  
Heavy Duty Front Springs  
Billet Rear Spring Mounts and Billet Spring Arms  
Heavy Duty Kings Rear Springs  
Poly Air bags  
ProEagle 2t Off Road Trolley jack  
Pacemaker King Brown Stainless steel Catback Exhaust  
23 Zero 270 Pro Awning  
24 Zero 270 Awning walls  
AluCab 3.1 RTT  
Jmax 5 inch Stainless steel snorkel  
SupaTrim Neoprene seat covers  
Joolca Shower Awning  
Redarc GPS Speedo  
Kings 60l Fridge with Secop compressor  
C-Gear Multi Mat 7m x 4m  
Morrflate 4 hose compressor  
Companion Portable Shower  
Companion 40 Ah Portable Lithium battery  
JetBoil Hiking Stove  
Coleman Hyperflame FyreKnight 2 Burner Stove  
EzyGoNow portable toilet

Its now picture time to go through first time getting to the car to the current setup.

**Picture 1:** Where it all began





**Picture 2:** This was our first iteration of a touring set up.. didn't last long..



**Picture 3:** This is our current touring set up





### More pictures of the 2020 Black Y62 Ti-L model

**Picture 4:** Our touring set up is easily mobile



**Picture 5:** Picnic at McKillop's bridge on banks of snowy river





**Picture 6:** When you follow a mate that's always curious about "I wonder where that track goes.?"





Picture 7: Car was clean before the Double Black Diamond track





# **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...**



