



# Free Wheeling

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*[Photographs courtesy of Derek Hymas & Paul Ryan]*



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*Meetings:* Held first Tuesday of each month  
excluding January (no meeting). The  
November meeting is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesday due to Melbourne Cup.  
At Dandenong Library  
Stuart Street, Dandenong 3175

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are not necessarily those of the Editor, the Committee of  
Management, or the Member body of the VFWDC Inc.*

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*G'day and welcome to this month's Free Wheeling.*

*We have a few interesting trips coming up, one of which is the day trip Gerrard has organised where we will be showing some children from the BAT (Boys Alternative Learning) program a bit of fun four wheeling in the bush. We will need at least 10 vehicles to help out with this trip and numbers are required at the next meeting.*

*We also have the advanced driving course this month where we will be tackling some of the more difficult tracks in the O'Tooles area, as well as explaining some advanced recovery techniques.*

*Melbourne Cup weekend is coming up and we need someone to lead a trip over the four days. Remember, if there are some places you would like to visit and don't feel comfortable leading the trip yourself, have a word to Ashley, and he'll be able to help you out or organise someone to run the trip.*

*It was great to see some of our visitors who attended last month's meeting come on the day trip to Mt Disappointment. It was David's first taste of four wheeling in his new truck and he did a fantastic job on some reasonably tricky tracks. I wonder if his pulse rate has come down yet. If you see some new faces at the meeting, go and introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.*

*There are still a few members yet to pay their membership fees. **IF** you have forgotten to renew your membership, could you please send it in as soon as possible. Also, anyone who has an e-mail account could they make sure Lesley has the address so we can keep you informed of any relevant information or events as soon as we can.*

*That's all for now. Keep well and I'll see you at our next meeting at Highway Tyres.*

***John***

[John Partridge]

Question: *What is the longest river in Australia?*

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 2 SEPTEMBER 2003

Meeting opened at 8.15pm by John Partridge.

33 members present.

### APOLOGIES:

Steven Young, Roger Baird, Michael Rodger, Verylle Rodger, Ray Brown, Gary Johnston, Paula Johnston, Debra Potts, Lisa Petrou, Karyl McGlenn, Jill Boyle, Yvonne Hempston.

### VISITORS:

David Dawn, Tim Harrop, Cameron Cutchie.

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes of August meeting as per Newsletter.

Accepted: Ian Webber.

Seconded: Dawn Brown.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Nil.

### CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Membership Renewals from Anthony and Belinda Hutchinson, Peter and Janine Frankland, Peter Rowe, Robert and Debra Potts, Steve and Tania Utting, Peter and Lisa Petrou.
- Letter of introduction and promotional material from Aussie Wide Adventures.
- Letter and promotional material from VCR Products – Victorian agent for CHALLENGE camper trailers.
- Notification of 4 x 4 Show.
- Email from Leigh Pettigrew attaching copy of NAVTRAC 2003 Application Form.
- Email from Brian Cox (VAFWDC) requesting 2003/2004 committee listing.
- Email from Brian Cox re Bushfire Relief Working Bee 27/28 September at Mitta Mitta.
- Club Magazines: Pajero Club, Cross Country Jeep Club, Otway Four Wheeler, Bushranging News.

### CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Letter to Bendigo Bank advising change of postal address.
- Email to Brian Cox advising New Member Contact details.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Petty Cash: \$ 159.00  
Cheque Account: \$4,590.86  
Term Deposit: \$6,797.47

Accepted: Carl Surtees.

Seconded: Dawn Brown.

### EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

Ashley drew attention to the "healthy" state of the calendar and reported on the following forthcoming trips:

- *Sunday 21 September:* Mt Disappointment Day Trip  
Leader: Ashley Martin.
- *Sunday 27 September:* Car Rally. Leader: Ray Brown.
- *10-12 October:* Advanced Training Weekend, Walhalla. Leaders: Ashley, John Partridge, Mark Kochan. This is the follow-up to the Proficiency Training Course held earlier in the year.
- *Saturday 25 October:* BAT (Boys Alternative Teaching program) Day Trip.  
Leader: Gerrard Clarke.  
Minimum of 10 vehicles required to cater for group of boys aged 14-16 from Berwick Secondary College.
- *14-16 November:* Macallister River/Butcher Country.  
Leader: Carl Surtees.
- *21-23 November:* Mayford Fishing Trip.  
Leader: Ashley Martin. Dependent on track opening.
- *29 November:* Christmas Party  
Co-ordinator: Rosalie Hughes. This year the Club will be hosting 16-20 adults and children of disadvantaged families for Christmas lunch. John indicated that a sub-committee would be required to assist Rosalie with the organisation leading up to the function and also to help on the day. Dawn, Carol and Janet volunteered their services.

Cup Weekend: Ashley asked for suggestions as no plans in hand for this extended weekend. He mentioned that Tom Brachna may be taking a trip to the Glenelg River at Nelson (past Portland) and asked for expressions of interest.

Carl inquired whether anyone was interested in a night trip – probably during the summer period.

Ashley congratulated Derek Hymas on his inaugural trip as leader and thanked both Derek and Janet for a great day trip into Toolangi.

### ASSOCIATION REPORT:

John Partridge attended the meeting held on 27 August 2003 (which included their AGM) and reported as follows:

- Amendments to Constitution:
  - "One delegate for every 100 club members".
  - Alterations as to how the Association contacts the clubs to include e-mails and faxes.
- Election of new Committee:
  - Michael Coldham was re-appointed as President for two years.
- A new National Park is planned for the area south of the Princess Hwy from Winchelsea to Cobden down to the coast.
  - This would effectively close the area to horse riders, trail bike riding, bee keeping, camping, wood collecting, farming, logging, and 4 wheel driving.
  - Local clubs in this area have carried out extensive track surveys of this area and together with the Association will form a plan to fight these closures.

- 28 huts were demolished in the bushfires and Parks Vic plan to rebuild 13.
- The Association is asking clubs to concentrate on track surveys for the next six months. Will ascertain what areas are needed.
- Social events held in State Parks with more than 30 people require a permit.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

- October General Meeting to be held at Highway Tyres, Doveton, commencing 7.30pm. Supper supplied.
- John Partridge reported in detail on closure of both O'Tooles Flat and "Little O'Tooles" due to damage caused by "boys behaving badly!" It is believed the area will be closed off until late Nov/early Dec to allow both flats to regenerate. John will be in touch with local authorities with a view to holding an Association meeting regarding this issue.
- Ashley reported Granny's Flat in the Jamieson area had also been closed until further notice.
- Mark Kochan asked what could be done regarding this issue and it was suggested that perhaps Bill Harwood could talk to authorities in the area.
- It was suggested that working bees be conducted in damaged areas.
- Brett Gale reported that following urn sales at previous meeting Birko had donated 20lt gas urn to the Club. Thanks to Birko for their generosity.
- Carl reported on an article in *Australian 4WD Monthly* re merit of snatch straps currently on the market.
- Peter Petrou has five 16inch rims for sale at \$100ea.
- Rosalie Hughes asked for interest in Ten Pin Bowling Night. Tentatively Saturday 4 October. \$25 per head includes 2 games, shoe hire and light supper.
- The issue of Club Flag was raised and Rosalie will have samples at next meeting.

#### RAFFLE:

Tickets sold by Annie Simpson. Won by:  
 Gerrard Clarke – Snatch Strap  
 Scott Wiseman – "Childhood Memories of Walhalla"  
 (book donated by Paoletti Adventures Maps)  
 Terry Johnke – Cap (donated by Barry Leitch)

Videos were shown of Derek's Toolangi trip; the "Big Red Challenge" – part of Ashley and John's top end trip; and one of Patrick's Otways golden oldies.

#### NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 7 October 2003 at Highway Tyres, Doveton.

Meeting closed at 10.30pm.

## NOTICE

**National 4X4 Show**  
 Melbourne Exhibition Centre  
 23-26 October 2003

Club Discount Admission Tickets available:  
 Adults \$7.50; Children \$3.50; Family \$19.00.

Numbers and money required at  
 October meeting.



### The bush is logged on...

*This is clever.* Cut it out and stick it on the side of your computer monitor. Or on the beer fridge in the garage!

From *The Rural Australian Dictionary of Computer Terminology*:

**Log on:** make the barbie hotter.

**Log off:** don't add any more wood.

**Monitor:** keeping an eye on the barbie.

**Download:** get the firewood off the ute.

**Hard drive:** trip back home without any cold tinnies.

**Floppy disc:** what you get lifting too much firewood at once.

**Keyboard:** where you hang the ute and bike keys.

**Windows:** what you shut when it's cold.

**Screen:** what you shut in the mozzie season.

**Byte:** what mozzies do.

**Bit:** what mozzies did.

**Mega byte:** what Townsville mozzies do.

**Chip:** a bar snack.

**Micro chip:** what's left in the bag after you've eaten the chips.

**Modem:** what you did to the lawns.

**Dot Matrix:** old Dan Matrix's wife.

**Laptop:** where the cap sleeps.

**Cursor:** the old bloke who swears a lot.

Thanks to *Eye Reader* (and member) AVB for passing this on...

## CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### SEPTEMBER

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Rally Ray Brown

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting Lesley Peters

### OCTOBER

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting John Partridge

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Advanced Training Weekend Ashley Martin

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> National 4 X4 Show

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> BAT Program Day Trip Gerrard Clarke

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting Ian Warburton

### NOVEMBER

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Cup Weekend Trip TBC

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting John Partridge

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Macallister River (See attached Trip Data) Carl Surtees

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mayford Trip Ashley Martin

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting Roger Baird

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party Rosalie Hughes

### DECEMBER

Tuesday Club Meeting John Partridge

Tuesday Committee Meeting Steve Boyle

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Oxfam Christmas Tree Delivery Ashley Martin



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To obtain an insurance quote, the agents – TCIS – require you to fax details regarding your vehicle one month prior to seeking insurance.

See the Club Insurance Officer, Gerrard Clarke, for relevant form.

Anyone wishing to advertise in the Club Directory, email details to the Editor: [lesleyp@raptorinternational.com](mailto:lesleyp@raptorinternational.com)

**Free Wheeling** is now available (in pdf format) on the VFWDC web site each month.

Just go to [www.vfwdc.com](http://www.vfwdc.com)

## FORTHCOMING TRIP INFORMATION

### ANNUAL CAR RALLY

**Date:** Sunday 28 September 2003  
**Trip Leader:** Ray Brown – Tel: 5967 1437 AH  
**Destination:** Unknown  
**Meeting Place:** Officer Weighbridge  
**Time:** 8.30-9.00am  
**Grade:** C-C  
**Equipment:** N/A  
**Radio Channel:** Ch. 12  
**Trip Activities:** The car rally is always a fun day and with Ray and Dawn at the helm, this year should be no exception! Come along and enjoy a good day out and don't forget to pack those weird and wonderful bits and pieces that always appear on the "things you need to you have?" list.

### ADVANCED TRAINING WEEKEND

**Date:** 10-12 October 2003  
**Trip Leader:** Ashley Martin  
**Destination:** Walhalla area  
**Meeting Place:** MacDonalds Pakenham  
**Time:** 6.30pm Friday 10 October  
**Grade:** Wet B-B+ / Dry B  
**Equipment:** Basic recovery.  
**Radio Channel:** Ch. 12  
**Trip Activities:** Follow-up to proficiency course held earlier this year. Theory night will be held week prior to the trip. First preference will be given to those who wish to attend the advanced training, but if numbers are low we will accept members who just want to come along for a good weekend.

### "BAT PROGRAM" DAY TRIP

**Date:** Sunday 26 October 2003  
**Trip Leader:** Gerrard Clarke  
**Destination:** Gembrook  
**Meeting Place:** Berwick Secondary College, Manuka Road, Berwick  
**Time:** 8.30am for 9.00am departure  
**Grade:** B/C  
**Equipment:** Basic Recovery  
**Radio Channel:** Ch. 12  
**Trip Activities:** This is a program run by Berwick Secondary College for boys aged 14-16. Minimum of 10 vehicles required to cater for group of approximately 20. A bit of 4wheeling and some sightseeing planned. Gerrard says "expect to get muddy".

*Did you know...  
A husband is someone who, after taking the  
trash out, gives the impression he's just  
cleaned the whole house!!*

### ANNUAL MAYFORD FISHING TRIP

**Date:** 21-23 November 2003  
**Trip Leader:** Ashley Martin  
**Destination:** Mayford  
**Meeting Place:** TBA  
**Time:** TBA  
**Grade:** B  
**Equipment:** Basic recovery; fishing rod.  
**Radio Channel:** Ch. 12  
**Trip Activities:** The annual fishing trip is back. Mayford is on the Dargo High Plains road and the track leading into the area is closed during the winter months. It re-opens toward the end of November but we will need to confirm whether the track will be open for this particular weekend. If so, as it is a long drive some members will leave on Friday morning to take advantage of the weekend.



## Oxfam Christmas Tree Deliveries

Once again our Club has been asked to support in raising funds for Oxfam/Community Aid Abroad.

Volunteers are required for delivery of Christmas Trees on  
**Saturday 13 December 2003.**  
(Normally takes around half a day.)

This is a very worthy cause, so please advise Ashley (9540 0007) asap of your availability as we need to provide your details to Oxfam by the end of November.

Pick-up point is the Scout Hall in Pakenham Street, Blackburn.  
(Melway Map 47 H12).

## TRIP REPORTS

### ANNUAL SNOW TRIP – August 2003

<i>Trip Leader:</i>	Glenn	Jackaroo
<i>Participants:</i>	Barry	Patrol Tray
	George	Musso
	Carl and Bethany	Surf
	Murray, Anna and Bianca	Cruiser
	Mark	60's Cruiser
	Anthony, Aline and Riley	Prado

I met George about 1.00pm Friday at Officer. Cruised along to campsite 14, arriving about 4pm. Started putting camp together for our two night stay. The weather was quite mild, warmer than expected. Barry arrived about 9ish, and after a few sherbets and a good gas bag, we headed for bed.

Arose Saturday morning to a chilly damp morning. It was eggs and bacon for breakfast while waiting for the others to arrive. With some chatter over the CB to confirm our whereabouts, the other four vehicles started crossing over to Camp 14.

After some chit chat, Murray and his girls started putting up their tent, so gave them some time to do this, then it was time to head off to the white stuff.

While sitting at the entrance to get onto the main road, a small convoy of 4 x 4's flew past. They were in a big hurry. Once on the road ourselves and heading up, we passed a couple of them stopped for some reason. Got to Benningson's Lookout to find that Parks had done some clearing; they had just bashed down some trees, and cleared the view. Wow!! what a beautiful view it was - the white capped peaks looked magic.

Stopped at Lost Plain for a bit of a snowball fight, and to make some yellow donuts. The snow was thick as. Not as many cars parked there as I would have thought; would have been great for cross country skiing.

Headed off again, up through Arbuckle Junction and on to the car park just down from the gate. Here it was on again with the snow ball fight. A bit of a slope to slide down on a piece of plastic, or a bit of tarp. The kids had a great time, didn't you Carl, Murray, Anthony, and the three girls. Riley was a little upset because he was not accustomed to the cold. We had lunch, then a bit more of a frolic, then it was time to hit the frog and toad.

Thought we might try and find a hut or two, but of course I was not sure where to go, so we turned back and headed for camp. Carl and Mark thought they would try a side track.



Back at camp, with fire wood collected, and fire started, it was time to warm up. We heard some splashing and screaming coming from the river. On looking down, Anna and Bianca were crossing, not by the rocks though, just straight through the water. So a couple of girls definitely needed the fire.

After dinner and the fire stoked up, it was just general chatter about the day, and what we had seen on our travels. Some great pictures were taken and loads of fun had by all.

**Glenn**

P.S. Missed another one Dave !!!

### MT DISAPPOINTMENT DAY TRIP

*Sunday 21 September 2003*

<i>Trip Leader:</i>	Ashley, Lesley & John	Cruiser
<i>Participants:</i>	George & Ruth	Musso
	Tom & Sheila	Cruiser
	Roger	Cruiser
	Derek & Janet	Disco
	Carl & Bethany	4 Runner
	Gerrard	4 Runner
	Craig & Fran	Cruiser
	James, Kathryn & Callum	Jeep
	David, Joanne, Abigail & Michael	Patrol

The day started off windy but sunny – looked like it was going to be a great day.

We met at the Shell Servo Westgate Bridge at 8.30am (9 vehicles met there – Derek had a flat tyre back at home and met up with us later). Headed off towards Wallan then turned off towards Bruces Creek where we hit the gravel. Our first track was rocky and bumpy – this was Mt Disappointment Road. Roger stuck fast in a big puddle along the way and everyone got out for a sticky beak but we were

soon on our way again. We continued along this track and got to the top for a look at the view. It was a disappointment! Further along the track we stopped for morning tea – gave ourselves a top up, the kids had a play, and then back on the track. We traveled uphill, turning left into Engine Camp Road and on through some scrub. A little way along we had to stop as there was a huge fallen tree that was inconveniently blocking the track. John helpfully directed everyone around without too much trouble. We continued down the track and turned left into Main Mountain Road (2wd again) then right into Escreets Road – dirt track, lots of puddles. Derek got grounded here but was soon on his way. We continued down this track and reached a steep decline where we shifted into low range, back into high and on we went. We veered left at the bottom of Main Road (2wd), passing Sunday Creek Reservoir. Ashley then led us onto another track – The Pipeline – which from the bottom looked like a bit of a challenge. Ashley tested the track (up and back) and we were given the option of tackling it or going the easy way. Everyone opted to take the Pipeline. Ashley led the way through a few tricky spots up a steep and rutted hill.

Then onto Harry's Nose West Road going left and then down past the picnic ground again. We continued on and finally stopped to take a look around Sunday Creek Reservoir, the capacity of which is very low.



We hopped back into the vehicles for one more track – left onto Raynor Road, then turned right and found more water. This track was a bit winding and had a few tricky ruts but all was ok. We then made our way back to the main road and headed for home.

On the way home – just before the turnoff onto the freeway – Gerrard lost his brakes. With a little bit of help from Carl, Craig and Ashley he was back on the road again. One great reason to join a club – there's always someone to help get you home!

All in all it was a fantastic day. The weather was great, the driving great, with a great bunch of people. Thanks to Ashley, Lesley and John for leading the trip.

*James & Kathryn Holden*



We all made it successfully and continued on, turning left at Westcott Creek Road, then right into Anderson Garden picnic ground (good spot) for lunch.

After lunch we headed down Boundary Road, left into Western Break Track for a while and veered up Quarry Road travelling fairly smoothly, then ended up at Harry's Link Road – another track with plenty of puddles (which I might add smelled horrible!).



*Many thanks to David Dawn for the photographs.*

## 'THE SULPHUR DEBATE'

more from Berrima Diesel Service

I've been meaning to sit down and whip up this topic sooner, but as it's only the two of us on the spanners here, I've been too flat out!

Anyway, I'd just like to quickly run through this terribly misleading Diesel Fuel debate and give you some clarifications from the pros – Berrima Diesel! You've probably been reading about "Horror Stories" (like up in Queensland) of the removing or reducing of sulphur in diesel fuel, These stories would lead one to believe that pump damage will occur and seals will leak. It is heavily published as being so in leading 4wd publications, TV and even by "so-called" Diesel Industry Associations!!

**This is all wrong** and misleading!!!! We at Berrima Diesel have been saying from day one that if it leaves the nozzle as international and Australian standards dictate (and I wish the Federal Government would prosecute if it wasn't), the fuel will have all the characteristics that it was intended to have. Rudolf Diesel didn't have these standards to assure him when he built the first diesel fuel system. He was using vegetable oil (peanut oil was one of them!) and it worked for him. Let's not forget that there never really was diesel fuel then as there is now. Diesels then and today will run happily on a light oil (if a tad smoky) without refining.

One of the "stories" being told about removing the sulphur is that it reduces the lubricating qualities of diesel fuel. This is true BUT a we have always said (and we now have it backed up by Shell) it will have to pass lubricating standards before being labelled "diesel". Even if it needs lubricants adding (again Shell backs this up)!

The other "stories" flying around about pump seals leaking is another bit of a con. Even Shell has a little excuse for it, but I don't fully believe that! Yes, composition does have an effect on the seals but we have now new and old 4wd rotary pumps leaking – and not all the seals in the pump leak. These O-ring type seals have to cope with a lot of adulterated diesel. Adulterated diesel can contain (and we have seen it contain!!) some highly aggressive (to injection components and seals) substances. This, combined with pump fuel operating temperatures running higher than manufacturers could believe (we've tested fuel temps in hot weather up over 80°C coming out of the pump. Pump manufacturers say to stop testing pump delivery on the test bench once fuel temp goes much over 65° C) leads to (usually the thing leaking) the top cover seal contracting or expanding, twisting and then leaking. Certain questionable diesel industry bodies saying that 'once the seal is replaced with a new one it won't happen again' is misleading!

Diesel 4wd owners and potential buyers (if they are still even interest in buying a diesel 4wd) should not read too deeply into the problem, keep their fuel receipts and hammer their local Federal Member about the problem.

Barbara has been doing this for a while and although they would never recognise it (a member of the public bringing it to their attention) has actually achieved discussion and proposals happening in Federal Parliament as we speak. We will keep you updated on this issue.

One last thing while I'm fired up. BP has officially announced that they are doing a back flip on the sulphur debate. They have finally realised that sulphur reduction is NOT causing the leaks but instead it is the change in aromatics. I wonder what next will be blamed!!!

We still say... *"A mixture of adulterated illegal fuel and/or old age!!"*

Andrew Leimroth  
Berrima Diesel Service  
"The Diesel Experts"

*[Submitted by Ashley Martin]*



### ***Believe it or not...***

A German whose suitcase went missing during a trip to Senegal has had it returned – 24 years later.

The luggage was found at a police station in Duesseldorf.

The contents were still in good condition, but the owner doesn't think they will fit him any longer!!

*[Travel Daily 11.09.03]*

*[LP]*



# CLUB TRIP DATA FORM

## MACALISTER RIVER – 14-16 NOVEMBER 2003

DESTINATION	<i>Macalister River/Butcher Country/Caledonia River</i>	
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	Carl Surtees – Tel: 9706 2692	
DEPARTURE	1:00 pm Friday 14 November or 7:30 am Saturday 15 November	
RETURN	Sunday 16 November	
MEETING PLACE	Pakenham Macca's	
GRADE	WET DRY	C+ B C
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Mainly driving. The country around this area is very rugged and beautiful – perfect for a bit of sightseeing. There are approx 10 river crossings on this trip, last year about knee deep but who knows this year.	
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM MAXIMUM	5 10
APPROX KMS (Meeting place to destination)	250	
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL DIESEL	Licola ditto
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES		
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Basic recovery gear	
MAPS REQUIRED	N/A	
RADIO CHANNEL	CB / UHF	12