



DECEMBER 2011

Free Wheeling



Robe / SA - Melbourne Cup Weekend 2011

Notice Board

VFWDC GENERAL MEETING VENUE

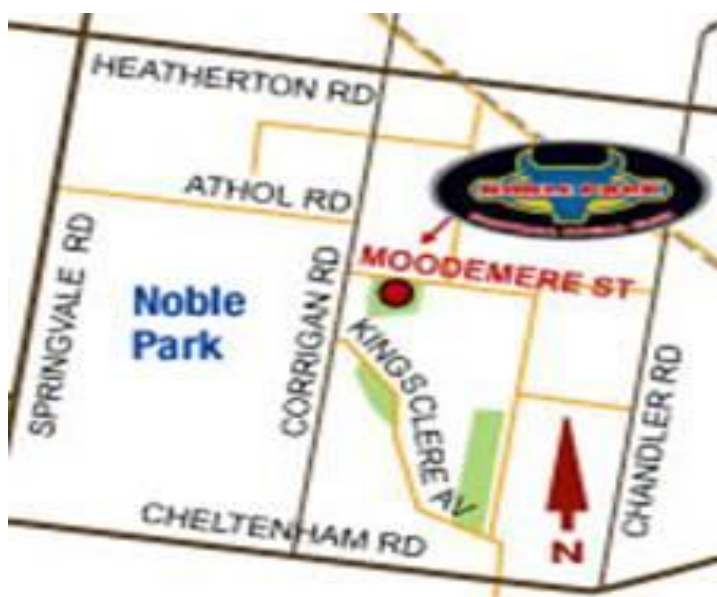
The club meets at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club, 46-56 Moodemere St, Noble Park on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 8.00pm (No meeting in January and November meeting at selected location). Members and Guests are welcome to dine at the Bistro before attending the meeting.

First **WEDNESDAY** of each month 8.00PM Start

Venue:

Bowling Club Rooms (Next to Car Park,
down the far end of the car park)

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



FREE WHEELING

Hello and welcome to the December newsletter. December is the busiest times of the year, seeing many a Christmas party to attend and the long awaited Christmas holidays. It's a good time of the year to get out in the great outdoors. Stay safe and enjoy your Christmas break and see you back in the new year.

Catherine

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Club Details

Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
Registration No	A002184F
Correspondence	PO Box 778 Dandenong Vic 3174
Email	secretary@vfwdc.com
Website	www.vfwdc.com
Meetings	Held 8pm, first Wednesday of each month, excluding January (no meeting).
Location	Noble Park Football Club (Bowling club near car park) 46-56 Moodemere Street, Noble Park Melways ref: 89 D4
Newsletter	All articles and photographs to be submitted prior to 20 th of each month to editor@vfwdc.com
	The Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club is an affiliated club of the Victoria Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc (VAFWDC)



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Anyone wishing to advertise in the Club Directory, contact the Editor at editor@vfwdc.com

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Meas. 108x31x31cm

Please call Chris 0400 540 183 or
Email gxl4x4@bigpond.com

Thanks, Chris Smith



CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

2012				
January	Wednesday 4th	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	17th	Committee Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
February	Wednesday 1st	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	Saturday 18th	GPS Course	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
March	Wednesday 7th	General Meeting	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296

Our website has been updated, check it out at www.vfwdc.com It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring a cd of the photos from your trips to the club meeting & pass them onto Bruce, so they can be added to our website for advertising. Only if you choose to.

Treasurer's Report November 2011

Balance as at 1/10/11	\$6266.68
Deposits	\$722.00
Payments	NIL
Balance as at 31/10/11	\$7088.68
Term Deposit	\$5620.71

General Minutes November 2011

There were no minutes from November meeting, as the meeting was held at Everything Four Wheel Drive. It was a very successful night, with many a club member catching themselves a bargain and a few new faces showing up for the meeting. Thanks to John for the BBQ and thanks to Mark & David for cooking the BBQ.



CLUB MERCHANDISE For Sale (Revised Price List)

Club Polo Shirts	\$28.00 ea
Club Polar Fleece ½ Zip Jumper	\$38.00 ea
Club Polar Fleece Full Zip Jacket	\$48.00 ea
Club Sleeveless Reversible Vest	\$44.00 ea
Club Caps	\$15.00 ea
Club Bucket Hat	\$16.00 ea
Club Wide Brim Hat	\$18.00 ea
Club Beanie	\$12.00 ea
VFWD Sticker (long)	\$ 6.00 ea

We encourage all members to purchase a Club Polo Shirt.

Email your order to committee@vfwdc.com.
Please ensure you advise size required.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Apologies for no report this month, due to personal reasons.

For Sale

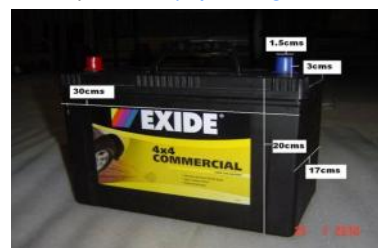
Brand new Exide 4x4 Commercial Battery
(more than one available)

730 cca, 160RC,
N70ZZMF

Poles

Sell for \$130 ea.

If you have any questions please contact Alan Mackay on rallysport@gotalk.net.au



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Trip Incentive Scheme

The committee had decided to implement this idea, to help promote the club and encourage club members to run more trips. This will be over a period of the committee year.

Prizes will not be awarded to the same person. The prize will be a voucher to an nominated establishment of your choice (within reason), sorry no cash.

The following prizes will be on offer:



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- 10mm x 30 meters – 10,000Kg breaking strain - \$395.00
- 10mm x 40 meters – 10,000Kg breaking strain - \$495.00



* New LED rechargeable lights in stock * Recharges in your cigarette socket * 35 Lumens – 3 hour run time * Loads of accessories * 8 different colours available *



Our new website is up and running: www.e4wd.com.au

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Somewhere and Beyond
TRIP COORDINATOR	Ashley Martin Mob: 0438 600 904
DATE	27 th December 2011 31 st December 2011
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Longwarry service center, 7.30am sharp
GRADE	WET: Easy - Medium DRY: Easy - Medium
	Please adhere to new trip classifications
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>As you can imagine by the destination I have had little time to determine the exact route. Due to limited days will probably start at Walhalla, through Burgoyne's and maybe Avon River. If time permitting we will take in more.</p> <p>There will be no base camp and unsure of some track conditions so trailers are not recommended. Camping will be on rivers so a swim at the end of day will no doubt be welcomed.</p> <p>Will be a relaxing trip and a chance to unwind after a hectic year.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 6
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	200
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Traralgan DIESEL: Traralgan
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Basic recovery equipment Quick and easy tent/swag
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	12

Trip Reports



Robe SA Trip Report Cup Day Long Weekend 2011

Attendees were:

Our Trip Leader Johan & Family in GQ Patrol

Nick & daughter Lynelle in Pathfinder

Colin in 80 series

Steve, Nicole and kids Mia & Hayley in 100 series

Lewis & Adrianna in 70 Series

Lynelle and I arrived about 11:00am Saturday after



sleeping the night in the car at Lake Bolac en route. We were

greeted at the entrance of the campsite by the rest of the gang. Where we spent a little while setting up the camper and shower and later we went out with the group for a look down towards Carpenter's Rocks. It was now that we had to don the 'Sand Flag'! These came in all shapes and sizes and construction methods from factory, to conduit and hi-vis vests, even a surf rod with hi-vis vest fitted! No there no major issues on this trip as the sand was generally quite firm. We headed back to camp to finish setting up and have some camp dinner.

Morning came for a gathering of bacon and eggs for breakfast. We hadn't been out on a trip with Johan before and didn't realise breakfast is only a small event, with the main morning meal BRUNCH being around 11. We got hungry waiting so headed back to the camper for our own eggs and bacon. After the group had all eaten, we packed the cars for lunch and headed out to Beachport Tourist Centre for some maps. Our journey took us out past Lake George before airing down and hopping straight out onto the sand! Following the sandy track around we came across the first of challenges - a big wide sand dune, which we all took turns at going up forwards, backwards and anyway we could. Fast, slow, crawl, you name it. The Parks Ranger was active in the local area and found an unregistered motorbike that pulled up just near us to exchange details with the ranger.

We were on the way off to find a spot for lunch which we did end up finding a nice spot. Just before pulling up, my driver found a nice big puddle which clearly had her name on it. She headed through it at a speed which managed to soak me, the front seat, the back seat and all of it's contents, including her handbag. Nice one!

After lunch, we followed the tracks around and finally, down onto the beach. We headed off, some a little faster than others, but then we came to where the sand got deeper and deeper and the



car got slower and slower, not for the lack of RPM though. Anyway, within a short few minutes, this found all 5 cars sunk down in the sand, with Colin's 80 series the closest to the water with the waves gently kissing his tyres. Lucky the tide was on its way out as the waves were licking up against Colin's wheels!

Anyway, we hooked up the front of the Pathfinder to the back of the 80 Series and gently pulled it out. Mighty Pathfinders! Looking into the distance we saw Johan bogged down in the sand which he eventually got out of. Then behind us, both Lewis and Steve were also bogged down in the sand. Once Johan was out, he drove back to us and went down into the deep sand again. Steve brought his "2 Max Trax" along which helped greatly.

Except, after the recovery, there was only 1 Max Trax! We dug for ages, but still only 1. While searching for the Max Trax, we could hear 2 cars in the distance heading towards us at a great rate of knots. They both went past on the water side of our cars which was cutting it a bit thin, but they got through and we never saw them again. Finally, we were able to turn all cars back around to head

back the way we came and off the deep sand. Our next entry point to the beach greeted us with about 8 cars, 3 of which were bogged at various points on the soft sand.



We waited for a gap in the traffic and headed down onto the beach, at a better rate of knots and made it up to the next exit point where we stopped for some photos.

After a few more beach runs, we came across a small fishing village - Nora Creine. The village was all but deserted, maybe the fishing was good! Those who have been through here will understand.

We were all now back on the beach on the final leg back to Robe. Back in April this year, my wife and I chose not to do these few stretches of beach as the sign said "Deep Soft Sand" and we were by ourselves. This time was different, we were apart of a group of 5, what could go wrong? Well, nothing, we had experienced our recovery session earlier. The sand was very deep and we had to keep on it and keep the eyes open. Finally, we arrived back into Robe where we aired up and had a look around before heading back to camp for dinner.

Monday morning, we started off with breakfast and had a general lazy day. Lewis and Adrianna headed back to Melbourne, Colin headed off by himself for a tour around, Steve and Nicole also headed off to take the kids to the park at Millicent. I took Lynelle for a look around Southend and while we were on the hill near the jetty, we saw 3 cars head off on the beach towards Beachport. I hadn't done this stretch before so we headed off in pursuit of the new adventure. We found the entry to the beach, where we quickly aired down and headed off.

Lynelle was driving and I encouraged her to put the foot down a little more as the car seemed to be bogging down slowly. She obliged and whilst tricky, she did manage to keep the car moving and on top of the sand for the whole stretch to Beachport. We found the exit point rather suddenly and headed into town. Whilst looking around, Johan rang to see if I could buy a Helicoil kit as he had some issues with the Patrol.

Unlucky in Beachport, we went back to camp and picked up Johan before heading into Millicent to the parts shop. We got back to camp and Johan had nearly the whole intake system off his car, along with all the rocker gear. We fitted the Helicoils x 2 and fitted everything back on to the engine, helped by Johan's young son Armando. The engine fired first kick and he was back in business in no time at all. Results, 2 rocker gear threads stripped!

Lynelle and I had the camper packed Monday night, we then slept in the swag for an early morning departure for long journey home. We were on the way home by 6:30am, shortly followed by Colin, Steve and Nicole. Johan and his family were staying for the rest of the week.

Thanks to Johan and all for a great trip and weekend away!

Nick and Lynelle





November 2011

Nominations for Board Vacancies Required.

Nominations are required from members who might like to contribute to the association by becoming a member of the 4WD Victoria Board of Management. Prior to the AGM in November nominations for Board Member positions will be received, anyone wishing to either discuss or nominate for these positions are invited to contact the CEO on 9857 5209 or email ceo@fwdvictoria.org.au

Ken Birch (President - VHCHA) Guest Speaker at Annual General Meeting – Wed 23rd November

All members are invited to attend the 4WD Victoria Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 23rd November commencing at 7.30pm. Guest Speaker will be Ken Birch – President of Victorian High Country Huts Association (VHCHA) We will also be launching a joint initiative with VHCHA that of an “Adopt a Hut Program”. Following this will be the AGM after which supper will be served with the night concluding around 9.30pm. To assist with catering, if you are going to attend please notify the Office on 9857 5209 or email office@fwdvictoria.org.au

Oxfam Christmas Tree Deliveries 2011

Over the last 19 years, member clubs of Four Wheel Drive Victoria have supported Oxfam Australia in their annual delivery of Christmas Trees. We are looking for drivers, navigators and vehicles that can carry 8 to 25 freshly cut trees, with or without a trailer. Many 4WD clubs have found this a very enjoyable and rewarding activity that makes a considerable contribution to the larger community in which we live. If your club can help please contact **Brian Moran - Coordinator Oxfam Australia Christmas Tree Project** Phone 94973227 Fax 94994759 Email: briangum@tpg.com.au with the approximate number of vehicles your club can provide by late October.

4WD Victoria Raffle

Only six weeks remain before the drawing of the second of 4WD Victoria's two raffles for 2011. Make sure that you have purchased yours to go into the draw for these wonderful prizes, at only \$2.00 per ticket we ask each club for their assistance in selling all of their allocated tickets. 4WD Victoria rely on these two raffles each year to assist with our fund raising activities, and they jointly assist us in keeping down any increase in Affiliation Fee's that may be deemed necessary.

Prizes for the raffle are as follows:

1st Prize – Pair of Hella Luminator Xenon Driving Lights (Model: Rallye 4000 XGD - Pencil Beam)

Donated by Hella Australia - Value \$1,800

2nd Prize – Engel 1000W Generator (Model: SHX1000)

Donated by Engel Australia - Value \$950.00

3rd Prize – 4WD Four Wheel Drive Victoria Training Course

Donated by Four Wheel Drive Victoria - Value \$390.00

4th Prize – GME TX6100 (5 watt) 80 Channel Compact Hand Held UHF Radio

Donated by Standard Communications Pty Ltd - Value \$270.00

5th Prize – Set of 10 x Spatial Vision 4WD Maps

Donated by Spatial Vision - Value \$112.00

Raffle will be drawn on Monday 12th December at 4WD Victoria, RSL Hall 2 Centreway, Balwyn North.

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