



FREE WHEELING

September 2019



Official Newsletter of the
Victorian Four Wheel
Drive Club Inc

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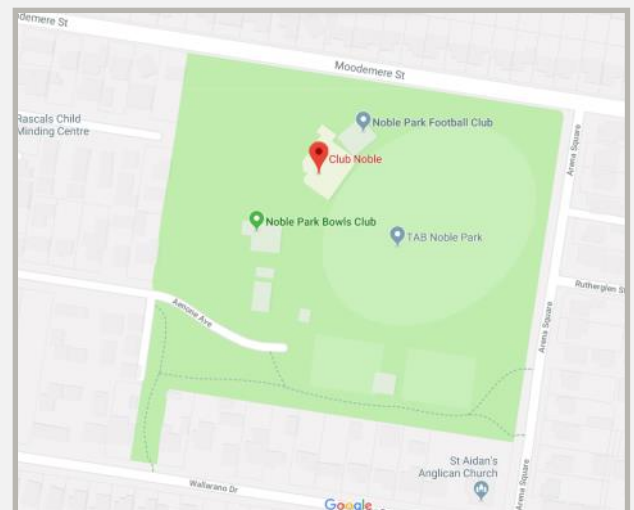
VFWDC General Meeting Venue

The club meets on the first WEDNESDAY of each month at 8:00pm. With the following exceptions; No meeting in January. November meeting is at a selected location, watch the calendar.

Blue and Gold Room

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

Members and guests are welcome to dine at the bistro before attending the meeting from 6:30pm.



Aberfeldy Track

In association with [Westland Gippsland Relic, Mining and Heritage Protection Inc](#), the club maintains a section of the Aberfeldy Track with working bees throughout the year. View the club calendar for the next upcoming working bee.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

2019-2020

President	Steve Pitcher	president@vfwdc.com
Vice President	David Bruinsma	vicepres@vfwdc.com
Secretary	Sally Higgs	secretary@vfwdc.com
Treasurer	Ly Ho	treasurer@vfwdc.com

General Committee

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

Support Positions to Committee

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

Club Details

Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club
Registration No	A002184F
Correspondence	PO Box 778 Dandenong VIC 3174
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The Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club is an affiliated club of [Four Wheel Drive Victoria](#) - www.fwdvictoria.org.au



Hi all,

I hope that you all enjoy this month's edition of Free Wheeling magazine.

Well, the club held its 2019 AGM last month and I am pleased to announce that we received nominations for most key roles. This was a great demonstration of members' support for the club and I wish to thank all of you who nominated for a committee position or agreed to continue in your support roles.

Tony has done a great job of filling the Treasurer's role over the past few years and I wish to thank him for his contribution over that time. Lisa has also done a wonderful job of catering for our monthly general meetings and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her support also.

Our committee line up for the upcoming year is as follows:

President: Steve Pitcher

Vice President: David Bruinsma

Secretary: Sally Higgs

Treasurer: Ly Ho

General Committee: Callum Brown

Association Delegate: David Bruinsma

Trip Coordinator: Des Whall

Training Officers: Philip Griffith and Ashley Martin (with Jeff Griffiths assisting)

Web Manager: Ben Whitworth

Magazine Editor: Vacant - we are looking for a volunteer

Merchandise: Des Whall

Catering: Vacant - we are looking for a volunteer

As you can see from the above, it takes considerable volunteer support to keep our club functioning. I sincerely wish to thank those who have agreed to fill these roles and for their continued support of our great club.

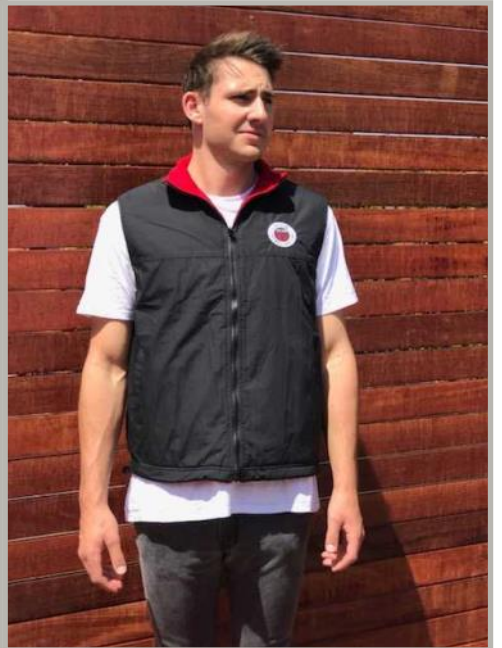
I look forward to working with the committee over the year ahead and to catching up with you all out on a club trip or at the next general meeting.

Keep safe, tread lightly and have fun out there!

Steve Pitcher

President

CLUB MERCHANDISE



PRICING


Club Polo Shirt	\$28.00	Club Hoodie	\$50.00
Club Singlet and T-Shirt	\$15.00	Club Sleeveless Reversible Vest	\$50.00
Club Polar Fleece Full Zip Jacket	\$45.00	Club Bucket Hat	\$16.00
Club Caps	\$10.00	Club Beanie	\$10.00
Club Wide Brim Hat	\$18.00	VFWDC Windscreen stickers	
Club Drivers Jacket (Coat)	\$70.00	Small	\$6.00
		Large	\$8.00
Club Cloth Badges 120mm	\$8.00		

We encourage all members to purchase a Club Polo shirt.
 Email your order to merchandise@vfwdc.com. Please ensure you advise size required.

CLUB NOBLE FORM

Did you know if you're a member of Club Noble (the sporting club next door to the meeting), you get discounts on your meal and drinks. And when it's your birthday, you get more than enough points for a feed and drink. \$10 per year—pretty good I reckon!

[Click here to download the form](#) and hand it to reception desk.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Membership Application (Please tick) New Renewal Existing Member No:

Mr Mrs Ms Other

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

Postal Address: Suburb:
State: Postcode: Mobile Number: Home Phone:

Email Address:

Membership Fee (Please Tick) 1 Year \$10 2 years \$20 3 Years \$30

Payment Details (Please Tick) Cash Cheque C/C

Card Holders Name: Card Type: Visa M/card

Card No:/...../...../..... Expiry Date:/...../.....

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

I hereby apply to become a member of the Noble Park Football Social Club Ltd and agree to observe the rules and by-laws. I verify that I am over the age of 18 and have received and carefully read and understood the Loyalty Membership terms. I agree to strictly abide by these Loyalty Membership Terms as amended from time to time and declare that the details in the application are true and correct.


I wish to receive communications including promotional material, third party offers that include alcohol or gaming related advertising (Please Tick)
Yes No

I agree to receive my Player Activity Statement in accordance with government legislation (Please tick one box only)
Mail SMS Email

I agree to accept the Annual Report and Financial Statement via: *Please Circle one option*

Members Section (Website) Email

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



YourPlay gives you the power to track how much money and time you are spending as you play. You can also use YourPlay to set limits on the money and time you spend on gaming machines and to see your playing history online at any time. YourPlay can be added to your loyalty membership card and used on any gaming machine in Victoria. You can register for YourPlay at yourplay.com.au or ask a staff member for assistance

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Membership Number: Customer ID Sighted:
Staff Member's Name: Confirm Customer's over 18:

THANK YOU AND WELCOME TO CLUB NOBLE

CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

September

4th	Wed	General Meeting		
16th	Mon	Committee Meeting		
21st	Sat	Baw Baw Waterfalls—day trip	David Bruinsma	04117 747 860
27th	Fri	Friday before the AFL Grand Final (public holiday)		

October

2nd	Wed	General Meeting		
21st	Mon	Committee Meeting		
TBC	TBC	Aberfeldy Working Bee	David Bruinsma	04117 747 860

November

1st to 5th	Fri to Tue	Beachport / Robe	David Bruinsma	04117 747 860
2nd to 10th	Sat to Sun	Eyre Peninsula SA—Coodlie Park Farm Retreat	Brett Buchanan	0407 878 970
2nd to 5th	Sat to Tue	Buchan to Mckilops Bridge (Deddick Trail)	Jeff Griffiths	0425 705 224
11th	Mon	Committee Meeting		
TBA	TBA	Offsite general meeting		
17th Nov to 8th Dec		Tasmania 22 Days Away	Stuart Bowker	0428 539 157

Something goofy happened to someone on a trip? Nominate them for the next “Good on ya” trophy! Send a quick summary to trips@vfwdc.com

IMPORTANT

- Safety Dave will be our special presenter for the upcoming September meeting.
- Club meeting venue has changed. The meeting is now held in the Blue and Gold Room, upstairs of Club Noble. You can enter via the front door or at the back where a member will show you up.
- Club merchandise has been reduced! Check out the new prices on page five and pick up some new gear for this cooler season.
- If you wish to join us for dinner before the General Meeting, please book a spot at [Club Noble](#). Phone 9546 0653 and ask to join “Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club” table. You must book **BEFORE** the Monday on the week of the meeting to avoid disappointment!

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

7th August 2019

Attendees

As per attendance sheets

- Phil Youngs (membership pack issued)
- Simon Kendall

Apologies

As per attendance sheets

Driver Training

2018 Driver Training Certificates presented to

- Darna
- Riley

Minutes from Last Meeting

Accepted by Andre

Seconded by Jeff

Jeff will be undertaking training to become a driver training instructor.

Matters arising from Last Meeting

Nil

Merchandise

Please see Des for all merchandise requirements

Correspondence In/ Out:

Emails In and out:

- Proforma invoice from Four Wheel Drive Victoria for additional member payments throughout the year
- New member emails
- Inquiries about joining the club
- Four Wheel Driver Victoria emails re Mt Skene permits and requirements for them

Guest Speakers

- No guest speakers this month
- Safety Dave will be attending September meeting

Mail

- Bendigo Bank Statements and Term Deposit Confirmations

General Business

- Membership Renewals please pay as soon as you can. They were due at the end of June.
- Meeting Venue - Blue Room upstairs in Club Nobel will now be our permanent room for meetings.
- AGM will be held tonight 7.08.2019 at conclusion of the monthly meeting. Gave an overview of the roles available in the committee and support areas.
- Are we going to do a renewal first aid course trip? David will arrange a First Aid refresher course - please see him to coordinate

Treasurer's Report

As per treasures report

Accepted by Des

Seconded by Stuart

Insurance paid - certificate of insurance received. \$20M Public Liability and is up to date

Good On Ya Award

Nominations have been received for the award:

Association Delegate Report

Report to be given at next month's meeting

- Andre led a trip accidentally down walking track
- Sally ending up with a frog on her face
- Steve - left on long trip without wallet and had a 2 hour round trip return
- Tony - missed out on dinner due to losing wallet

New Members/Guests and Prospective Members

Visitors - as per attendance sheet

- Grant Renkema
- Richard Hutchinson

- **Brett - trying to use his travel mug as radio**
- Jeff - running out of fuel twice on a trip
- Mick - feel asleep while consuming coffee

Brett is the winner of the 2019 Good On Ya award.

Upcoming Trips

See trip data forms attached

- Mt Skene snow trip - Steve Dixon
- Photography Day trip to Wahalla and surrounds - Steve Dixon
- Baw Baw waterfall trip - David B
- Ayre Peninsular - 9 day trip starting on Melbourne Cup weekend - Brett
- Aberfeldy Working bee trip date to be confirmed
- Beachport/ Robe - David B
- Tasmania trip - Stuart

Cancelled Trip

- Strickland Spur Trip - cancelled due to state of the track.

Past Trip Reports

Mt Skene Snow Trip - 2 groups went on the trip and they met at the top of the mountain. Snowmen were built, snowball fight, Ly and Andre got stuck. Ly broke down and had to get towed home.

Raffle Prizes

- Moscato Wine - donated by St Annes Winery - Lisa B
- Moscato Wine - donated by St Annes Winery - Joe Y
- Ryobi Drill Set - donated by Techtronic Industries -
- Ryobi Driving Kit - donated by Techtronic Industries - Barry
- Tow strap - Em
- Ratchet Straps - Steve Dixon
- Torch and Bungy strap - Brett
- Cleaning cloths - Maree

Meeting Closed: 21:30 Hours

Next meeting 4th September 2019

Members can advertise any four wheel drive or camping related items they wish to sell or buy.

Just email the editor, editor@vfwdc.com, with the following:

1. Description of the item
2. Price
3. Contact details
4. Photos (highly recommended)

OZtrail Easy Fold Stretcher Tent Single (beige colour)

\$20

Had this for about a year (second owner). Getting rid of it because it leaks through the fly sheet with heavy rain. If you sleep this under an awning or tarp then it's no problem. No rips or tares that I know of. One of the carry bag's zipper-handle has broken off but can still zip with the other zipper.

[View official page for photos and video](#)

Ly

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Ly.tri.ho@gmail.com



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Treasurer's Report July 2019

<u>Cheque A/C`</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/07/2019		\$6,109.74
	Add:		
	Raffle	\$82.00	
	New Membership	\$120.00	
	Membership renewals	\$1250.00	
	Total Monies In:		\$1,452.00
	Less:		
	Catering	\$19.15	
	Catering for Christmas in July	\$255.00	
	FWDV Memberships x50 @\$39.00 ea	\$1950.00	
	Aussie Wild Life Display	\$280.00	
	FWDV Training certificates	\$88.00	
	FWDA Insurance premium@ \$3.00 x 55	\$165.00	
	Total Monies Out:	\$2757.15	
	Closing Balance as at 31/07/2019		\$4,804.59
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/07/2019	\$6,670.26	
	Interest Paid	\$0.0	
	Closing Balance as at 31/07/2019		\$6,670.26
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/07/2019	\$50.00	
	Add:		
	Less:		
	Closing Balance as at 31/07/2019		\$50.00
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position		\$11,524.85

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	BAW BAW Waterfalls - day trip (#1)
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: David Bruinsma MOB: 0417 747 860
DATE	21st September 2019
MEETING PLACE / TIME	BP service station Officer on the Pakenham bypass Be there in time for an 8:30am Departure
GRADE	WET: Easy DRY: Easier
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>An easy day trip on mostly bitumen roads.</p> <p>This will be an easy day trip stopping by the side of the road to look at a few smallish water falls (some you will need spy glass's to see through the trees), with the final destination which has a decent carpark for a 3.5km return walk - with 2 (TWO) better waterfalls.</p> <p>Upon return to the carpark (which has flushing toilets btw) there is plenty of area for a decent picnic lunch and a casual afternoon (bring snacks to share for an early happy hour :))</p> <p>If we are so inclined, there is a final waterfall to explore approx 30 minutes further away from Melbourne - but this is meant to be a relaxing day trip - NO CAMPING and return home in time for dinner</p> <p>OR</p> <p>We can book somewhere in Yarragon or in Pakenham for a dinner for the return trip ??? Please let me know in advance if that is of interest to you.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 5 MAXIMUM: 10
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	200–250 km return to Pakenham
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: DIESEL:
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	
MAPS REQUIRED	NIL—it's all a surprise, so no maps
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	Channel 12
GOOGLE MAPS	See here

DESTINATION Eyre Peninsula SA - Coodlie Park Farm Retreat
LEADER/CONTACT NO. NAME: Brett Buchanan
MOB: 0407 878 970

DATE Saturday 2nd to Sunday 10th November 2019

MEETING PLACE / TIME On Road - TBA

GRADE WET: Medium
DRY: Medium

TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS Camper Trailer Friendly - Base Camp at Coodlie Farm.
Various accommodation options available see www.coodliepark.com.au

We are going off grid for the 5 days at Coodlie Park.

Explore 4wd tracks on northern section of Eyre Peninsula.

Warning - Travel to and from Coodlie Park - will be long with minimal breaks - aiming to be north of Adelaide for first night which will require quick stops for fuel/comfort stop and driver change only.



VEHICLE LIMITS MINIMUM: 1 (us)

MAXIMUM: 10 (more the merrier)

APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION 1400 kms each way plus local driving

LAST AVAILABLE FUEL PETROL/DIESEL: Main Highway throughout - last fuel before Coodlie Park - Wudinna Eyre Highway

DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES On Highway 2-300 kms

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED Basic Recovery equipment for Sand Driving i.e. Shovel
Recovery Bords, Snatch strap etc

MAPS REQUIRED Hema - leader will have maps

RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF Channel 14

GOOGLE MAPS [See here](#)

DESTINATION Beachport / Robe

LEADER/CONTACT NO. NAME: David
MOB: 0417 747 860

DATE Melbourne Cup Weekend
Friday 1st to Tuesday 5th (longer if you wish)

MEETING PLACE / TIME TBA - Depends on who is coming, and respective departure times

GRADE WET: Medium
DRY: harder if the sand if Dry.

TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS I plan to leave very early on the Friday morning from Berwick at approx. 6am to avoid the worst of the peak morning traffic, setting up camp early afternoon.

Hopefully arriving to set up at the caravan park in Beachport, and then spend family time on the beach (sunning, fishing, swimming) with opportunities for group drives up the beach or for individual family activities whenever and however you want.

BIG Sunday Roast (if we can have the camp fire). If we are lucky the fire ban doesn't start until after Cup Weekend. But we got caught out last year, so no fire.

Intending to pack up on the Tuesday morning and head back to Melbourne. Some members usually stay the whole week.

VEHICLE LIMITS MINIMUM: 1
MAXIMUM: 10 +

APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION Approx. 550km to Beachport from Melbourne CBD

LAST AVAILABLE FUEL PETROL: Every major town
DIESEL: Every major town

DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES Every major town

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED All Recover gear - Max Trax if you have them
Self Sufficient for all camping gear (in a caravan park)
Sand Flag

MAPS REQUIRED Normal GPS to get to Beachport
Beach track maps are available at Beachport

RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF UHF 12

GOOGLE MAPS [See here](#)

DESTINATION Buchan to McKilops Bridge (Deddick Trail)

LEADER/CONTACT NO. NAME: Jeff Griffiths

MOB: 0425 705 224

DATE Melbourne Cup Long Weekend
2/11/19 to 5/11/19

MEETING PLACE / TIME BP McDonalds on the Pakenham Bypass (on the freeway) Meet at 7:30 AM for 8:00 am departure

GRADE WET: Medium / Difficult
DRY: Medium

TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS Drive up to Jasksons Crossing and camp on the Snowy River

Sunday

Head up to Raymond falls to have a look then to Waratah Flat camping ground

Monday

Head to the Deddick trail camp at McKilops Bridge

Tuesday

Head home might do a few tracks on the way out
Please note as this is the first weekend the tracks will be open please bring a chain saw if you have one.

VEHICLE LIMITS MINIMUM: 3

MAXIMUM: 8

APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION Total kms for weekend about 700ks

LAST AVAILABLE FUEL PETROL: None after Buchan



DIESEL: None after Buchan

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED Full recovery gear, Long range Tank or carry extra fuel in jerry cans AT or MT tyres. High Clearance
Must have a Snorkel fitted UHF radio in vehicle or hand held. , tools and any spares you may require All your own camping gear and food for 4 days Nibbles for happy hour. Sorry no Camper Trailers

MAPS REQUIRED Rooftops Snowy River -Mckillops Bridge -Lakes Entrance

RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF UHF 12

GOOGLE MAPS [See here](#)

DESTINATION	Tasmania 22 days away
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Stuart and Maree MOB: 0428 539 157
DATE	Sunday 17th November 2019 day sail to Devonport to Sunday 8th December 2019 9:30 am day sail to Melbourne
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Spirit of Tasmania Departure point Station Pier Port Melbourne 7:30 am or as per boarding requirements
GRADE	WET: Extremely difficult  DRY: Difficult 
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Plan is to do some of Tasmania's iconic four wheel drive tracks.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 5
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	Approximately 2000 km in Tasmania
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Available in most towns in Tasmania DIESEL: Available in most towns in Tasmania
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Available in most towns in Tasmania
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Full recovery gear and well setup vehicles only, lifted, A/T tyres, F&R recovery points, winch etc. Camping gear to be self sufficient for at least four days NO CAMPER TRAILERS as many tracks are rated difficult.
MAPS REQUIRED	Hema Tasmania
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	Channel 12
GOOGLE MAPS	See here