Annual Wine Tip – Heathcote – October 2008

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**NOTICE BOARD**

**VFWDC CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Where: **HEDGEND MAZE**  
163 Albert Road  
Healesville

When: **Sunday, 30 November**  
Time: **12.00pm**  
Fee: Adults $12.75 Children Free

*(See flyer and map attached)*

**OXFAM AUSTRALIA CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT**

Where: Scout Hall, Pakenham Street, Blackburn (Melway Map 47 H 12)  
When: Saturday, 6 December  
Time: **8.00am sharp**

You will be given a very well organized list of addresses with Melway grid references, all in close proximity to each other. All you do is drop off the tree that has already been paid for. The smiles you receive from the younger recipients would be second only to that of them greeting Santa Claus. It will take each team 1 to 3 hours, and we encourage you to meet for a BBQ or social get together before or afterwards.

We encourage members to give up a few hours of their time for this great cause.

Contact: Tim Axtell, Trip Co-ordinator VFWDC to advise your availability.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM**

Members please note that the Personal Information Form (PIF) is available to download from the Club website – [www.vfwdc.com](http://www.vfwdc.com).

It is important that a copy of the PIF be completed and placed in a sealed envelope with member’s name on the front. The envelope should be carried in your vehicle, together with the envelopes of each person travelling in the vehicle. They should be kept in the glove box or central console. One sealed copy should also be handed to the Trip Leader.

Envelopes should be returned to the participants after the trip for re-use on the next trip undertaken.

Joe Citizen
PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Welcome to another month’s edition of Free Wheeling.

By the time you read this our annual Christmas Party has come and gone. I hope you all have enjoyed yourselves. A big thank you goes out to those that help with the organization to this.

We have a couple of training weekends coming up in the New Year. The first one up in February is the Advanced Driver Training which we will be holding in the Aberfeldy Forest area. This course is designed for those that have previously attended the proficiency training and want to learn more about their vehicles abilities. We will be talking some harder tracks and spend time talking about advanced recovery situations and various winching techniques. The second training weekend in March is our Proficiency Course. While this course isn’t mandatory for all members to do, it is very highly recommended to not only ensure your safety but also to learn to drive in a sustainable environment.

During our recent 1st Aid Training Course we discussed, among other things, the use of the Personal Information Forms. Our instructor thought that, not only that the forms are a great idea, but this should become mandatory for all trips that we run. The time saved in an emergency situation in discovering about vital information could make all the difference. These forms are available from our forum and also from our website. We will be asking for all participants on club trip to have their forms filled out and put in a sealed envelope in their glove box.

Parks Victoria have recently closed down its 13BUSH phone line due to limited use. This system has been replaced with a Dob in a Hoon reporting system. Forms for this can be downloaded of the FWDV website at www.fwdvictoria.org.au

Well, that’s all for now, until we next meet, take care.

John Partridge
The meeting was opened at 7.45pm at Aussie Disposals Frankston.

Present: There were 20 members present as per the attendance book.

Apologies: Johan Liebenberg, Brian Martin, Maxine Ryan, Anne Pettigrew.

Visitors: John Steiner, David Jackson, Jim O’Brien and Pete Cox.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:
Accepted:  George Pledger
Seconded:  Ashley Martin

Matters Arising:  Nil.

Correspondence In:
• Cross Country Jeep Club Newsletter October 2008
• Evakool product catalogue and information
• Victorian 4WD Show pamphlet (Sunday 22nd February 2009)
• Rays Outdoors Special Sale Invites
• Westprint Heritage Maps and Books price list
• Rediscover Licola flyer from Wellington Shire Council
• Wings of the outback, Newsletter October 08 from RFDS
• Letter from State Library of Victoria September issue not received
• Long Haul Competition Flyer
• The Eureka Echo Journal Spring 2008
• ARB 4x4 action magazine Spring 2008

Correspondence Out:
• Monthly Newsletter sent to all members.

Treasurer’s Report:
Cheque Account: $3441.41
Term Deposit: $6,076.00

Closing Balance:
Accepted: Mark Felton
Seconded: Paul Ryan

Trip Co-ordinator’s Report:

Trip Reports:
1st Aid Training: A verbal report was given to the Club by Ashley.
Winery Trip Heathcote: A verbal report was given to the Club by Phil.
Toolangi Hard Trip: A verbal report was given to the Club by John.
Omeo Trip: A verbal report was given to the Club by Paul.

Forthcoming Trips:
Annual Fishing Trip: Details have changed since last month’s newsletter. A change of direction to either Sheeppyard Flat or 8 Mile Flat (just past Sheeppyard Flat). Ashley plans to meet at the Lilydale Macca’s. Free to do what you like weekend. Hope to look at few of the tracks on our way out; Ashley will email the info out to members who put names on the list.

Christmas Party 30th November: The correct cost to get is $12.75 not $12.50 as advertised in last month’s newsletter. As you come in we’ve booked a spot on the left hand side; there is no permanent shelter and no BBQ (a tarp and BBQ will be brought up on the day). Please bring a present for each child (please limit to $10 per child). The club will provide salad and drinks for the kids. BYO meat.

Nullabour Trip: Still going ahead, great to see that the price of diesel has finally dropped. Leaving Boxing Day. We’re not going anywhere, but we’re going somewhere.

Australia Day Weekend: Details will follow in December’s newsletter.

Advanced Training: To attend this trip as a driver you need to have completed a Proficiency Training weekend. (You can still go along as a passenger.) You will be trained in winching techniques, understand your vehicle and driving capabilities. Gain hands-on experience, learn the do’s & don’ts, have a go at a deep river crossing, around the Walhalla area. More details to follow.

Proficiency Training: Basic theory night followed by a weekend away. You will learn how to do a stall/start technique, safe recovery and how to do the right thing in the bush. Could all new members to the club please attend this training.

Could all members please remember to bring their Personal Information forms to every trip away in case of an emergency. Fill out the form and either place it in your glove box or centre consol for safe keeping.

If members place their name on the list to attend a trip, could they please contact the trip leader to confirm or give your apologies for not attending. Trip leader is to email the members listed attending the trip info, vehicles, who, where and who is writing the report and could the report please be done and emailed to the editor in the 2 weeks after the trip occurring.

Association Report:
Last month was the Four Wheel Drive Victoria Annual General Meeting. Michael Coldham continues on as President. Big news of the North-South pipeline will affect some 4x4 tracks in its path; there will be investigation as to which ones.
General Business:
Shane is organising a trip to Toolangi this weekend. Is anybody interested? Shane will email details to everyone.

“Movember” - helping raise money for prostate cancer and depression. Could members please show their support by donating.

Meeting Closed: 8.15pm.

Next Meeting: Will be held on Tuesday, 2 December 2008.

VFWDC MERCHANDISE

For Sale

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We encourage all members to purchase a Club Polo Shirt.

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

VFWDC “MOVEMBER”

The upcoming meeting will be time for those who are participating in the “Movember” challenge to show their mo’s.

If you are able to afford a few dollars you can donate to the VFWDC team and help raise money for a great cause. Don’t forget donations are tax deductible.

To donate log onto movember.com select Australia and follow the donation prompts.

Use registration # 1575106

A big thank you to all those who have already kindly donated to the cause.

Yahoo Groups

Sign yourself up as a Yahoo user at http://groups.yahoo.com
(There is no charge for this service.)
Then go to http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/vfwdc and click on “Join this group”.

To keep non members out of the group, your membership will need to be approved.

Seasons Greetings

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year
CLUB KITCHEN

Christmas Day lunch is not far away. Why not try a couple of yummy summer recipes as an alternative to the traditional...

Coconut Prawn Kebabs

Ingredients
- 270ml can Ayam Light Coconut Milk
- 2cm piece of ginger, sliced
- 1 garlic clove, sliced
- 1 lemon grass stalk, bruised, tied in a loose knot
- 1kg (about 24) large green prawns, peeled, deveined, tails intact
- lime wedges, green salad, to serve

Method
Place coconut milk, ginger, garlic and lemongrass in a saucepan.
Heat on medium until just at simmering point. Remove from heat and set aside for 30 minutes, until flavours infuse. Strain and discard flavourings.
Preheat a chargrill or barbecue on high. Thread each prawn onto a soaked bamboo skewer, tail end first, and brush liberally with coconut milk mixture. Cook for 2 minutes each side, brushing with coconut milk, until prawns are opaque.
Serve with lime wedges and green salad.
Tip: Soak bamboo skewers in water for 15 minutes before using so they don't burn on the barbecue.

Christmas Cake Cream Parfaits

Ingredients
- 250g mascarpone
- 2 tablespoons whisky
- 1 tablespoon icing sugar mixture
- ½ cup thickened cream
- 2 cups (300g) crumbled Christmas cake
- 15 teaspoons whisky
- raspberries, optional
- sifted icing sugar, optional

Method
Combine 250g mascarpone, 2 tablespoons whisky and 1 tablespoon icing sugar mixture in large bowl. Beat ½ cup thickened cream in small bowl until soft peaks form; fold cream mixture into mascarpone mixture. Layer 1 cup (150g) crumbled Christmas cake in base of six ¾-cup (180ml) glasses; sprinkle ½ teaspoon whisky over cake in each glass. Divide half of the mascarpone mixture among glasses. Repeat process with another 1 cup (150g) crumbled Christmas cake, 2 teaspoons whisky and remaining mascarpone mixture. Cover; refrigerate until required. Serve topped with raspberries and sifted icing sugar, if desired.

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## Expressions of Interest

**NULLABOR 2008-09**

**Trip Leader**: BOB MCKERROW  
**Contact No**: 0430 014 001  
**Email**: lowmacbob@aaptnet.au  
**Date**: 26 DEC-??JAN 09

**Trip Activity Details:**  
See September newsletter for a detailed description of this proposed trip.

## Destination: WALHALLA

**Advanced Training Weekend**

**Trip Leader**: ASHLEY MARTIN  
**Contact No**: 0438 600 904  
**Date**: FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY-  
SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY  
**Meeting Time/Place**: 6.30pm  
Longwarry Service Centre  
**Vehicle Limits**:  
MIN: 3  
MAX: 10  
**Grade**: WET/DRY: Medium-Hard  
**Approx Kms**: 150  
**Last Available Fuel**: Moe  
**Maps Required**: N/A  
**Equipment Required**: Full recovery equipment  
**Radio Channel**: 12

**Trip Activity Details:**  
Want to take the next step from the proficiency training and learn more about how to tackle the harder tracks and vehicle recovery. Well this is your opportunity to learn in a safe environment.  
We will be focusing on full vehicle recovery using winch recovery equipment and the associated techniques along with how to tackle those harder tracks. We will walk the tracks, talk about what to look out for and the best lines to take, followed by driving these tracks using several different scenarios.  
Those members who may have attended a previous advanced training course but want to brush up on your skills are also welcome to come along.  
You must have completed the proficiency training to take part in Advanced Training.

## Destination: ABERFELDY STATE FOREST

**Proficiency Training Weekend**

**Trip Leader**: MICHAEL RODGER  
**Contact No**: 0412 530 666  
**Date**: WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH 2009  
SATURDAY 21ST to SUNDAY 22ND  
**Meeting Time/Place**: TBC  
**Vehicle Limits**:  
MIN: 4  
MAX: 8  
**Grade**: WET/DRY: MEDIUM  
**Approx Kms**: 200  
**Last Fuel Available**: Moe  
**Equipment Required**: Standard recovery equipment  
**Maps Required**: N/A  
**Radio Channel**: 12

**Trip Activity Details:**  
This is a must do trip for any club member who hasn’t attended a training weekend in the past. We will be outlining many of the basic aspects of 4WDing covering a varied terrain including steep rocky tracks & river crossings.  
There will be something for everyone in this trip for new and old.  
The latest and most up-to-date recovery techniques will be discussed and tested.  
Discussions on vehicle setup, recovery gear, Tread Lightly! Principles, and more.

## Destination: TBC

**NAV RALLY**

**Trip Leader**: ANTHONY VAN BUITEN  
**Contact No**:  
**Date**: SUNDAY ???  
**Meeting Time/Place**: TBC  
**Vehicle Limits**: MINIMUM:  4 Teams  
MAXIMUM: 10 Teams  
**Grade**: WET/DRY: Medium  
**Approx Kms**: Depends on you!  
**Last Available Fuel**: Petrol: Warragul  
Diesel: Warragul  
**Maps Required**: Rooftop Maps, VicMap  
**Equipment Required**: Standard recovery  
**Radio Channel**: 12

**Trip Activity Details:**  
Quite a few people have expressed an interest in some sort of GPS navigational event for the Club.  
It will be a one day event starting at 10:00am and finishing up at 4:00pm.  
It is not a timed event and speeding or reckless driving will not be tolerated. Pack a lunch as you will need to eat it on the run.  
You can participate on your own or you can team up with another vehicle if you wish. Maximum of two cars per team.  
I will be setting up the event on the Saturday and camping overnight so if anyone wants to come early they are welcome.
ANNUAL WINE TRIP - HEATHCOTE
17-19 October 2008

Leader
Ashley and Lesley

Participants
Bill and Coral
Mark and Catherine
Brian
Anthony, Aline and Kids
Peter and Janine
Phil and Karen

Visitors
Lauren and Dan
Ian and Robyn

Friday evening
For newcomers to the annual wine trip we were not really sure of what to expect. Ashley, our illustrious trip leader had given precise instructions on how to find where we were going. Half the crew met at the Tooborac Pub for dinner before heading back to Heathcote Caravan Park for a few bevies and a catch up. Accommodation for weekend was a mix of Cabins including the Taj Mahal which was enjoyed by Dan and Lauren, the lower Cabins, Camper Trailers and Tents.

Saturday
Given one of main tasks of the weekend (to relax), Saturday morning most enjoyed the opportunity to have a lie in and a casual morning. Most walked or drove to the thriving metropolis that is the township of Heathcote. We were greeted by some very helpful people in the Tourist Information Centre who gave us a multitude of pamphlets on what to do and see in the region, unfortunately we were only in the region for a short time. The Bakery was a clear favourite to stock up on supplies for the day touring. I can vouch for the Hedgehog slice that was exceptionally good.

By mid morning, Anthony and family as well as Michael and family had arrived in town and we were assembling to head out for a short 20 min trip to the first port of call for the day. Approx 40 min later we arrived at Lake Cooper Estate and started. The venue was absolutely superb as they were preparing for their annual event ‘A day on the Hill’ which was on the following day. Second Winery of the day called Mt Burrumboot was a favourite. We sampled on Cheese and Crackers supplied by the lovely Lesley - tasted great - and some more wine was had. It was a very casual winery, we even got to write out our own credit card receipts!

After some tastings and purchases it was back into the cars and time for a U Turn, sorry another winery. We arrived at Munari Wines, where we once again sampled some of the regions finest. This was also an opportunity to sit and enjoy the picnic lunch many of us were longing for.

We found a shady tree as the weather was starting to warm up, but a gentle breeze was keeping us moderate. After lunch and that great hedgehog slice I purchased earlier, we ventured off to the 4th and final winery of the day called ‘Jasper Hill’; once again we went off to sample a few more reds. Whilst the wine here was a little more expensive, I believe well and truly worthwhile. The cellar door was sent up the cellar of a house which was able to deliver a perfect temperature to keep the wine. The only hassle with the wine was that it was good for another 7 years - yeah like it will last that long !

Once getting back into town, we were able to locate a car park outside one of the cellar doors in the middle of town overlooking the cricket field. Many chose to wander down the street, some retired back at camp for a well earned rest, whilst we went down the street for a milkshake and a coffee, the only hassle was it was also an antique dealer!

Back at camp some parties were caught up in ‘World Series Bocci’, and others took an opportunity to relax. Whilst my team was just about to claim victory 2 of the team were summoned for food duty, the last remaining players fought on for a narrow victory thanks to great coaching skills of Bill. (Bill was on the opposition side).
After shenanigans it was time to get some dinner together. We were treated to some simply scrumptious dishes which is exactly what the doctor ordered after a very emotionally draining day sampling wine. A great effort by all to prepare such great dishes with limited resources. The long table was a hit and everyone thoroughly enjoyed their meal.

Once the dinner was completed, Brian brought out the washing machine where we were able to have a small fire and have some dessert; once again the food was exquisite and a credit to those who provided. The evening continued with many laughs and stories concerning flames and camping equipment. Not to mention a couple of glasses of wine, after all it was a wine trip.

The following morning we woke to hear Ashley cleaning the BBQ in anticipation of a big Sunday breakfast. Whilst many started the arduous task of packing up with the realisation setting in that we would have to return home and for most of us, if not all, back to work. Boooooo ! Once Ashley had called ‘Breaky is ready’ there was a mad scramble to get a chair, plate and rush to the BBQ well maybe not rush, but more a gather. We dined on bacon, eggs, sausages, mushrooms, and tomato with plenty of food to go around. A sensational breaky – thanks Ashley / Lesley.

The mood was shattered whilst we were all feasting, with our leader advising that we had to vacate our cabins and pack up as there was a large ‘5th wheeler’ waiting to come in. Then reality struck and we had to finish up the weekend. Once everyone had packed up we eagerly waited (well the blokes did anyway) for the 5th wheeler to enter the park, and reverse into the caravan site. We all bade each other a fond farewell and safe journey and had by all.

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A great weekend had by all.

Phil & Karen

TOOLANGI DAY TRIP
Sunday 26 October 2008

Participants:  John & Tina  GQ Patrol
              Paul, Robert & Jack  80 Series LC
              Shane & Ben  GU Patrol

After meeting at Lilydale McDonalds, we headed up to Toolangi and stopped to prepare at the base of Rocky Track. By now John was getting worried about his lockers which weren’t working. After a solid look at fuses and wiring, and finding many rogue wires in the engine bay, we will couldn’t get the lockers up and running. John was really going to need his driving skills today! The first track of the day was Rocky. Because of the lack of lockers, John skipped it and only Paul and myself faced the challenge. With low tyre pressures and full lockers, both vehicles easily walked to the top. At the top, we then headed towards Marginal Road to meet up with John. However, we weren’t really sure where to meet him. Fortunately we caught him on the radio and found he was waiting at the bottom of the second challenge - Steep Track.

On the way Paul noticed an unattended camp site. We stopped to put it out and found a camp site completely encircled by litter – everything from toilet paper to discarded bottles and nappies. It was a real mess. Right in the middle was a very large bonfire still roaring away. Using a spade, we did our best to spread the fire out to at least get rid of the flames. After ten minutes of work, we had it down to spread out coals, which would slowly die out. There was no wind and the fire was a good distance from any vegetation, so we left it at that and went on our way.

After reaching Steep Track, we had a short break. While Paul and the kids grabbed a drink, I went up first. Once past the hardest parts, I stopped in case John needed assistance since he didn’t have lockers. John started and made it up the large rock step, but not quite over. I reversed back to help and found that he needed a short winch, which he could do himself. After a 2 meter winch, he was off with no further problems. A very good drive without lockers (although perhaps 8psi helped). Paul followed without trouble.

A quick circuit to the bottom of Steep 2 and a short lunch break and then John took off up the hill. After a long game of Spot the Truck through the dust, he advised that he was past the worst of it. After that Paul went up and then I tackled it. A very loose surface made it quite a challenge, but we all made it up ok.

With no more tracks worthy of the challenge, we headed down Steep Track, found a place to air up and headed home.

Thanks again for the day out John.

Shane Michelon
VFWDC TRIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Please keep a copy handy and use these classifications when submitting a Proposed Trip Data Form.

**Scenic/Social:** Sealed roads and some good unsealed roads or tracks. No four wheel driving experience required. Road tyres are acceptable.

**Easy:** Little or no Four Wheel Driving experience required. Road tyres are acceptable. Front and rear recovery points at Trip Leader’s discretion.
Expected track classification to be encountered = **GREEN**.

**Medium:** Low range may be needed with a snatch strap recovery possible. All-terrain tyres preferred. Front and rear recovery points (rated), basic recovery gear (snatch strap, 2 rated shackles and gloves), Driver Training Certificate for new members.
Expected track classification to be encountered = **GREEN** and **BLUE**.

**Hard:** Steep terrain or rutted tracks. Snatch strap and/or winching recovery may be required. All-terrain tyres acceptable, mud terrain tyres preferred, road tyres are NOT acceptable.
Front and rear recovery points (rated), basic recovery gear gear (snatch strap, 2 rated shackles and gloves), Driver Training Certificate. Winch and full recovery gear an advantage.
Expected track classification to be encountered = mostly **BLUE** or **BLACK**.

**Extreme:** Very steep, deeply rutted tracks or rock hopping will be encountered. Front and rear recovery points (rated), full recovery gear (snatch strap, rated shackles, tree trunk protector, winch extension, drag chain, gloves), Advanced Driver Training Certificate. Winching will be expected and a hand, electric, or motorised winch is compulsory on all vehicles. Mud terrain or swamper style tyres essential.
Warning: Vehicle damage may occur.
Expected track classification to be encountered = **BLACK** and **RED**.
Christmas Party

12.00 pm, Sunday, 30 November 2008

at

HEDGENG MAZE

163 Albert Road, Healesville

Come along and explore *Hedgend* – fun filled activities for all ages!

Adults: $12.75 Entry Fee
Children: Free

BYO Meat and Beverages.
The Club will provide salads and also soft drinks for the kids.

Join us for this year’s festivities and have a great time.

Contact Tim on 0414 848 753 for further information.