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Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc

SEPTEMBER 2012

# Free Wheeling



# Christmas in July Trip – July12

Official Newsletter of the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc

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# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

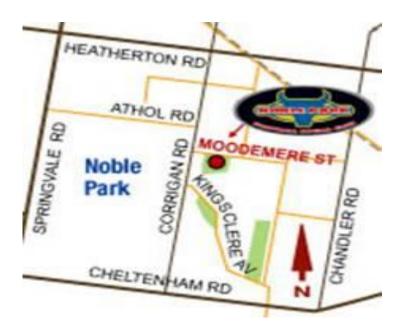
Venue:

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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 September newsletter. This month sees us a few weeks out from day light savings returning, with the days getting longer. There are a few more trips for the upcoming months, check out the calendar. And if you're interested put your details down at the next club meeting.

Catherine

Editor@fwdc.com

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#### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT 2012-2013

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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 20th 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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# **CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

2012				
September	Wednesday 5th	General Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	7th	Night Drive	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
	19th	Committee Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	28th Sept - 14th October	Broken Hill, Cameron Corner	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
October	Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	5th	Night Drive	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
	19th - 21st	Murray River Trip	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207
	24th	Committee Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
November	Wednesday 7th	General Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	3rd—6th	Pub to Pub Trip TBA	Andre Van Derwalt	0404 191 949
	17th - 18th	Revisit Lone Graves - Thompson Dam	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207
	21st	Committee Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
December	Wednesday 5th	General Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	1st	Christmas Party TBA	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	8th - 9th	Oxfam Christmas Tree Delivery	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	26th Dec - 1st January13	Wonnangatta Station	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
January 2013	NO GENERAL MEETING	NO GENERAL MEETING	NO GENERAL	MEETING
	23rd	Committee Meeting	Mark Felton	0439 345 207
	25th - 28th	Australia Day - Otway's Trip	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to this month's of free wheeling.

Welcome all to a new 'committee' year, I would firstly like to thank all past committee members for their hard work and dedication they have all done great jobs and this is to be commended.

I'm also wanting to thank club members who have taken on new committee positions, as it's hard to fill the shoes of those who were here before us.

We are still in need of club members to volunteer for some committee positions, that are currently vacant : Vice president, Association delegate and General committee. If you think you could fill one of these positions, please approach the committee at the next club meeting and have a discussion about one of these roles.

Hope to see you on the tracks Mark Felton President VFWDC



# **UPCOMING TRIPS**

DESTINA-	Various – Toolangi State Forrest	DESTINA-	Murray River Trip
TION	(during track closures), Bunyip State	TION	
	Forrest (after Tracks re-open) Other		
	destinations can be included if requested.	LEADER/	NAME: Marknoat Felton
LEADER/	NAME: David Bruinsma	CONTACT #	MOB: 0439 345 207
CONTACT #	MOB: 0417 747 860		
		DATES	19th—21st October 2012
DATES	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2012, 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	MEETING	Seymour McDonalds Friday 19th at 9pm - If
	( <i>no November run</i> ), 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2012	PLACE	need be please contact us for another
	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2013 <i>Other dates can be</i>	& TIME	meeting place
	included upon request.		
MEETING	TBA - Driving from Dusk to probably just	GRADE	WET: Medium
PLACE	before midnight. Aiming to be aired up by		DRY: Easy
& TIME	midnight for those driving home.		
GRADE	WET: Medium	TRIP	The club hasn't had a trip to the Murray for a
	DRY: Easy/Medium	ACTIVITY	long time, due to heavy flooding. Hopefully this trip will be ok, we'll check it out a few
TRIP	MONTHLY NIGHT RUNS	DETAILS	weeks before the trip and advise further.
ACTIVITY	(GENERALLY ON A FRIDAY NIGHT)		
DETAILS	Meet at a suitable location based on		This will be a relaxing trip, camping along the
_	selected night run destination (perhaps at a		Murray, camper trailers welcome. You can have a g at fishing, last time we were there,
	local McDonalds for a dinner whilst waiting for dark). Drive to destination area and find		Mark caught a 'stick'. Go a for swim, water
	tracks to explore using all the lights our		activities, go for a drive, whatever takes your
	4x4's have mounted – the more lights you		fancy, were easy pleased.
	have installed, the more fun you can have		Compartrailers are welcomed whatever type
	in using them. <cheesy grin=""> Note: you do need to take more care when</cheesy>		Camper trailers are welcomed, whatever type of tent you like. There are no toilets, if your
	driving at night, there is greater risk		prefer, please being your own utilities or use
	involved in all aspects – especially with		the services of the 'natural bush'.
	recoveries if/when required. I don' t intend		We will be brying borny bour mid offerneen
	to try to drive home each time we go out at night, sometimes it might be wiser to throw		We will be having 'happy hour' mid afternoon on Saturday afternoon. Please bring a plate
	a swag in the 4x4 and we stay overnight		of food to share with all, your favourite food/
	and leave for home in the day light. This		dishes/cheese/dips/chips—finger food.
	would be for your and my safety instead of		Please put your details down on the trip data
	driving home tired after a few hours playing in the bush.		form at the next club general meeting.
			5 5
VEHICLE	MINIMUM: 2	VEHICLE	MINIMUM: 2
LIMITS	MAXIMUM: 8	LIMITS	MAXIMUM: No max, all are welcome
APPROX	Varies.		
KMS		APPROX KMS	600 km's approx
EQUIP-	Basic Recovery Equipment.		
MENT	Winch recovery Equipment advisable.	EQUIPMENT	Basic Recovery Equipment.
REQUIRED		REQUIRED	Self sufficient, water, food & supplies
MAPS	Rooftops – Toolangi Black Range		
REQUIRED	Rooftops – Bunyip	RADIO	12
RADIO	12	CHANNEL	
CHANNEL		CB / UHF	
CB / UHF			1

# **UPCOMING TRIPS**

DESTINA-	Dovicit Long Crowes Thomas	DESTINA-	Prokon Hill, Comoron Corner
	Revisit Lone Graves—Thompson		Broken Hill, Cameron Corner
TION	Dam	TION LEADER/	NAME: Bruce Cremonesi
LEADER/	NAME: Markncat Felton	CONTACT	MOB: 0400 425 296
CONTACT #	MOB: 0439 345 207	DATE	28th Sept - 14th October
DATES	16th—18th September 2012	DATE	1week of school holiday, 1week after
MEETING	Longwarry BP service station—7pm	MEETING	TBA
PLACE	Longwarry be service station—7pm	PLACE	
& TIME		GRADE	DRY: easy
GRADE	WET: Medium	TRIP	Nothing is set in concrete. If I like
UIVADE	DRY: Easy	ACTIVITY	something, I'll spend time there.
		DETAILS	Day 1: Possibly directly to Menindee
TRIP	The club carried out some	DETAILS	Lakes for few days maybe base camp
ACTIVITY	volunteering in marking out some		there and look around Broken Hill and
DETAILS	graves, just after the fires swept through the area. We are going to		
	revisit the area & see how they are		Silverton if it aint too far. (round
	going and to show new club		100klms) or move to Silverton area to
	members of our volunteering		camp on day 3
	efforts.		Day 3-4 To Titbooburra for a look
	Man will be been all the second states		around, then to Cameron's corner,
	We will be travelling around the local area of Aberfedly - Toombon.		camping nearby there.
	We'll be checking out the historical		Day 5-6 From there, depending on
	area & relics. Also we'll be travelling		weather, time etc, will go to either
	along Donnelly Creek.		turn right to Innaminka and Burke &
			Wills Dig Tree, or -turn left to
	It will be a good opportunity to		Arkaroola and look around there.
	check out Thompson dam, to being near full. Last time we were there, it		Day 8-9-10 Maybe through to William
	was very low.		Creek, painted desert, Oodnadatta
			Track.
	Please put your details down on the		Day 12, head towards Wilpena Pound
	trip data form at the next club		area and camp.hen head home some-
	general meeting.		time.
VEHICLE	MINIMUM: 2	VEHICLE	MINIMUM: 1
	MAXIMUM: 6	LIMITS	MAXIMUM: no max
LIMITS		APPROX	Lots of kms
APPROX KMS	600 - 800 km's approx	KMS	
		DISTANCE	varies
EQUIPMENT	Basic Recovery Equipment.	B/T	
REQUIRED	Self sufficient, water, food &	SUPPLIES	
	supplies	EQUIP	Basic Recovery Equipment
RADIO	12	REQUIRED	12
CHANNEL		RADIO	12
CB / UHF		CHANNEL	
		CB / UHF	

# Minutes of General Meeting August 2012

June report

#### General Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> September 2012

The meeting was held at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club and was opened at 8.10pm by President Bruce Cremonesi

Present:	There were 24 members present as per the attendance book
Apologies:	There were 5 members absent as per the Apologies book
Visitors:	There were 1 couple listed in the Visitors Book

#### **Minutes of previous General Meeting**

Accepted : Sam Seconded : John

#### Matters arising:

Correspondence in

Morning Glory - Echuca/Moama Holiday Park TCIS Club renewal TCIS Club cert of Currency RFDS - requesting Donations Bendigo Bank Statements x2 Westprint Outback Mpas and Books Cross Country Jeep Club x 2 VKS - 737 Radio Network Landrover Owners Club x2 Toyota Landcruiser Club x 2 Eureka Echo ARB 4x4 Action magazine Jamieson Wildlife Shelter - requesting Donations

#### Correspondence out

Club Magazines as per usual FWDV annual registration and fees TCIS Club renewal insurance and fees

#### **Treasurers** report

Recognize Jane's involvement since the last AGM, recently taken over by Steve in the last 2 months.

#### Term Deposit \$ 5835.37 Cash \$ Petty Cash \$ 50.00 Money In \$ 470.00 \$ Moneys Out 148.50 Balance Ś 7784.32 July report **Term Deposit** \$ 5835.37 Cash Ś \$ Petty Cash 50.00 Money In \$ 450.0 Moneys Out \$ 2852.95 \$ Balance 5381.37 Accepted: John

2<sup>nd</sup>: Andrew

#### **Trip reports**

ARB Tour - 10% discount off retail price available on the night. Went for a walk around the factory and showed how much stuff actually got made here locally in Victoria. Also went to look at the warehouse.

#### **SNOW Trips**

- Mark N Catherine's trip. Max nearly rolled his Navara but with the use of two vehicles was very safely recovered by winching up the slope.
- Sams trip. Got snowed in during the night so we went for a night drive on the Saturday night.
  Fridays drive was slushy because it rained. But on the Saturday night and Sunday we were driving on fresh snow which made driving much easier. Sam was the 'snow plow' which made the drive easier for the rest of the followers.

#### Simpson Trip

2 white patrols did the trip, a little bit of rain heading up to Renmark and also the next day, so a bit cold and wet. Managed to get all the way up to Big Red and both patrols made it to the top. After Birdsville the trip got really interesting because of the overnight rain there was water over the road, people stuck on the side of the road, a block with a hole in his sump etc etc. Trip took 15 days and over 15,000 kms. Had to take a lot of detours to get home because of track/road closures.

#### Trip coordinators report

The various trip leaders gave a brief overview of the following upcoming trips.

Туре	Whe n	Where	Trip Leader
2 Week tour- ing	Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Camerons Cnr. Camper trailer friendly	Bruce
Week- end	Sept.	Winery crawl	Ashley

Need to hear about the upcoming Cup weekend trips that are being planned.

#### **Event Coordinators Report**

Xmas in July - Weather was not very friendly for camping, but the turn out was good. The fire was very well going, the food was excellent. Thanks to Ian and Audrey and Uncle Bert for allowing us to make use of the property. Owen's tent filled up with water on the Friday night, then David loaned the use of his tent for Saturday night. David left his marquee there for people to stay dry - also the HUGE tarp that was supposed to be used over a hay stack.

Association Report Nil

**General business** Nil

Other Business Nil

#### Raffle

This month there are eggs and Marshmallows as Prizes, donated by the club

Tickets sold by Emily

Prize	Won by:
Eggs	Neville
Marshmallows	Sam
Eggs	Sandra
Marshmallows	Anthony
Eggs	John

#### Meeting Closed: 9:20 pm

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 8.00pm 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club.



### CLUB MERCHANDISE For Sale (Revised Price List)

Club Polo Shirts	\$28.00 ea
Club Polar Fleece 1/2 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
VFWDC 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.

### Please note:

For any club trips that are planned through the club, you need to have a trip data form filled in & return it to the trip co-ordinator & committee, as stipulated on the bottom of the trip data form.

This is for official documentation for the club and insurance purposes.

Please also make sure you follow through with your trip of reporting it at the next months club meeting and providing a trip report and if possible, provide photos to the editor, to help as promotion for the club to prospective members or if your not going to go ahead with the trip, please notify club members, through all channels of communication.

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The winners will be announced at the September club meeting. Congratulations to the winners and all the best wishes for club members for next year.

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awarded to the

club member

who has run the

most trips

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club member

who has

attended the most

trips



Christmas In July

After the success of last year's event, it was scheduled in the club's calendar for this year. The committee tried finding a better location, but struggled to find one. Thankfully a offer was put forward by Ian & Audrey to use their family property just outside of Pakenham.

Before the weekend came, things were put into plan, the catering, toilet facilities, shelters & any other necessary equipment, needed for the trip. This year has been a very wet year and the few days before it rained heavy and all day Friday. A few VERY brave club members came up Friday night and endured the elements.

A fire was roaring, with the members huddling under a shelter out of the rain and Mark & I setting up our tent under the shelter and then relocating it, before the rain returned. Of course this made for an early night to bed, listening to the rain continue late into the night.



Early Saturday morning, club members were waking up to the clouds clearing off, but it was very wet under foot. One member ended up having a 'water

bed' inside his tent & some one else offered his tent, as he was going home tonight. More supplies were picked up, signs were erected and a bigger shelter was set up. In time for some more club members to arrive and set up their camps.

The later in the afternoon it got, the more club members showed up, therefore more shelters were put up just in



case of more bad weather. Except ironically enough, it

Except ironically enough, it cleared up with blue sky and sunshine for most of the



the afternoon.

A big firewood pile was slowly moved over to the fire, to be adequate for the amount of club members that were there.

The sun set, it got darker and the call came in to go and collect the food. Food was served and consumed by the club members, while running between the campfire and the shelter, in between the frequent showers. Dessert and drinks were consumed with all different types of conversations taking place around the camp fire.

It was getting late, so most of the club members who arrived for dinner, were going to head home. It left just a handle full of club members staying for the night, who continued more conversation till later into the night, until slowly everyone headed off to bed for a good nights sleep.

Club members stirred early in the morning, to the fire still going, so it was stoked up ready for the breakfast cooking, thanks to Mark Felton for cooking everyone breakfast. Club members worked together to pull down the shelter and clean up the camp site. Personal effects

were also packed up, when there was a few things left to do, when the black clouds were approaching on the horizon. David returned to



collect some of his things, when the rain returned and continued to fall. Good byes were said to all and we headed home to unpack our car and hang out things to dry.

A big thanks to the committee members for all their hard work in planning for this event and a huge thank you to lan & Audrey for use of their family property, which was a very good place to hold the event. Catherine Felton

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## **Christmas Tree Project**

51 Belmont Rd. IVANHOE 3079 Ph 94973227 Fax 94994759



#### **Dear Secretary**

Over the last 20 years member clubs of the Four Wheel Drive Victoria have supported Oxfam Australia in their annual delivery of Christmas Trees. This has become a very successful fund raising activity selling and delivering fresh green Christmas trees to homes in metropolitan Melbourne and Geelong. This letter is to inform those clubs who have not previously been involved how the operation works and to remind those clubs who have helped in recent years that the deliver dates this year are Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th December. Volunteers carry out the whole operation. Last year nearly \$139,000 was raised, that's and average of over \$750 per delivery vehicle going towards alleviating poverty and social injustice within Australia and overseas. That's a total of over \$88,000 raised by members of Victorian Four Wheel Drive Clubs.

We ask 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 an enjoyable activity that makes a considerable contribution to the larger community in which we live. We meet at the Scout Hall, Pakenham St., Blackburn (Melway Map 47 H 12) on Saturday 8 December, or Princes Hill Primary School, Wilson St., Nth Carlton (Melway 29 J 11) on Sunday 9 December. On Saturday we deliver to the south and eastern side of Melbourne and on the Sunday the north and western side. You pick the area you would like to deliver the trees, and the day and time (between 5.30 am and 11am on Saturday and 7-10am on Sunday) you arrive at the depot. We give you 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. If your club can help I would appreciate a phone call with the approximate number of vehicles by late October and I would immediately forward you a form (or use the blank Excel Spread

Sheet that should be attached with this document) so the details of each driver can be filled in and returned to us by the end of **November.** For further information about the delivery or the type of self help projects that the money raised will support please contact me on 9497 3227 (home or work) or write to: email: briangum@tpg.com.au Last year the following 4WD clubs generously donated their services: Idlers, CFA, Dandenong Rangers, Central Highlands, Nissan, LROCV, Melb. Jeep Owners, Pajero, Range Rover, Subaru, Getabout, Toyota Landcruiser, Wanderin' 4 Wheelers, City West, Toyota and Yarra Valley, a total of 16 clubs and about 113 club vehicles (plus 70 vehicles from Oxfam's other supporters). Also Four Wheel Drive Victoria threw their weight behind the event and in past years we managed to attract Channel 7, 9 and ABC television news coverage and were able to mention the great work being done by club volunteers. Each of the above groups seemed impressed with the nature of the cause and our organization and indicated a desire to be involved again. For those club members who may like to purchase a delivered Christmas tree or mention the Christmas Tree Drive in your newsletter, our web site for online orders is: www.oxfam.org.au/trees, or our free call phone number 1800 034 034. Both these will be effective after 1st November 2011. Each year I do the rounds of the media to promote tree sales and always mention the great support given by 4WD clubs. Last year an interview with John Faine on Radio 774 netted an extra 425 orders. Our feedback is that listeners are so keen to support a good cause when they know that everyone involved is a volunteer and no middle person profits. In past years I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity on Macca's 'Australia All Over' to give all involved a mention and let the listeners know this tremendous fundraiser could not happen with generous support by volunteer 4WD club members. Finally I'd like to thank once again all those clubs and members who have so generously supported this vital community fundraising activity over past years. Thanking you in anticipation for your support this year. Brian Moran. Volunteer **Coordinator Oxfam Australia Christmas Tree** Project Phone 94973227 Fax 94410661 Email: briangum@tpg.com.au



## August 2012

Discounted Tickets Available to members for National 4X4 Show – Fri 24th to Sun 26th August Thinking of going to the National 4X4 Show – 4WD Victoria have negotiated a special online discount for club members and their friends. Also, if you buy your tickets online you go into the draw to win a \$1,000 Prize Pack with thanks to AFN Fishing & Outdoors:– To purchase discount tickets please visit: https://secure.tradevent.com.au/National4x4Melbourne2012/ and enter the promo code 4X412 4WD Victoria Board Member Nominations Required

Nominations are requested from members who consider that they would be able to contribute to the association by becoming a member of the 4WD Victoria Board of Management. At the AGM on Wednesday 21st November the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be declared vacant. Anyone wishing to nominate for these vitally important roles are invited to discuss these positions with any member of the Board, or contact the CEO on 9857 5209, email ceo@fwdvictoria.org.au

Vacancies on Advance Driver Training Course – Saturday 18th / Sunday 19th August 2012 4WD Victoria have a couple of vacancies left for the Advance Driver Training Course on the weekend of 18/19 Aug 2012. Member cost \$260.00 each. The course is a very involved with lots to learn including winching, recoveries and plenty of advanced driving tracks to be found. For further information visit www.fwdvictoria.org.au or contact the Office on 9857 5209 or office@fwdvictoria.org.au

#### **4WD Victoria Photography Competition**

4WD Victoria Photography competition is well underway, and each monthly winner selected by our judges receives a 4WD Gift voucher to the value of \$280.00 (incl GST) Monthly winners will also go in to a Final Draw for the Major Prize of a Digital Camera to the value of \$400. Entrants can only win one monthly entry, so come on all you budding shutter bugs, get you entries in for your chance to win some great prizes. Further details are available in the August Edition of Trackwatch Magazine (pages 32 & 33).
Congratulations to our latest two winners - June Winner – Gavin London (Pajero 4WD Club) – with his photo at Tamboritha, and our July Winner – Andrew Wale (MJOC) for his photo at Walhalla. Jamieson – Licola Road Seasonal Closure

Mansfield Shire Council have closed the Jamieson - Licola Road from Thursday 14th June 2012 to Tuesday 30th October 2012. Under the MOU signed between 4WD Victoria and the Mansfield Shire Council, Clubs/Members wishing to use the road may apply to do so by completing the Jamieson – Licola Road Permit application on the FWDV Website under the Track Information / Track Permits tab. Once issued the Permit must be carried in the vehicle at all times when using that road.

Please Note: Applications for permits may only be submitted by members who are financial for the 2012-13 year, the trip must be listed in their club magazine or on their Club Website, A minimum of 14 days notice is required to process applications and Association Trip Guidelines apply to all permits issued.

#### **Education & Training Unit**

The Education and Training Unit are looking for members to join their Sub committee, anyone with an interest in Driver Training, Chainsaw Training, Map Reading / GPS, and Trip Leading may apply, however preference will be given to those members who are already qualified instructors. If you would like to contribute to the success of 4WD Victoria's ETU, please contact the Office and we will put you in touch with a member of ETU who can discuss with you what is required of a member on this very important Sub-committee.

#### 4WD Victoria on Facebook & Twitter

4WD Victoria are now on Facebook and Twitter, so be sure to 'Like' us on Facebook or 'Follow' us on Twitter to receive exciting updates, enjoy additional offers, and be part of the 4WD Victoria Community.

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