

MARCH 2014

Free Wheeling



Beachport - Melbourne Cup Weekend

Notice Board

VFWDC GENERAL MEETING VENUE

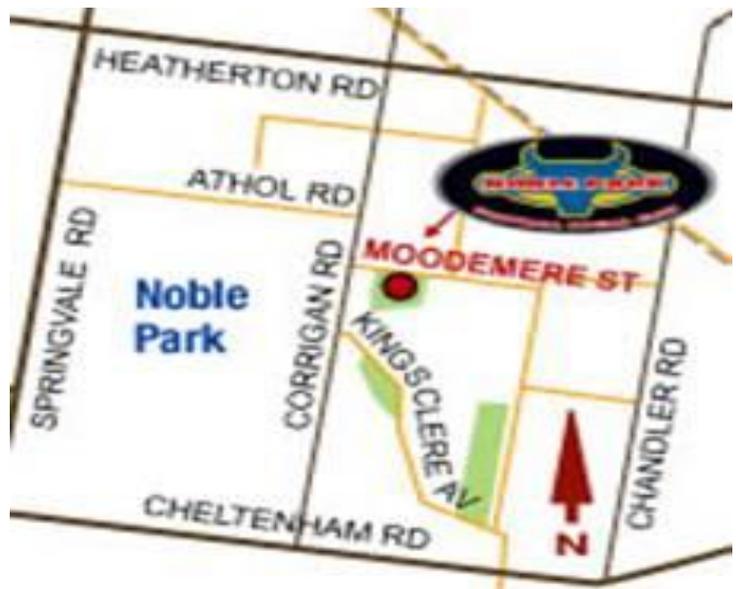
The club meets at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club, 46-56 Moodemere St, Noble Park on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 8.00pm (No meeting in January and November meeting at selected location). Members and Guests are welcome to dine at the Bistro before attending the meeting.

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 March newsletter, March see's the second long weekend of the new year - Labour Day long weekend, another opportunity to head away for the long weekend. The committee has updated the privacy policy, please click on the following link <http://vfwdc.com/forms.html>

Catherine

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2013-2014**

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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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CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

2014				
March	Wednesday 5th	General Meeting		
	7th - 10th	Aberfeldy Track (Donnelly's creek road section)	Stu & Maree Bowker	0428 539 157
	19th	Committee Meeting		
	21st - 23rd	Aberfeldy Project Kick Off Trip	John Partridge	0428 331 211
	22nd	Trip Leaders Course	BC: 0400 425 296 MF: 0439 345 207	
	25th	Driver Training - Theory	John Partridge	0428 331 211
	29th - 30th	Driver Training - Practical	Phil Griffith	0419 865 472
April	Wednesday 2nd	General Meeting		
	12th - 25/26th	Flinders Rangers	Max & Sandra	Max: 0403101121 Sandra: 0407949636
	16th	Committee Meeting		
	18th - 26th	Outback NSW	Steve Pitcher	0421 205 529
	17th - 25th	Snowy River Trip	Mick & Sally Harris	Mick: 0424766616 Sally: 0412426129
	19th - 21st	Easter Long Weekend—McKillops Bridge	Markncat Felton	0439 345 207
	25th	ANZAC Day		
May	Wednesday 7th	General Meeting		
	21th	Committee Meeting		
June	Wednesday 4th	General Meeting		
	6th - 9th	Portland Buggy Club - Queens birthday	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
	18th	Committee Meeting		
July	Wednesday 2nd	General Meeting		
	4th - 6th	Xmas In July		
	18th - 20th	Snow Trip - Mt Skene	Markncat Felton & Sam Ayoubee	0439 345 207
	23rd	Committee Meeting		
August	Wednesday 6th	AGM & General Meeting		
	20th	Committee Meeting		
	23rd	40th Birthday Celebrations		
September	Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting		
	17th	Committee Meeting		
October	Wednesday 1st	General Meeting		
	22nd	Committee Meeting		

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to this month's edition of the Free Wheeling Newsletter.

We have two guest speakers at this month's meeting.

First up we have Peter Pink. Peter was a long standing club member who joined our club in the very early years. Peter had also been a very active committee member and previous club President and also used to be one of our driving instructors. There's very little of Australia that Peter hasn't visited and at the meeting will talk a bit out some of the very early days of the club, the vehicles they used and some memorable moments from those trips. As part of our 40 year celebrations we will try to get a few of our previous members back to talk to us.

Secondly we have Rudi Paoletti. Rudi is well known to many of our club members from previous talks and trips he has been on. Rudi is madly passionate about the history of the Walhalla-Woodspoint areas and has been the driving force behind the West Gippsland Relic, Mining and Heritage Protection Inc. The purpose of this group is to identify sites of historical significance in the Aberfeldy region and to ensure that they are preserved but also maintained for all to enjoy. They have been very busy installing signage and information throughout this area and the VFWDC have undertaken to maintain some of these areas. Rudi will run through the work they have carried out and cover what we as a club will be doing to help preserve these areas.

We have a club trip coming up shortly to visit these sites and start this project.

We have a Proficiency Driver Training course booked for the end of March. If you are new to the club or haven't done one of these courses, it is highly recommended to do so. There will be a lot to learn even by those with quite a bit of experience. The course is made up of a one night theory session and a two day practical sessions based from the little O'Tooles camping ground. We have Phil running this course who is a current registered trainer with the FWDVic association so each successful trainee will get official certification from the association.

We have had a few customers recently that have found themselves in dangerous recovery situations due to vehicles not having proper rated recovery points. The points that come standard on the 4WD's are not tested or rated for recovery use. They are there for tying vehicles down when they are transported. Use of these points is extremely dangerous. There are numerous properly rated points available in the market that have been tested and rated for recovery use. I would encourage all members to be aware of this and ensure their vehicles have the correct points both front and rear of their vehicles. If you are not sure if your vehicle has proper points, please speak to one of the committee members or visit your local 4WD shop to have it assessed. I also strongly encourage trip leaders to be aware of this and to ensure that all participants on their trips have proper rated points for their own safety and the safety of others.

That is all for now, look forward to catching up with you all at the next club meeting.

Regards,

John Partridge
President, VFWDC Inc.

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Aberfeldy Track (Donnelly's creek road section)
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Stuart & Maree Bowker MOB: 0428 539 157 Anyone wishing to join us MUST sms us by Friday 3pm
DATE	Saturday 8th March 1 day maybe overnight 2 days if anyone is interested
MEETING PLACE / TIME	8:00 am for an 8:30am departure @Yarragon by the toilets. Coffee & breaky available at the bakery
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Difficult to very Difficult DRY: Medium to Difficult
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Day 1: Travel the Aberfeldy track to Donnelly's creek loop, there will be some difficult low range sections, day 1 people can head home via Walhalla or Erica. Those staying overnight camp bush camp and continue next morning. Day 2 : Travel to Matlock and Woods Point area.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 10
APPROX KMS Meeting point to destination	300klms 1 day 400klms 2 days
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	Petrol : Moe Diesel : Moe
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	300kms 1 day 400kms 2 days
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	ATA tyres minimum, all own recovery gear, spares, munchies for roadside lunch stops and if staying overnight all own camping gear and supplies.
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftop Walhalla Woods Point and Rooftops Marysville Lake Eildon
RADIO CHANNEL UHF	12 UHF

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Trip Leaders Course
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAMES Phil Griffith: TBA Bruce: 0400 425 296 Mark: 0439 345 207
DATE	Saturday 22 nd March
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBA Will depend on numbers.
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>Trip Leaders Course.</p> <p>You have enjoyed the trips and now would like to lead a trip yourself but lack the confidence then take this course to learn from the experiences of other trip leaders</p> <p>Basically speaking learn the correct process to run a club trip.</p> <p>This course is designed to give you the skills and confidence to plan and lead a 4WD trip. You will be shown basics of map reading to assist in grading your trip.</p> <p>We will talk about some of the basic 4wd Victoria requirements, the club requirements for insurance as well. We will also go through the Club Trip Leaders Pack you will be handed for your trip.</p> <p>You will learn how simple it really is!</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 4 MAXIMUM: All Welcome.
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Maps, Compass, Pad, Pen, Coffee Cup, Munchies Provided

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Little O'Tooles camping ground & surrounds	
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	Phil Griffith 0419 865 472 John Partridge 0428 331 211	
DEPARTURE DATE RETURN	Friday 28 th March 6.00PM (Theory session on Tuesday night 25/03/2014) Sunday 30 th March	
MEETING PLACE	BP service station on the Pakenham Bypass 5KM passed the Berwick exit	
GRADE	WET & DRY	Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>This proficiency driving course will be held under the FWDVic guidelines to help drivers become proficient in driving a 4WD off road. You will learn all of the basics including emergency stall recovery, driving steep track up and down hill, water crossings and much more. Certificates will be issued to all successful participants.</p> <p>The theory session and both Sat & Sunday practical sessions is mandatory to pass. It is recommended that all club members attend at least one driver training course and are welcome to attend more than one if they wish.</p>	
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM MAXIMUM	4 (+ trainers) 8 (+ trainers)
APPROX KMS (Meeting place to destination)	180Kms + 4wding and return	
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL DIESEL	Moe Moe (please have full tank of fuel before leaving meeting place)
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Camping gear, food and drink, UHF radio (Ch: 12)	
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftop Walhalla / Woods Point (Maps can be brought to club meeting if require. Prior notice needed)	
RADIO CHANNEL	CB / UHF	12

Position Vacant - Trip Co-ordinator

Due to work commitments Tristan has to step down and we need your help, the committee needs some one to fill in the trip co-ordinator position for the next five months until the AGM. If you're interested in helping out on the committee, please drop one of us a line or come and say hello to one of us at the next club meeting.

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION		<u>Aberfeldy Project Kick Off Trip</u> Little O'Tooles camping ground & surrounds
LEADER/CONTACT NO.		John Partridge 0428 331 211
DEPARTURE DATE		Friday 21 th March 6.00PM
RETURN		Sunday 23 rd March
MEETING PLACE		BP service station on the Pakenham Bypass 5KM passed the Berwick exit
GRADE	WET DRY	Medium Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS		<p>Rudi Paoletti (West Gippsland Relic , Mining & Heritage Protection Inc.) in conjunction with DEPI have put together a series of markers and interpretation signage at historic sites all around the Aberfeldy, Jordan Valley and Donnelly Creek areas.</p> <p>The VFWDC have under taken to maintain the signs and keep the walking tracks clear which will mean 2 trips a year out to these sites. The idea being we get the work done on a Saturday morning, meet up for lunch then explore for the rest of the trip.</p> <p>The areas we are maintaining is mostly in the Aberfeldy area. This trip is with Rudi where he will show us the areas and we will have a chance to get some decent driving in as well.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM MAXIMUM	2 12
APPROX KMS (Meeting place to destination)		180Kms + 4wding and return
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL DIESEL	Moe Moe (please have full tank of fuel before leaving meeting place)
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED		Camping gear, food and drink, UHF radio (Ch: 12) basic recovery gear
MAPS REQUIRED		Rooftop Walhalla / Woods Point (Maps can be brought to club meeting if require. Prior notice needed)
RADIO CHANNEL	CB / UHF	12

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Flinders Ranges
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Max and Sandra MOB: Sandra 0407949636 Max 0403101121
DATE	12 April till 25/26 April
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBA
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Easy/ Medium DRY: Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Destination: Flinders Ranges. The plan is to go to Quorn and Wilpena Pound to explore the Ranges and surrounds for the first week and then come back to Melbourne via Arkaroola, Innamincka, Cameron Corner, Broken Hill and Yanga National Park the second week. The trip is camper trailer friendly and will be a mix of motels, camping grounds and bush camping. Track levels should be easy to moderate but obviously is weather dependent. The aim of the trip is to explore and relax in the Flinders National Park with some 4WD day trips around the area. The first week is just a holiday in the Ranges and the second week is more of an adventure travelling in the outback.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MAXIMUM: 4-5 Vehicles
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	4000 Km
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: TBA DIESEL: TBA
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Varies
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Usual recovery gear, food and equipment for period of trip
MAPS REQUIRED	Flinders Ranges
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	TBA

Lemon slice - Recipe supplied by club members - Emily, Max, Ingrid and Raelene
This slice was devoured by club members who attended the Melbourne Cup - Knockwood Trip

1pkt Marie biscuits
1pkt arrowroot biscuits
1 tbls finely grated lemon rind
1 cup shredded coconut
1 can condensed milk
125grams butter

Crush biscuits til desired texture is reached. Place into a large bowl add the coconut, and lemon rind. Stir well. Melt butter and condensed milk in a small saucepan over a low heat. Stir constantly to ensure no burning. Once butter has melted immediately pour and stir into crushed biscuit mixture. Stir well to completely combined. Pour into pre lined lamination container and press down firmly and evenly.

Icing -

1.5 cups pure icing mixture may need more depending on icing depth required
60 grms melted butter
Fresh lemon juice of one lemon

Mix ingredients til a thick consistency using lemon juice as primary liquid. Prior to spreading on pressed biscuit base place in microwave to soften. Only a few seconds. Stir and pour on the base and spread out. Sprinkle with a little extra coconut and refrigerate for 3hrs. When set, cut into desired size and enjoy!

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Snowy River trip
LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	NAME: Mick and Sally Harris TEL: Mick 0424766616 TEL: Sally 0412426129
DATE	17 th April to 25 th April
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Longwarry at 10.30 for a 11.00 departure
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: mod DRY: easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Base camping at pinch river camping grounds trailers welcome. Long drops, river for water supplies and swimming. Kid friendly, day drives some track driving. Day drive to Jindabyne for shopping and fuel. A visit to Wild brumby schnapps and wineries. Bring your bikes as well.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 8
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	500 kms
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Bairnsdale DIESEL: Bairnsdale. Buchan sometime has fuel
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Fuel and shopping in jindabyne 140 ks around trip
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Recovery . food . the normal things you take away
MAPS REQUIRED	Snowy - Kosciuszko
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	12

DESTINATION	McKillops Bridge - Snowy River
LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	NAME: Markncat Felton MOB: 0439 345 207
DATE	Friday 19th - 21st April
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Longwarry BP - 7pm
GRADE	Dry: EASY Wet: MEDIUM
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Were taking advantage of the long weekend and heading up to far East Victoria. We had to miss this area at Easter, so with another long weekend, we'll try again. We'll take a look around the local area, checking out McKillops bridge, Gelantipy, Little River & Raymond Creek Falls. Travelling over Mt Deddick & Mt Brown. There are some rocky roads and numerous water crossings in an isolate part of the state.
VEHICLE LIM- ITS	MINIMUM:2 MAXIMUM:8
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	1000 - 1500 kms round trip
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Self sufficient
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	Orbost
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftop Snowy Mountains
RADIO CHANNEL /UHF	UHF 12

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Outback NSW
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Steve Pitcher MOB: 0421 205 529
DATE	18 (Good Friday) – 26 (Day After ANZSAC Day) April 2014
MEETING PLACE / TIME A second/later group may depart the following day but this is not assured.	North-bound Service Station near Donnybrook Road intersection, Hume Freeway (Donnybrook – just past Craigeburn) – toilets, fast food and fuel available. Meet at 6:30 am for a 7:00 am departure. It's a 2-day drive so we will be stopping on day 1 at Wodonga for a late breakfast and then at Gundagai (or thereabouts) for lunch. We'll make our way further north to a road-side motel, as the convoy permits.
GRADE	WET: D Grade (Easy) DRY: C Grade (Medium)
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>Base Camping for 1 week at Coorongooaba Campground, Wollemi National Park, NSW. About 950 km each way.</p> <p>With children, it takes a 2 days' drive each way so an overnight stop will be required (most likely either Yass or Goulbourn on the way up and at the Fiesta in Wodonga on the return leg – you will need to book this yourselves).</p> <p>Travelling to Capertee in NSW where we will spend 1 night at the local pub. Overnight options include either camping or a hotel room at the pub where we will stay overnight. Prices and facilities are quite modest – it's a country pub.</p> <p>From there, we plan (on the Sunday morning) to make our way to the campsite (about 1 hour's drive). It is a new site (only established in 2009) with very basic facilities on the banks of the Capertee River. Consequently, there are still no drop/bush toilets but the upside of this is that there will be few other campers.</p> <p>We will spend 1-2 days exploring Gardens of Stone National Park (no camping permitted there so a day trip or two will be required to see it properly). For those that are interested, we will also head over to Louee Station at the nearby township of Lue for a day. For anyone that is into off-road riding, this outback station has 5 world-class tracks of varying degrees of difficulty (at a daily cost of \$50 per adult and \$30 per child) but it also has other facilities for those that wish just to explore the area.</p> <p>I will also conduct a couple of day tours to explore the area around Wollemi NP and to do some proper 4WDing. We will also get to see a couple of ghost towns such as Glen Davis.</p> <p>Being on the Capertee river, people can enjoy a bit of fresh water fishing. Other possible activities include kayaking or canoeing, bush-walking, bike riding (BYO push-bike – my children will be), camp cooking and bird-watching. Dogs are not permitted in the National Parks.</p> <p>This trip is purposefully designed to be more around camping, fishing and having fun rather than 4WDing per se. While there will be some 4WDing (and some excellent tracks at that), it is not the main focus of the trip. Anyone wishing to do more in terms of exploring and 4WDing around the area is more than welcome to do so – just let me know and I will build it in to the itinerary. Wollemi is the largest NP in the country so there is plenty of opportunity for those that want to be more active in a 4WD sense. I will, of course, be happy to assist anyone wanting to explore further afield.</p>

TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS cont	<p>For those that are interested in the trip but either don't have children and/or who are not so enthused about the hotel/motel costs, I am quite happy to meet up with members either at Capertee Hotel or at the campsite itself.</p> <p>Access to the campsite is 2WD all the way unless there is severe rainfall immediately prior to the trip. Camper trailers are welcome so come along, bed down and enjoy!</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	<p>MINIMUM: 1 MAXIMUM: 10</p>
APPROX KMS (Meeting place to destination)	2,000 Kms (return trip)
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	<p>PETROL: Capertee, NSW (Lidsdale is the 2nd nearest) DIESEL: Capertee, NSW (Lidsdale is the 2nd nearest)</p>
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	40 kms (approx) back to Capertee from camp
<p>EQUIPMENT REQUIRED</p> <p>In case of an emergency (eg. Traffic Accident, Bushfire, etc), completed Personal Information Forms / Visitor Forms are required for this trip.</p>	All equipment and supplies required to be self-sufficient for 7+ days and to cater for simple vehicle break-downs (eg. Basic tools and spares for your vehicle/trailer) and 4WD recoveries (front and rear but winches are not essential). Quality A/T tyres and spare/s – please remember keys for any spare tyre locks or tow hitch locks.
MAPS REQUIRED	While not essential, all participants are encouraged to have a reasonably new map of the area.
<p>RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF</p> <p>I do have a Flying Doctor Radio but it will be for absolute emergencies only.</p>	Channel 12 UHF (given the length of the trip, we may pick a sub-channel (CTSS) if radio traffic is excessive).

News of new laws for travelling the Simpson Desert in regards to sand flags.

The SA Government District Manager Outback, has issued mandatory Flag requirements for Simpson Desert Travellers.

Relevant portions of the Press Release are below:

Safety Flag requirements for all vehicles by March 16 2014:

All vehicles must be fitted with a Safety flag as detailed below when travelling in the Simpson Desert Conservation Park, or Simpson Desert Regional Reserve.

Flag Specifications: Minimum 300mm wide by 290mm high. Made of Fluorescent materials, Red-Orange or Lime-Yellow in colour.

Motorbikes: Rear mounted flag pole, with top of the flag a minimum 3.5 metres from the ground.

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UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Portland Buggy Club
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Bruce Cremonesi MOB: 0400 42 52 96
DATE	June Long Weekend
MEETING PLACE / TIME	BP Service Station on East Link SOUTHBOUND
GRADE Dry or Wet:	Easy - Hard
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Wheeling in the sand dunes of Portland Buggy Club. This 1800 ha area of mainly tall bare dunes is a mecca for off-road enthusiasts. More Info at the club meeting
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 4 MAXIMUM: 10
KMS Meeting place to destination	420klms
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	Portland has 4 service stations open 7 days Shell Percy Street 24 hour service BP Percy Street Caltex Tyers Street Shell Henty Highway
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Plenty on the way
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Must have: ALL CARS MUST HAVE A FLAG AND FLAG POLE TO ENTER BUGGY CLUB. EVERYONE WITH FULL RECOVERY GEAR RATED RECOVERY POINTS FRONT AND REAR. Tyre Pressure gauges + Compressor Should have: Shovel/Spade/Digging tool CAMERAS!
MAPS REQUIRED	TBA – As far as I know there are none for the buggy club
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	12 or TBA

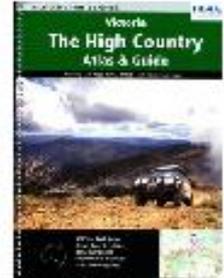
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Minutes of General Meeting February 2014

General Meeting

The meeting was held at Noble Park Football Club and was opened at 8.00pm by Club Editor Catherine.

Present: members present as per the attendance book

Apologies: members present as per the Apologies book

Visitors: Visitors as listed in the Visitors Book

Minutes of previous General Meeting

Accepted : Marie
Seconded : Sally

Matters arising:
NIL

Correspondence in
Land rover Review
CCJC
Overland Cruiser
ARB catalog

Correspondence out
Club magazine

Treasurer's report

Term Deposit	\$ 7220.02
Cheque A/C opening	\$ 6298.20
Money In	\$ 321.00
Moneys Out	\$ 388.30
Cheque A/C	
Closing balance	\$ 6221.90
Petty Cash	\$ 150.00
Consolidation balance	\$ 13661.22

Accepted: David
Johan

Association Report
Nil

Trip coordinators report

Type	When	Where	Trip Leader
Touring	12 April till 25/26 April	Flinders Ranges	Max and Sandra
Touring / Camping	19th - 21st April	McKillops Bridge - Snowy River	Markncat Felton
Base Camping	18 (Good Friday) - 26 (Day After ANZSAC Day) April 2014	Outback NSW	Steve Pitcher

Trip reports

Oxfam - Mark n Cat delivered 17 trees. Patrol was all decked out.

Christmas break up - First weekend of December. Busy around the lake.

Mark'n'Cat - Marysville up to lake mountain. Had a nice drive. Went to the power station. Tristan and Sally got stuck, Craig lost a headlight but everyone got stuck.

Christmas Murray trip, Lee joined Mark'n'Cat. Got lost, got stuck, got out. Lee loved the area. Mark'n'Cat standard visit a winery ;-)

Stuart and Marie had a trip around Marysville during January. Had a look around the aqueduct.

Events Report

NIL

General business

Pay to camp? (John)

General notice - Aberfeldy area (John)

Club turns 40!!!

Other Business

Nil

Raffle

Winner	Item
James	Club hat
Sandra	Eggs
Milley	BBQ set
Julie	Fresh cucumber

Meeting Closed: 9:50 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 8.00pm 5 March at Noble Park Bowls club.

Trip Reports



Day 1

Sally Mick John and Em left home at around 5ish to fuel up and get breakfast. We met up with Woody and his family just past the Berwick merge and then went through the city in a convoy. We stopped for a break just on the other side of the city and Em set up the car for her so she could drive. An hour later we all decided to stop for lunch on the side of the road and Em swapped drivers back with John so she could have a little break. After lunch we drove on till the outskirts of Warrnambool where Emily took over the driving again. We stopped at Mt Gambier to get fruit and veg and to fuel up then we continued on till camp. We arrived and booked in to camp at about 2pm and we all helped each other set up camp. Camp was all set up and we were sitting down by the fire having drinks. At around 5ish our mate Dave and his family arrived and we all pitched in to help him with his camper. After they were set up we all sat down and enjoyed each others company. We all decided to start cooking dinner and then not long after dinner most of us went to bed after a long days drive.



Day 2

10am- Dave and family, Woody and family, John Em Mick and myself all went beach driving while waiting for everyone to arrive at camp. The first track we went on was like a roller coaster. As we got further on we met with Daniel and Gemma who were channel surfing to see if anyone else was going towards Robe via the beach as they were by themselves. We all aired down and headed out for some fun on the sand. Woody went for a walk up a hill to see if we were all going to make it as we had a lot of new people.

10.30ish while driving on the beach we came across 2 cars who looked a bit stuck. They were trying to get off the beach as the tide was coming up but they

didn't air down one of the cars had their tyre pressure on 28 and the other was on 20 but the sand was way too soft for it. Everyone drove along more to get to a bit of higher ground Mick and Sally stopped and asked them if they were alright or if they needed a hand. Everyone else stopped a little bit further up and waited for news while the kids got out and played in the sand and splashing in the water. In the end Mick Sally Woody and John ended up pulling both the 4x4s out of the sand- well done boys!

After we pulled the 2 cars out we continued on while they dropped their tyre pressures and not long after they decided to take up our offer to join us on the trip to Robe.

We reached a hill and everyone tried going up we had a lot of people getting stuck but when over the other side all the action started. Our friend Dave started slipping off the side of a dune to the point where he was very close to rolling the car down. Woody and his dad Otto both had to snatch Dave out of this bother.

We continued on further and came across a not so pretty sight of a nude man on the beach taking photos of us as we all drove past.

We decided to stop for lunch in Robe and we all went for a walk around Robe then back to camp to meet the others who were joining us.

4 pm we started happy hour then we all went to our tents to start getting dinner ready.

Around 9ish some of us went for a bit of a night drive and some went out for dinner and others went to bed after a long days drive to camp. When we got home from our night run we all went to bed.

Night drive was fun.



Tony's too). In one point in time we stopped to get the group together and John noticed that his front passenger side tyre had a gash. Out came the jack and whilst he, Mick, Em and David changed the tyre, others took the opportunity to stretch their legs and take some photos.

We had a surprise spectacle on the beach – a nude old man appeared. We heard he was a regular. He was ready and waiting for us, standing proud and showing off his camera.

We made our way towards our lunch destination via a private property called, Nora Creina Bay where we stopped for a bite at the information bay at Little Dip.

Whilst David, Caroline and us headed back to camp to start Happy Hour, the rest continued to enjoy more beach driving towards Robe.

Max & Sandra

Sunday, 3 November

Club trip 4wd'ing on the beach

After enjoying a leisurely morning taking it easy over breakfast, coffee and a chat the Club got ready to hit the beach. But not for soaking up the sun rays and to enjoy a dip in the water. It was too cold and windy for that. Did I say windy? We went to do what we came for, some fun and 4WD'ing on the beach. Ten cars in all, in file, we drove through Beachport and we hit the dirt road and engaged the 4WD.



The access tracks to the beach were one "whoopdedoo" after the other. And finally we got to see water and stopped to admire the expansive view of the great Southern Ocean. We started to drive on the beach towards Robe where we saw a few hoonies (Stuart & Max), and a couple of cars needing to be snatched. Max needed to try out his MaxTrax (and



Monday 4th November 2013 By Maree and Stuart
 Beachport to Canunda National Park and back.

Our leader John and Tina in the GQ Patrol,
 David, Clair, Brayden, Kyle and James in a Land Cruiser 200
 Stuart and Maree Mitsubishi Pajero
 Otto and Jan (David's parents) Patrol
 Garry and Anne Patrol



John in his trusty 80 landcruiser (driven sometimes by Emily)

David Carolyn and Samuel, Nissan Navara
 Tony, Lisa and Phil in a Blue Ford Ranger
 Mick and Sally as tail end Charlie in the Patrol.

Meeting point 9.30 am South end, Flags up tyres down, rally round troops and let's see how we go.



Geltwood beach, proved the first recovery, Emily was driving Dave's Nissan and she got it stuck, David assures us it wasn't the Navara's fault Emily

didn't follow his instructions as intended. To the rescue comes the big blue ford ranger. Thanks Tony.

Sand dunes are fun, or challenging depends on who you drive with. Mick had a second try and then with a rock back and forth over he pops. Well done. The Blue ranger coming up on the dune.

John tried the beach access but it's too soft so around he comes and we head off on the inland route again.

We find puddles I only counted the big ones and that was over 20. Some you can choose, through or around? Ok the question is who has a snorkel and how high can you get the water up the car.

The fun part a sand dune. Boys will be boys and this is what happens when you add boys toys and sand. Look on the face book page for more photos. All I can say is going down I said Holy S**** was this a good idea?



1.30 pm tearing the boys away from the sand dune, its lunch at beach cove. Everyone enjoyed the beach. From lunch we drove more sand dunes more puddles, more rocky outcrops, We discussed the ups and downs of the road, the ups and downs the more ups and downs just then there was more ups and you guessed it more downs, and a few more puddles, just so you don't get bored with the ups and downs.

We have managed the Canunda National Park 60.37 kms and it's taken us until 4 pm at Carpenter Rocks when we air up and get ice-cream from the local shop. The day was fun, It was hard to wipe the smiles off the faces. We headed back to Beachport saying bye to John and Tina a great job as trip leaders, who were camping at South end.

We managed to get back to hear about the others day. Sandra and Max, checked out the local sights including the museum, lighthouse, the pool of Siloma. They took the Bowman scenic drive round the coastal area, just to tell us there lots more to do and see.

As the tourist brochure notes Beachport offers the perfect blend of scenic costal splendour and opportunities for adventure, with swimming, boating walking trails, interesting historical sights. Our only regret on the day was there was not another one to follow and then another, and another. What a wonderful place to explore. The last word is look at fire Max organised using Dave's wood. Damper and golden syrup enjoyed by all.



John and Tina sat down at camp and had a drink or 2 with us all then they headed back to there camp. After they went John Sally Mick and Em all went for a short walk along the pier and went and walked around Beachport. We decided to get an ice-cream then headed back to camp to start our packing up and to also start dinner.

Day 5 John Sally Mick Em all met John Tina Janet and Dereck at there camp and after exploring there set ups we decided to head to Penola to go to the wineries. We went to 5 different wineries and we all brought some wine at all places.

We decided to see if any of them do tapis or lunch but none of them did so we decided to head into Penola to have lunch. We went to the pub but everyone was to busy watching the Melbourne Cup Race to serve us. So we went to another place but they said that they aren't open for lunch they turned 2 groups away of 6 people so then we went to a lil café for lunch and had a nice lunch then we all headed back to camp at the caravan park.

It was a fabulous trip with some pretty awesome people. Everyone helped each other out and it was just fantastic. We defiantly will go back to Beachport for some more exploring. Thankz Woody for organising this wonderful trip.

