



FREE WHEELING

July 2023



Photo: Steve Miller
Blue Rag
Range Track

Official Newsletter of the
Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
Registration No: A0002184F



VFWDC Meeting Details & Venue

The club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm with the following exceptions:

No meeting in January
November meeting held at a selected "special" location

Blue and Gold Room
Club Noble
46-56 Moodemere Street
Noble Park 3174
Melways ref: 89 D4



This month's meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5th July** at 8.00pm.

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President's Report

As I am writing this I am looking forward to our upcoming Christmas in July meeting, which will be held on 7-9 July at St Anne's Winery. It promises to be a festive and enjoyable event, and I encourage all members to mark their calendars and join us for a memorable evening.

Additionally, I would like to draw your attention to the club's upcoming Snow trips. As winter is upon us, our club has organized several exciting trips to the snowy mountains. To stay informed about these trips and other important club updates, please keep an eye out for the latest edition of our club magazine, which will be available soon. It contains valuable information regarding trip itineraries, safety guidelines, and registration details. All members going on these trips are encouraged to attend our upcoming club meeting. This meeting will serve as an opportunity to discuss the snow trips in more detail and address any questions or concerns you may have.

It is also important to note that some tracks are currently closed due to Seasonal closures. I kindly remind all members to check the latest track closures before planning any excursions. Safety should always be our utmost priority, and it is crucial that we respect any closures put in place to ensure the preservation of our natural surroundings.

Lastly, our Club Annual General Meeting (AGM) is approaching. During this meeting, the club will be electing key roles for the upcoming year. We invite all members to consider nominating themselves or others for these important positions. If you wish to nominate someone, please ensure that you have their consent beforehand. Nominations can be made by contacting the committee directly or by submitting your nominations during the AGM.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our club. I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas in July meeting and the upcoming club activities have.

Warm regards

Andre

Vice-President VFWDC

Club Calendar

July

Wednesday 5th	Club Meeting	8.00pm at Club Noble
Sat 17th June to 16th July	Road trip of SE Australia	Organised by Gary Smith (see Upcoming Trips)
Fri 7th - Sun 9th	Christmas in July get together at St Anne's Winery	See Upcoming Trips
Wednesday 19th	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8.00pm
Fri 21st - Sun 23rd	Mt Skene Snow Trip	Organised by Steve P (See Upcoming Trips)
Fri 28th - Sun 30th	Mt Skene Snow Trip	Organised by Daisy (details to follow)

August

Wednesday 2nd	Club Meeting	8.00pm at Club Noble
Fri 4th - Sun 6th	Mt Skene Snow Trip	Organised by Bruce D (details to follow)
Wednesday 16th	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8.00pm

Sept

Wednesday 6th	Club Meeting	8.00pm at Club Noble
Fri 8th - Sun 10th	Mt Skene Snow Trip	Organised by Anthony (details to follow)
Wednesday 20th	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8.00pm

Other Dates

Wed 7th June
Opened at 08.04pm

Attendees:

- As per attendance sheet

Apologies:

- Bruce, Ly, Jacqui, Jackson

Minutes of previous meeting:

- Minutes from last meeting - Read
- Matters arising from previous minutes - nil
- Accepting of minutes - Dave
- Seconding of minutes - Ann

Guests:

- Special welcome to Trudy and the boys for attending

Correspondence In:

- 4WD VIC emails

Correspondence Out:

- Replies to emails

Treasurer's Report:

- Monthly Treasurer's Report - as per the magazine
- Accepted: Ben
- Second: Stuart
- Membership renewals: Nil
- New members: Nil

Association Report:

- Nil

Upcoming Trips:

- 18th June - Bruce D - Shrine of Remembrance tour - Meeting at 11, at flagpoles on Birdwood Av side, allow up to 2 hrs for tour.
- East Coast Road Trip - 21st Jun - 16th July - loose outline given, not too arduous, members can join when and wherever they wish.
- St Annes Winery - 7-9th July - now modified to be Christmas in July event too. Food to be provided by club for one evening meal, more details to follow.
- Snow trips - to come soon, keep an eye out on emails, permits being applied for.

Trip Reports:

Noojee Pub - Daisy reported a few people joined her, had a pleasant lunch, beautiful views and not too chilly outside

Blue Rag – Dennis spoke, it was a success because he didn't lose anyone. Sat & Sun, met at BP, Dargo high plains, 1st good deed of the day, come round corner, dog flies off tray, waved driver down, stopped him, looked for it, sheepish looking dog but it was ok! Got to Dargo about 11, had lunch, steak sandwich all round, short cut road, Kingswell bridge, gang of trail bike riders, Crooked River track, lots of crossings, saw herd of cows, whole camp to themselves, called ahead for excellent weather, got fire going, left early next day, Dury Creek Road, Ritchies Creek road, took 3 hrs, too many photos, then onto Dargo High Plain, 2nd good deed for the day, tree in road, Ken cleared it with his axe, quick drive to Blue Rag, no traffic, bit wet and muddy in one point near final climb, rated easy to medium, got to top, Landrovers on top, patches of snow, had lunch, group from another club, pushing back end Charlie, pushed passed, let them go passed, went from Hotham down to Bright, through avenue of autumn trees. Good trip

Merchandise:

Nil

Magazine:

Nil

General Business:

Steve Pitcher has been drafted back onto the committee as a temporary member until the AGM. He remains a signatory on the bank account so has made himself available to action any financial activity in the absence of Cal

The meeting closed at 8.35pm. There then followed a short slideshow of pictures of Cal in action over the years and then sharing of stories from all members about Cal and their trips with him. There was cake, a drink from the bar for everyone to raise their glasses and toast Cal which was led by Sally

Next meeting Wed 5th July

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Treasurer's Report May 2023

<u>Cheque A/C</u> Opening Balance as at 01/05/2023	\$8,536.70	
Add: Raffle	\$76.00	
Merchandise	\$105.00	
Membership Fees	\$280.00	
Less: Catering Costs	-\$16.50	
Driver training fuel reimbursement	-\$122.00	
FWDV new member fees	-\$52.00	
Closing Balance as at 31/05/2023		\$8,807.20
<u>Term Deposit</u> Opening Balance as at 01/05/2023	\$6,888.87	
Closing Balance as at 31/05/2023		\$6,888.87
<u>Petty Cash</u> Opening Balance as at 01/05/2023	\$38.30	
Closing Balance as at 31/05/2023		\$38.30
Consolidated Closing Cash Position		<u>\$15,735.37</u>

This month's meeting

Our next meeting is Wednesday 5th July at Club Noble. Don't forget those tasty treats and general interesting chit chat and story telling which makes the meeting unmissable!!



Membership renewals

Well it's that time of year again - not tax time, or starting your training regime for that beach body for the summer! Nope, it's time to renew your membership with this incredible club of ours. You should have seen an email in your inbox about it from the Treasurer, and we ask that you get on the case as soon as possible. As a gentle reminder, you need to be a fully paid up member in order to join any of the trips (thinking specifically the snow trips right now). If you are unsure how to renew, check out the membership page within the magazine itself or contact Ly as the Treasurer for help. And don't forget, this coming year is going to be a very special year with the 50th birthday coming up and you wouldn't want to miss out on that now would you???

Upcoming AGM

It's also that time of year again when we hold our annual AGM and part of this is selecting fresh blood for the key roles within the club. As we all know the club relies on individuals volunteering their time and energy to keep the club ticking over. During our August meeting, we will hold formal AGM proceedings and at this time will look for new volunteers for the various roles on the committee. The roles and their responsibilities are outlined later in the magazine as are the nomination forms to get yourself elected. Please consider carefully whether you could assist the club by volunteering some of your time, in any way, shape or form. And with it being the 50th birthday year next year, if you become the President, you will go down in the annals of club history and have your beautiful face plastered all over the place!

Club's 50th Birthday

Just in case you weren't aware, next year is the club's 50th birthday. A working group has been formed to organise an amazing event(s) and are starting to look into options and ideas. So anyone who has any amazing ideas, please get in contact with any committee members. We are looking to make it an incredible event so all ideas, no matter how crazy are welcomed.

All and any contributions welcome

You know the score - I need trip reports, photos and any content to make the magazine an interesting read. Don't be shy, send the editor something!!



Please visit our website at VFWDC.com to view all our current membership forms and club policies.

For all new and renewal of memberships, please complete [the online form here](#)

If you are looking for a Temporary Membership, please complete the online form, [which can be found here](#).

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us via the Club Secretary on secretary@vfwdc.com

Payments:

Payment can be made via Bank Transfer. The details are as follows:

Account Name:	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
BSB:	633108
Account No:	111761979

Please ensure your transfer includes your name as provided on the membership application and renewal form in the reference.

Once you have made your payment/transfer, please send your completed membership application and renewal form to treasurer@vfwdc.com or you can present it to the Treasurer at any general meeting.

Thank you for choosing the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club

If you are interested in joining [Club Noble](#) where we hold our monthly meetings, their application form can be found [here](#).

Meet the Members

Please meet Jacqui. She's got links to Alien, Pulp Fiction and Amy Winehouse so is definitely an interesting person. However, if you ever get a lift with her, you might be disappointed - no snacks and an old fashioned manual winding window!! Read on to find out more.....



Full name and any nicknames?

Jacqueline Anne Conquest, Jacqui or Jacq.

When did you join the club?

Feb 2023

What's your vehicle?

1996 Toyota Landcruiser 80s series, named "Ripley" after Sigourney Weaver's character in Alien



Favourite camp food?

Sausages

Top tip to any beginners?

Conquer Big Dune!!

Best piece of camping gear you are never without?

Fly net to put over the head

What is your go to karaoke song?

Back to black by Amy Winehouse

Footie, football or rugby?

Melbourne Demons

Dream vehicle and set up if you could afford it?

Ripley on steroids!

What is your favourite tippie?

Red wine

Dream track or trip at the top of your bucket list?

Ooo at every 4WD club meeting I get inspired !
Border track now after hearing Sally talk about it

Dumbest thing you ever did in a car?

Threw up

Craziest haircut you ever had?

Pulp Fiction, Uma Thurman



Best mod you ever did to a car?

Car stereo - yeah i have a long way to go!

What snacks are we most likely to find in your cab?

Zero - you will go hungry!!

Any wildlife encounters on any of your trips?

Love to see snakes - Red Belly Black snakes

First car you ever owned?

Toyota Corolla named "lor" that I "borrowed" from my dad at 18



Best book you have ever read?

Tough call - anything by Tim Winton

Best overseas trip/location?

Japan

Favourite subject at school?

Physical Education

Worst job you ever had?

KFC Chicken

Roughest night's sleep?

March Training Weekend - Campground neighbours (another crew, not ours) were up until 5am! This inspired my 4wding - to get into the bush and away from the general population!

Most remote place you have ever been to?

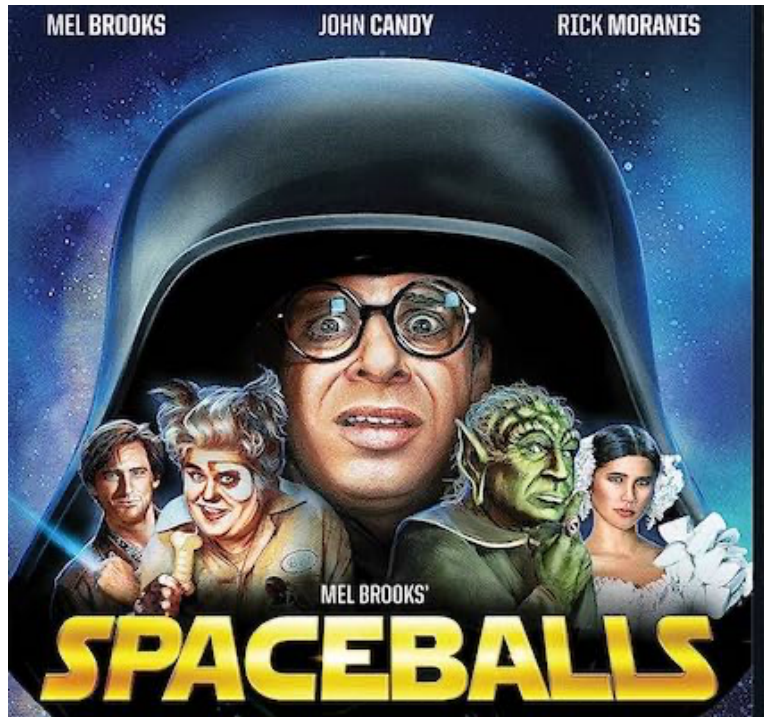
Border of NT and WA

Can you play a musical instrument?

No but I am a DJ so I can play records and a XDJ-RX2

What is your go to joke?

Mel Brooke's Spaceballs



What motivates & inspires you?

Being in nature and out bush

You're driving from Melbourne to Perth, anyone in the world, dead or alive, can be your co-driver, who would it be?

Jesus I cant think of anyone who I would want to talk to for that long! Probably my dog if dogs could drive lol, or someone with an extensive high quality music collection

Craziest Fancy dress you ever wore?

Queen of Hearts

Where in the world would you most like to visit?

Antartica. Living in the hills over winter is preparation for this trip.

What are currently watching on Netflix etc?

I am a minority group person who doesn't bother with paid TV

Worst upgrade or kit purchase?

Havent had the luxury of an upgrade yet. Electric windows are still a dream!!

What kept you sane during lockdowns?

I didn't stay sane!

Best trip/track/park you have done?

July 2019, 6 week outback trip with my uncle "Mad Uncle Frank". Melb-Alice-Ceduna via Connie Sue, Anne Beadall & a few others. To experience the remote desert country was life changing





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Upcoming Trips

Destination	Mt Skene (subject to permit approval)
Leader & Contact Details	NAME: Steve Pitcher MOB: 0421 205 529
Date	21-23 July 2023
Meeting Details	Three meeting options depending on your plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fri 21st: Mansfield PB Servo (145 Mt Buller Rd, Mansfield) – 3pm (3:30pm departure) • Fri 21st: Snakes Reserve, Knockwood (6419 Mansfield-Woods Point Rd, Knockwood) (any time, camp ground) • Sat 22nd: The Café Jamieson (25 Grey St, Jamieson) 8:15am (8:30am departure)
Grade	Wet: Hard/Very Hard Dry: Med/Hard
Trip Activity Details	Head up on the Friday afternoon/evening and find accommodation at or nearby Jamieson township on the Friday night (there is a pub, caravan park, AirB&B accom. plus free camp grounds). Saturday morning, we will meet in front of the main coffee shop (open from 8:00 am) for an 8.30am departure to head up to Mt Skene and have lunch (BYO snacks/meals) at the top of the mountain. Depending on snow depth / conditions, we may venture down the other side and back. Sunday , feel free to head home at your leisure.
Vehicle Limits	MINIMUM: 4. MAXIMUM: 10
Approx km's meeting place to destination	Around 500 kms return from Melbourne Around 200 kms return from Mansfield
Last available fuel	PETROL: Jamieson (although I'd recommend Mansfield) DIESEL: Jamieson (although I'd recommend Mansfield)* * Alpine Diesel is available from Mansfield or Jamieson
Distance between supplies	55 kms from top of Mt Skene back to Jamieson
Equipment required	Fully recovery gear, rated front and rear recovery points, quality AT / MT tyres (preferably raised suspension also), Self-sufficient food/water supplies, Clothing (including footwear) appropriate for snow and extreme conditions.
Maps required	Rooftop's Jamieson-Licola Adventure Map is possibly the best for the area.
Radio Channel CB/UHF	UHF Ch 12

Track Classifications

Four Wheel Drive Victoria have a track grading classification scale which has been developed to assist in advising Trip Leaders and participants on 4WD trips of the type of tracks that they can expect to encounter. On most trips participants can expect that a variety of tracks will be traversed each with an appropriate rating. Trip Leaders should advise participants of the range of track ratings expected to be encountered on the planned route. The following classifications will assist in determining an overall Trip Rating:

Considerations	Easy	Medium	Difficult	Very Difficult
Overall Description	All Wheel Drive and High Range 4WD. Novice Drivers	Mainly High range 4WD but Low range required. Some 4WD experience recommended.	Significant Low range 4WD with standard 4WD ground clearance. Should have 4WD driver training.	Low range 4WD with High ground clearance. Experienced Drivers
Advisory Sign				
Expected terrain and track conditions	Mostly unsealed roads with no obstacles and minor gradients.	Tracks with some steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. May have shallow water crossings.	Tracks with frequent steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. Possible water crossings.	Tracks with frequent very steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. May have difficult river crossings.
Vehicle suitability	All wheel Drive and High Range 4WD. Can be low clearance with single range and road tyres.	Suitable for medium clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain or road tyres.	Suitable for medium to high clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain tyres.	Suitable for high clearance vehicles with dual range and tyres suitable for the terrain. (Mud Terrain tyres).
Recovery equipment			Recovery equipment required.	Winch / Recovery equipment required.
Driver Training / Experience	Suitable for novice drivers.	Recommended that drivers have experience or 4WD training. Recommended to be done in groups of vehicles.	Recommended for drivers with reasonable experience or 4WD training. To be done in groups of vehicles.	Drivers with extensive experience and advanced training should only attempt as there are several technical challenges. Recommended to be done in groups of four or more vehicles.
Weather	May be difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.

Upcoming Trips

Destination	Christmas in July at St Annes Winery
Leader & Contact Details	Daisy Quinn Mobile: 0447 557100
Date	Fri 7th - Sun 9th July
Meeting Details	64 Garrards Lane, Morning
Grade	Dry: Easy Wet: Easy
Trip Activity Details	Christmas in July has moved to St Anne's Winery. No driving required, mainly sitting around the fire and chatting, eating and drinking. Camp overnight or simply come for the day. Camper trailer and caravan friendly. Club to provide evening meal on Saturday night (details to be finalised) so bring supplies for the remainder of your stay.
Vehicle Limits	Minimum 3, Maximum - no limit!
Approx km's meeting place to destination	110kms
Last available fuel	N/A
Distance between supplies	N/A
Equipment required	Camping gear, wet weather gear just in case. Food and drinks for your stay. Toilet on site.
Maps required	N/A
Radio Channel CB/UHF	Not required

Upcoming Trips

Destination	Road Trip - South East Australia
Leader & Contact Details	Gary Smith (Mobile: 0408 093529)
Date	3 - 4 weeks between 17th June & 16th July
Meeting Details	TBC
Grade	To be determined at time and place
Trip Activity Details	<p>Bridle track, Barrington Tops, Sundown NP, Noosa-Rainbow Beach, 4 Days Fraser Island, Carnarvon NP</p> <p>Boomi hot pool + others, Darling River run</p> <p>Join or leave trip if you only want to do part of it Mostly Camping. Caravans and campervans should be OK for most of trip</p>
Vehicle Limits	Minimum 1, Maximum 5
Approx km's meeting place to destination	6000km
Last available fuel	N/A
Distance between supplies	500km
Equipment required	Sand matts, winch, camping gear and supplies as required.
Maps required	SE Australia
Radio Channel CB/UHF	TBC

Trip Report

Blue Rag Range Track - 20th - 21st May by Ken Kilby

Attendees:

Dennis Alphonsos - Trip Leader, Jeep Rubicon

Michelle Alphonsos - River Crossing Specialist & Rubicon Co-driver

Steven Miller - Mazda BT50

Jacqui Conquest - Toyota 80 Series

Sean Graydon - Toyota FJ Cruiser

Ken Kilby - Mitsubishi Triton

Are we going?

With only four days to go before kick-off, it took a little bit of prodding for Dennis to finally come up with the plan for the Trip. I shouldn't complain though, to be fair, he only had 3 months to prepare after it was discussed back in January.

The plan was to meet up at the Officer BP servo nice and early at 6:30 am on Saturday and head off to Dargo. The original crew had dwindled down to 5 cars/ 6 people after some pull-outs due to sickness & car problems.

Now....on the Billy Goats trip back in January, I was last to arrive at the Servo, so was delegated by Dennis to write the trip report. "*It's the rules*", he said. Well, this time I made sure I wasn't last, but somehow, I still managed to get "*volunteered*" by Dennis to write the report.

After some breakfast and Sean getting his usual triple strength Latte, we set off around 7:00 for the first leg to Traralgon to refuel. The weather was horrible with continuous rain and only 50 shades of grey visible out the windscreen. Dennis assured everyone that he had had a word with a "higher power" and that things would definitely improve. The forecast for Mt Hotham was cold & wet with possible snow showers above 1300 metres and a top of 1 deg.



Flying Dogs!

Leaving Traralgon, next stop was Dargo via Briagolong for Lunch. As we drove further North the clouds started to breakup and it looked like things really were going to improve. As we got closer to Dargo, much to our surprise the roads were dry as the rain had passed well below to the South. Dennis's good planning paid off and the rest of the trip was dry with no rain. I don't think anyone would have complained about a little snow though.

Getting closer to Dargo now, when suddenly over the radio Dennis called out; "A dog just came flying off the back of a Ute, stop the driver!" Luckily, being in a convoy, those at the back had time to stop and wave him down. It was a local Cocky and his wife in their 70 Series Toyota, minus one dog in the back. Sean called out and said "*You've lost a dog*", well, the Cocky just looked at him like that triple shot Latte had gone to his head and was delirious. "*You've lost a dog*" he again called out, "*It flew off the back around the last bend*". By now the gravity of what had happened sunk in so he turned around and caught up with the others waiting up the road. Dennis went with the Cocky to help search and a short time later we got the good news that the dog had been found in a paddock and had come running to his owner after hearing his voice. Luckily the dog was uninjured and survived to torment some poor sheep for some time yet. We reckoned the Dog was looking pretty sheepish himself when getting back onto the tray



To be sure, to be sure.....

Arriving at Dargo at 11:00 am, it was too early for lunch so we took the obligatory photo of the cars lined up outside the pub. Some set off to see the highlights of Dargo (i.e., The local public conveniences) while others browsed the General store. Jacqui was spotted surveying the goods on offer and had decided that a hot water bottle was a good choice. Now, Jacqui had already mentioned that due to the forecast of 1 deg overnight, she had brought along 2 sleeping bags and 2 Doonas. So now she also had the hot water bottle, just "*to be sure, to be sure*". (Insert Irish accent).



Midday arrived and we headed into the pub for lunch with Jacqui marvelling at the interior decorating as this was her first time in this iconic establishment. Steak sandwiches and Hamburgers seemed to be the favourites. A quick fuel top up then we headed off down Shortcut Road before airing down for the trip into Talbotville.





Holy Cow?

Shortcut Road took us to Wonnangatta Road and Kingswell Bridge where we had a short stop and a look over the Bridge and Wonnangatta River. From there we took Talbotville Road and Crooked River Track for the upcoming 8 river crossings before reaching Talbotville.

The Wongungarra River was a bit higher than in January when we were last here, but less than expected. Dennis had checked the river heights beforehand and all looked good for making the crossings.

All the crossings went well with no problems and everyone put their recent driver training into practice.

As we were getting closer to Talbotville Dennis and Michelle had a stand-off with some local inhabitants. Some High-Country cows were wandering all over the track but dispersed when our cars came through..... with the exception of one recalcitrant Bovine who decided he/she would stand their ground. It must have been Dennis's car that was the problem as the Red Rubicon seemed to become a rag to the Bull. Just then some cars came from the other direction and were pushing the cows our way. By now the recalcitrant Bull decided he had made his point and headed off the track. That was Dennis's moment to get through unscathed while he had the chance. If there was ever an omen to get a Bullbar on that Rubicon, then that was it.



A Slice of Lemon.

We arrived at Talbotville at 4:30pm with one last river crossing to finish off the day. Finding a nice area to set up was easy with not many other campers around. First thing to do was get the fire going so it was all ready for when we finished setting up camp. The hardest part of setting up was finding a spot in between all the Cow pats which were dotted all over the place like a Ukrainian minefield. If someone had painted some squares on the ground, we could have played Cow Pat Bingo.



Dennis seems to think that I carry everything in my car and therefore enquired if I might have some Aluminium foil, at first, I said no, but later found that I indeed did have a roll on-hand so my reputation was intact. Unfortunately, my reputation is now in tatters as I was not able to supply sliced lemon for Michelle's Corona beer upon request.

Saturday night was an enjoyable time around the campfire (thanks to all for bringing firewood) with the temperature only dropping to 7 Degrees (it even warmed up a little by morning). But it was no late night around the fire tonight as we were planning on leaving at 8:00 am the next morning for the main event which was the trek to the Trig point on Blue Rag Range track.

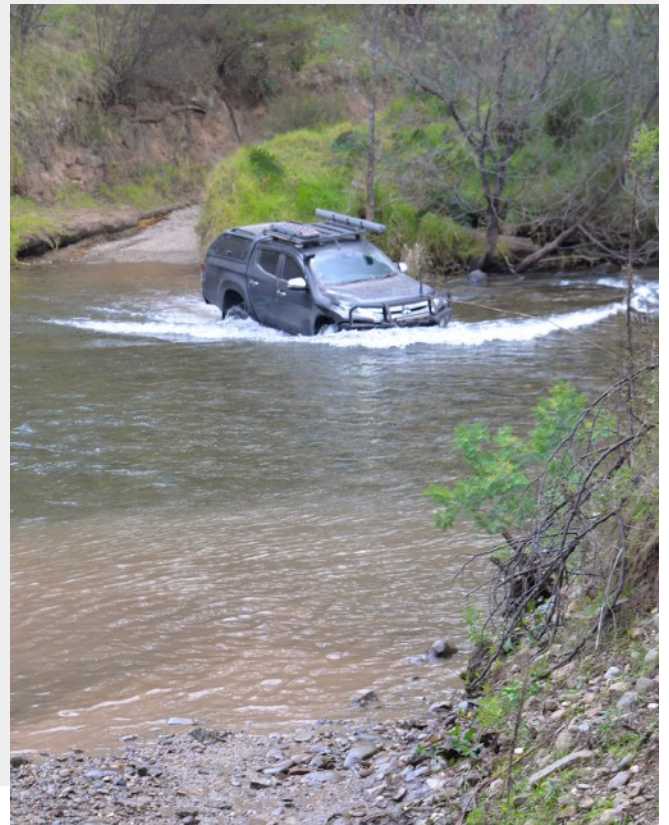


A Blue Rag to the Red Rubicon

Getting away at 8:30, a little later than planned, the first item on the agenda was crossing the Crooked River. As we approached the crossing Dennis stopped and radioed that Michelle was going to do the crossing. I'm sure Michelle must have said "*You did a lousy job of the last 8 crossings; I'll show you how it's done*". With that, off she went and crossed that river like a professional with encouragement from Jacqui over the radio shouting "*Go Girl*".



Once across the river we headed up Brewery Creek Track, then Ritchie Road until finally emerging onto Dargo High Plains Road. Along the way the Club represented itself well by doing some track clearing and putting out an abandoned campfire which the previous campers had made no attempt to extinguish.





Once on the Dargo High Plains Road it was easy going for the next 12 km till we hit the Blue Rag range Track Junction. After a short group discussion, off we went up the first incline.

The first section was reasonably steep with some rock steps which everyone else seemed to navigate without problem but as I was Tail End Charlie, I missed out on seeing the line they all took. I ended up getting stuck on a large hole right in front of a rock and had to reverse and have another go. As it was steep and greasy, I was worried whether I would be able to stop again. This time I took the line probably everyone else had taken and made it up ok. Note to self: engage diff locker next time.





The next challenging section was a steep downhill where we all waited until the car in front had made it to the bottom before proceeding. Steven called up to say the next car could come down by saying, *"I successfully slid my way down to the bottom"*.





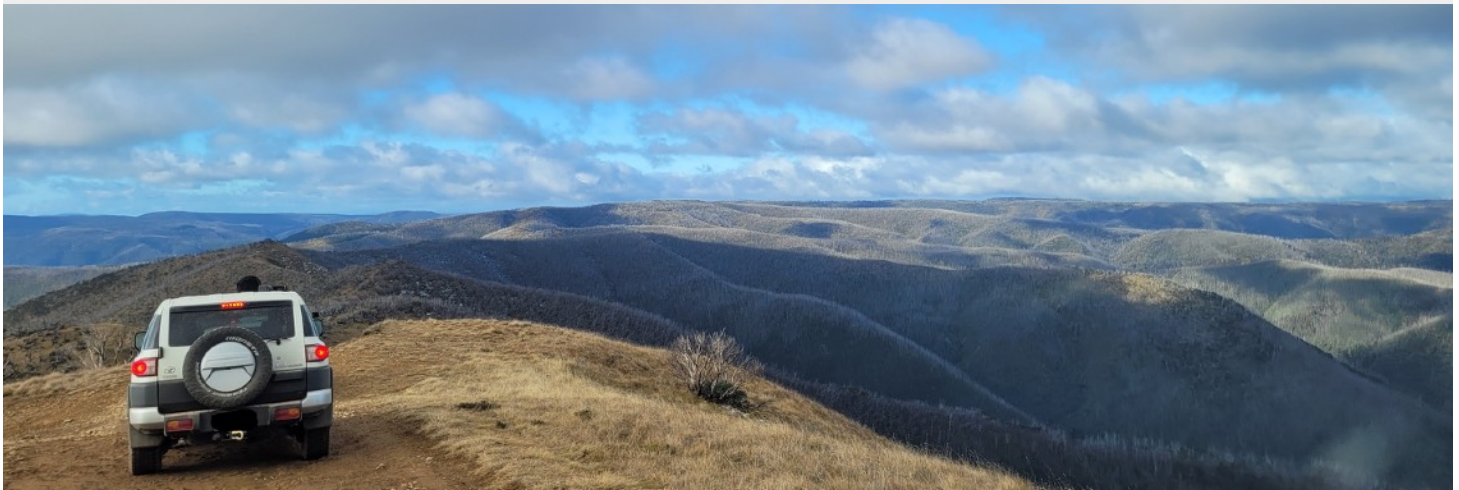
No more dramas until reaching the final ascent to the Trig point. That last section is very steep but luckily also very rocky. If that was clay then it would be a no-go with a wet track. Dennis in his Red Rubicon made it up first, just like Sir Edmund Hilary on Mt Everest.

Everyone else made it up ok and another Victorian High Country bucket list Icon was ticked off.

From the top we could see plenty of snow on Mt Hotham but around us it was only a few patches here and there but at least it added to the atmosphere









Lunch at Trig point before descending back to the Dargo High Plains Road and then on to the Great Alpine Road just a few km's from Mt Hotham where we aired up.

We all decided to go home via Bright and the Hume freeway for a change of scenery. Bright and Harrietteville are full of colour at the moment and it was a pleasant change from the usual green countryside.

We arrived at Bright around 4:30 pm for a refuel and pitstop, making ready for the final drive back home.

Arriving home at 8:30 pm made it a 12-hour day on the road and I for one was glad to crawl into bed after a nice hot shower.

Many Thanks to Dennis for organizing and leading the trip and to all the crew, who without you guys the weekend would not have been so enjoyable and successful.

Ken Kilby



We need your help on and off the tracks



**If you have some spare time
please consider joining the committee.
Your club needs you— do it for your club!**

Contact your Committee...

President

The President's role is a voted committee position and it is the President's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- Lead General Meetings making sure they are held in accordance with the requirements as specified in the Constitution.
- Prepare Agenda and lead the meeting, keeping discussion relevant, decision making clear and encouraging member participation when required.
- Appoint General Committee roles and Delegate duties to the Committee Members.
- Prepare agenda and lead Committee Meetings are held in accordance with the requirements as specified in the Club Rules.
- Write monthly President's Report for the newsletter to report relevant information to members. Attend relevant Four Wheel Drive Victoria meetings when required.
- Welcoming new members or visitors at General Meetings.
- Before the election of new committee members at an annual general meeting, the President must present to the meeting the annual report of the Committee on the activities of the club during the last financial year.

Vice President

The Vice President's role is a voted committee position and it is the Vice President's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- To provide support and backup to the President in their relevant duties
- To convene and run orderly meetings in accordance to the Clubs Constitution in the event the President is absent.
- To organise guest speakers or external club visits for selected meetings and be responsible coordinating the attendance of the guest.

Secretary

The Secretary's role is a voted committee position and it is the Secretary's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- Collect the club mail from the club PO Box (778) at Dandenong Plaza Shopping Centre prior to the General Meeting
- Attend the General Meeting ensuring that the Attendance, Apologies and Visitors books are available for members / visitors to sign in
- Take the minutes of the General Meeting
- Present the incoming and outgoing correspondence at the General Meeting
- Type up the minutes noting number of attendees, apologies and visitors
- Attend the committee meeting
- File correspondence in and minutes of the general meeting
- Attend to any outgoing correspondence as determined by the committee
- Coordinate with treasurer to ensure a register of members is maintained in accordance with the rules. Liaise with Consumer Affairs Victoria to meet club obligations

Treasurer

The Treasurer's role is a voted committee position and it is the Treasurer's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- To receive all new member application, and member renewal forms and monies and issue receipts
- Deposit all monies received into the club bank account (from membership fees, club raffles, sales of merchandise etc.
- Keep a record of the accounts—which can be made available by request of any club member
- Prepare a monthly financial status report for the General Meetings
- Prepare the AGM report with full annual financials, which will also include president and trip coordinators reports
- Update 4WD Victoria for membership lists to ensure insurance compliance
- Maintain the membership list
- Print and distribute membership cards for current year.

Trip Coordinator

The Trip Coordinator's role is a voted committee position and it is the Trip Coordinator's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- Ensure attendance to each Club General Meeting fully prepared to present with relevant information of past and upcoming trips.
- If unable to attend it is the Trip Coordinator's duty to ensure another committee member has the up to date trip information for the Club Meeting
- Ensure all trip information is correctly recorded and stored
- Ensure the Trip Information Forms are up to date for each meeting
- Ensure copies of other relevant forms are available if or when needed (Track survey reports, Accident Survey Form, Trip Incident form, Personal Information forms, Trip rating information)
- Ensure all TDF (Trip Data Forms) are filled in correctly and a copy is passed onto the Newsletter Editor
- Liaise with the Newsletter Editor and follow up any trip reports that haven't been submitted.

Association Representative

The Association Representative's role is a voted committee position and it is the Association Representative's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- To attend all Association meetings, and to report back to committee and also the General meetings with all items pertaining to the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Association.
- External liaison with other affiliated groups.

General Committee Member

- Attend and contribute to Committee Meetings
- Assist committee in running of club.



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Minutes
Annual General Meeting 3rd August 2022

Date: 3.08.2022

Time: 9.04 pm

Location: Club Noble

Open Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• As per attendance book that didn't turn up• Apologies: Dave B, Andy McCarthy, Suzi Whitford, Rory, Ian Berryman, Brett and Nikki	Cal
Reports from Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President Report - As per magazine• Treasurer Report - As per magazine• Trips Report- As per magazine • Callum called all positions Vacant.• Last AGM Minutes - No Matters arising• Accept minutes from Callum - Ben • Steve Pitcher took control of the meeting.• Nominations for<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President - Callum Brown - Unopposed.• Vice Pres - Andre - Unopposed• Secretary - Bruce - Unopposed.• Treasurer - Ly Ho - Unopposed.• Trips - Neville - Unopposed.• Association - .• General Committee - Daisy.• General Committee - Kelsy.• Stuff.	Callum Ly Neville
Meeting Close	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting close 9.20 pm	Cal

Shrine of Remembrance - Sun 18th June by Maree

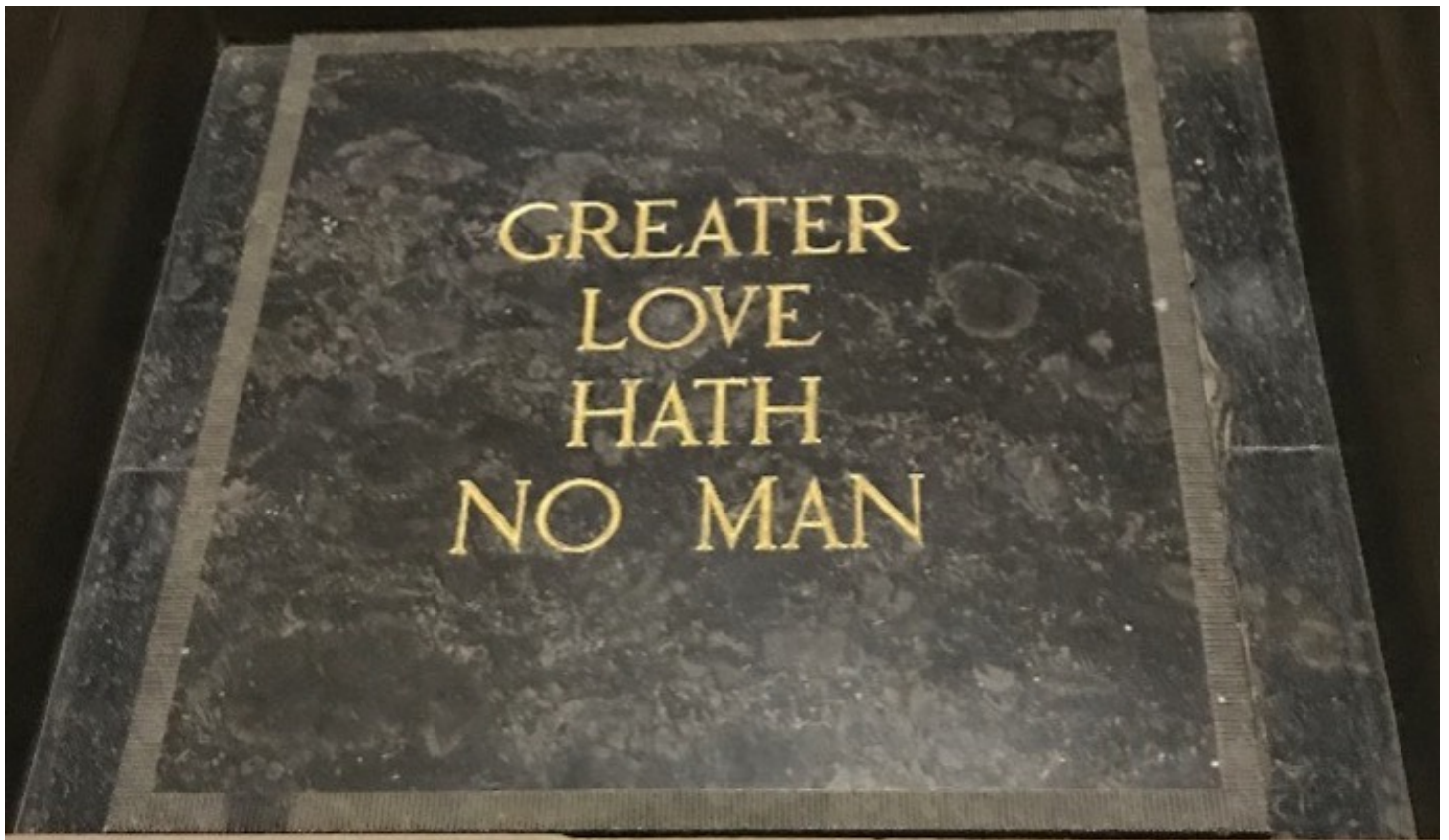
We would like to thank Bruce Dunlop for ordering such wonderful weather for the day. The history of the Victorian Shrine was explained by Bruce.

We all walked through and it's a reminder of the cost of war. Its one of those places where everyone takes away a different perspective. Bruce explained with respect the different aspects of the building. We visited the Crypt and viewed the father and son statue, and the Guidon from the different regiments. We enjoyed the views from the Balcony over the city.



There was a service being held in the Sanctuary and we were able hear the last post sound out from the trumpet. Its one of those moments the hairs on the back of your neck stand up and take notice. Standing before the sign "Greater Love Hath No Man", we bowed our heads in reflection on the human cost of wars. Looking up at the carving towards the ceiling Bruce explained how the shaft of light is let in for the Remembrance Day at 11 am.





We all wandered through the Galleries of Remembrance and read the stories of the different wars. You follow the red arrows, and it leads you around the history. At this moment the Davanha Lifeboat was on display, and this included visual pictures of the historical use of this boat.

They change the displays from time to time. One of the displays that captured my attention was the entertainment that toured during the Vietnam war. Visual displays of the troops enjoying the performances provided.

We only just scratched the surface of what this public building has to offer. Nicki and I agreed to come back again another day for more reading.



The following is taken from <https://www.shrine.org.au/visit>

The Shrine of Remembrance was built to provide a place to grieve and remember Victorians killed in the First World War (1914-18). It now provides a place of remembrance for Australian service and sacrifice in all wars since Australia's Federation in 1901.

Of the 114,000 Victorians who enlisted in the First World War, 89,000 served abroad and 19,000 died. Many were buried in graves far from home.

The Shrine provided a place where families could remember loved ones. It also represented the courage of the men, women and children who remained at home and laboured in support of national defence in wartime.

The design for the Shrine was selected by competition among Australian artists and architects. 83 designs were submitted, and the winning design was by 2 Melbourne returned-soldier architects, Philip Hudson and James Wardrop.

The inspiration for the external outline came from one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World — the mausoleum at Halicarnassus to King Mausolus of Caria, in Southwest Asia Minor.

While Australia faced frightful unemployment and financial difficulty in the late 1920s and 1930s, so great was the gratitude of the people that the huge amount required to build the Shrine was raised within six months from the opening of the appeal in 1928.



Prince Henry, the Duke of Gloucester and son of King George V, officially opened the Shrine before a crowd of 300,000 people in November 1934. Since then, other memorials have been added to the site to mark the service of successive generations, such as the Second World War Memorial Forecourt and the post-1945 Memorial.

While direct experience and knowledge of the events of the First World War and later conflicts fade, interest in them is growing. Today the Shrine places a high priority on education and interpretation. Through commemoration, exhibitions and public programs, the Shrine continues to honour Victorian service and sacrifice and uphold and reinforce the values we associate with the original ANZACs.



On 28 February 1954, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II stood on a podium in front of a crowd of 250,000 people and pressed a button to light the Eternal Flame. It has burnt ever since. Today, the Flame provides a focus for ceremonies and is saluted during marches.



We were able to see this from the balcony and the forecourt looking down to the city buildings.

Last but not least we passed the memorial of Edward George Honey. This is what Wikipedia had to say about him. “Edward George Honey was an Australian journalist who suggested the idea of five minutes of silence in a letter to a London newspaper in May 1919, about 6 months before the first observance of the Two-minute silence in London.” As Bruce pointed out he was not able to be part of the Shrine because it is for everyone and no individual is named on the Shrine site but across the road opposite there is a plaque in his honour.

It was a really interesting and moving day. A big thanks to Bruce for his time and for sharing his extensive knowledge.

