



AUGUST 2010

# Free Wheeling



Bluey on his last Outback trip with wife Joyce, Don and Thelma Montague

# 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 January). 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)

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



## FREE WHEELING

Hello and welcome to the August newsletter. Sorry it is so late this month, but we had some unforeseen delays with content this month.

Remember the Dinner coming up soon.

At this stage I plan to continue as editor (unless someone else wants the job!). So, as always, I'm after any interesting content for the newsletter, feel free to email me at [editor@vfwdc.com](mailto:editor@vfwdc.com).

Cheers,

Shane Michelin



## COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT 2009-2010

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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	<a href="mailto:secretary@vfwdc.com">secretary@vfwdc.com</a>
Website	<a href="http://www.vfwdc.com">www.vfwdc.com</a>
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 <sup>th</sup> of each month to <a href="mailto:editor@vfwdc.com">editor@vfwdc.com</a>
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello and welcome to this month's edition of *Free Wheeling*.

Yes it's a cliché used every year but this one has flown by in no time. It's been an interesting year, trips numbers have not been great but the trips run have been well attended and enjoyed by all. As the weather warms up it will be great to see the trip numbers increase and once again return to a busy calendar.

It's pleasing to see the increase of new members and the fact that they are participating in Club activities. This trend must continue to keep the Club in a healthy state and I'm sure the new committee will endeavor to look at ways to promote the Club. Many thanks must go to all the committee members for their efforts throughout the year. One person does not run the Club and it was extremely pleasing to have input from all committee members. The current committee has tied up any outstanding issues ensuring an easy transition for the incoming committee and a hassle free start for them. I personally have been on the committee for the 10 or so years, holding the President's role for three of those. Other commitments have taken priority and it's time to step aside.

As you will be aware, the Club submitted an application for Victoria Volunteer Grants. I am pleased to advise we are one of the three clubs who will be receiving the grant. While the finer details are still to be confirmed it's a major win for the Club and will ensure we can continue to provide community assistance. In particular, we would like to continue the relationship with Noel Lees (DSE) and we are enquiring how we can assist with any projects. The committee has discussed how to utilise the funds and the consensus is to use the grant for chainsaw training and the appropriate PPE. As the details are finalised advice will be circulated on how this will be conducted. Many thanks must go to Hari Maragos from FWD Victoria. Hari handled a large numbers of submissions and with his help we were a successful recipient.

As you all will be aware August is the AGM. It will be pleasing to see the majority of members attend and elect in a new committee. We are still open for all nominations so please consider committee position and continue the proud history of the Club.

Please don't forget the AGM dinner this month. This is always a great night and one not to miss. All details are in the newsletter and if you have any queries please call.

See you on the next trip – or at the next meeting.

*Ashley Martin*  
President

# Minutes of General Meetings – May and July 2010

## General Meeting May 2010

The meeting was held at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club and was opened at 8.00pm by President Ashley Martin.

**Present:** There were 29 members present as per the attendance book

**Apologies:** Maxine Ryan, Lesley Peters, Aline Van Buiten, Karen Griffith, Jim O'Brien, Michael & Verryle Rodger, Paula Johnston, Ken Beard, Michael Harris, John Wimetall

**Visitors:** Rob McGregor, Chris Whiteside, Andrew Barnett

Minutes of previous General Meeting

**Accepted :** Shane McNeill

**Seconded :** Anthony Van Buiten

**Matters arising:** Nil

**Correspondence in**

Overland Cruising - April 2010

CCJC - April 2010

LROCV - March 2010

Variety Club QLD - Head to the Hills 4WD Explorer Nov 2010

High Country Reservations Promotional Material

Email from Bill Harwood regarding Honorary memberships

**Correspondence out**

Newsletter

Letter to Bill Harwood regarding Honorary Memberships

**Treasurers report**

Term Deposit	5202.49
Cash	3073.05
Petty Cash	50.00
Money In	445.00
Moneys Out	762.00
Balance	8008.54

Accepted: Mark Felton  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ken Pitcher

**Trip reports**

Licola - it was a good trip according to David. He headed up Friday night camped at Tamboritha Road. Spent Saturday on the Caledonia, and on Sunday headed up to Howitt Hut before heading home.

**Trip coordinators report**

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

Type	When	Where	Trip Leader
Weekend	Queen's Birthday	Dargo	Anthony Van Buiten
Weekend	Queen's Birthday	Mansfield - Trailer Trip	David Bruinsma
Weekend	Queen's Birthday	Top Crossing Hut	Bob McKerrrow
Day Trip	TBD	Marysville	Phil Griffith
Long (Trip Full)	June	Madigan Line - Simpson Desert	Ken Beard
Weekend	Late July	Snow Trip - Mt Skene	Craig Major

Short notice trips - please send an email to the Trip Coordinator [trips@vfwdc.com](mailto:trips@vfwdc.com) and Dan will forward it on to [all\\_members@vfwdc.com](mailto:all_members@vfwdc.com). E.g if you decide on Thursday to go for a drive on Saturday and want to throw it open

Trip data form will be hosted as a Word doc on the Web.

Visitor forms will also be hosted. Visitors includes anyone who is not a direct family member therefore even friends need to have a visitor form.

**Guest Speaker**

Eddie from OL (and Eastern Ranges 4WD Club) kindly spoke to the meeting. Opposite Lock are keen to re-establish their business in Victoria and to do so want to form a lasting relationship with the association and affiliated clubs.

All Vic stores are franchise exc. Mitcham. Dandenong to open soon.

See [www.oppositelock.com.au](http://www.oppositelock.com.au) for list of stores

New Lightforce Lights



XXX Lights  
 XXX Hid Spots - 10% Discount to Association Clubs  
 OL E-Locker - uses Electromagnets to engage, no Air, no O-Rings. Only 2 wires going onto the diff with switches on dash.  
 Snatch Block  
 Bull Bars - Specials with TMax winch  
 Recovery Hitch

Purpose of tonight to offer a permanent discount to members of Association clubs

### Event Coordinators Report

AGM Dinner - Pavilion, Dandenong, Sat 14<sup>th</sup> August 2010 hopefully in the Private Room. Confirmation will be in the next Newsletter.

Trip form to come. Names please, it helps.

### Association Report

Each board member has been allocated a club to liaise with. Our liaison is Hari Maragos. Hopefully we can get him to a future meeting.

Roadworthy - John sold his car with a 2 inch body lift, 2 inch suspension plus 33" tyres. A lot of places will not roadworthy anything with more than 2" combined lift. Adjustable panhard's are not roadworthy either. Although this is not yet law it looks like it has been tacitly adopted. The association have missed the last 2 meetings. ARB et al have been assured that this is not yet law. John spoke to Vic Roads and Roadworthy have been advised to go off Aus Std which is the 2" max or go by Vic Rule which is 2/3 original suspension travel. Possible agreement will be 2" suspension plus 1" tyres (i.e. from 31" to 33" is OK), combined. Anything else will need to be engineered. This is a bit of a minefield. Watch this space.

We will try to get a response from the Association on what is happening with this.

### General business

Ironman Snorkel - Safari have taken a recent hammering because other brands have been taking market share. They have recommended to stay away from imported products. It is true that some are not good quality however some such as Ironman are every bit as good as the Safari product. Please be wary if you see articles such as these.

High Country Huts association will be speaking next meeting.

Committee Positions - August will be the AGM. Presi-

dent and Secretary will be standing down, so we will be looking for new people. Please think about standing.

### Other Business

Nil.

### Raffle

Thanks to Eddie from OL for the donation of raffle prizes

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Recovery Gear Bag- David Bruinsma  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Quick Fists - Luke Teunissen

Meeting Closed: 9.50pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 2nd June 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 ½ Zip Jumper	\$38.00 ea
Club Polar Fleece Full Zip Jacket	\$48.00 ea
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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](mailto:committee@vfwdc.com).  
 Please ensure you advise size required.

## General Meeting July 2010

The meeting was held at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club and was opened at 8.00pm by President Ashley Martin.

**Present:** There were 23 members present as per the attendance book

**Apologies:** Maxine Ryan, David & Rosalie Hughes, John Wimetal, Michael Harris, Nick Johnson, Donna Axtell, Lesley Peters, Karen Griffith, Jim O'Brien, Michael & Verrille Rodger, Brian Martin

**Visitors:** Louise Lowe, Cameron Walter, Katie Rowe, Danny Slee, Rohan Bowers

## Minutes of previous General Meeting

**Accepted :** Sally Harris  
**Seconded :** Derek Hymas

### Matters arising:

In June minutes it was stated that May minutes would be re-issued. This will now be done in August Newsletter.

### Correspondence in

CCJC - June 2010  
 Eureka Echo  
 Roo Dogs 4WD Spares Opening 19<sup>th</sup> Jun  
 State Library demand for May 2010 Newsletter  
 Track Watch

### Correspondence out

Newsletter  
 Renewal letter and notice of AGM  
 Letter to 4WD VIC re Insurance  
 Letter to Dandenong City Council asking for refund of meeting room fees

### Treasurers report

Term Deposit	\$	5202.49
Cash	\$	2920.05
Petty Cash	\$	50.00
Money In	\$	230.00
Moneys Out	\$	33.00
Balance	\$	8369.54

**Accepted:** Mark Felton  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Craig Major

Books to be sent to Auditor next week for financial statement in time for AGM.

## Trip reports

Dargo - Tim gave the trip report for the Dargo trip. It was cold. Tim said it was obvious who didn't have kids. They did some good rocky tracks and some deep, fast flowing water crossings through the Wonnangatta. 2<sup>nd</sup> time across was a bit hairier than the 1<sup>st</sup> according to Tim. Went up to the Pinnacles which was a bit busy. View wasn't so good because of the weather. Didn't snow while they were there but there was snow on the ground. Saturday night was roast night. Some idiots destroyed the steps to the Long Drop by driving their vehicles up it. Rego numbers were taken and sent to authorities.

Ashley deserted the group on the Sunday. There were about 25 vehicles coming up Billy Goats so was very busy. Mostly a smooth climb but one or two rocky bits. Donna wasn't too happy about the drop offs.

### Trip coordinators report

Type	When	Where	Trip Leader
Easy Day Trip	Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Marysville	Phil Griffith
Weekend	30 <sup>th</sup> July - 1 Aug	Snow Trip - Mt Skene - camping at 12 Mile Flat - do need numbers for permit 2 weeks prior	Craig Major
Medium	Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Talbotville - Dargo	Tim Axtell
Day Trip	28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Toolangi	Ashley Martin
Week Trip	TBD	Lake Eyre SA	Ashley Martin

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

EOI Lake Eyre - Ashley is considering running a trip to Lake Eyre within the next 6 - 8 weeks. Interested so far are Ashley, Brian and Paul. We will be doing a bit more research and finalizing details soon.

### Event Coordinators Report

AGM Dinner - Pavilion, Dandenong, Sat 14<sup>th</sup> August 2010 hopefully in the Private Room. Confirmation will be in the next Newsletter.

Trip form to come. Names please, it helps.

## Association Report

Nil

## General business

Insurance - we have sourced new insurance through TCIS and National association. This provides the same cover we used to have and at the same cost.

New Member Kits - were presented to David Bruinsma, Mick & Sally Harris, Andy Hooper, Luke Teunissen, John Wimetal, Chris & Merrilyn Smith, David & Kate Jackson.

Not present but due for a New Member Kit were Adam Bartlett, Andy Davis, Jim O'Brien, Grant Renkema, Lois Thorp,

Everything 4WD - John has opened a shop in Cranbourne selling 4wd gear and will have fitting, servicing and general repair service available.

We have new Stubby Holders for sale. \$6.00.

Committee - Ashley and Paul are standing down, other positions will be up for grabs. Please consider standing.

Newsletter - why was it late? Web hosting organization moved our website to a new server. This stuffed our email. As a result we didn't get email newsletter till today.

## Other Business

Nil.

## Raffle

This month there is a Ferret Tyre Deflator, 3 x 2 bottles of wine, Diff Breather Kit.

Tickets sold by Emily Harris.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Ferret Deflator - Derek Hymas
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Diff Breather Kit - Ashley Martin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - 2 X Wine - Tim Axtell
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize - 2 X Wine - Andrew Hooper
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize - 2 x Wine - John Partridge

**Meeting Closed: 9.40 pm**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Aug at the Bowling Club Rooms, Noble Park Football Club.



**VFWDC**



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## CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

<b>2010</b>				
August	<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Ashley Martin</b>	<b>0438 600 904</b>
	20 <sup>th</sup> –22 <sup>nd</sup>	Collins Hut / Talbotville	Tim Axtel	0414848753
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Toolangi	Ashley Martin	0438 600 904
September	<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>TBA</b>	

### UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Collins Hut / Talbotville
LEADER	Tim Axtell 0414848753
DATE	20/8/10–22/8/10
MEETING PLACE	Longwarry servo 4:30pm Friday ,or camp ground 8:30 am Saturday
GRADE (Wet/Dry)	Medium / Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DE- TAILS	The plan is to camp near Collins Hut Friday Night. On Saturday we will be driving Maguires tk Riley Creek tk Bounda- ry tk Mt. Hurley Rd Grant Rd Bulltown Spur tk Crooked River tk And if time have a look at Good Hope Mine Site. Camp at Talbot- ville Saturday night. Sunday Drive Collingwood Spur tk, stop and have a look at Grantville then home via Dargo
VEHICLE LIMITS	2 – 6
LAST FUEL	Sale or maybe Dargo on Sunday
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Probably about 200kms of off road driving
EQUIPMENT	Full Recovery gear Swag or Tent (no trailers) All food water and warm clothing
MAPS REQUIRED	Dargo Wonnangatta Adventure Map
RADIO UHF	12

*Upcoming trips continued on page 12*



## 2010 AGM DINNER

**When:** 7.00pm til Midnight  
Saturday, 14 August 2010

**Where:** Dandenong Pavilion  
55-61 Princess Hwy  
Dandenong

**Details:** Private room  
A la Carte menu  
BYO (wine only)  
No deposit required, but we do  
need to confirm numbers ASAP

**Contact:** Ashley Martin  
0438 600 904





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Discounts available for all 4WD club members



## IN MEMORIAM

### Lynton "Bluey" Male - 26 November 1924 - 12 July 2010

The VFWDC recently lost one of its founding members – Bluey Male – an important part of the Club's history.

Most members would be unaware who Bluey was, but those who had the privilege to meet him would appreciate that his travel knowledge and history will be greatly missed. To help members understand more about Bluey, Don and Thelma Montague have compiled a small account of his achievements.

Bluey married his childhood sweetheart, Joyce, at the tender age of 23 years and did what seems an impossibility with the youth of today and stayed happily married to Joyce for 62 years.

Bluey served in the RAAF as a Mechanic during WW2 at a secret "Bomber Base" located at Truscott W.A. Kimberley area that was used to bomb Japanese island fuel depots with much success. Now a staging point for oil exploration supply. As the only surviving member, he was invited back by the Historical Society - wined and dined along with a group of friends who fly choppers that gained entry through their connection with Bluey. Another big highlight in his life.

He was one of the founding members of the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club.

Bluey was an avid traveller and had been to Cape York, Arnhem Land, The Kimberley, Canning Stock Route, Victorian High Country, Thursday Island, Tiwi Islands, Gun Barrell Highway to name a few. One of the earliest ventures was to "sneak" into Surveyor Generals Corner without being noticed. Much more exciting than paying at the turnstile! He was a great lover of desert travel and crossed the Simpson Desert at least 11 times, visited all the "Corner Posts" on a number of occasions – regretting that he never traversed the Madigan Line. His final "trip" was with Joyce, Thelma and Don on the Ghan which he thoroughly enjoyed – picking out likely camping spots as we rattled along. He travelled most roads before they were sealed – sand, snow, mountains, deserts. Had a map of Australia on the wall with roads and tracks traversed that looked like a spider's web. It was a big challenge to find a track he had not been on and a great delight for him to add it to the web.

Bluey was always a wealth of knowledge in organising trips and especially helpful when the trip leader would be "lost"; he would come up with a bit of past knowledge that would reassure the party that they were going the "right way"

He always carried a diary of trips, noting who was in the party and what problems occurred, such as breakdowns. Don Montague has a lot of entries. He used these notes to compile causes of breakdowns so as to know what tools and spares to carry.

Working as a motor mechanic on cars, motor cycles, chain saws made him very adept at inventing gadgets, eg rooftop bed on a Shorty, cooking equipment, beadbreaker etc that made four wheel driving more functional. All the things the new generation of travellers take for granted.

He started touring in a VW with his wife Joyce and two daughters Julie and Sue – travelling to Darwin, crossing the Nullarbour on unsealed roads.

Other than four wheel driving, Bluey was also an avid fisherman having a number of boats. Duck shooting was his great love. He only missed one season in 40 or more years that was cancelled, until he was too weak to travel in the last two years. His pool room is adorned with many trophies showing his skill as a clay / trap shooter.

It was considered an honour to be included in a trip with the Trio – Vin Handley, Bill Mc Kinnon, Bluey Male – as your vehicle, temperament, experience, compatibility were evaluated to make a well planned trip excitingly successful. Thank you Blue.

As you can see from these achievements he lived a fulfilling life and will be a greatly missed by the Club.

*Many thanks to Don and Thelma for providing the information and photos.*





DESTINATION	Licola or Mt Selma
LEADER	Craig Major Mob:
DATE	Late July Early August
GRADE	WET: Medium DRY: Easy
<b>TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS</b> <p>With winter returning to old time conditions it will be a good snow season and a great annual snow trip. Mount Skene is the destination this year but we have to organise permits so numbers will be required ASAP.</p> <p>Camping will be at 12 Mile Reserve out of Jamieson, this is an easy access camping site suitable for trailers and no 4WD driving is required. A departure place and time which will be finalised for the next newsletter.</p> <p>Saturday we will drive in search for snow. We will past through Jamieson and make our way to Mt Skene where snow is almost guaranteed. Depending on time lunch will be at Mt Skene where everyone can play in the white fluffy stuff. If time permits a drive around the area in the afternoon and then back to camp to warm up around the fire. Bring the kids along.</p> <p>Sunday will be a leisurely pack up and then back to Melbourne.</p>	
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: 10
APPROX KMS	150
LAST FUEL	Mansfield
EQUIPMENT	Basic recovery equipment/Warm clothes essential

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LEADER	Ashley Martin Mob: 0438 600 904
DATE	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> August
MEETING	Lilydale Macas 8.30am
GRADE	WET: Medium DRY: Easy-Medium
<b>TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS</b> <p>The Club is yet to visit the area since the fires past through last year so it will be a mystery to what tracks are accessible. This will be a casual day to explore the area but there may be some U turns required (yes I hear you ask so what's different to my other trips) so patience will be required. This is not intended to be a difficult trip but will involve a few medium tracks and if wet will be greasy.</p>	
VEHICLES	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: 10
KMS	50
LAST FUEL	PETROL: N/A DIESEL: N/A
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Basic recovery equipment Wet weather gear and warm clothing



## Destination: Marysville Area 25/7/2010

Trip Leader: Phil Griffith and Karen GU

### Participants:

Mark & Katherine Felton - GU  
 Joe & Diane Spicuzza & Family - Prado  
 Gary Smith - VW  
 Bob McKerrow - GQ  
 Phil & Paula Olson & Family - Pajero  
 John & Amanda Kerr and & Family - GQ  
 Lois - Pajero  
 Anthony Van Buiten & family - Hilux  
 Shane McNeil & Family - Hilux  
 Andrew Hooper - Pathfinder  
 Johan Liebenberg & Family - GQ

We all met at the usual place, Lilydale McDonalds with the majority meeting earlier for breakfast. By 9.30am we were on the road heading towards Blacks Spur along the Maroondah Hwy.

On arrival at Blacks Spur we turned off at Dom Dom Creek Road to air down. We continued to drive on as the tracks became slippery & muddy with the recent rain fall.

We continued along Old Coach Rd when we uncouncted a large section which was heavily rutted with a large bog hole. Phil made it through without a drama. Phil had to then snatch most of us out as the majority of us got stuck in the large mud hole at the end of the section. From memory, all the Patrols and the Hilux's made it through with out any assistance. There was also some great driving from the ladies in this difficult section.





We all continued along the track which had some very step sections with many vehicles slipping & sliding as their tyres filled with mud. The tracks ended on the Narbethong - Marysville Rd, we then turned right headed towards Marysville.

We stopped in Marysville for a quick stop for some to purchase some food & a toilet break. Gary arrived back to his vehicle with a flat tyre. With the help from Bob & 12 supervisors the tyre was changed in no time.

Back on the road when turned onto Lady Talbot Drive, after driving for about 20 minutes, we stopped at the Keppel Falls car park for some lunch.



After some lunch, many went on the 1km easy walk to the falls.

After lunch some of us called it a day with the remainder of the group going on for the easy drive on Blue Range Rd, Quartz Creek Rd, Royston River Rd to Rubicon where we aired up and headed home.

Thankyou to Phil & Karen for organising the great day, it appeared everyone had a good time.





