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**Victorian Four Wheel Drive  
Club Inc.**

# Free Wheeling



**VFWDC**  
**June 2015**



# Notice Board

## **VFWDC GENERAL MEETING VENUE**

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

First **WEDNESDAY** of each month 8.00pm Start

### **Venue:**

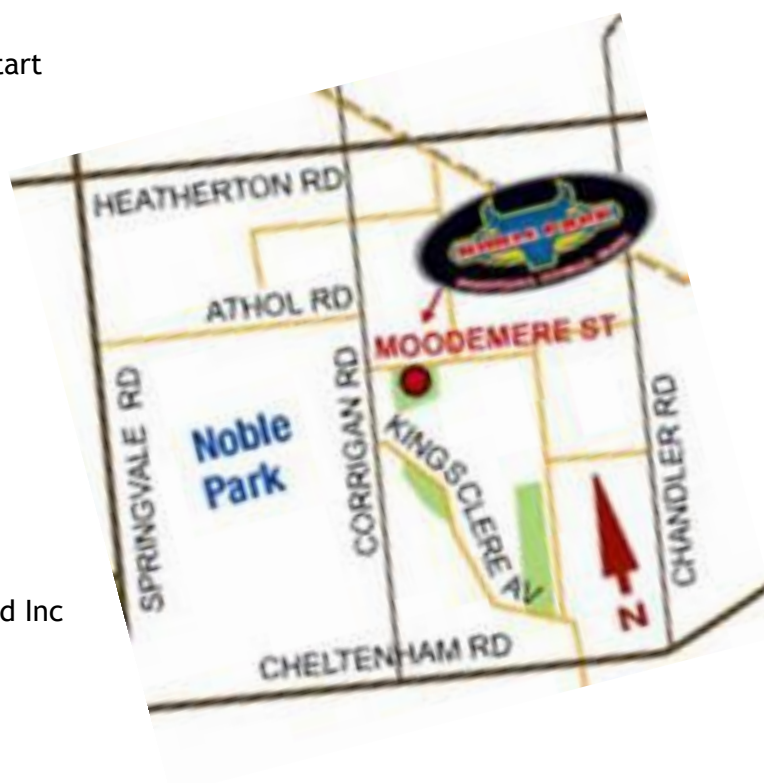
Bowling Club Rooms (Next to Car Park,  
down the far end of the car park)

Noble Park Football Club

46-56 Moodemere Street

Noble Park

Melways ref: 89 D4



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## ***FREE WHEELING***

Hello and welcome to the June magazine. Snow trips are filling up fast so if you want to come get in early.

Thanks, Mandie

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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 <sup>th</sup> of each month to <a href="mailto:editor@vfwdc.com">editor@vfwdc.com</a>
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Club Drivers Jacket (Coat)	\$80.00 ea	VFWDC Windscreen stickers (small) \$6.00 (large) \$8.00	

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# CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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June	3rd	General meet- ing	David	0417 747 860
	5th-8th	Queens Birth- day - Aber-	Adam	0419 384 785
	24th	Committee Meeting	David	0417 747 860
July	1st	General meet- ing	David	0417 747 860
	11th-12th	St Anne's Win- ery	David	0417 747 860
	17th-19th	Mt Skene	Scott and Man- die	0423544551
	17th-19th	Mt Skene	Sam	0414503874
	22nd	Committee Meeting	David	0417747860
August	5th	General meet- ing	David	0417 747 860
	14th	Mt Skene	Sam	0414503874
	15th-2nd Octo- ber	Cape York	Mick	0424 766 616
	26th	Committee meeting	David	0417 747 860
September	2nd	General Meet- ing	David	0417747860
	23rd	Committee Meeting	David	0417747860
October	7th	General meet- ing	David	0417747860
	21st	Committee meeting	David	0417747860



## News From The President

Hello and welcome to the June issue of our Club Magazine.

The colder weather has hit our fair state and we are running out of long weekends during the winter period to enjoy good camping getaways until Spring.

It is usual during this time of year that our club trip calendar starts to look a bit empty apart from the eagerly anticipated Mt Skene snow trips and hopefully just as eagerly anticipated Xmas in July which this year will be at St Anne's Winery.

Last month I mentioned that we have been donated a large BBQ for the club to use at special weekends like the upcoming Xmas in July, where the committee are planning to do dinner for all of the attendees, which will be followed in the morning by a cooked breakfast as well. I am personally very grateful for Marie Bowker offering to handle the menu planning for this event. For all people who are keen to attend either as a drop in and visit for the evening with or without staying for the camping overnighter, please put your name down on the trip data form - with all passengers listed so we can get accurate numbers for catering purposes. We also need to know who will be staying overnight so we know numbers for breakfast the next day.

At the time of penning this notice, I have still be trying to contact our guest speaker for this month's general meeting - as he has been away overseas. So my fingers are crossed that we will have a guest speaker this month.

You will also find in this magazine and following magazines, information pertaining to the committee positions, roles and responsibilities. This is to allow people in the club an idea of what the committee does behind the scenes to help the club function. the tasks in themselves are not very onerous especially when spread out amongst a few people. It is does take a bit of time from month to month, and the rewards are well worth it when as a committee to see successful events and trips taking place on regular basis.

Some of the things that I do as the president of the club are:

- Lead the Monthly General Meetings

- Lead the Monthly Committee Meetings

- Attend Association meetings and Aberfeldy meetings when I am able

- Pen a letter for the magazine each month

- Help to proof read the magazine each month

- Organise regular guest speakers for the general meetings - hopefully a diverse range of speakers and topics.

- Encourage fellow committee members, and I am available for any club member to call me about any club related matter or proposed trips that a members is interested in running.

Other committee members will have their roles in dot form in the magazine as well. If any member of the club is interested in joining the committee, nominations are now being sought in preparation for the AGM in August. Any new person on the committee will have the willing help and mentoring from outgoing committee members, so don't be afraid to stick your hand up to 'have a go'.

Looking forward to seeing you at our meetings, or on a trip.

David Bruinsma

President

Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club inc.



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# Letter to the Editor

Dear Members of the VFWDC,

It is inspiring to see that the VFWDC is still an active club. When Rob McKay and myself decided that there was a need for a four wheel drive club in Dandenong Victoria (a family club) we did not hesitate to put our needs into action. We placed notices under every 4x4 that was parked in Dandenong. We were delighted then with the outcome and although I haven't seen Rob for many years, I know that he as me would still be delighted with the growth of the club.

We had many a great trip away with the club and benefits of purchases in numbers. Back in the early days I drove an old Land Rover SWB with a bull bar made of strong car spring uprights with water pipes welded in a square across it. Back in those days bull bars had to be self made.

The Cub had all sorts of set ups (remembering one members gypsy wagon as we called it .....lol) some might remember it, I think John Lake would. Speaking of John he was one eager beaver whom had a very big input into the Club.

I would just like to say I for one am very proud of the clubs long family dedicated existence. Oh and yes I still own a 4x4 now for towing a caravan in my retirement it is a BMW X5 E70 and no I don't go off road it anymore I leave that go the young Blokes and Ladies.

One day I will turn up at one of your meetings.

Love you all and safe four-wheel driving.

Regards all,

Dennis Cousins.



## Minutes of General Meeting April 2015

**The meeting was held at Noble Park Football Club and was opened at 8.00pm by Club President David Bruinsma.**

**Present:** Members present as per the Attendance book

**Apologies:** Members as per Apologies book

**Visitors:** Visitors as listed in the Visitors Book

### **Minutes of February General Meeting**

Accepted: Andrew McGregor

Second: Mick Harris

After the talk that Wayne Hevey gave us about how 4WDV are working for us and has possibly had some positive out comes with regard to camping fees which have been removed as at the Easter Weekend FWDV are working with the government to get some positive outcomes.

### **Correspondence in**

Landrover Review

Overland Cruising

Club Insurance Certificate

### **Correspondence out**

Updated membership to the association

Insurance payment sent out

David sent a Thank you email to Wayne Hevey



**Treasurer's report Feb 2015**

<b>Cheque A/c</b>	Opening Balance	<b>\$3,607.10</b>
	Raffle Proceeds	\$156.70
	Memberships & Subscription	\$610.00
	Merchandise Sales	\$78.00
	Total Moneys In	<b>\$844.70</b>
	Less:	
	Association Fees(Top-Up Payment)	-\$195.00
	Club Insurance	-\$440.00
	PO Box Hire	-\$172.00
	Raffle Prize (April 2015 Meeting)	-50.00
	Transfer to petty cash A/C	-\$62.45
	Total Monies Out:	<b>-\$919.450</b>
	Plus:	
	Unpresented Chq # 454&458	\$464.95
	<b>Closing Balance 30/04/2015</b>	<b>\$3,997.30</b>
<b>Term Deposit</b>	No Change	
	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$6045.12</b>
<b>Petty Cash Float</b>	Opening Balance	\$150.00
	Add:	
	Transfer from Cheque A/C	\$62.45
	Less:	
	Catering Costs	-\$37.50
	Printing and stationary	-\$24.95
	<b>Closing Balance 30/04/2015</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>Consolidated Cash Position</b>		<b>\$10,192.42</b>

**Accepted:** Andre Van Der Walt**Seconded:** Stuart Bowker**Welcome New Members**

John Targett

Tim Harrison &amp; Carah Jones

Andrew McGregor &amp; Sharyn Chambers

Privacy Policy David speech

Our club does have a privacy policy which is how the committee keep your records. As a committee we are also developing a social media policy which will include face book Photos you tube ect

Next meeting John Canning attending club meeting

### Upcoming trips

### Trip leaders

15/05/2015	Winch and tyre change.	Bunyip forest	Stuart
23/5/2015	Billy Goat Bluff	Dargo High Country	Stuart & Maree
8/6/2015	Maintenance and 4wd tracks	Aberfeldy	David Bruinsma
8/6/2015	Sand Dunes	Portland Dune Buggy Club	Andrew Holeman
11/7/2015	Christmas in July	St Annes Winery	Club Trip
17/7/2015	Snow Trip	Mt Skene	Scott & Mandie
17/7/2015	Snow Trip	Mt Skene	Sam Ayoubec
14/8/2015	Snow Trip	Mt Skene	Sam Ayoubec
15/8/2015	Cape York & Fraser Island	Queensland	Mick Harris
19/9/2015	Fraser Island	Queensland	Stuart Bowker

### Trip Report

Mckillops Bridge

Mick

Had a great turnout some of us set up Thursday with the rest arriving on Friday

On Saturday we did deddick and headed up to jones stair case, the tracks were really loose and challenging and had a chat with the park ranger and we told him we wanted to drive tinglay track. We were informed that the track had been graded and hadn't been inspected so the rangers did an inspection for us and later that day informed us that the track was all good for us. It just goes to show it pays to talk to park rangers.

On Sunday we went up tingaringy tk and some of the women took the drivers wheel which was good fun as we approached the heli pad some motor bikes stoped us and said that there was a 4wd recovery up ahead, some of us walked up to see what had happened what we found was a Mitsubishi challenger that had rolled and was on its side with a group of people winching the car upright. We then decided it was time to turn around and headed back to camp for a Sunday roast.

On Monday morning all bar Ben and family who stayed on longer packed up and headed off Mick had a radiator issue that made the journey home a long one (about 5 hrs) and Stuart and Tony headed off to Omeo for some more fun. The weather was great and the company was even better a fantastic weekend.

## Big desert Boarder Track

Tony

I left on Thursday and met up with John at Broken bucket camp ground we then headed off on Friday morning and headed into the big dessert plate. By Friday evening I found out that I had broken the box that all my camping gear I had broke my desert plate dinner plate and wine glass and the fridge had been shaken around that much that my couscous had become a mess-mess in the bottom of my fridge.

We Camped at Dixons swamp and met up with some people from the Naracoorte 4wd club, quite nice people. On Saturday we headed off and by 4pm my fridge was upside down and my 2 water bottles had broken so at this stage I had enough and headed to Ouyen where John went north to meet some mates and I headed home, I loved the 4 wheel driving but couldn't continue with all the breakages. I had a great Time But I still have to do the boarder track.

## Beachport

As per trip report they had a great weekend and met up with Naracoorte 4wd club who want to do some driving in the high country with us.

## Proficiency training Aberfeldy

John

I met John and Ashley in Pakenham we then headed for Erica and met up with Stuart and Tim at the pub and had some dinner after dinner Ashley showed me how to put my hilux into 4wd Ashley and John headed off to inspect some of the tracks so I left with Stuart and Tim, my introduction to 4wd complements of Stuart, there were 5 water crossings some twice a couple of steep hills not bad for some one that has never been 4wd we finally got to Little Otools camp ground unscathed. The weather was wet and the tracks were difficult 8 members attended and had a great time sitting around the fire on Saturday night. We all had a great time and many thanks to the Trainers

We had a good trip and learnt heaps

A Big Thanks Too Phil, John and Ashley.

## Raffle

St Annes Port and cold pack

Sharyn Chambers

Stubby Cooler and cold pack

Kevin Frederickson

Eggs 1/2 Dozen and cold pack

Andre Van Der Walt

Eggs 1 dozen and cold pack

Sam Ayoubec

9:55 pm meeting closed.

# CLUB COMMITTEE ROLES

## **Responsibilities of the PRESIDENT**

- Lead the Monthly General Meetings
- Lead the Monthly Committee Meetings
- Attend Association meetings and Aberfeldy meetings when I am able
- Pen a letter for the magazine each month
- Help to proof read the magazine each month
- Organise regular guest speakers for the general meetings - hopefully a diverse range of speakers and topics.
- Encourage fellow committee members, and I am available for any club member to call me about any club related matter or proposed trips that a members is interested in running.

## **Responsibilities of the VICE PRESIDENT**

- Too run a general or committee meeting in the absent of the president.
- Work along side the President in a PR role welcoming members and guess
- Work with the president with aim of stepping up to the president role, in a careful succession plan.

## **Responsibilities of the TREASURER**

- Banking of all cash receipts within 5 working days;
- Coordination of all 3<sup>rd</sup> party payments to suppliers and service providers (eg. insurance premiums, association affiliation fees, venue hire costs, PO Box hire, website hosting fees, etc);
- Custodian of club cheque book and deposit book;
- Lodgement of Annual Reports (via Club Secretary) to Consumer Affairs
- Maintenance of bank accounts, records and statements;
- Maintenance of the club's books, journals and other financial records;
- Making recommendations and maintaining appropriate levels of cash investments, petty cash holdings and funds held at call;
- Preparation and presentation of Annual Reports (including enagement with independent reviewers, external accountants or auditors, etc) – Annual Reports must be retained for at least the past 7 years;
- Preparation and presentation of monthly Treasurer's Reports;
- Processing electronic payments and maintaining oversight of any electronic security tokens in use; and
- Regular attendance at Club & Committee meetings.



### The responsibilities for a SECRETARY

- Collect the club mail from the club PO Box (778) at Dandenong Plaza Shopping Centre prior to the General Meeting.
- Attend the General Meetings 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
- Ensure new member kits are up to date and available as required
- Maintain the membership list
- Print and Laminate membership cards for current year ensuring that they are signed

### Responsibilities of the TRIP COORDINATOR

- Keep and maintain records of each trip undertaken by club members.
- A official club trip is determined by a Member providing notification in advance to the committee (through the trip coordinator) by completing the Trip Data form available on the clubs download page of the website, and emailing it to the trip coordinator (ideal to cc it to the editor at the same time)
- The Trip Co-ordinator is to advise the members of trips by any of the following means:
  - all members email to be sent out (especially if it is a short notice trip)
  - having the trip form published in the monthly magazine
  - advertising the upcoming trips at the monthly club meetings.
  - trips record sheet is to be filled in and made available at monthly club meetings
  - copy of form to be provided to trip leader prior to the trip, and one of the trip folders to be provided to the trip leader
  - carbon copy of the trip form to be returned to the trip coordinator with the trip folder at the conclusion of each trip. Trip coordinator to be immediately advised if there has been any personal injuries, or if there was any vehicular damage or breakdowns on a trip.
  - keep the trip folders refilled with forms for the next trip leader to use
  - attend all monthly general meeting and committee meetings
  - encourage and assist trip leaders plan their trips
- Approximately 6 hours per month which includes attending the general meeting, the committee meeting and paperwork.

### The responsibilities for a GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

- To help the main committee members in the running of the club.
- To help out at club functions, meetings & gatherings
- To stand in at club meeting if committee member is absent
- Have a voice at committee meetings
- Mick Harris current general committee member

## UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	<b>Queens Birthday - Aberfeldy</b>
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: <b>ADAM</b> MOB: <b>0419 384 785</b>
DATE	Friday June 5th to Monday June 8th - 2015
MEETING PLACE / TIME	tba
GRADE  Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Medium/Hard  DRY: Easy/Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>Trip to Aberfeldy staying at little O'Tools.</p> <p>Originally planned to be a working bee included with the trip, but David has had to pull out of the weekend away asking me to take over as trip and camp leader.</p> <p>The trips will now be a more relaxed trip with any drives on given days to be worked out the night before with any people who are attending - with careful consideration to track conditions and vehicle capabilities</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2  MAXIMUM: 10
APPROX KMS  Meeting place to destination	300 to 450 kms, depends on how much exploring we choose to do.
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Moe  DIESEL: Moe
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Less than 100 kms
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Camping gear, Recovery gear, Food, Water, Sense of fun and relaxation. For the Saturday - need gloves, chain saws
MAPS REQUIRED	
RADIO CHANNEL      CB / UHF	UHF 12

## UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	<b>Xmas in July - St Annes Winery</b> (updated form)
LEADER/ CONTACT NO.	NAME: David Bruinsma MOB: 0417 747 860
DATE	Saturday 11th July to Sunday 12th July 2015
MEETING PLACE / TIME	At St. Annes Winery from 12 mid-day onwards on the Saturday: 64 Garrards Road, Myrniong VIC 3341
GRADE	easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>It will be an easy relaxing weekend, camping at the winery itself. Come along, set up your camp - go to the cellar door, sample the wonderful variety of Wines and Ports and purchase your supplies for the weekend.</p> <p>The committee intend to supply the Saturday night dinner. The Committee will also supply a cooked breakfast on the Saturday morning.</p> <p>Numbers are needed prior to the weekend either by putting your names and passenger number down on the trip data form at a preceding club meeting - or by emailing me on <a href="mailto:president@vfwdc.com">president@vfwdc.com</a> with your details. We need to know if you are coming for DINNER ONLY, or staying for breakfast as well.</p> <p>Happy hour starts as soon as you arrive and are set up !!!!!</p> <p>There is NO 4wding intended at all for the weekend, but for those who would like to get some 4wheeling done, there will be opportunity to do so upon your departure on Sunday morning to head up through Wombat SF, I can certainly recommend to try the XL track which has some nice bog holes at the moment.</p> <p>If there is interest, we can conclude the weekend away by making a booking for lunch at the nearby pub 'The Plow' which provided us an awesome dining experience at my recent St. Annes day trip in March. Lunch to be paid by each person - and a group booking will be needed to be made in advance so I need to know numbers for lunch well before the date.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	<p>MINIMUM: 5</p> <p>MAXIMUM: whole club (guests are also welcome - if we know in advance)</p>
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	<p>PETROL: Bachuss Marsh</p> <p>DIESEL: Bachuss Marsh</p>
DISTANCE BE- TWEEN SUPPLIES	Bachuss Marsh
EQUIPMENT RE- QUIRED	Normal camping gear - and then relax around the camp fire.
MAPS REQUIRED	Normal GPS is sufficient to get to St. Annes
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12

## UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	<b>2015 Mt Skene Snow Trip</b>
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Scott and Mandie Lehmann  MOB: 0423 544 551 (Scott) or 0423 665 923 (Mandie)
DATE	17-19/07/2015
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Lilydale Macca's 7:00pm for 7:30pm departure
GRADE	WET: MED  DRY: MED
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>We will be heading up Friday night and camping at Skipworth Reserve (Mansfield-Woods Point Rd, 7.5km South of Jamieson). If you can't make it up on Friday night, you can meet us at camp on Saturday morning. We will be leaving camp at 9am sharp to head up and over the summit of Mt Skene and (hopefully) spend the day playing in the snow.</p> <p>We will return to camp on Saturday afternoon and head home to Melbourne on Sunday around lunchtime.</p> <p>Camper trailers welcome.</p> <p>Please note: We are required to apply for a permit two weeks prior to the trip, so members wishing to attend must confirm before the end of June.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2  MAXIMUM: 10
APPROX KMS	300km
Meeting place to destination	
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Mansfield  DIESEL: Mansfield (Alpine diesel available)
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Snow chains are advised. Alpine diesel recommended for diesel vehicles. Basic recovery gear.
MAPS REQUIRED	Leader will have map.
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	12



## UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	<b>Mt Skene</b>
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Sam Ayoubiee  TEL:  MOB: 0414503874
DATE	17 July 2015
MEETING PLACE / TIME	
GRADE  Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: snow conditions  DRY:
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Weekend trip to Mt Skene. Leaving Friday morning and returning Sunday. Trip activities meeting point will be announced closer to trip. Will be going to Licola and staying at Mt Skene and staying at Crows Hut.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM:  MAXIMUM: 5
APPROX KMS  Meeting place to destination	
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Heyfield  DIESEL: Heyfield
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Approx. 50km
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Recovery gear & winches and snow chains if you have.
MAPS REQUIRED	Leader will have maps
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	12

## UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	<b>Mt Skene</b>
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Sam Ayoubee  TEL:  MOB: 0414503874
DATE	14 August 2015
MEETING PLACE / TIME	
GRADE  <span style="color: red;">Please adhere to new trip classifications</span>	WET: snow conditions  DRY:
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Weekend trip to Mt Skene. Leaving Friday morning and returning Sunday. Trip activities meeting point will be announced closer to trip. Will be going to Licola and staying at Mt Skene and staying at Crows Hut.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM:  MAXIMUM: 5
APPROX KMS  Meeting place to destination	
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Heyfield  DIESEL: Heyfield
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Approx. 50km
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Recovery gear & winches and snow chains if you have.
MAPS REQUIRED	Leader will have maps
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	12

## UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	<b>Cape York and Fraser Island</b>
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Mick Harris MOB: 0424766616
DATE	August 15 <sup>th</sup> to October 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2015
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBA
GRADE  Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Mild DRY: Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	TBA
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 8
APPROX KMS  Meeting place to destination	
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: TBA DIESEL: TBA
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Std recovery
MAPS REQUIRED	Hema Cape York
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	12

## UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	<b>Fraser Island</b>
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Stuart Bowker MOB: 0428539157
DATE	19/9/15 to 2/10/15 school holidays
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBA
GRADE  Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Medium  DRY: Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Plan is to meet up with Mick and Sally's group returning from their Cape York trip and tour Fraser Island with them.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: NA  MAXIMUM: NA
APPROX KMS  Meeting place to destination	Meeting place to be arranged closer to departure date, maybe Hervey Bay to allow people to travel up at their own pace.
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: available Eurong beach and Happy Valley  DIESEL: available Eurong beach and Happy Valley  LPG: Hervey Bay
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	200 - 250k sand driving
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Recovery gear, food and camping gear for 7 days supplies are available on the island.
MAPS REQUIRED	Hema Fraser Island
RADIO CHANNEL UHF	12



## UPCOMING TRIPS

# WANT TO PLAN A TRIP?

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Find the trip data form <http://vfwdc.com/pdf/Trip%20Data%20Form.doc>

Personal information form <http://vfwdc.com/pdf/Personal%20Information%20Form.pdf>

Temporary member & visitor form <http://vfwdc.com/pdf/Participant.Form.pdf>

Or email Stu our amazing trip coordinator to help you out [trips@vfwdc.com](mailto:trips@vfwdc.com)

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please email them to Ben [web@vfwdc.com](mailto:web@vfwdc.com) to  
add to the website gallery.

Make Sure you let Ben know which  
trip the photos are from. Please  
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## Trip Reports

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Billy Goat and Blue Rag Tracks

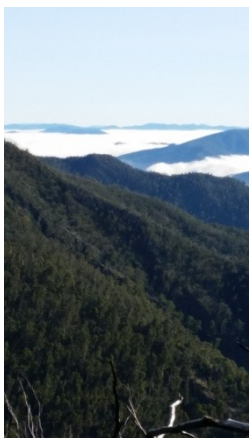
Stuart Landcruiser Trip Leader  
 Ian and Audrey Patrol  
 Sally and Tristan Discovery  
 Steve and Jason (Steves friend) Land cruiser



Friday night started we met at McDonalds there was to be four vehicles leaving here and heading out along the freeway to meet up with Ian and Audrey at Longwarry when Andrew arrived his alternator light on and it was quickly discovered that both his batteries were almost flat so he decided he couldn't continue and headed back home. The three vehicles continued to head out and meet up with Ian and Audrey.

We travelled along to Sale where we topped off our tanks and Steve took the lead as we headed towards Briagalong and up Marathon Road to our nights camp at Horseyard flat, Marathon Road started out great but as we continued to climb through six hundred meters the road narrowed and then

Steve said "the gates open" and the road disappeared and we were on a narrow track now driving through the night with the fog consuming the vehicles. The light bars and driving lights had given way to the vehicles standard headlights due to the light reflection from the fog. We continued on to camp where we found a large spot to setup, as we had all brought some wood with us there was no need to collect any to get the fire going, we sat around and had a well earned relax as it was now 10:30pm and some had been up since 4:30am.



The next morning we awoke to frost and ice, we all had breaky, packed up and headed to the Pinnacles lookout and what a view, clear skies above with the low cloud below in the valleys. The outside temperature had read earlier -3.1 so the things in the fridge are warmer than outside. Sally is showing a frozen puddle. Ian and Audrey had a iced up tent to pack away.

Billy

Goats Bluff, this is when you feel like you are on top of the world. We popped out of the cloud cover and this is what we got to see. The track was challenging but nothing we did not expect. The upset of the day was the







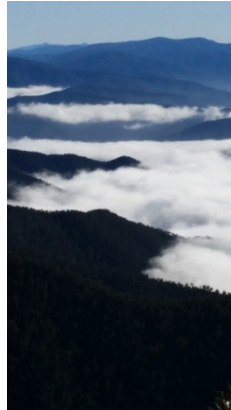
land rover has a mishap with the air-conditioner electric clutch falling off but Tristan soon had her going again. We managed to get to Dargo and decided on lunch at the pub. Great food and interesting walls for all to read. From Dargo to Crooked River Tk and more river crossings. The group managed all with ease. Here is Sally and Tristan, on a slight angle as

they make their way over the river. The river crossings were a bit deeper than anticipated. We all managed but the motor bike behind was a bit ambitious and stopped half way across. Safe and dry on the other side we are glad we have 4 wheel drives

Finally camping at Talbotville, we got the fire established told stories, had dinner and headed to bed for another cold night.

Basalt Knob Tk provided more challenges but true to form we all managed until we were forced to turn around due to track works being done by the rangers, so we had to go back to Dargo and take the long way around.

Blue Rag Tk as we anticipated was muddy and slippery, the group proceeded with caution. If you can imagine you are driving along the tip of a mountain, the track falls off both sides of the road, when we say falls off we mean just that it's straight down so concentration and a steady pace is needed. It winds up and down the tip of the mountain. The challenge is passing other vehicles. It was quite busy but that could be that the tracks are closed from Queens Birthday to Melbourne Cup.



# Tyre repairs and winch practice

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Participants Maree and Stuart	Toyota 79
Steve	Toyota 100
Tony	Ford Ranger
Ly	Toyota 80
John	Toyota Hilux
Amanda and Scott	Nissan Navara



The weather gods shined on us what a great day. Heading up to Gentle Annie Gap and finding a large flat spot we started with Scott drilling a hole in the tyre, then plugging it. Steve provided the air line and this tyre went up and down all morning. Stuart explained the different aspects of the tyres repair. Different people produced kits and we all had a comparison of some different brands.

Then everyone had a go at drilling a hole and plugging it. We discussed the different views and it basically comes down to do what is the best in the situation you have.



Stuart explained the theory of breaking the bead and used his R&R bead breaker. Steve had tyre pliers and used these. We discussed the differences and benefits.

Stuart then proceeded to pull the tyre off the rim. This time the tyre was not cooperative. So Stuart got the big rubber hammer out and showed it who was boss.







Then we put the tyre back on the rim and pumped it up. All good skills to have if you are thinking of travelling in the outback. Then we talked about winches. There were 3 different ones to compare. Steve has a hydraulic Stuart, Scott and Tony have electric ones and Ly hand tirfor. So we all got to try each and work what suits each situation. The hand winch was up with a single line pull and then a snatch block highlight how using this piece of equipment (snatch block) changes the input needed and increases the output, the hand winch was the to showcase this as it required people power. Mandy was showing she can put the winch rope back as Scott looks on.



one, has a out set to also best

We all talked about the safest way to set up the winch and shared our tricks, experience and things to look for. The final thing for the day was to use a vehicles winch to pull itself out backwards using 3 snatch blocks. Everyone learnt from their experience and shared their knowledge.



The last word is there is nothing like getting the boys under a car for a great day out. Thanks to every one for attending and their valued input, also a special thanks to Maree, Mandie, Scott, Mick and John for coming out with me over two prior Saturdays to choose a suitable site.





## Trip report : Scott and Mandie's Night Run

The night started off well when Scott missed the turn off and continued to keep missing turn offs the thick fog and the darkness was not helping the situation.

The first track was rocky track. Yes named because of the rocks and the way you are shaken as you drive up the track. This track was challenging and there were a few that got caught up.

First was Craig instead of going right he went left and became hung up on a bolder. After a winch forward Craig was able to make it up the rest of the way.

The next one was Joe he got stuck in a hole but after reversing and going forward trying a few times he was able to get himself unstuck. However the next hole Joe got stuck again finding this hole to be as challenging as the first after 3 attempts he then decided to engage in four wheel drive and make it up the track easy

Sam turn... He found the same hole as Craig, however he did not see it and almost fell sideways, feeling like he was going to roll his car Sam gave it some right foot and he got back on all four wheels with some bangs.

There was a large mud puddle and all made it through and that was the first track.

After finding another track on the map we came to closed gated and so started an adventure of finding away around. This made it difficult in the dark. With lots of missed turns dean took the lead and went ahead. We soon came to a creek crossing and a steep muddy soft hill climb where only a few took the challenge to go up. and back down Andre did a little damage to his car on the way up. Those who attempted to go up came back down and we all meet up on the other side of the creek crossing.

We started to climb up another track and the further we climbed the worst visibility came. It became difficult to even see one meter in front of us as we drove in the dark. we eventually made to army track where the plan was to drive down it. It was muddy slippery and the only thing you could do was follow the ruts down, unless you were Dean who decided to side straddle the ruts and get stuck. As a result Dean needed winching out with the help of Sam but as he was winching Dean Sam's car was slipping closer to Deans with the break and handbrake on. dean was recovered safely and both Dean and Sam made it down to meet with us at the end of the hill. the rest of the group decided it was best if they all turned around. On turning around Andre got stuck and needed help to be pulled out. After Dean, Sam and Scott cleared a fallen tree in the middle of the road, we all meet up and aired up and then made our way home about 12pm.

We can not forget the blondest comment coming from Dean over the radio *'Just watch it there looks like there are some more four-wheel drives on the left'* As he had turn left around a corner. *'oh wait that's us'*

I posted some videos on our clubs facebook page of our night run.

We all had a really good time and I cant wait to have another night run again.



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(Please select as appropriate)

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY ☐ Single - \$70 ☐ Dual/Family - \$80 ☐ Silver (25+ Yrs) - \$40

### MEMBER DETAILS (Please print clearly)

FIRST NAME	Member:	Spouse:	
SURNAME	Member:	Spouse:	
EMAIL		YEAR JOINED	
ADDRESS			
CHILDREN	Name	Age	
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
PHONE	Mobile:	Home:	Work:

### VEHICLE DETAILS

Make:	Model:	Year:
Reg'n No.:	Colour:	Fuel Type:
Camper Trailer Details (if applicable)	Make:	Model:

### COMPETENCIES

CURRENT FIRST AID CERTIFICATE	CHAINSAW ACCREDITED	COMPLETED DRIVER TRAINING
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Signed ..... Signed .....

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