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Victorian Four Wheel Drive
Club Inc.

Free Wheeling



VFWDC

March 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 1st Wednesday of every month at 8.00pm (**No meeting in January and November meeting at selected location**). Members and Guests are welcome to dine at the Bistro before attending the meeting.

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

Venue:

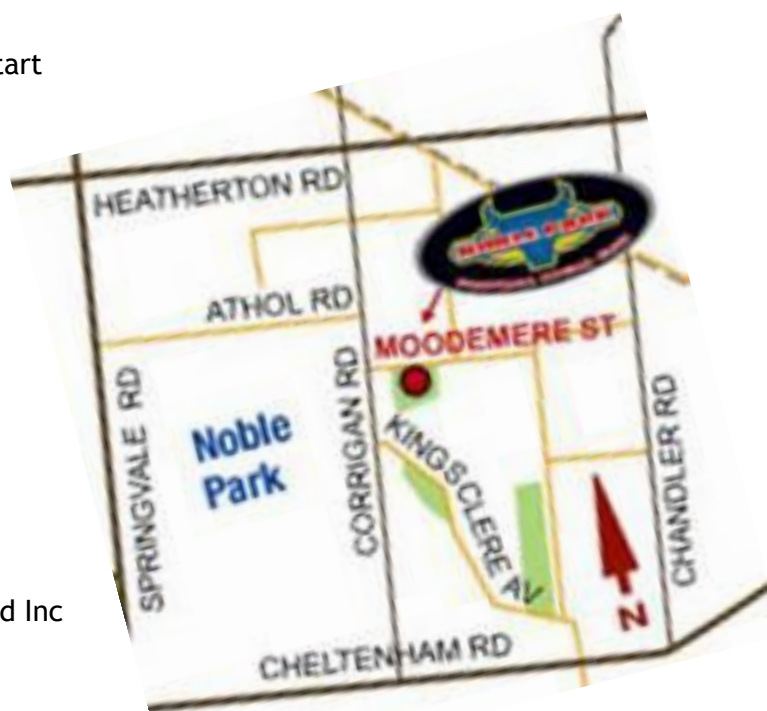
Bowling Club Rooms (Next to Car Park,
down the far end of the car park)

Noble Park Football Club

46-56 Moodemere Street

Noble Park

Melways ref: 89 D4



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FREE WHEELING

Hello and welcome to the March Magazine. There are so many trips coming up. Please remember to email me your trip report, along with any photos (portrait photos are best) no later than the 20th of each month.

Thanks, Mandie

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CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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2015				
MARCH	4th	General meeting	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
	6th- 9th	Grampians National Park	Sally Higgs	0435 782 207
	7th	St Anne's Winery	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
	18th	Committee Meeting	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
APRIL	1st	General meeting	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
	2nd-5th	McKillop's bridge	Mick and Sally Harris	0424 766 616
	3rd-6th	Beachport, Robe	Bruce	0400 425 296
	17th-19th	Proficiency Training	Phil Griffith, Ashley Martin, John Partridge	0419 865 472 0428 134 399 0428 331 211
	22nd	Committee Meeting	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
MAY	6th	General meeting	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
	8th	Toolangi night run	Scott and Mandie Lehmann	0423 544 551
	9th	Winch practice and tyre	Stuart Bowker	0428 539 157
	22nd	Committee Meeting	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
JUNE	3rd	General meeting	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
	24th	Committee Meeting	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
JULY	1st	General meeting	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
		Committee meeting	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
AUGUST	5th	General meeting	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
	15th-2nd	Cape York	Mick Harris	0424 766 616
		Committee meeting	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860



News From The President

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

We had a great wrap up to last year with Dave from Safety Dave coming to our December general meeting, even though the numbers of members were low, it allowed for a more intimate and casual time with our guest speaker who brought along a number of goodies for sale and for display on the night. One little packet of goodies that seemed to be very popular on the night was the small Snake Kit that Dave has available which is very suitable for Four Wheel Drivers to keep in the glove box of the car at all times. Safety Dave also has a variety of other medical kits available for first aid in the bush, in a neat and handy carry bag - along with fire extinguishers.

Dave also introduced to us on the night a neat package available to replace the tyre caps on your tyres for a tyre pressure monitoring system, and also spoke about rear vision and reverse cameras. If you ever get a chance to visit his shop/warehouse in Moorabbin, please do so and chat to the very friendly staff there. Safety Dave is very well set up for phone and postage orders too.

Contact information:

1 Edgecombe Court, Moorabbin VIC 3189

www.safetydave.com.au

03 9555 7585

We kicked off the new year with a very interesting topic with guest speaker Paul Tsiaras from Statewide 4X4. Paul spoke at length about being able to increase the GVM of our 4x4's to help with the extra weight that we burden our vehicles with, when we start to add all the extras with 'just need to have' so we can safely go off road and go to hard to get at places. Statewide 4x4 have upgrades available for many models of 4x4's, both older models and the newer models. Paul also explained the process that they need to go through with testing of components to their breaking point before they are able to certify a vehicle's new GVM. Also explained on the night is the difference between trying to upgrade a vehicle already registered, vrs upgrading a vehicle prior to initial registration at time of new vehicle purchase. It is really interesting to look into if you are in the position of looking at purchasing a new 4x4, to seek advice prior to purchase from Statewide 4x4 as to what kits are available and at what prices for the make and model you are looking at, and what a new GVM would be with their kits installed.

Contact information:

11 Slater Parade, Keilor East VIC 3033

www.statewide4x4.com.au

03 9484 7838

It was also very encouraging to see many new faces at the February meeting, with many people visiting us for the first time, and I think I managed to speak to most of them on the night. For those who are reading this magazine for the first time, and are interested in a four wheel drive club - please feel free to come and visit us at one of our general meetings at Noble Park and also come and introduce yourself to me during the coffee break or after the meeting. I'd love to meet you. Our club welcomes visitors to come on any of our trips, whether it is a day trip or a weekend camping trip - if you are unsure if your vehicle is suitable for any of the trips please speak to the trip leader (who we will introduce you to) or to any committee member available on the night. We even plan to run trips that are very suitable for beginners so that you will get to know us, and your vehicle - to give you 'start up' experience if you are new to four wheel driving off road. Personally, the best modification you can do to your vehicle before going off road, is to at least have All Terrain tyres (ATs) and not road tyres (highway tyres), as ATs are less likely to be damaged/punctured when we deflate tyres for extra 'grip' and a softer ride when we drive on gravel and rocky roads.

As a committee, we are committed to try to bring you interesting speakers to our general meetings as frequently as we can make suitable arrangements, but this month we will focus on our normal general meeting and allow plenty of time to discuss the upcoming trips and trips since Christmas. Upcoming guests we are planning for is specialists in chain saws, lubricants and whomever else we believe will be of a interest to us in the four wheel drive/camping community.

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

David Bruinsma

President

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Letter to the editor: RE: VASS on long rang fuel tanks

In light of the talk at the February meeting (I didn't attend but have been asked about this) from Paul at Statewide 4x4 regarding long rang fuel tanks and VASS certification, I have conducted some research into the matter.

Vicroads have produced a ***Guide to Modifications for Motor Vehicles (VSB 14)***.

It can be downloaded here: <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/registration/vehicle-modifications-and-defects/vehicle-modifications/vass-approval-certificate>

This guide will help you understand what modifications are allowed and any modification performed within the guidelines of VSB 14 does not need specific approval.

Section 12.1.3 covers **Replacement or Additional fuel Tanks**

Paragraph 6 notes that:

“If a replacement tank of a 125% or larger capacity than the original uses the original mountings, their strength must be checked and shown to be adequate by a VASS Signatory”

I have fitted many Long Range Tanks over the years; some like a Hilux increase the capacity from around 70Ltrs to an extended capacity of 145Ltrs. The tanks I have used over the years are made by Brown Davis (Mentioned during the talk I believe). All Long Range Tanks I have seen in the 20+ years of 4WDing have additional mounting points which significantly increase the strength of the tanks and its fitting. I have yet to see a Long Range Tank of any brand that has 125% greater capacity than the original to use only the original factory mounting points.

From all my discussions and enquiries I think it would be safe to say that in Victoria at least, no VASS certification is required for a Long Range Tank.

Regards,

John Partridge

VFWDC member

Owner of everything 4WD

December 2014 Minutes

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 October General Meeting

Accepted : Scott Lehmann

Seconded : Stuart Bowker

Matters arising:

One members card has been misspelt and one other need to be rectified Joe Yammouni and

Andrew Holman.

40th Anniversary shirts have been made available for all current members, If anyone has not received a shirt please contact Carolyn Bruinsma

Correspondence in

Overland Cruising

Cross Country Jeep Club

Royal Flying Doctors Christmas Catalogue

Correspondence out

Posted any outstanding membership cards.

Cheque A/c	Opening Balance as at 01/11/2014		\$ 1,642.28
	Deposits	\$259.00	
	Money Out	\$ 36.15	
	Net cash in	\$ 222.85	
	Closing Balance		\$ 1,865.13
Term Deposit	No Chage	\$7,4745.08	
	Closing Balance		\$ 7475.08
Petty Cash Float	Opening Balance 01/11/2014	\$150.00	
	Add: Petty cash top up (from Chq A/C)	\$ 36.15	
	Less:P/Cash to Carolyn \$50 & Mandie \$50	-\$ 36.15	
	Closing balance as at 30/09/2014		\$ 150.00
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position		\$ 9,490.21

Accepted: Maree Bowker

Seconded: Joe Yammouni

Association Report

David & Tony Attended the association meeting. Attending the association meeting cleared up a few things about the association and how it operates,

The association is made up of club Presidents and members that form a committee that employs 2 people.

There is a pilot program that one of the clubs running to help clean up the bush, Stage 1 is to identify the rubbish and where it is using a GPS to map coordinates. They are asking for 17 teams of 2 Vehicles, The association has asked for 2 Vehicles from each club so that they spread the load across as many clubs as possible. This will occur on 13-14 December the same weekend as our Christmas party so if anyone is interested contact David for further information.

This program is being monitored and has KPI's that will be made available through the association.

Trip coordinators report

Tallarook 14 Dec Meet at BP service station at north bound on freeway at Wallan Scott Lehmann

Tallarook 5th –9th Jan 2015

Scott & Mandie Lehmann

Long beach on the Murray River 23rd -26th Jan.

Mark and Catherine Felton

Trip reports

Stuart ran a trip up to Marysville with a plan to come down park road track where Tristan got stuck on. 10 vehicles attended the trip which was pretty rough and rocky and loads of fun putting our vehicles on some interesting angles. We finished up at the Buxton service station and had the famous Buxton burger which was huge and very nice no one left hungry. We all Had a wonderful day.

Christmas Breakup 13 Dec 2014 at Cranbourne botanical gardens 10am to 2pm

General business

It was agreed to place a A5 size add for safety Dave for 12 months.

Safety Dave attended the meeting and had a talk about safety equipment and the importance of having the right equipment and training for any emergency. Also being aware of and prepared for anything that might happen. It was an informative night with some great specials to be had.

meeting closed 10:05 pm

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Guest Speaker

Paul Tsiaras From State Wide 4x4

Gave an informative speech regarding GVM (Gross Vehicle Mass) and GCM (Gross Combined Mass) and how authorities are enforcing the rules with better trained police with high tech load cells looking for overloaded and incorrectly modified vehicles. Insurance companies are also clamping down on overweight vehicles that are in accidents and are weighing the vehicles, If they are overweight they don't pay the claim so it is important to know what your vehicle weighs fully loaded. Paul has also said that his workshop is available us to weight our vehicles by appointment at a cost \$15.00 individually or as a club he will arrange a day for our club to use his scales free at a future date to be confirmed.

For more information contact Paul Tsiaras at Statewide 4x4 03 9484 7838

Or www.statewide4x4.com.au.

Treasurer's report February 2015

Cheque A/c	Opening Balance	\$ 1865.13	
	Raffle Proceeds	\$54.00	
	Membership Fees	\$100.00	
	Merchandise Sales	\$24.00	
	Transfer from term deposit	\$1536.58	
	Closing Balance		\$3579.71
Term Deposit	Opening Balance	\$7,475.08	
	Interest	\$61.50	
	Transfer to Cheque Acc	-\$1536.58	
	Closing Balance		\$6000.00
Petty Cash Float	Opening Balance	\$150.00	
	Closing Balance		\$150.00
Consolidated Cash Position			\$9729.71

Accepted: Stuart Bowker

Seconded: By all Members

Association Report

Nil

Upcoming trips

Trip leaders

21/2/2015		Aberfeldy	Stuart Bowker
9/3/2015	Labour Day	Wombat State Forest	David Bruinsma
9/3/2015	Labour Day	Grampians	Sally Higgs
3/4/2015	Easter	Robe	Bruce Cremonesi
3/4/2015	Easter	McKillop's Bridge	Mick Harris

Raffle

Light Bar	Sam
Hand Held Radios	Tony
Fire Extinguisher	Amanda
Eggs	Ian
Eggs	Phil

10:00 pm meeting closed

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Grampians National Park and Black Range State Park
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Sally Higgs TEL: MOB: 0435 782 207
DATE	Labor Weekend – Friday 6 th – Monday 9 th March
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBC – We will be leaving on Friday 6 th but can arrange meeting point on Saturday at the Grampians.
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Medium DRY: Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	This weekend is all about exploring The Grampians as we have not been there before. There will be some 4wding and some hiking (got to get out and look at the views!!) Key areas we will visit will include; Boroka Lookout, Reeds Lookout, Grand Canyon and The Pinnacle, Billimina Shelter Rock Art. We will stay in the nearby Black Range State Park which has a number of camping areas to look at.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 8
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	1000km round trip
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Horsham or Halls Gap DIESEL: Horsham or Halls Gap
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	From camping area approx. 70km
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Self Sufficient for 3 days Recovery Gear Firewood – we can collect from a nearby state park and then have a fire where we are camping but we cannot collect where we are camping
MAPS REQUIRED	Grampians SV Maps
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	CH12

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	ST ANNES WINERY and 4WD easy day trip
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: David + Carolyn Bruinsma MOB: 0417 747 860
DATE	Saturday 7th March 2015
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Probably be meeting in Bacchus Marsh - will look for a park in town for us to meet at and advise everyone on the trips data form
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: medium/easy DRY: easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>The plan for the day it to go and explore the Brisbane Ranges - south of Bacchus Marsh, or have a look at Werribee Gorge State Park to the west. This is just to have a poke and look around for future trips so that we know what is available so close to Melbourne on the West side of town.</p> <p>Around middle of the day, the plan is to be heading to St. Annes Winery for a tasting of their wonderful whites and even more wonderful fortified wines. Followed by a lunch which I hope to book at the nearby 'Plow' Pub/Bistro (lunch cost probably \$45 to \$50 pp plus drinks).</p> <p>Once we have had lunch and coffees, we shall head north into and through the Lerderderg State Park for more site seeing and explorations.</p> <p>I am expecting the day trip to be an 'easy trip' with very or no low range expected, or if there is low range it should be reasonably limited.</p> <p>This trip is very suitable for experienced off-roaders, Beginners and Soft Roaders. But no 2 wheel drives.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 10
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	Expect a round trip of 250kms to 300 kms from Melbourne CBD - so extra fuel will not be needed
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: fuel up as you leave home DIESEL: fuel up as you leave home
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Not applicable
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Bring basic recovery gear if you have it, and air compressor (just in case). U need a great sense of adventure because the day will be just made up as we go along ...
MAPS REQUIRED	
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 12

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	McKillops Bridge
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Mick Harris MOB: 0424766616
DATE	2/4/15 to 7/4/15
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBA
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Mild DRY: Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Some four wheel driving including Deddick Tk, Bowen Tk, MT Tingariney
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: NA
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Buchan DIESEL: Buchan
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Some fuel should be carried for those without long range tanks.
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Std recovery gear
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftop McKillops Bridge
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	12

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Beach Driving -Beachport, Robe, or Narracoorte Caves or Carpenters Rocks
LEADER	NAME: Bruce Cremonesi
CONTACT NO.	MOB: 0400 425 296 ** if we get numbers I'LL NEED A SECOND TL This is perfect to run your first trip as 99% is done for you **
DATES	Easter 3 rd to 6 th April
MEETING PLACE	Servo on East Link heading south... 7.15am Departure from the servo..
TIME	
TRIP GRADE	MED – HARD - Conditions will vary – BE PREPARED FOR THE WORST.
TRIP ACTIVITY DE-TAILS	3 rd Day 1 To Beachport Caravan Park Via Mt Gambier Caves + the Blue Lake. 4 th Day 2 to Beach and dunes to Robe, Woakwine Cutting back to Beachport 5 th Day 3 to Rest Day, or Carpenters Rocks or Naracoorte Caves (117km from Beachport). 6 th Day 4 Head Home. There's also plenty of wineries, and the longest fishing jetty in southern hemisphere. On the 4 th the tides are The first high tide will be at 1:20am and the next at 1:45 pm. The first low tide will be at 7:30 am and the next at 7:40 pm.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 4 MAXIMUM: 8 - But we can run up to 16 (2 groups of 8 if I get another Leader)
APPROX KMS	From meeting place to Beachport around 550kms
LAST FUEL	PETROL and DIESEL: Beachport, Robe
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	FULL RECOVERY GEAR – Straps, Rated shackles, dampers etcFRONT AND REAR RATED RECOVERY POINTS ,Sand Flag
MAPS REQUIRED	Available at Beachport Visitors Center Or -> http://robe.com.au/?page_id=59
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF 14
BRING WITH YOU:	-- Tyre pressure gauge, tyre inflator, tyre deflator. -- UHF -- Good warm clothing and probably boots & spare dry clothes - it can be COLD. -- Camping Gear. -- Cameras
ACCOMMODATION:	We will be base camping at Southern Ocean Tourist Park. It's a good park with top facilities the last 7 times we have stayed there. Walking distance to the pub for dinner if you don't wish to cook but you must book ahead Also walking distance of the beach if you want to try your hand at surf/beach fishing

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Toolangi Night run
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Scott Lehmann TEL: MOB: 0423544551
DATE	8th May 015
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Lilydale Macca's - 7:00pm for 7:30pm departure
GRADE	WET: medium to hard DRY: medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Haven't had a night run for a while, thought it was time to blow the dust of the light bar and spotties! Might also be a good chance for our new members or visitors to see what our club is about! The difficulty of the tracks we do will vary depending on the vehicle and driver capabilities of those who come along.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 8
APPROX KMS	100km round trip
Meeting place to destination	
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Lilydale Macca's DIESEL: Lilydale
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Torches! Basic recovery gear. MT or good AT tyres. Minimum 2inch lift.
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftops Toolangi-Macedon adventure map
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF ch12

UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Cape York and Fraser Island
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Mick Harris MOB: 0424766616
DATE	August 15 th to October 2 nd 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

WANT TO PLAN A TRIP?

Find the 10 tips to planning a trip <http://vfwdc.com/pdf/10.steps.pdf>

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

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Make Sure you let Ben know which
trip the photos are from. Please
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cense plates.





Trip Report

9th February 2015

Sam's trip to Aberfeldy

Hi all, just letting you all know that I'm running a trip to Walhalla/Woods Point on February 6 to Feb 8. Leaving Friday night and meeting at Moe McDonalds around 7.30pm which will be last fuel stop. I did a similar trip same time last year. Sorry for short notice but had knee surgery on 16 January and wasn't sure how I'd cope but I'm on the mend and hanging to get out. Planning to stay the night in Walhalla and do some four wheel driving the next day and head up to Woods Point and spend the night there and do some four wheel driving on last day before heading home. I've sent an email to all members. If anyone interested let me know. Cheers Sam (A message on the face book site)



Leaving Friday night it was a challenge to find everyone. The traffic leaving Melbourne proved to be the most challenging part of the weekend. Everyone met at McDonalds Moe and arrived in camp about 11:30 pm, after a short sit around the fire and some refreshments all bedded down for the night.

The next day (Saturday) we did Army trk, Fultons crk tk, Number 4 Deep crk tk, Number 1 Deep crk tk, Phesent tk.

Sunday we did Willoughby Spur tk, Toomstar tk, Eaton tk, and Comet Spur tk.



The boys, Doing what boys do best



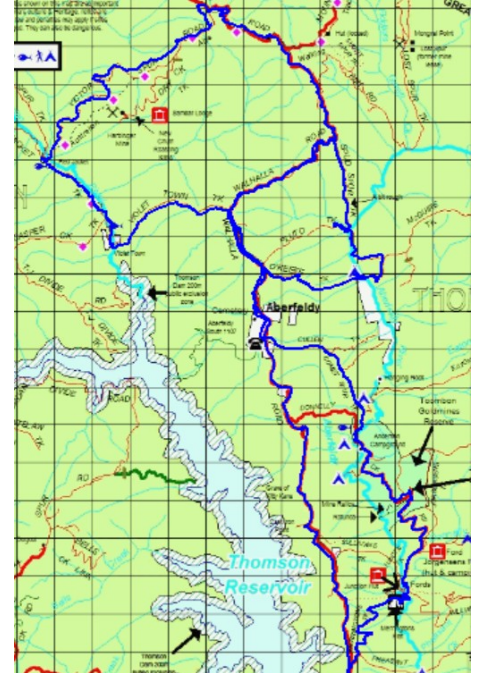
The comments in our house was the food was amazing. There was meat and meat and more meat. Ben setup his BBQ hot plate and just got it right with the correct amount of coals under it and left to get his meat and when he returned there was no room for his meat Sam and others had beaten him, and had their meat on the plate and to matters worse they were pouring garlic and other spices over the top (Sam cleaned the hot plate before Ben put his meat on). Tim, Stuarts son went along and he got to drive the land cruiser. A great weekend was had by all participants. Thanks Sam for organising the trip. Look out for more short notice trips by Sam, in Tim's words "I had an awesome time" and is now suggesting we take the Pajero as well as the Land cruiser.

Saturday 21 February 2015

Day trip to Aberfeldy

Attendees. Maree & Stuart
Ben & Claire with Jack and Charlie (Visitors)
Craig and Kevin
Lisa & Tony
Audrey and Ian (thank you tail end Charlie)

The day started at on the freeway with a big blue ford range giving us a toot and wave. We had a new visitor to the club, Ben and family had only purchased a Mitsubishi Triton 2 weeks ago and wanted to see what the Vic 4x4 club was all about. Stock standard. He wanted to see what the Triton can do? So Stuart found us some tracks



The Yarragon tea rooms and bakery is well recommended for its products and coffee's. Off we go. Aberfeldy crossing to do some clearing work for Ruddy. Stuart took the scenic route, down some hills and as the saying goes what goes down must come up the other side. What does that double black diamond mean?

A quick stop at Code flat to purchase some apples and honey, on to Aberfeldy crossing for lunch and some serious work. Its over 35oC but the volunteers worked hard. Including Tony in his big boy pants. (Tony is always in shorts, I think he even wore shorts in the middle of winter)





Just to say that Victoria has 4 seasons in one day, on the way out the black storm clouds rolled in and it poured. The road turned into a river and we slipped out to the dam wall. A magnificent rainbow over the valley .

Tony Lisa Craig and Kevin said goodbye they were off to play in the mud from the rain. A 4 o'clock track to conquer.

We headed out with Audrey, Ian, Ben and Claire with (Jack and Charlie) to the Local hotel for dinner. The Trafalgar Hotel not a bad stop.

Thanks to all who participated Great day
Maree and Stuart