



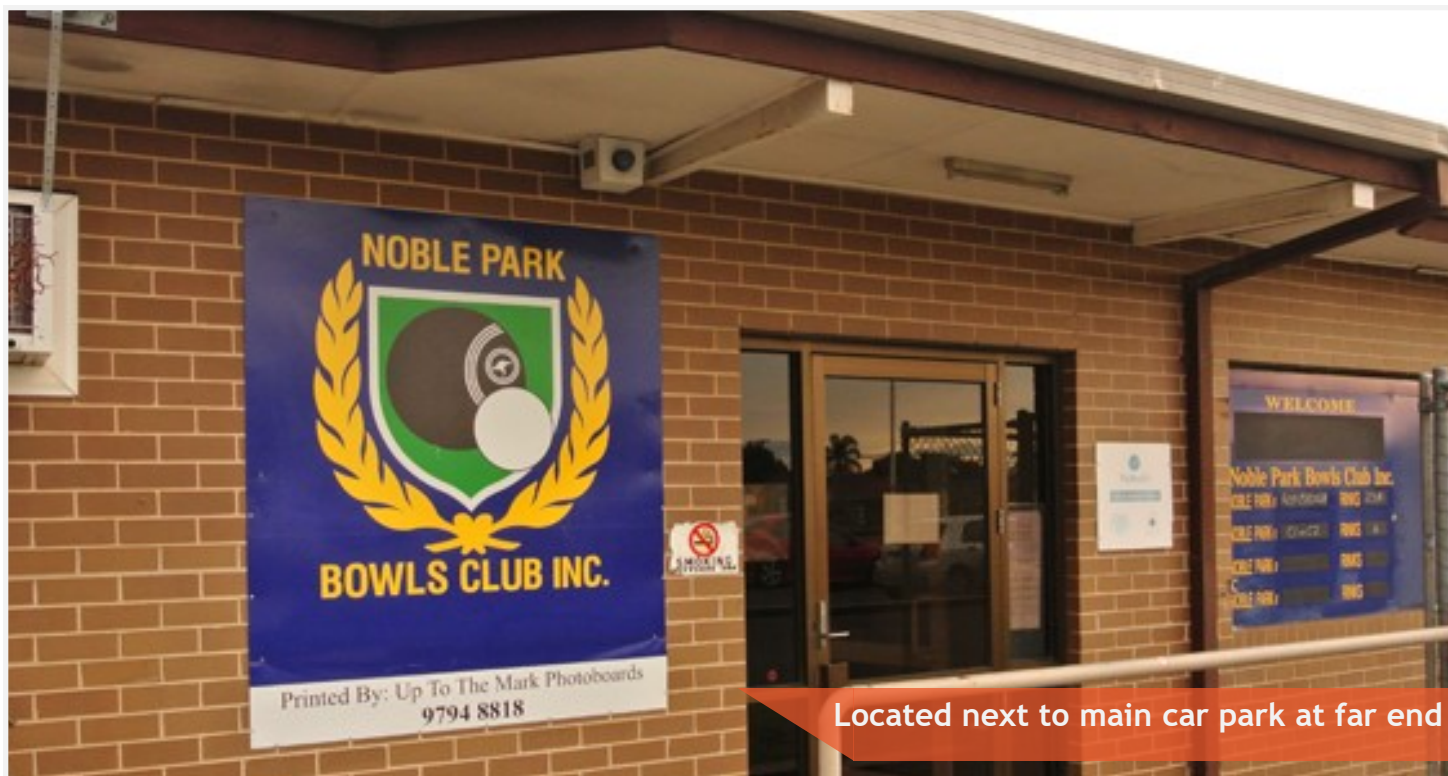
FREE WHEELING

December 2016



Official Newsletter of the
Victorian Four Wheel
Drive Club Inc

Registration No
A0002184F



VFWDC General Meeting Venue

The club meets on first WEDNESDAY of each month 8:00pm. No meeting in January, and November is at a selected location.

Bowling Club Rooms

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



Members and guests are welcome to dine at the bistro before attending the meeting from 6:30pm.



Aberfeldy Track

In association with [Westland Gippsland Relic, Mining and Heritage Protection Inc](#) , the club maintains a section of the Aberfeldy Track with working bees throughout the year. View the club calendar for the next upcoming working bee.

Christmas Party 2016 — Myuna Farm

This year's Christmas party will be held at [Myuna Farm](http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/arts-leisure/places-to-visit/myuna-farm/information) on Sunday, 4th December. Starts at 10AM and there is an admission fee of \$8 or \$28 for a family. We will have be having a barbeque, so please bring some food to share and good sense of fun.

Myuna Farm is a public community farm in the south-east area of Melbourne. It is an excellent example of farming life with lots to do for the whole family. Come and visit us for a fun day out!

The farm lets everyone of all ages and abilities, experience hands on contact with a variety of animals. Alongside the Dandenong Creek, it offers a special environment of river gums, wetlands and bird life.

From education through to relaxation, Myuna Farm is preserving the agricultural history of Casey. All of Myuna Farm's attractions are presented in an educational and informative way.

Getting to Myuna Farm

Myuna Farm is located not far from Dandenong, just near the Monash Freeway.

182 Kidds Road
Doveton Vic 3177



<https://www.casey.vic.gov.au/arts-leisure/places-to-visit/myuna-farm/information>



COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

2016-2017

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General Committee	(position vacant)	

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Club Details

Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club
Registration No	A002184F
Correspondence	PO Box 778 Dandenong VIC 3174
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The Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club is an affiliated club of [Four Wheel Drive Victoria](http://www.fwdvictoria.org.au) - www.fwdvictoria.org.au

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Club Polo Shirts	\$28.00	Club Hoodie	\$48.00
Club Polar Fleece Full Zip Jacket	\$48.00	Club Sleeveless Reversible Vest	\$54.00
Club Caps	\$15.00	Club Bucket Hat	\$16.00
Club Wide Brim Hat	\$18.00	Club Beanie	\$12.00
Club Drivers Jacket (Coat)	\$80.00	VFWDC Windscreen stickers	
		Small	\$6.00
		Large	\$8.00

We encourage all members to purchase a Club Polo shirt.

Email your order to merchandise@vfwdc.com. Please ensure you advise size required.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi all,

Welcome to the VFWDC Free Wheeling magazine.

What a month!

I went on Shane and Tony's Lake William Hovell/Paradise Falls trip on Cup Weekend which was a great trip. We had good weather, great driving and great company.

Trump was elected US president. I didn't see that happening.

Our November meeting at Opposite Lock Dandenong was a great success. I think everyone had a good time.

I was lucky enough to get away for a weekend four wheeling around the Thomson State Park with a group from work. Some of whom were very new to the game and I took them down Fultons Creek Track off Walhalla Road! Fun stuff.

I attended my first Four Wheel Drive Victoria meeting and an AGM at that. That was a real eye opener!

And on top of that work is also crazy busy.

Christmas is just around the corner. I don't know about the rest on you but decorations started going up around the house mid-

November. My wife is a big fan of Christmas.

Our club Christmas party is on the 4th of December. Please make an effort to come for a while. Bring your lunch, BBQ facilities are ours to use. The committee will be shouting the kids some rides so be sure to bring them along. Arrival is from 10am. Check the notice in the magazine for more details.

A few issues ago I penned an article on the Gator Jaw soft shackle. I think these are a great idea and makes the sport we love even safer. Well it turns out that similar products are showing up everywhere, also known as rope shackles. Roadsafe have released one in Australia, <http://roadsafe.com.au/4wd/soft-shackle/>. I think my kids might need one of these each under the tree!

I hope to see all our members at the next general meeting and out on the tracks.

Ben Whitworth
President

CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

December

4th	Sun	XMAS Party—Myuna Farm		
7th	Wed	General Meeting	President	
10th	Sat	Aberfeldy Surrounds	Stuart	0428539157
After Xmas		Father and Son trips	David	0417747860

2017

January

???		Father and Son trips	David	0417747860
17th		Committee Meeting		
26th to 29th	Thur to Sun	Dargo High Country, Blue Rag and Dogs Grave	Stuart	0428539157

February

1st	Wed	General Meeting		
21st	Tue	Committee Meeting		

IMPORTANT

- XMAS Party this coming Sunday 4th December!
- David Bruinsma will be running ‘father and son’ trips after Christmas. These trips are overnights with the main intention of spending quality time together. Very relaxed—no four wheel driving. Late breakfast, midday arrival to camp site; just camping and enjoying the moment at Aberfeldy. Limited cars per trip. There is no fixed date on when the trips will run so please contact David directly to arrange times among yourselves.
- Trips calendar is looking a bit thin, if anyone would like to run a trip in the near future please contact Trip Coordinator Stuart.
- No general meeting in January. Enjoy the break!

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

November 2016

This year's November meeting was held at [Opposite Lock Dandenong](#) on Tuesday 8th.

Our club was treated with boxes and boxes of pizza, garlic bread and soft drinks—delicious.

After the feed, it was down to business by our fine presenters.

Scott, the store manager and host of the night, told the humble beginnings of Opposite Lock and how he became manager of this branch. Club members were offered 10% off store wide, free fitting of OL suspension and Front Runner roof racks.

Next was Julian from [Harrop](#) who showed the workings of an [e-locker](#) with a working display model.

Finally the representative from [Front Runner](#), Wayne, showed off the fully modular Slimline roof rack. [Watch their video here.](#)

After that members were free to shop and mingle with our presenters. End of the night the raffle was drawn and Scott had provided excellent prizes for the club. Lucky winners were:

- Mick— Opposite Lock suspension i.e springs and shocks
- Jack—\$200 gift voucher to be used at the store
- Brett— [Front Runner Tire Mount BBQ Grate](#)




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[bag a bargain here >](#)

Members can advertise any four wheel drive or camping related items they wish to sell or buy.

Just email the editor, editor@vfwdc.com, with the following:

- 1. Description of the item
- 2. Price
- 3. Contact details
- 4. Photos (highly recommended)

FOR SALE: BBQ Hotplate

\$25 with hessian carry bag

Ben
0409960478

My old bbq plate. This plate has been on many club trips



Bringing Four Wheel Drivers Together



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Treasurer's Report October 2016

Cheque A/C` Opening Balance as at 01/10/2016 \$3,063.23

Add:

Membership Fees	\$180.00
Raffle	\$124.00

Total Monies In: \$304.00

Less:

Catering for September Meeting	\$14.75
Reimburse Mark for over payment	\$30.00
Raffle Prizes	\$50.0

Total Monies Out: \$94.75

Closing Balance as at 31/10/2016 \$3,272.48

Refund Membership overpayment -\$320.00

Plus: Un presented Cheque #498 -\$320.00

31/10/2016 Actual Balance When Cheque's Presented \$2,952.48

Term Deposit Opening Balance as at 01/10/2016 \$6,250.22

Closing Balance as at 31/10/2016 \$6,289.50

Petty Cash Opening Balance as at 01/10/2016 \$150.00

Add: Transfer in from Monies in \$14.75

Less: Catering Costs - Meetings -\$14.75

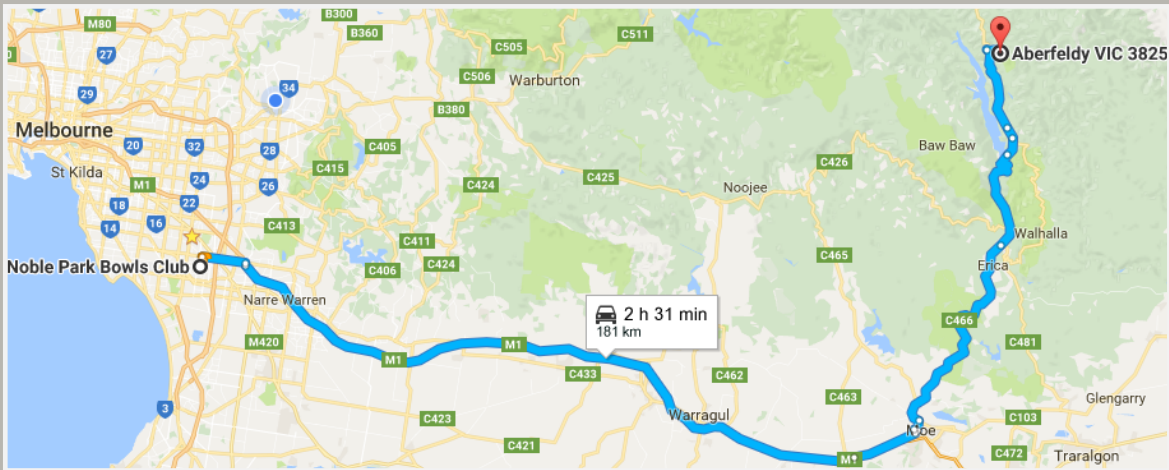
Closing Balance as at 31/10/2016 \$150.00

Consolidated Closing Cash Position \$9,391.98

UPCOMING TRIPS

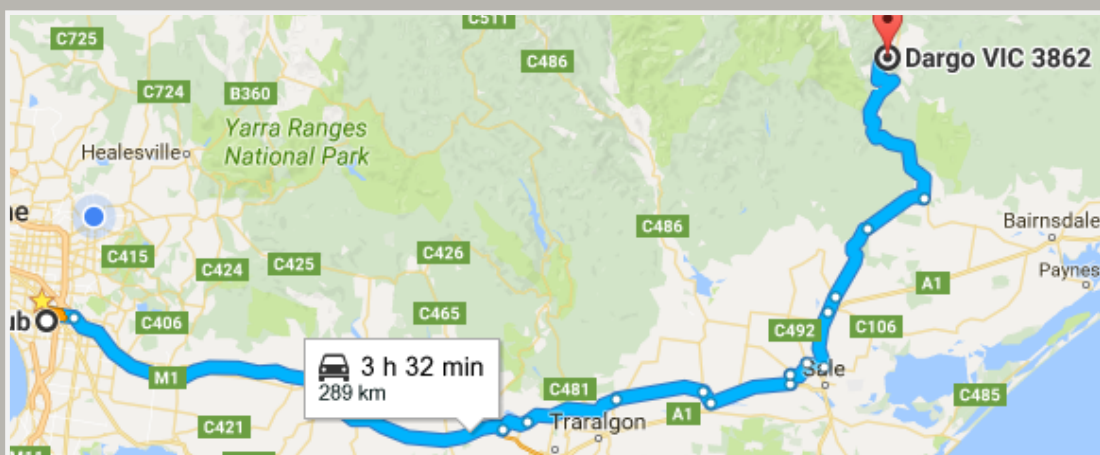
You must contact us if you intend to come along 0428539157 with your name and vehicle details.

DESTINATION	Aberfeldy and surrounds
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Stuart & Maree Bowker MOB: Stuart 0428539157
DATE	10th December 2016
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Yarragon main street outside the bakery 8:00 am for an 8:30 am departure. Bakery should be open for Breaky allow extra time
GRADE	WET: Difficult DRY: Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Idea is to head up past Aberfeldy and do some four wheel driving. Bring packed lunch and munchies for roadside stops
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: Us were going any way! MAXIMUM: N/A
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	300-400 kms round trip
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Moe LPG: Moe DIESEL: Moe
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	400km
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Own basic recovery gear, tools and any spares you may require. AT or MT tyres
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftop maps Walhalla-Licola
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	12



You MUST contact Stuart if you wish to attend as departure time may change

DESTINATION	Dargo High Country, Blue Rag and Dogs grave
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Stuart MOB: 0428539157
DATE	26th - 29th January 2017 Thursday is the public holiday, you will need Friday 27/1 off and we will have a four day weekend!
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Pakenham Bypass BP/McDonalds Eastbound 7:00 am for 7:30 am departure
GRADE	WET: Difficult DRY: Medium to Difficult
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Travel to Dargo and do Dogs grave, Mt Hotham via Dinner Plain Tk, Blue Rag Range Tk, then travel down to Talbotville via Basalt Knob Tk and the Crooked river and up Billy Goats Bluff Tk. We may do more if time permits, it'll be up to those that attend to decide. May change some tracks if wet!
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 8
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	400 kms
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Dargo DIESEL: Dargo
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	200 km
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Recovery gear, Camping gear and food for the weekend
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftop Dargo - Wonangatta Adventure Map
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	12



LAKE WILLIAM HOVELL

MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND

by Lisa &
Tony Barbera

Participants

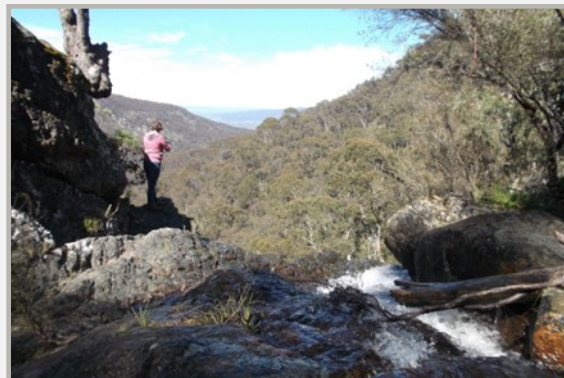
Trip Leader Shane & Mel	- Slug Lux (Hilux)
Asst. Trip Leader Tony & Lisa	- Tiny (Ranger)
Stuart & Maree	- 79 Landcruiser
Ben & Joel (B1)	- 100 Landcruiser
Ben (B2)	- Triton
Ly	- 80 Landcruiser
Mick & Sally	- Patrol
Ian & Audrey	- Patrol
John	- 80 Landcruiser
Daniel	- Ranger

Friday night we met up with Mick & Sally, John and Ian & Audrey at Lilydale McDonalds then headed for Samaria Well camping area, when we got to Lake Nillahcootie and aired down and hit the tracks to Samaria Well camp ground where we met up with Shane, Ly and both Ben's. We all set up camp and sat around the fire where Ben (B1) bought out some dessert.

Saturday morning Stuart and Maree pulled into camp as we were all packing up ready to hit the tracks, the trip leaders arranged which order everyone was to be in with Shane in the

falls with beautiful views.

We then headed to Timber Kilns and had a look around, then headed to Butchers Track but found it still closed even though the Vic parks website said it was open, so had to go around, we then stopped on the side of a



lead and Tony as tail end, we headed to Wild Dog Falls where we had a walk to the top of the

track for lunch.

After lunch we crossed the River at Hollands creek crossing and got into camp early at Stringy Bark Creek Camp Ground where Ned Kelly shot the policemen.

There is also the Ned Kelly Tree, a few of the

boys headed out to find fire wood while the rest of us set up camp. Lisa and Sally did happy hour around the fire. Later that night around 10pm Daniel arrived in camp and not long after we all headed off to bed.



Sunday morning we were all up had breakfast and packed up camp then went for a look at the Kelly Tree and where Ned Kelly shot the policemen site. Then we jumped in our trucks and headed towards Tolmie and then onto some interesting 4wd tracks. We headed for Lake William Hovell via Cambatong rd,



Evans Creek track and Buckland spur track.

We arrived at Lake William Hovel for lunch and sat in the rotunda with views of the lake. After lunch we headed for the spill way which was in full flow a spectacular sight.

We then headed for Ryans Block Camping area but to get there we had to cross the king river. So Shane & Tony went to inspect the crossing and decide whether we would make the crossing. Shane went first and made it so it was now up to the rest of us to make the crossing the river was flowing at a reasonable rate and was about 600mm deep.



For Daniel it was his first river crossing and when he was up Shane helped direct Daniel via hand held radio. Daniel made it look easy.

We then headed up long spur track and into Ryan's Block Camping area, and we set up camp sat around the fire and enjoyed our selves.

The following morning we headed off to Paradise Falls and the lookout, we parked up and headed for the falls—what a beautiful spot!



From Paradise Falls we headed for the lookout which had amazing views but it was quite windy and cold.

We then headed for Bullocks hut ruins and then drove up stockyard track where Shane launched the sluglux into a gooey patch (Bog Hole) and slightly bent a steering arm nothing major. Shane then helped direct everyone around the gooey spot.

From here we headed to Bennies camp ground where we stopped for lunch.

Then did a river crossing and up wild horse gap track which was a great track with steep and



rocky sections, we stopped at wild horse gap and had a look at the views - amazing views on both side as we were on a ridge.



We then headed down to Sandy Flat Camp Ground and collected some wood on the way in and set up camp for our last night. Shane put Tony's wood splitter to good use and made it look easy.

Next morning we had yet another river crossing out of Sandy Flats. On the way back to Carters Mill there was another gooey spot that Shane went around but Stuart decided to go through it. A few others gave it a go - having fun in the mud.

We then got to Carters Mill where we aired up and said our goodbyes.





12th November
by Tim Bowker

WOODS POINT AND SURROUNDS

Stuart and Tim - Landcruiser
Gary Smith - Patrol
Brett and Nikki - Landcruiser

The trip began at Longwarry with a quick breakfast and some superb coffee courtesy of the rest stop. The initial destination was Woods Point however we got sidetracked exploring Forty Mile Break track, our detour was sadly cut short by a gate which prevented us from rejoining the main road. A quick reverse down a narrow track later and we were back on our way!

We headed up the Oak track and Snowy track through dense mist and logging operations to arrive at Stockmans reward for lunch. We discovered a splinter in Stuarts' Landcruiser rear tyre, likely a result of the logging operations, which was promptly repaired with a couple of plugs. Following lunch we began down Frenchmans Creek track which was a superb track of moderate difficulty and varying terrain. Finishing with a run down Corn Hill track to the Matlock fire tower.

At this point it was late in the afternoon so we headed on out through The Triangle and Icy creek, joining the freeway at Trafalgar.

A good day was had by all.

Some photos to highlight the great time we had.

