



# FREE WHEELING

November 2018

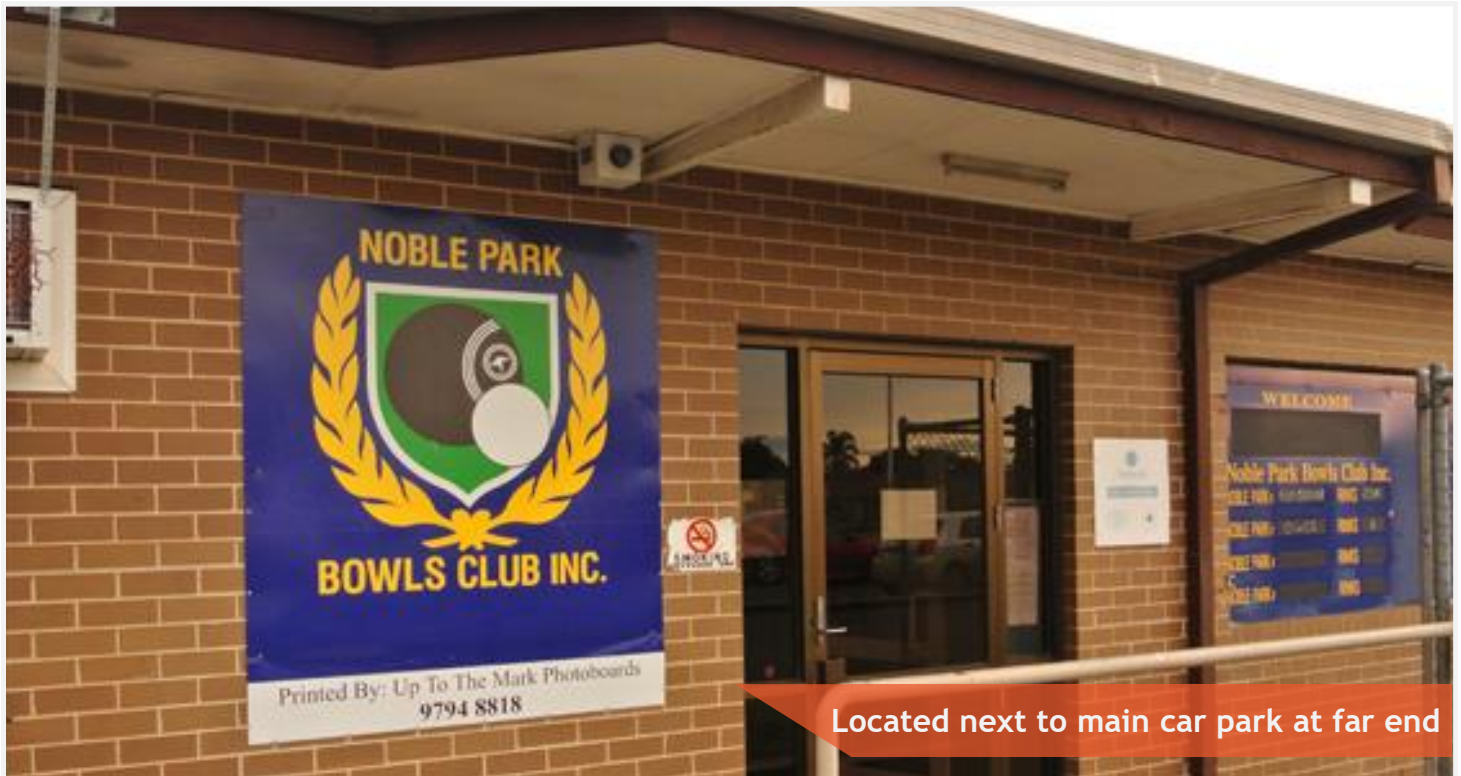


Official Newsletter of the  
Victorian Four Wheel  
Drive Club Inc

Registration No  
A0002184F

Original photo by Maree  
Bowker at Googs Track





Located next to main car park at far end

### VFWDC General Meeting Venue

The club meets on the first WEDNESDAY of each month at 8:00pm. With the following exceptions; No meeting in January. November meeting is at a selected location, watch the calendar.

### Bowling Club Rooms

Noble Park Noble Football Club  
46-56 Moodemere Street  
Noble Park



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.

# COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

## 2018-2019

President	Steve Pitcher	<a href="mailto:vicepres@vfwdc.com">vicepres@vfwdc.com</a>
Vice President	David Bruinsma	<a href="mailto:delegate@vfwdc.com">delegate@vfwdc.com</a>
Secretary	Stephen Dickson	<a href="mailto:secretary@vfwdc.com">secretary@vfwdc.com</a>
Treasurer	Tony Barbera	<a href="mailto:treasurer@vfwdc.com">treasurer@vfwdc.com</a>

## General Committee

Trip Coordinator	Bruce Cremonesi	<a href="mailto:trips@vfwdc.com">trips@vfwdc.com</a>
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General Committee	Stuart Bowker	
General Committee	Callum Brown	
General Committee	Andre Van Der Walt	

## Support Positions to Committee

Web manager	Ben Whitworth	<a href="mailto:web@vfwdc.com">web@vfwdc.com</a>
Training officer	Phillip Griffith	
Training officer	Ashley Martin	
Merchandise	Des Whall	<a href="mailto:merchandise@vfwdc.com">merchandise@vfwdc.com</a>
Catering	Lisa Barbera	

## Club Details

Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club
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>

The Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club is an affiliated club of [Four Wheel Drive Victoria](http://www.fwdvictoria.org.au) - [www.fwdvictoria.org.au](http://www.fwdvictoria.org.au)

## CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Club Polo Shirt	\$28.00	Club Hoodie	\$50.00
Club Singlet and T-Shirt	\$15.00	Club Sleeveless Reversible Vest	\$50.00
Club Polar Fleece Full Zip Jacket	\$45.00	Club Bucket Hat	\$16.00
Club Caps	\$10.00	Club Beanie	\$10.00
Club Wide Brim Hat	\$18.00	VFWDC Windscreen stickers	
Club Drivers Jacket (Coat)	\$70.00	Small	\$6.00
		Large	\$8.00
Club Cloth Badges 120mm	\$8.00		

We encourage all members to purchase a Club Polo shirt.

Email your order to [merchandise@vfwdc.com](mailto:merchandise@vfwdc.com). Please ensure you advise size required.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi all,

I hope that you enjoy reading this month's edition of Free Wheeling magazine.

Last month we were fortunate enough to have the team from Hella Australia attend our meeting as guest speakers. It was impressive to see some of their lighting technology in action and to see it all working at night! I think the show bags that the guys brought along for everyone was also a bit of a hit. A big thank you to Tristan Higgs for arranging this special presentation on behalf of our club.

This month, we will be holding our annual off-site meeting, hosted by our friends at G & C Communication in Cranbourne. As a repeat customer of theirs, I can say from experience that the team at G & C Communication really do know their stuff! Please come along to learn more about everything to do with radio communication, SatNav systems, EPIRBs, PLBs, car audio and more. The meeting will be brought forward for this event (doors open from 7pm) and there will be a door prize up for grabs for those who attend. Please show your support for this great family-run business and maybe pick up a discount or two. I look forward to seeing you there.

With so many people taking a break over the Melbourne Cup weekend, please remember that our usual monthly meeting will be delayed by one week to be held on Wednesday, 14 November 2018.

With the advent of Melbourne Cup weekend, many of the seasonal track closures will begin to be lifted. While most tracks will have re-opened in time for the weekend, there is no guarantee that all tracks will be re-opened by then. If you are planning to travel into an area affected by seasonal track closures, please remember to check the Parks Victoria website first or call the local ranger station before you head off.

Finally, remember to save the date for our annual Club Christmas function. This year, it will be held on Saturday, 8 December 2018 (full details are available within the magazine).

Keep safe, tread lightly and have fun out there!


Steve Pitcher  
President



# CLUB NOBLE FORM

Did you know if you're a member of Club Noble (the RSL next door to the meeting), you get discounts on your meal and drinks. And when it's your birthday, you get more than enough points for a feed and drink. \$10 per year—pretty good I reckon!

[Click here to download the form](#) and hand it to reception desk.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Membership Application (Please tick)

New☐Renewal☐Existing Member No: .....

Mr☐Mrs☐Ms☐Other☐

Given Name/s: .....Male☐Female☐D.O.B: ...../...../.....

Last Name: .....

Postal Address: .....Suburb: .....

State: .....Postcode: .....Mobile Number: .....Home Phone: .....

Email Address: .....

Membership Fee (Please Tick)

1 Year \$10☐2 years \$20☐3 Years \$30☐

Payment Details (Please Tick)

Cash☐Cheque☐C/C☐

Card Holders Name: .....

Card Type: Visa☐M/card☐

Card No: ...../...../.....

Expiry Date: ...../...../.....

Signature: .....

Date: ...../...../.....

I hereby apply to become a member of the Noble Park Football Social Club Ltd and agree to observe the rules and by-laws. I verify that I am over the age of 18 and have received and carefully read and understood the Loyalty Membership terms. I agree to strictly abide by these Loyalty Membership Terms as amended from time to time and declare that the details in the application are true and correct.

I wish to receive communications including promotional material, third party offers that include alcohol or gaming related advertising (Please Tick)

Yes☐No☐


I agree to receive my Player Activity Statement in accordance with government legislation (Please tick one box only)

Mail☐SMS☐Email☐

I agree to accept the Annual Report and Financial Statement via: Please Circle one option

Members Section (Website)Email

Signature: .....Date: ...../...../.....



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Membership Number: .....Customer ID Sighted: .....

Staff Member's Name: .....Confirm Customer's over 18: .....

THANK YOU AND WELCOME TO CLUB NOBLE

## CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### November

3rd to 6th	Sat to Tue	Portland Buggy Club	Tony Barbera	0417 153 424
3rd to 6th	Sat to Tue	Beachport, Robe, Carpenters, Narracoorte Caves	Bruce Cremonesi	0400 425 296
5th	Mon to Tue	Guy Fawkes Day, Bonfire Night	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860
3rd to 6th	Sat to Tue	Mckillops Bridge (Deddick trail)	Jeff Griffiths	0425 705 224
12th	Mon	FWDV General Meeting	FWDV	
14th	Wed	Special Meeting—G&C	Steve Pitcher	0421 205 529
17th	Sat	Marysville and Surrounds	Stuart & Maree	0428 539157
20th	Tue	Committee Meeting		

### December

5th	Wed	General Meeting		
8th	Sat	Club Christmas Party 2018	Steve Pitcher	0421 205 529
15th	Sat	Aberfeldy & Surrounds	Stuart Bowker	0428 539 157

### January

		No General Meeting		
15th	Tue	Committee Meeting		
26th to 28th	Sat to Mon	Australia Day Long Weekend	Steve Pitcher	0421 205 529

## IMPORTANT



- Hella were our special guests at the October meeting. They were very generous with giving away showbags and showed off their light-trailer.
- **Club merchandise has been reduced!** Check out the new prices on page three and pick up some new gear for this warmer season.
- If you wish to join us for dinner before the General Meeting, please book a spot at [Club Noble](#). Phone 9546 0653 and ask to join “Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club” table. You must book **BEFORE** the Monday on the week of the meeting to avoid disappointment!

## NOVEMBER MEETING INFO

The November meeting will be at [G & C Communications](#). A special guest speaker from RF Industries will come down and give a talk. There'll be special deals on the night, and one lucky person will win a door prize.

Doors open at 7pm and the presentation starts at 7:30pm sharp. Note: light refreshments will be available for those in attendance.

Address: Shop2/9-11 Cameron St, Cranbourne VIC 3977. [See Google Maps for directions](#)

**Come in and see us at *G & C Communications P/L***

**for a "Professional Safety Check" of your VHF & 27Mhz**

**Marine Radio Communications Systems in your boat.**

**Between September 15<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> ONLY \$55.00**

**and go into a draw to WIN a GME GX850 VHF Marine Portable Radio**

**Drawn on December 20<sup>th</sup> 2018**

( Winner will be notified )



***G & C Communications P/L Shop 2, 9 Cameron Street Cranbourne 3977***

***Phone: 03 5996 3298 for your Appointment***

***Please Like Us On Facebook***

[www.gccomm.com.au](http://www.gccomm.com.au)

## TRADING POST

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

Just email the editor, [editor@vfwdc.com](mailto:editor@vfwdc.com), with the following:

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



## FOR SALE: Sunroof Visor 35.5 inch / 90cm

\$20

Bought it off eBay and didn't measure before buying. So doesn't fit the car and pretty much brand new.

90cm x 16cm. Reinforced Acrylic comes in black. [See this eBay link](#) for more pics and info.

Ly Ho

[ly.tri.ho@gmail.com](mailto:ly.tri.ho@gmail.com)

0433 387 811

### 35.5" Sunroof Moonroof Visor



## FOR SALE: Alloy (Black Widow) Roof Rack

\$500 o.n.o

Phillip Griffith

[griffithp@westpac.com.au](mailto:griffithp@westpac.com.au)

Alloy (Black Widow) Roof rack suits a GU Patrol, (may suit other vehicles, though require different legs)

Dimensions 2200mm x 1300mm x 165mm

Australian made, very good condition. Wind deflector and shovel holder included.

Selling because it doesn't fit our new car.





## FOR SALE: Bridgestone Dueler A/T x 5

\$1000 negotiable

Emily Wimetal

[emilynwimetal@gmail.com](mailto:emilynwimetal@gmail.com)

265x70R 17 inch Kingwheels

4x near new

1x slight damage but does not effect the use.

Used once for flinders ranges

Bought for \$1600 selling for \$1000 negotiable





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## Treasurer's Report September 2018

<u>Cheque A/C</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/09/2018	\$4719.58
Add:	Raffle	\$0.00
	Membership Renewals	\$180.00
	Merchandise	\$0.00
	Total Monies In:	\$180.00
<u>Less:</u>	Catering	\$0.00
	Total Monies Out:	-\$0.00
	Closing Balance as at 30/09/2018	\$4,899.58
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/09/2018	\$6,536.87
	Interest Paid	\$0.0
	Closing Balance as at 30/09/2018	\$6,570.65
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/09/2018	\$150.00
	Add:	
	Less:	
	Closing Balance as at 30/09/2018	\$150.00
	<b>Consolidated Closing Cash Position</b>	<b>\$11,620.23</b>



# Treasurer's Report

## August 2018

<u>Cheque A/C`</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/08/2018	\$3,566.63
Add:	Raffle	\$103.45
	Membership Renewals	\$990.00
	Merchandise	\$78.00
	Total Monies In:	\$1171.45
<u>Less:</u>		
	Catering	\$19.00
	Total Monies Out:	-\$19.00
	Closing Balance as at 31/08/2018	\$4,719.58
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/08/2018	\$6,536.87
	Interest Paid	\$33.78
	Closing Balance as at 31/08/2018	\$6,570.65
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/08/2018	\$150.00
	Add:	
	Less:	
	Closing Balance as at 31/08/2018	\$150.00
	<b>Consolidated Closing Cash Position</b>	<b>\$11,440.23</b>



# Treasurer's Report

## July 2018

<u>Cheque A/C`</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/07/2018	\$5,361.15
Add:	Raffle	\$0.00
	Membership Renewals	\$1,870.00
	New Membership	\$120.00
	Total Monies In:	\$1,990.00
<u>Less:</u>		
	Catering	\$16.25
	Club Insurance	\$282.00
	FWDV Course Certificates	\$132.00
	Catering Christmas in July	\$406.27
	FWDV Association Fees 45 @\$39.00ea	\$1,755.00
	Total Monies Out:	-\$2,591.52
	Closing Balance as at 31/07/2018	\$3,599.63
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/07/2018	\$6,536.87
	Interest Paid	\$0.00
	Closing Balance as at 31/07/2018	\$6,536.87
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/07/2018	\$150.00
	Add:	
	Less:	
	Closing Balance as at 31/07/2018	\$150.00
	<b>Consolidated Closing Cash Position</b>	<b>\$10,286.50</b>



# UPCOMING TRIPS

Something goofy happened to someone on a trip? Nominate them for the next “Good on ya” trophy! Send a quick summary to [trips@vfwdc.com](mailto:trips@vfwdc.com)

DESTINATION	Portland Buggy Club
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Tony Barbera MOB: 0417 153 424
DATE	Nov Melbourne Cup Weekend Saturday 3rd to Tuesday 6th November
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBC
GRADE	WET: Easy DRY: Easy/Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Head to the dunes of Portland to blast around the hills.  Also fishing out of the beach gutters is very worth while if that’s your thing
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 4 MAXIMUM: 10
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	410kms from Scoresby to the Buggy Club.
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL and DIESEL: Portland
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	It’s everywhere on the way.
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	FULL RATED RECOVERY POINTS FRONT AND REAR - No If’s No Buts  Full Recovery gear - Snatch, 2x Shackles, winch blanket  Other basic equipment that is advisable to carry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First Aid Kit (and knowledge of how to use it)</li><li>• Tyre deflator, inflator and tyre pressure gauge</li><li>• UHF Radio - Recommended 5W output</li><li>• Basic Tool Kit</li><li>• Suitable Jack &amp; Jacking base plate</li><li>• Fire extinguisher</li><li>• Torch</li><li>• Spare fuses</li></ul>
MAPS REQUIRED	Nil
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	INCAR UHF is recommended—Channel 12
GOOGLE MAPS	<a href="#">See here</a>

DESTINATION	Beachport, Robe, Carpenters, Narracoorte Caves
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Bruce C MOB: 0400 42 52 96
DATE	November Melbourne Cup Long Weekend. Friday - Tuesday 2nd to 6th
MEETING PLACE / TIME	TBC
GRADE	WET: Easy DRY: Medium to Hard—be ready for Beach Recoveries.
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Heading to Southern Oceans Caravan Park in Beachport to base camp. Plan is Friday Day 1 - Drive to Beachport Saturday Day 2 - Beach run and dunes run to Carpenters Rocks Sunday Day 3 - Rest day OR anything you like, wineries, or 120klms to the Dinosaur Caves at Narracoorte. <a href="http://www.naracoortecaves.sa.gov.au">www.naracoortecaves.sa.gov.au</a> Monday Day 4 - Beach run to Buggy club + Robe
VEHICLE LIMITS	MAXIMUM: 10
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	550klms from Eastlink to Beachport
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL and DIESEL: It's everywhere
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	It's everywhere on the way.
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	FULL RATED RECOVERY POINTS FRONT AND REAR - No If's No Buts  Full Recovery gear - Snatch, 2x Shackles, winch blanket  ON CLUB TRIPS - HELP WILL ALWAYS BE ON HAND But each and every vehicle must be self-sufficient with its own recovery gear and you shouldn't rely on the other members to provide equipment.  Other basic equipment that is advisable to carry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Aid Kit (and knowledge of how to use it)</li> <li>• Tyre deflator, inflator and tyre pressure gauge</li> <li>• UHF Radio - Recommended 5W output</li> <li>• Basic Tool Kit</li> <li>• Suitable Jack &amp; Jacking base plate</li> <li>• Fire extinguisher</li> <li>• Torch</li> <li>• Spare fuses</li> </ul>
MAPS REQUIRED	Nil—You can pick up from Visitors Center at Beachport
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	INCAR UHF is recommended—Channel 12
GOOGLE MAPS	<a href="#">See here</a>

<b>DESTINATION</b>	Guy Fawkes Day, Bonfire Night—St Annes Winery
<b>LEADER/CONTACT NO.</b>	NAME: David Bruinsma MOB: 0417 747 860
<b>DATE</b>	Monday 5th November
<b>MEETING PLACE / TIME</b>	64 Garrards Ln, Myrniong VIC Time: TBA
<b>GRADE</b>	WET: Easy DRY: Easy
<b>TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS</b>	<p>We have been invited to attend St Anne's winery for a bon-fire night - probably on Monday 5th November. Below is a little bit of information about Guy Fawkes (I had to look it up on Wikipedia)</p> <p>More information will be made available closer to the time, but for those who have not been able to attend the clubs other trips planned for the Cup Weekend, this might be a suitable opportunity to get together close to Melbourne CBD.</p> <p>I think there will be opportunity to camp overnight again at the Winery, hopefully with less windy conditions than Xmas in July.</p> <p>Guy Fawkes Night, also known as Guy Fawkes Day, Bonfire Night and Firework Night, is an annual commemoration observed on 5 November, primarily in Great Britain. Its history begins with the events of 5 November 1605, when Guy Fawkes, a member of the Gunpowder Plot, was arrested while guarding explosives the plotters had placed beneath the House of Lords. Celebrating the fact that King James I had survived the attempt on his life, people lit bonfires around London; and months later, the introduction of the Observance of 5th November Act enforced an annual public day of thanksgiving for the plot's failure.</p>
<b>VEHICLE LIMITS</b>	MINIMUM: - MAXIMUM: -
<b>APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION</b>	40kms from Melbourne CBD
<b>LAST AVAILABLE FUEL</b>	PETROL and DIESEL: Every major suburb
<b>DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES</b>	Every major suburb
<b>EQUIPMENT REQUIRED</b>	Camp chair, and maybe overnight camping supplies
<b>MAPS REQUIRED</b>	Nil
<b>RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF</b>	UHF Channel 12 or call me
<b>GOOGLE MAPS</b>	<a href="#">See here</a>



<b>DESTINATION</b>	McKilops Bridge (Deddick Trail)
<b>LEADER/CONTACT NO.</b>	NAME: Jeff Griffiths MOB: 0425 705 224
<b>DATE</b>	3/11/18 to 6/11/19 Melbourne Cup Weekend
<b>MEETING PLACE / TIME</b>	BP McDonalds on the Pakenham Bypass (on the freeway) Meet at 7:30 AM for 8:00 am departure
<b>GRADE</b>	WET: Medium / Difficult DRY: Medium
<b>TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS</b>	<p>Saturday Drive up to McKillops Bridge on the way stop have a look at where the Snowy river and Buchan river meet.</p> <p>Saturday night camp the night McKillops Bridge then. Sunday head down the Deddick Trail to Jacksons Crossing. Camp there.</p> <p>Monday have a day there to relax, swim, have a look around. Tuesday head home maybe have a look at Buchan Caves on the way through.</p>
<b>VEHICLE LIMITS</b>	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: 8
<b>APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION</b>	400kms
<b>LAST AVAILABLE FUEL</b>	PETROL and DIESEL: TBA
<b>DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES</b>	TBA
<b>EQUIPMENT REQUIRED</b>	Full recovery gear, tools and any spares you may require. AT or MT tyres. Must have a Snorkel fitted UHF radio in vehicle or hand held. All your own camping gear and food for 4 days Nibbles for happy hour. Sorry no Camper Trailers
<b>MAPS REQUIRED</b>	Rooftops Snowy River -McKillops Bridge -Lakes Entrance
<b>RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF</b>	UHF Channel 12
<b>GOOGLE MAPS</b>	<a href="#">See here</a>

<b>DESTINATION</b>	Marysville and Surrounds
<b>LEADER/CONTACT NO.</b>	NAME: Stuart & Maree MOB: 0428 539 157
<b>DATE</b>	Saturday 17/11/18
<b>MEETING PLACE / TIME</b>	Marysville main street outside the bakery 9:am for a 9:30 am departure. Bakery should be open for Breaky allow extra time
<b>GRADE</b>	WET: Medium DRY: Easy
<b>TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS</b>	The trip will go to Keppel hut, MacFadyen Tk, Quartz Crk Rd, Bull Fight Rd, Royston Range Tk to the Rubicon Power Station and maybe stop for dinner at the Buxton Burger place if anyone is interested.  Bring packed lunch and munchies for roadside stops
<b>VEHICLE LIMITS</b>	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: N/A
<b>APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION</b>	300-400kms
<b>LAST AVAILABLE FUEL</b>	PETROL: Marysville credit card sales only best to fuel at Healesville DIESEL: Marysville credit card sales only best to fuel at Healesville No LPG
<b>DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES</b>	400kms
<b>EQUIPMENT REQUIRED</b>	Own basic recovery gear, tools and any spares you may require. AT or MT tyres
<b>MAPS REQUIRED</b>	Rooftop maps Marysville-Lake Eildon or Big River Rubicon
<b>RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF</b>	12 UHF
<b>GOOGLE MAPS</b>	<a href="#">See here</a>

<b>DESTINATION</b>	Club Christmas Party 2018
<b>LEADER/CONTACT NO.</b>	NAME: Steve Pitcher MOB: 0421 205 529
<b>HOST/CONTACT NO.</b>	NAME: Audrey Rhodes / Ian Rhodes MOB: 0418 821 581
<b>DATE</b>	Saturday 08 December 2018
<b>MEETING PLACE / TIME</b>	Free overnight camping available (BYO camping gear) 51 Nar Nar Goon Longwarry Road, Tynong VIC, from 2pm onwards
<b>GRADE</b>	WET: 2WD accessible DRY: 2WD accessible
<b>TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS</b>	<p>We will be holding our Club Christmas party at Ian and Audrey's place. They have a HUGE shed that we will use as a 'camp kitchen' and an even bigger back yard with plenty of space for members to set up camp and stay overnight should they wish.</p> <p>The club will put on a spit roast for the main meal (dinner). Everyone is requested to bring/contribute a share plate/platter, or a salad or cake/dessert to share.</p> <p>We will have some games/activities for the kids (big and small!).</p> <p>BYO breakfast (if staying overnight), drinks and snacks.</p>
<b>VEHICLE LIMITS</b>	<p>MINIMUM: N/A MAXIMUM: N/A</p> <p>All members are invited and are encouraged to attend if they can.</p>
<b>APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION</b>	Approximately 20 kms past the BP at Officer bypass.
<b>LAST AVAILABLE FUEL</b>	PETROL: N/A DIESEL: N/A
<b>DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES</b>	N/A
<b>EQUIPMENT REQUIRED</b>	<p>Usual camping gear if intending to stay overnight.</p> <p>BYO chairs and, only if you have, any long tables/trestles would be appreciated. There will be a BBQ available for use. Please see the December 2017 edition of Free Wheeling</p>
<b>MAPS REQUIRED</b>	N/A
<b>RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF</b>	N/A
<b>GOOGLE MAPS</b>	<a href="#">See here</a>



<b>DESTINATION</b>	Aberfeldy and surrounds
<b>LEADER/CONTACT NO.</b>	NAME: Stuart & Maree MOB: 0428 539 157
<b>DATE</b>	15th December 2018 A Christmas madness escape!
<b>MEETING PLACE / TIME</b>	Aberfeldy main street 9:00 am for an 9:30 am departure, or if anyone is interested meeting for dinner at the Erica pub on the Friday night and camping after a night run to Aber- feldy, we could do that too.
<b>GRADE</b>	WET: Difficult DRY: Medium
<b>TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS</b>	Idea is to head up past Aberfeldy and do some four wheel driving for the day. Bring packed lunch and munchies for roadside stops
<b>VEHICLE LIMITS</b>	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: N/A
<b>APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION</b>	300–400kms round trip
<b>LAST AVAILABLE FUEL</b>	PETROL: Moe LPG: Moe DIESEL: Moe
<b>DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES</b>	400km
<b>EQUIPMENT REQUIRED</b>	Own basic recovery gear, tools and any spares you may re- quire. AT or MT tyres
<b>MAPS REQUIRED</b>	Rooftop maps Walhalla-Licola
<b>RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF</b>	UHF 12
<b>GOOGLE MAPS</b>	<a href="#">See here</a>

<b>DESTINATION</b>	Australia Day Long Weekend 2019
<b>LEADER/CONTACT NO.</b>	NAME: Steve Pitcher MOB: 0421 205 529
<b>DATE</b>	Saturday 26 Jan 2019 - Monday 28 Jan 2019
<b>MEETING PLACE / TIME</b>	Northbound service station at 1175 Hume Hwy, Mickleham Aiming for 10am departure to get there around lunchtime.
<b>GRADE</b>	WET: 2WD DRY: 2WD (4WD may be required to camp foreshore)
<b>TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS</b>	Relaxing weekend camping on the banks of the Murray River at Carter's beach, Ulupna Island.  It gets very hot during the day so adequate supplies of water, proper shelter and sunscreen are highly recommended. Camper trailer friendly. It can get extremely gusty of an evening (short bursts) so sand pegs are highly recommended.  Koalas can be found in the area and there is a strawberry farm just up the road.  BYO fishing rods (and permits), kayaks, hammocks, etc.
<b>VEHICLE LIMITS</b>	MINIMUM: N/A MAXIMUM: N/A It gets quite crowded so if anyone can get up there earlier and 'mark a spot' that would be great.
<b>APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION</b>	300kms (approx.) Fuel, ice and other supplies available at nearby Strathmerton.
<b>LAST AVAILABLE FUEL</b>	PETROL: Strathmerton DIESEL: Strathmerton
<b>DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES</b>	10km from camp
<b>EQUIPMENT REQUIRED</b>	Usual camping gear (no 4WDing planned - just R&R). If you can bring some firewood, that would really help!
<b>MAPS REQUIRED</b>	N/A - follow the signs from Strathmerton - once you cross on to the island, it's almost impossible to get lost!
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# GOOGS TRACK

16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October  
by Maree Bowker

Maree and Stuart     Landcruiser  
Des                      Patrol

We met at Ceduna, in South Australia and enjoyed dinner at the Foreshore hotel, before our epic journey. Its only 154 kms long and has over 360 sand dunes. A short history it started in 1972 by John (goog) Denton a local farmer and was completed in 1976 when it joined other tracks in the area.





Let the fun begin, we passed through the dog fence gate and the warning signs are very specific. You need to carry all supplies for the journey, including adequate water. As we had rain in the days leading up to us starting we did not know how this would affect us. To start with we had a puddle, Des and Stuart looked at one another and smiled that smile of this could be interesting.

We attached our sand flags and started up the track. The sand flag didn't last too long till Des said have you lost something Stuart? Oh, look it's the sand flag. So, with modifications it was reattached, and

we found another one on the track to keep as a spare. The sand dunes went on and on and on.







This is a memorial to Googs and his family, one of the interesting things was the tree behind Des where people had left money, so he could get a cold beer at the local pub.



Googs Lake was our lunch stop, where you look out over the salt lakes in the area. By this stage we had stopped counting sand dunes as it was up and over and then up and over again.

The biggest worry was is there someone coming the other way? So, we kept our radio on and calling out as this is a two-way track.



The sun set, and sun rise coloured the rock face and the surrounding area, photos do not do justice to the contrasts. The scenery changed so quickly from golden sand dunes to granite and then on to white salt lakes.

The boulders were stacked up at the top of the granite rock.

It gave the place the appearance of a moon scape with big round holes where the water had pooled.





Stuart standing on Lois Rock. Where we camped for the night. The contrast going from sand dunes to rock was amazing.



Back on the track and just for something different up and over more sand dunes. We met a party traveling the other way, but they were the only others we met. We headed to Mt Finke, with the question why is so many things named Fink? Phone service was non-existent for most of the track, so this question had to wait.

Camping at Mt Finke then moving on to the Yambarra Conservation reserve the carpet of wild flowers was ever changing. You would come over another sand dune and the carpet was yellow then the next was pink, or white or blue, or all the colours mixed together.



Finally finishing the track at the trans Australia rail way line



On to Tarcoola where the railways branch out to Darwin or Perth. This is now a ghost town but the buildings show the once mighty town. Then a stop at Kingoonya and the outback pub. They have a lovely camping ground and free fire wood but as it was blowing a 40 +kph wind we opted to go to Glendambo camping ground and enjoyed dinner at the wool shed hotel.







Amazing bird life where ever you looked



Next stop the Gawler Rangers National Park. We found this contrast just as impressive as Googs track with the red sand dunes and the white salt lakes peppered with unusual rock formations. We have included a few photos of the trip for you to enjoy. On the way home we stopped at Kimba to enjoy their silo art work and as an added bonus we found Warrabura silo art had just been completed so we got to enjoy that.

A great trip we would recommend doing it.









