



FREE WHEELING

April 2020

TRACKS CLOSED

Official Newsletter of the
Victorian Four Wheel
Drive Club Inc

Registration No
A0002184F

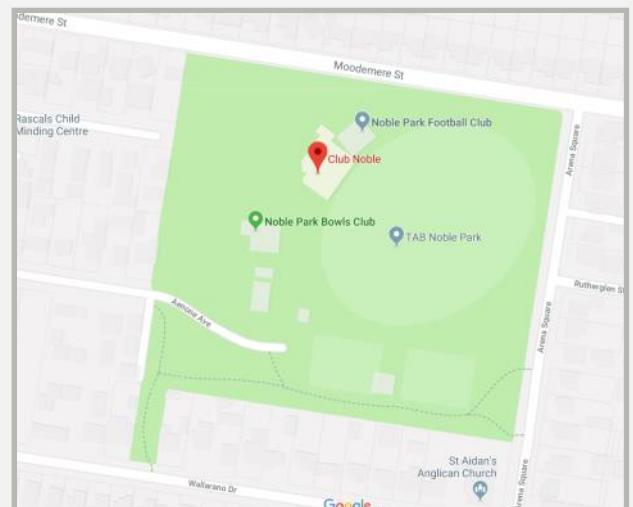


VFWDC General Meeting Venue

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.

Blue and Gold Room

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



The General Meeting held on Wednesday 1st April 2020 is cancelled.

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

2019-2020

President	Steve Pitcher	president@vfwdc.com
Vice President	David Bruinsma	vicepres@vfwdc.com
Secretary	Sally Higgs	secretary@vfwdc.com
Treasurer	Ly Ho	treasurer@vfwdc.com

General Committee

Trip Coordinator	Des Whall	trips@vfwdc.com
Magazine Editor	Mary Griffiths	editor@vfwdc.com
Association Delegate	David Bruinsma	delegate@vfwdc.com
General Committee	Callum Brown Jeff Griffiths	

Support Positions to Committee

Web Manager	Ben Whitworth	web@vfwdc.com
Training officer	Phillip Griffith	
Training officer	Ashley Martin	
Merchandise	Des Whall	merchandise@vfwdc.com
Catering	Ann Crockett	

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 - www.fwdvictoria.org.au	

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



As recently advised to all Club members, the health threat posed by Coronavirus (COVID-19) is significant and ongoing. Victoria has the second highest infection rate in the country and the numbers are only expected to increase with time.

On 16 March 2020, the State's Chief Health Officer declared a State of Emergency for the state of Victoria. This declaration runs until 13 April 2020 but it may be extended beyond that date. Additionally, the Governor General recently declared a Biosecurity Emergency and has appealed to everyone to restrict all non-essential travel and to maintain a safe distance from others.

In light of these developments, the Committee has made the following resolutions:

1. The General Meeting that is scheduled for 01 April 2020 is cancelled; and
2. All official Club Trips leading up to and including over the Easter break are cancelled.

The Committee has made this difficult decision based upon the most current health and travel advice available. The health and safety of our Members remains paramount. We all have a responsibility, to ourselves and to other Club Members, to take preventative action and to minimise the risk of transmission. This includes Members refraining from engaging in unofficial or informal trips and gatherings.

We appreciate the magnitude of this decision on the proper functioning of our Club and we thank our Members for their understanding in these challenging and unprecedented times.

We will continue to monitor and update you as further news and advice is made available.

Until we next convene (which may not be for several months), keep safe, minimise all non-essential travel and remember that all trips (official or otherwise) are cancelled until further notice.

Steve Pitcher
President

CLUB MERCHANDISE



PRICING

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. Please ensure you advise size required.

CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

April			
1st	Wed	General Meeting	CANCELLED
20th	Mon	Committee Meeting	TBA
May			
6th	Wed	General Meeting	TBA
18th	Mon	Committee Meeting	TBA
June			
3rd	Wed	General Meeting	TBA
15th	Mon	Committee Meeting	TBA

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

IMPORTANT

To All Club Members

- The General Meeting held on the 1 April 2020 is cancelled.
- All official Club Trips (including any short notice trips) leading up to and including over the Easter break are cancelled.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

4th March, 2020

Meeting Open: 20:10 Hours

Attendees

As per attendance sheet

Apologies

As per attendance sheet

- Shane and Jenny

Minutes from February Meeting

Accepted by Jeff

Seconded by Des

Matters arising from February Meeting

- Nil

Correspondence In/ Out:

Emails In and out

- 4WD Victoria Emails for members update weekend
- 4WD Victoria Emails for support at Wulgulmerang
- Emails relating to proposed club donation for Bush Fire support
- Member Inquiries

Mail

- Did not clear the PO Box

Treasurer's Report:

- As per treasurer's report for February 2020

Accepted by: Stuart

Second by: Callum

Association Delegate Report

- Members update information day—Saturday 22nd March

Bush Fires—Recovery Efforts and Committee Recommendation

- Caroline Jones spoke of her experience in Mallecoota Bush Fire
- Multiple trips announced and planned in support of bushfire relief efforts
- Committee received and discussed member feedback following last month's vote to make a financial donation towards relief efforts
- Committee—Motion for the donation \$500 to Blazeaid to support them in their operations in rebuilding farms affected by fires and \$500 to the Mallecoota Pony Club who has lost everything in the fires.
 - * Majority of members agreed to the motion.

New Members/Guests and Prospective Members

Visitors - as per attendance sheet

Darryl - D-Max

Tim - Prado

New Members Kits

- Simon Kendall
- Richard Hutchinson
- Grant Renkema

Driver Training

- Certificate - Lauren Griffith presented to Phil
- Association are restructuring trainee instructor processes at the moment. Phil will present at the next meeting on the process
- Proficiency Training looking to be in May and Phil and Ashley will confirm date by end of March. Need to have 5 people as minimum to make the course viable.

Guest Speakers

- No speaker tonight.
- Tim Bates will be coming as our Guest Speaker for the April meeting.

General Business

- David spoke to his son raising money via Shave for a cure and asked for members support. Proceeds from tonight's raffle to be donated
- Travel Buddy ovens - see Ashley if you wish to buy one.

Upcoming Trips

Trips/events in the pipeline:

- Labour Day Long Weekend—Talbotville 7-9/03/2020 (David)
- Bunyip SF Night Run - 21/03/2020 (Andre)
- Gippsland Road Relief Tour - 21-22/03/2020 (Des)
- Easter Break 10-13/04/2020
 - * Blaze Aid Working Bee (Brett)
 - * Talbotville (David)
- Chainsaw Maintenance Weekend - May 2nd and 3rd - Little O'Tooles (Des)
- Hidden Huts Weekend - 23-24/05/2020 (Steve)
- Club Working Bee - Aberfeldy (penciled in for May)
- 15th and 16th May - Night Run Woods Point (Bruce)
- Melbourne Cup Weekend - Beachport (Tony)

Past Trips

Trips completed since last general meeting:

- Firth Park trip in February - Stuart, 14 people, had a wet four wheel driving day, went to the pub for dinner. A couple of sensible people stayed in camp
- Good On Ya award nomination - Mary and Jeff for "inflating air bed with a valve still open".

Reminders

- Club magazine—Trip leaders requested to ensure trip reports are in by 25th monthly
- Merchandise—See Des if interested in any gear ahead
- Club photo gallery—members requested to submit photos to Web Manager or Editor

Raffle Prizes

- Solar Panel - Caroline
- Club Hoodie - Michael
- Flexi Funnel - Garry
- Ratchet Straps - James
- Elastic Strap—Andre

Raffle proceeds to be donated to David's son Shave for a cure. Raised \$155.40. Will be donated electronically.

Meeting Closed Hours 21:40
Next meeting April 1st 2020.

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Treasurer's Report February 2020

<u>Cheque A/C`</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/02/2020		\$5,060.59
Add:	Raffle	\$77.00	
	Merchandise	\$84.00	
	Total Monies In:		\$161.00
<u>Less:</u>			
	Catering	\$13.70	
	Closing Balance as at 29/02/2020		\$5,207.89
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/02/2020	\$6,753.63	
	Closing Balance as at 29/02/2020		\$6,753.63
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/02/2020	\$50.00	
	Closing Balance as at 29/02/2020		\$50.00
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position		<u>\$11,961.52</u>