



FREE WHEELING

December 2020

Welcome Back!

Tracks are open
So let's get out there.



Official Newsletter of the
Victorian Four Wheel
Drive Club Inc

Photo provided by Maree Bowker
Ann & Allan— Toyota Prado 150 Series
“COVID—The White Knight”

Registration No
A0002184F

NOTICE BOARD

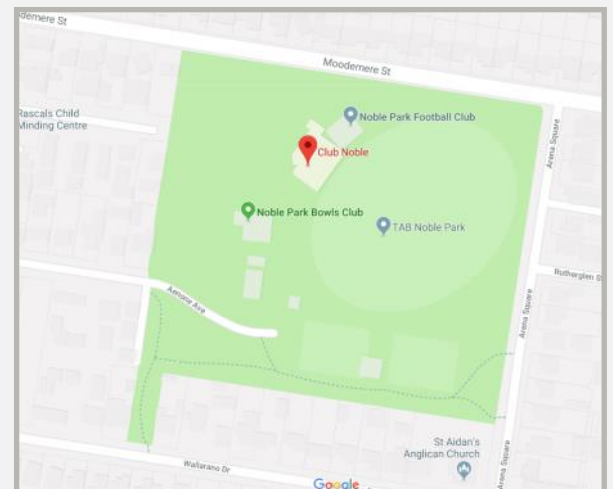


VFWDC General Meeting Venue

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

Blue and Gold Room

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



The General Meeting will be held online on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 8.00pm due to the current restrictions in place. Log in via the app Zoom or dial in using your phone. Please check your emails for further information to log into the meeting.

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

2020-2021

President	Sally Higgs	president@vfwdc.com
Vice President	Callum Brown	vicepres@vfwdc.com
Secretary	TBA	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
Email	secretary@vfwdc.com
Website	www.vfwdc.com

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hey Everyone!

2020 is coming to a close and what a year it has been!

Last month we had Tim from Redarc give us a great presentation on their products and for those that missed out, Tim is willing to come back to see us when our meetings are face to face again. This coming month we are having Justin from Hema Maps coming along to our meeting to talk to us all about Hema.

The Premier has announced we can now go on holiday with up to 15 people so this now means that we can resume overnight camping and our trips. To ensure we protect our members and meet our obligations the committee has implemented COVID safe plan (included in this magazine) that we need you to adhere to when you are on trips along with completing contact tracing for everyone on the trip.

We will have our December meeting online again and will review over the Christmas break on getting back to face to face meetings in the New Year. We will have a pre-Christmas get together in mid-December and we are just finalising out the location. I am looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

With the club starting to get busy again we are in the need of a club Secretary to support the club and committee. Des has helped us out while the trips role has been in hibernation but this will be picking up now we can get out and about. To be a successful club we need a broad range of members getting involved so please put your hand up. The commitment is 1 committee meeting per month and 1 general meeting along with collecting mail from the post box and responding to emails. If you have any questions on it then please let me know and I am happy to show you what it is all about.

Our club trips are all detailed here in the magazine and on 4WD Trip.com at this link <https://www.4wdtrip.com/login.aspx?club=33> If you forget the link, it is on the front page of the club website. If you need more information or want to make sure you get on a trip please email Des on trips@vfwdc.com

I hope that you have a fantastic Christmas and New Year with your family and friends. I look forward to seeing you all out on the tracks soon.

Sally

CLUB MERCHANDISE



Summer has arrived!
T-Shirts, Vests, Light jackets—plenty of stock available. Order now ready for your next trip.

PRICES

Club SS Polo Shirt	\$30.00	Club Wide-Brim Hat	\$5.00
Club SS Shirt 40th Anniversary	\$10.00	Club Sandwich Peak Hat	\$5.00
Club Polar Fleece Jacket (Full Zip)	\$30.00	Club Woollen Pom Pom Beanie	\$20.00
Club Fleece Hoodie	\$30.00	Club Cable Knit Scarf	\$20.00
Club SS Reversible Vest—double embroidery	\$50.00	Club Neoprene Stubby Holder	10.00
Club Drivers Jacket	\$60.00	Club Coth Badges 120mm	\$8.00
Club Trekka Jacket	\$85.00	VFWDC Windscreen Sticker Sml	\$6.00
Club Bucket Hat	\$5.00	VFWDC Windscreen Sticker Lge	\$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

December

2nd	Wed	General Meeting	Guest Presenter Justin from Hema	Via Zoom or Phone 8.00pm
4th-18th	Fri-Fri	Davies Plains	Des Whall	0412 170 139
12th	Sat	Club Christmas Get Together		
12th	Sat	First Aid Course	Designer First Aid Solutions and Four Wheel Drive Victoria	

January 2021

7th	Wed	No General Meeting		
18th	Mon	Committee Meeting		
22nd–26th	Fri-Tues	Australia Day Weekend Nunniong Plains	Des Whall	0412 170 139
22nd-26th	Fri-Tues	Australia Day Weekend Ulupna Beach—Ulupna Island	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860

February

12th–14th	Fri-Sun	Mitchell and Avon Rivers	Des Whall	0412 170 139
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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



General Meeting Wednesday 2nd December, 2020
held ONLINE At 8.00pm

Guest Presenter
Justin from Hema

ALL THINGS NAVIGATION



Club Christmas Get Together
Saturday 12th December 2020



+ FIRST AID COURSE

When: Saturday 12th December, 2020
Where: St Simons School Hall, 2 Taylors Lane, Rowville

Do you need to update your first aid skills?

The First Aid Course will be conducted by Designer First Aid Solutions and Four Wheel Drive Victoria will be subsidising the course cost to members.



HLTAID003 Apply First Aid (previously known as Level 2)

- * Includes HLTAID001 Provide CPR
- * Online learning plus approx 7 hrs on the Saturday
- * (Valid 3 years)
- * \$95.00 per member

Date: Saturday 12th December, 2020

Location: St Simons School Hall, 2 Taylors Lane, Rowville

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

11th November 2020

Online Virtual Meeting Meeting Opened 8:03 pm

Attendees:

Sally & Tristan, Ben & Megan, Callum Brown, Banny & Arlene, Ly Ho, Stuart & Maree, Joe Spicuzza, Stephen Pitcher, Caroline Jones, Andrew Hooper, Graham Dickson, Ann & Allan, Jeff & Mary, Brett Buchanan, David Bruinsma, Andre Van Der Walt, Daryl Lynch, Steve Ignatidis

Visitors - Ian Butler, Michael Carr, Matt Marino

Apologies

Carolyn Bruinsma, Philip Griffith

Minutes from previous month

- Minutes from the October General Meeting
Minutes were read by members
- Minutes arising from those minutes
No matters arising from previous minutes

Acceptance of Minutes

Accepted by: Andre Van Der Walt

Seconded by: David Bruinsma

Correspondence

Incoming correspondence in October:

- Jackaroo Club magazine
- Change of email address from Stuart and Maree
- 4 x perspective member emails
- 4WD Victoria - Temporary closures, Benambra, Cobberras and Gelantipy areas.
- 4WD Victoria - Gate openings Southern Alps
- 4WD Victoria - Zeka Spur switchback slippage and repair.

Outgoing correspondence in October:

- Des sent out trip cancellation emails and trip update spreadsheet

Treasurer's Report— October 2020

- As per report published in Club Magazine
- **Matters arising from Treasurer's Report**
- 1 x renewal this month
- No matters arising from Treasurer's Report

Accepted by: Stephen Pitcher

Seconded by: Stuart Bowker

- Membership renewals 36 financial
- New members 0

Association News / Updates

- No news or communications other than incoming correspondence

Guest Speaker

- **Tim Chivers / Redarc**
- Fantastic presentation covering purpose and use of a Battery Isolator, BCDC charger, Battery Management System and Tow-Pro.

COVID-19

- **Current status**
Stage 3 restrictions at least until November 23.

Trips

4WD Platform

- 4WDTRIP - 29 Registered
- No club trips run last month due to COVID-19 restrictions

Upcoming trips:

Nov 20 (TBC) - The Great Escape - Trip leader Stuart - 6 vehicles/Trip full with 3 on waiting list

Nov 28 - Wine tasting trip - David Bruinsma

Dec 5-16 - Davies Plains - Trip leader - 2 vehicles

Jan 22-26 Australia Day Weekend - Ulupna Beach
on the Murray - Trip leader David - 3 vehicles

Jan 22-26 Australia Day Weekend - Nunniong
Plains - Trip leader Des - 4 vehicles

Feb 13-14 - Avon River - Trip leader Des - 8
vehicles going

General Business

- Guest presenter for December's meeting—
Representative from Hema

Meeting closed 9.56 pm

Next meeting 02/12/2020

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bringing Four Wheel Drivers Together



Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
www.vfwdc.com



Treasurer's Report October 2020

<u>Cheque A/C`</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/10/2020		\$6,363.52
	Add: Membership Renewals	\$90.00	
	Total Monies In:		\$90.00
	Closing Balance as at 31/10/2020		\$6,453.52
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/10/2020	\$6,796.40	
	Closing Balance as at 31/10/2020		\$6,796.40
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/10/2020	\$49.85	
	Closing Balance as at 31/10/2020		\$49.85
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position		<u>\$13,299.77</u>



VICTORIAN FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

COVID-Safe Plan

This COVID-Safe Plan ("the Plan") has been developed to support Victorian Four-Wheel Drive Club in essence, to safely reopen, hold and/or sanction club gatherings.

Objective: To maintain a COVID-Safe environment whilst remaining compliant with public health directions.

The COVID-Safe Plan is grouped into four COVID-Safe principles. These include:

1. Ensure physical distancing
2. Wear a face covering
3. Practise good hygiene
4. Contact tracing

1. Ensure physical distancing

You must remain 1.5m apart as much as possible.

- Minimising the build-up of people waiting to enter and exit shared facilities and maintain 1.5m apart if forming a queue
- There is no more than one member and/or visitor per four square meters of publicly available space indoors
- Ensure outdoor social gatherings/overnight camping locations accommodate social distancing limiting contact
- Informing all participants to follow current public health directions when carpooling.

2. Wearing a face covering

All members, family members, partners and visitors attending an indoor meeting place must wear a face covering as per public health advice. Lawful exemptions recognised.

Face covering: mandatory indoors, unless an exemption applies. Include settings such as public transport, including when waiting at stations, ride shares, hospitals, care facilities and shopping.

- Face masks not required outdoors except where physical distancing cannot be maintained, such as farmers' markets and other outdoor retail.
- Requirement to carry masks at all times.

The Club, Committee and Trip Leaders will also:

- Provide guidance on how to correctly fit, use and dispose of face covering
- Inform participants that cloth masks should be washed each day after use. However, if during the day the mask is visibly dirty or wet, the mask needs to be washed immediately.

3. Practise good hygiene

Indoor meetings

- Attendees encouraged to regularly wash their hands. If soap and water is not available, alcohol-based hand sanitiser to be used (hand sanitiser will be made available at indoor meetings).
- Shared spaces to be frequently cleaned and disinfected including high-touch communal items such as doorknobs and handrails.

- Enhancing airflow by opening windows and doors.
- Single serve sachets, cups and condiments to be provided

Outdoor gatherings/camping

- Participants encouraged to regularly wash their hands. If soap and water is not available, alcohol-based hand sanitiser to be used (participants are expected to provide their own soap and water and/or alcohol-based hand sanitiser).

General:

- Do not shake hands or make physical contact with others
- Cough into elbows or a tissue
- Put used tissues straight into the bin, wash and/or sanitise hands immediately
- Avoid touching eyes, noses or mouths
- Do not share food or drink
- Practice strict hygiene when preparing food

4. Contact tracing

Do not attend meetings or participate in social gatherings and/or trips if you are feeling unwell or experiencing even the mildest symptoms.

Records of all attendees and participants to be kept for contact tracing.

Indoor meetings

- Attendance list to be made available to record name and contact details.
Information to be held by club secretary.

Outdoor gatherings/camping

- Contact tracing record to be collected by the trip leader and returned to the club secretary at the conclusion of the trip.

Contingency plan to manage any outbreaks.

This includes but not limited to –

- Secretary to identify and notify close contacts in the event of a positive case attending or participating in a club sanctioned activity during their infectious period.
- Secretary to engage with facility management and arrange to have site isolated and cleaned in the event of a positive case.
- Secretary to contact DHHS and notify the actions taken, provide a copy of contact details of any close contacts

I have read the VFWDC COVID-Safe Plan and commit to the objectives of the Plan for the duration of my attendance and/or participation in any club sanctioned gathering.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

VFWDC COVID-Safe Contact Tracing Form

Last reviewed by Des Whall/Secretary VFWDC 29/11/2020

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DESTINATION	Davies Plains
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Des Whall MOBILE: 0412 170 139
DATE	Sunday December 6, 2020 (Departure Date Now : Fri 4/12) Friday December 18, 2020
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Officer outbound 8.00 am for 8.30 Departure Date
GRADE	WET: Medium – Double Diamond DRY: Medium – Double Diamond
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Sunday - head to Dr Searls Gibbo Hut to camp for the night. Monday - rest day Tuesday - Mt Gibbo, Mt Pinnibar, camp near Tom Groggin Wednesday - Davies Plain, camp at Davies Plain Hut Thursday - Explore Davies Plain and surrounds, camp at Kings Plain camp Friday - Mount Murphy Historic Area, camp at Buckwong Huts Saturday - Explore and camp at The Poplars Sunday - Limestone Track, Cobberas Track, McFarlane Flat Track, camp at Ingeegoodbee River camp Monday - Rest day Tuesday - Ingeegoodbee Track, Snowy River Rd camp at Native Dog Flat Camp Wednesday - Native Cat Track, Nunniong Rd exploring Nunniong Plains, Murphy's Hut, Green Hills Hut, camp at Bentleigh Plains Reserve Hut. Thursday - rest day Friday - explore whilst heading out and home
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: Me MAXIMUM: 6 Vehicles
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	1000 Kms return trip
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Omeo/Benambra DIESEL: Omeo/Benambra
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	60 Kms
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	The right attitude and port Rated recovery points - full recovery gear Winch, lift, AT or mud tyres Vehicle specific tools/spares/fuses Self-sufficient camping/food/supplies for 14 days Chainsaw optional (will have mine) PPE gear is mandatory if bringing and intend using chainsaw. Fuel/oil if bringing chainsaw
MAPS REQUIRED	Corryong-Omeo-Thredbo Adventure Map
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	Channel 12
GOOGLE MAPS	

DESTINATION	Club Christmas Get Together - Crystal Brook Picnic Area - Cardinia Reservoir
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Sally Higgs MOBILE: 0435 782207
DATE	12th December 2020
MEETING PLACE / TIME	From 10.00 am onwards
GRADE	WET: Easy DRY: Easy
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>Relaxing Picnic and get together at Crystal Brook Picnic Area. We have not had a chance to meet up this year so thought I would put up a picnic.</p> <p>I will get there early to see if we can get the rotunda or at least an area near by the shade and the big open grass area behind the playground.</p> <p>Enter from either Wellington Road or Red Hill Road</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	<p>MINIMUM: None</p> <p>MAXIMUM: (Maximum group limit is 50 people)</p>
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	Meeting place will be the destination.
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	<p>PETROL: Emerald, Narre Warren</p> <p>DIESEL: Emerald, Narre Warren</p>
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Not very far at all
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Bring your own food, chair, drinks, sun shelter, sun screen, games
MAPS REQUIRED	<p>Google Maps</p> <p>-37.969694,145.396066</p> <p>https://goo.gl/maps/M8FSXdKPmtZcjMwDA</p>
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	Radio will be on channel 12
GOOGLE MAPS	

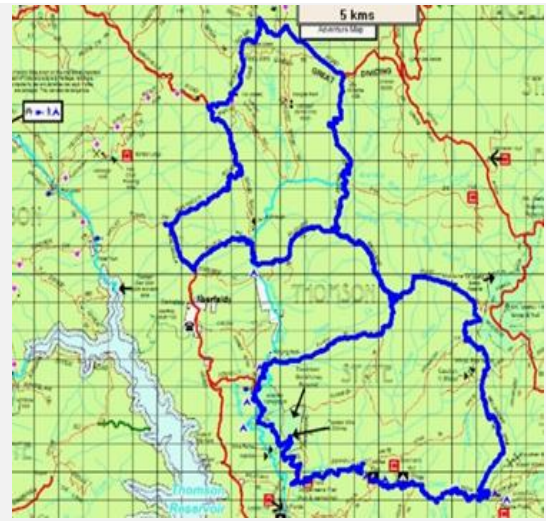
DESTINATION	Nunniong Plains
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Des Whall MOBILE: 0412 170 139
DATE	Weekend of Australia Day Friday January 22, to Tuesday January 26, 2021
MEETING PLACE / TIME	BP Officer outbound, Princes Freeway 5.00 pm am Departure—Friday 22 January 2021
GRADE	WET: Medium — Hard DRY: Medium—Hard
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Plan is to head up to either Swifts Creek or Bentleigh Plains depending on time and camp for the night. Saturday heading north through and exploring Nunniong Plains and surrounds camping at Murphys Hut for the night. Sunday exploring further north to Nunniong Plains Reserve and camping on the plains. Monday is a lazy start and easy drive home. Sorry no campers due to some track ratings.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: MAXIMUM: 4 Vehicles
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: DIESEL:
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	AT Tyres a minimum Rated recovery points and own recovery gear First Aid Kit and Fire extinguisher Self sufficient camp and food supplies Electric Winch Recovery Gear
MAPS REQUIRED	
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	Channel 12
GOOGLE MAPS	

DESTINATION	Mitchell and Avon Rivers
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Des Whall MOBILE: 0412 170 139
DATE	Friday February 12 to Sunday February 14, 2021
MEETING PLACE / TIME	BP Officer outbound Departure 5.30pm
GRADE	WET: Hard DRY: Medium to Hard
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Friday evening drive to Johnston's Flat Camping Area on the banks of Freestone Creek. Saturday explore north and west along Avon River and camp for the evening. Sunday is a lazy start meandering along Avon River Track to Coongulla—Heyfield and home. Fuel availability—Outbound—Stratford, homeward bound — Heyfield some tracks are double black diamond so no campers/trailers please.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: Minimum (me) MAXIMUM: 6 Vehicles
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	Approx. 400 kilometers round trip
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Outbound—Stratford—Homeward bound Heyfield DIESEL: Outbound—Stratford—Homeward bound Heyfield
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	400 Kilometers round trip
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	First Aid Kit Fire Extinguisher Rated recovery points and own recovery gear AT Tyres minimum Vehicle specific spares Self-sufficient food and supplies Recovery Gear Electric Winch
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftops - Bairnsdale to Licola
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	UHF Radio Channel 12
GOOGLE MAPS	

First Trip after lockdown

27th-29th Nov 2020

By Maree Bowker



Participants:

Maree and Stuart Toyota 79

Ann and Alan Prado (Covid White Knight)

Michael Ranger



The plan was Erica pub for Friday Dinner and the pub did not disappoint the food was wonderful, and they were so happy to have the 4x4 community back.

Our camp site was O'Tools campground, finding some other members Ashley, John, Anthony, and James out and about we enjoyed a campfire with all the chatting on all things 4x4.

Saturday the group headed out but the plans that were made had to be changed as White Star track claimed its first victim of the day another group who had broken their 4x4 and were looking at winching up the rock step, there was plenty of them in the group and well-resourced so we did a "U" turn and headed to Comet Spur track, where Michael found the rock step at the top a bit of a challenge but it only increased the smile he had on his face when he mastered it.

Eton track got us caught up in a traffic jam with a group of 16 motor bikes on a ride, we enjoyed waiting at the intersection discussing how far bike accessories have come, protective padding and fluoro colors, it's so interesting to see how different groups enjoy the tracks.

Up past Fiddlers Green and on to Mt Selma then back to McGuire's and Toomstar track, up and down the hills and a few river crossings all added to the enjoyment.



Finally ending at O'Tools again and finding plenty of friendly banter around the fire with the cloud cover rolling in. The rain finally deciding it will be bedtime for everyone and it rained all night.

Sunday 29 Nov 2020

Headed out via Donnelly creek Road to store point and the Jeff roundabout, to Spring Road and Bins Road to end up in Walhalla, for lunch at the Miners café, as the waitress pointed out the best steak sandwich in Walhalla. All agreed a great lunch spot.

Finally, we called in to Audrey and Ian's for a coffee and some delicious fruit cake.

A great weekend catching up with friends and 4x4 tracks.



FOR SALE—TIDAL TWIN DRAWS 1300 MM \$250.00

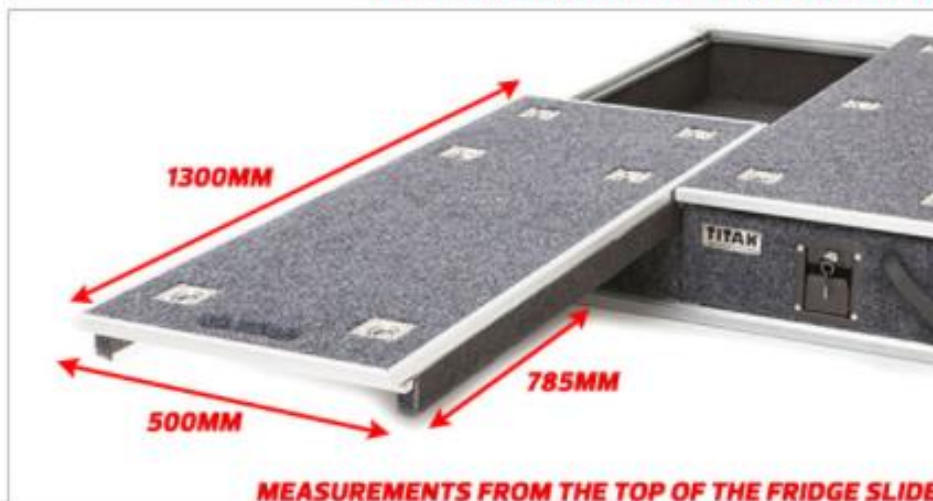
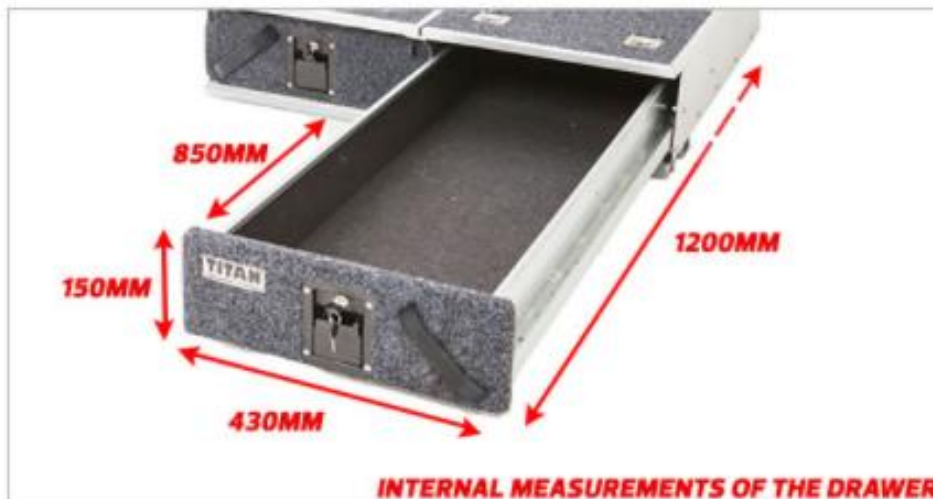
We bought a set of drawers from 4WD Supa Centre for our work ute that had a minor fault with a cross threaded bolt when we received it. There was a bit of back and forth on the parts so they ended up giving us a whole second set of drawers. Tristan fixed the bolt so we now have a set of drawers for sale.

Details for the drawers are below.

1300mm Titan Drawer System Suitable for Utes | incl Fridge Slide | Suits single and dual cab

1300MM:

TITAN
DRAWER SYSTEM



Dimensions:

Outside Dimensions no wings (mm):	1000(W) x 1300(L) x 240(H)
Internal Drawer Dimensions - each (mm):	430(W) x 1200(L) x 150(H)
Top Slide Dimensions (mm):	500(W) x 1300(L) x 20(H)
Drawer Extends Out (mm):	850
Fridge Slide Extends Out (mm):	785
Weight (kg):	99.38

Features:

Frame:	Galvanised Steel with multiple mounting options
Bearings:	Roller bearings (x70)
Covering:	Hard-wearing marine carpet, inside and out
Fridge Slide:	Yes, left hand side
Handles:	Key locking handles and heavy duty
Tie Down Points	Yes, on both fridge slide and stationary drawer top

NOTE: Titan Rear Drawers are only available with BLUE Marine Carpet

Mounting bolts

4x Bolt Dimensions:	Head 17mm, Total Length 56mm
4x Nylock Nuts(Hex Head) Diameter:	17mm
4x Spring Washer Diameter:	16mm Diameter, 10mm Hole
8x Flat Washer Diameter:	30mm Diameter, 10mm Hole

Sally - 0435 782 207 or Tristan 0468 958 444

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SELL

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)



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MALLEE DISTRICT

Buloke Shire
Gannawarra Shire
Mildura Rural City
Swan Hill Rural City
Yarriambiack Shire
(north of the netting fence)

WIMMERA DISTRICT

Hindmarsh Shire
Horsham Rural City
Northern Grampians Shire
West Wimmera Shire
Yarriambiack Shire
(south of the netting fence)

SOUTH WEST DISTRICT

Ararat Rural City
Colac Otway Shire
Corangamite Shire
Glenelg Shire
Moyne Shire
Pyrenees Shire
Southern Grampians Shire
Warrnambool City

NORTHERN COUNTRY DISTRICT

Campaspe Shire
Greater Bendigo City
Greater Shepparton City
Loddon Shire
Moira Shire
Strathbogie Shire

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Central Goldfields Shire
Lake Mountain Alpine Resort
Mitchell Shire
Mount Alexander Shire
Murrindindi Shire

NORTH EAST DISTRICT

Alpine Shire
Benalla Rural City
Falls Creek Alpine Resort
Indigo Shire
Mansfield Shire
Mount Buller Alpine Resort
Mount Hotham Alpine Resort
Towong Shire
Wangarrata Rural City
Wodonga City

WEST & SOUTH GIPPSLAND DISTRICT

Baw Baw Shire
Latrobe City
Mount Baw Alpine Resort
South Gippsland Shire
Wellington Shire

EAST GIPPSLAND DISTRICT

East Gippsland Shire

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Ballarat City
Banyule City
Bass Coast Shire
Bayside City
Boroondara City
Brimbank City
Cardinia Shire
Casey City
Darebin City
Frankston City
French Island
Glen Eira City
Golden Plains
Greater Dandenong City
Greater Geelong City
Hepburn Shire
Hobsons Bay City
Hume City
Kingston City
Knox City
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Manningham City
Maribyrnong City
Maroondah City
Melbourne City
Melton Shire
Monash City
Moonee Valley City
Moorabool Shire
Moreland City
Mornington Peninsula Shire
Nillumbik Shire
Port Phillip City
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TOTAL FIRE BANS

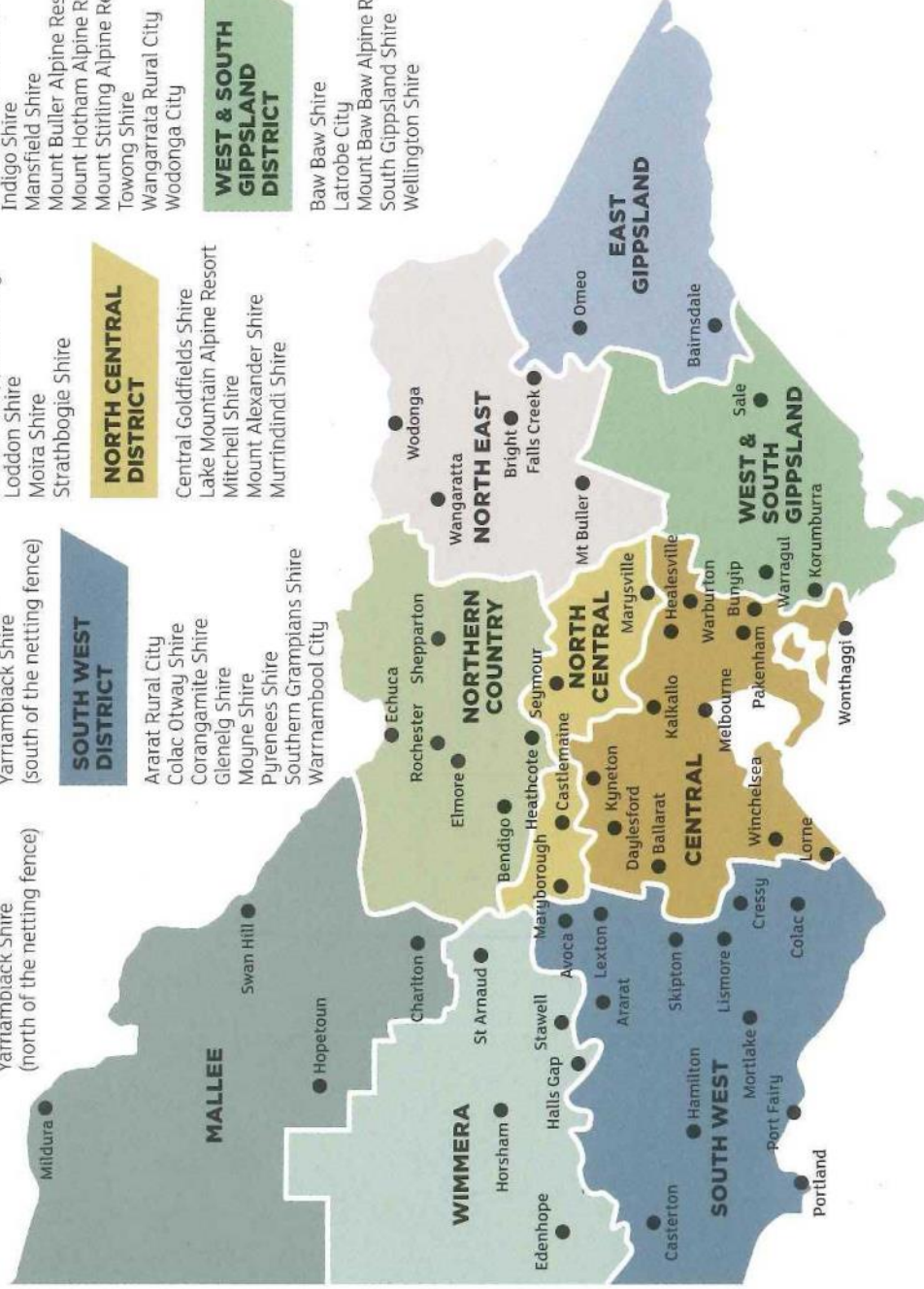
Total Fire Bans are declared by CFA on days when fires are likely to spread rapidly and be difficult to control.

On days of Total Fire Ban there are legal restrictions in force to reduce the likelihood of fires starting.

Victoria is divided into nine Total Fire Ban districts.

Total Fire Bans are declared by district and you must know which district you live in. A list of municipalities that are located in each of the districts is shown in the coloured boxes.

For more information on Total Fire Bans and Fire Restrictions please call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line (VBIL) on **1800 240 667** or via National Relay Service on **1800 555 677** or visit cfa.vic.gov.au



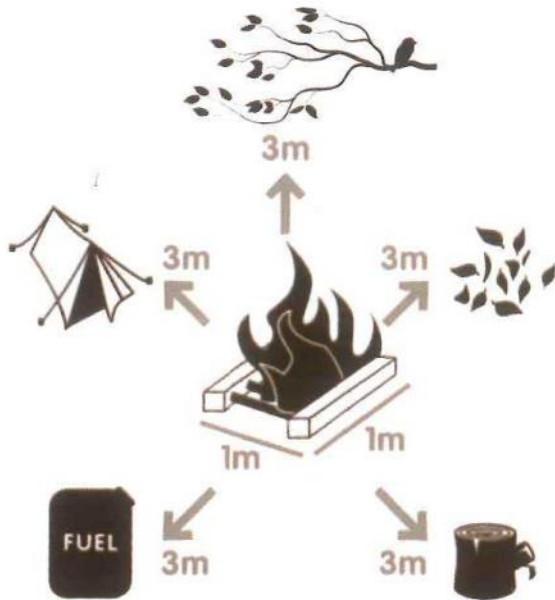
PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

FireReady

For more information please visit the CFA website at cfa.vic.gov.au or phone the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 or via National Relay Service on 1800 555 677

Campfire Safety

Don't let your campfire go bush!



Tips for building a safe campfire:

- Use a built fireplace (where provided) or dig a 30cm deep trench to prevent fire from spreading.
- Create a border around the fire using large dry rocks – never use river rocks as they can explode.
- Clear 3m of ground surrounding the fire - remove branches, leaves and twigs and check there are no overhanging branches above the fire.
- Ensure the fire is at least 3m away from tents and other camping equipment, especially flammable items such as gas cylinders and fuel.
- Never use flammable liquid or fuel such as petrol or diesel on a fire.
- Always keep a 10 litre bucket of water, and a shovel nearby.

Putting your campfire out:

- Make sure your fire is completely extinguished using water before leaving. Remember, **if it's cool to touch, it's safe to leave!**
- Do not use soil. Fires can still smoulder under soil and can stay hot for more than eight hours. This is a danger to anyone walking in the area once you have gone.

Things to remember:

- Before lighting - always check the weather conditions and fire restrictions in your camping area.
- Do not light or maintain a campfire on hot or dry days if the wind is more than 10kph.
- Campfires are **not** allowed on days of Total Fire Ban.
- Never leave your fire unattended, not even for a short time.
- Children and pets should be supervised at all times when near a fire.
- Keep your fire just big enough for cooking and keeping warm, not exceeding one square metre.
- Do not burn dangerous or flammable items, such as aerosol cans as they can explode.
- Check the '**Can I or Can't I**' brochure for what you can and can't do during the declared Fire Danger Period and on Total Fire Ban days or visit cfa.vic.gov.au/can

CAN I OR CAN'T I?

Victoria is one of the most bushfire-prone regions in the world, so we all need to be careful with fire, and things that can start fires, during the summer months. This brochure explains when you can and can't do during declared Fire Danger Periods and on days of Total Fire Ban. Fires in the south are only partly restricted when a Fire Danger Period is declared in some parts of the state. The restrictions are in place until they are lifted by the Victorian Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE). The restrictions are in force all year in State forests and National State and Regional parks. Contact your DSE and Parks Victoria office for advice on complete restrictions. Total Fire Ban days are declared by CFA on days when fires are likely to spread rapidly and are common to most areas where fires are most likely to occur.

Can I or can't I?	Fire Danger Period	Total Fire Ban Days
Can I or can't I?	Fire Danger Period	Total Fire Ban Days
1. Can I light a fire?	1. Can I light a fire?	1. Can I light a fire?
2. Can I use a barbecue?	2. Can I use a barbecue?	2. Can I use a barbecue?
3. Can I use a gas cylinder?	3. Can I use a gas cylinder?	3. Can I use a gas cylinder?
4. Can I use a heater?	4. Can I use a heater?	4. Can I use a heater?
5. Can I use a space heater?	5. Can I use a space heater?	5. Can I use a space heater?
6. Can I use a campfire?	6. Can I use a campfire?	6. Can I use a campfire?
7. Can I use a fire pit?	7. Can I use a fire pit?	7. Can I use a fire pit?
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Total Fire Ban

Sick of seeing rubbish left in the bush?

**Drifta Camping & 4WD has launched a new
campaign called
Respect The Bush / Respect The Beach**

The 4WD community has been taking action to clean up
dumped rubbish left behind in the bush.

It's simple take 2 bags in and 2 bags out.
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GOOD-ONYA TROPHY

The Good-Onya Trophy is a great way
to recognize members for their unique contributions.

Once a month club members have the opportunity to vote for
their most worthy nominee.

The winner will be presented with this most prestigious club
trophy at the monthly general meetings.

I am sure you will find some nominees to put forward once the
trips are up and running again.

Remember your friends!
If something goofy happens to someone on a trip?
Nominate them for the next "Good-on ya Award"!
Send a quick summary to trips@vfwdc.com



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and a
Happy New Year.

