



# FREE WHEELING

June 2021



Official Newsletter of the  
Victorian Four Wheel  
Drive Club Inc

Original Photo provided by  
David Bruinsma at Bindaree Falls

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 held 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 will be held online on Wednesday June 2, 2021 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.

# CLUB NOBLE FORM

Would like to become a member of Club Noble and enjoy the benefits the club has to offer  
[Click here to download the form](#) and hand it to reception desk.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Membership Application (Tick Box) New ☐ Renewal ☐ Existing Member No: .....

Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Other ☐

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

Last Name: .....

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

State: ..... Postcode: .....

Mobile Phone Number: ..... Home Phone Number: .....

Email Address: .....

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 understand the Loyalty Membership Terms as published on the **clubnoble.com.au** website. 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 all communications including promotional material and third party offers that include alcohol or gaming related advertising.

Yes ☐ No ☐

I also agree to receive and accept the annual reports and financial statements from Club Noble by either:

Email ☐ Website ☐

I agree to receive my Player Activity Statement in accordance with government legislation.

SMS ☐ Email ☐ In-House ☐

I am a Member of one or more of Club Noble's affiliated clubs:

Anglers ☐ Bowls ☐ Cricket ☐ Football - Seniors / Juniors ☐ Golf ☐ Soccer ☐ Tennis ☐

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

### FEES

Membership Fee (Tick Box) Year \$10 ☐ 2 years \$20 ☐ 3 Years \$30 ☐ Gaming \$0 ☐

Payment Details (Tick Box) Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Credit Card ☐

Card Holders Name: ..... Card Type: Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐

Signature: .....

Card No: ..... Expiry Date: .....

### INTERNAL USE ONLY

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

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

Receipt Issued (date): ..... Receipt Number: .....

# COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

## 2020-2021

President	Sally Higgs	<a href="mailto:president@vfwdc.com">president@vfwdc.com</a>
Vice President	Callum Brown	<a href="mailto:vicepres@vfwdc.com">vicepres@vfwdc.com</a>
Secretary	Des Whall	<a href="mailto:secretary@vfwdc.com">secretary@vfwdc.com</a>
Treasurer	Ly Ho	<a href="mailto:treasurer@vfwdc.com">treasurer@vfwdc.com</a>

## General Committee

Trip Coordinator	Des Whall	<a href="mailto:trips@vfwdc.com">trips@vfwdc.com</a>
Magazine Editor	Mary Griffiths	<a href="mailto:editor@vfwdc.com">editor@vfwdc.com</a>
Association Delegate	David Bruinsma	<a href="mailto:delegate@vfwdc.com">delegate@vfwdc.com</a>
General Committee	Callum Brown Jeff Griffiths	

## 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	Ann Crockett	

## 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 <a href="http://www.fwdvictoria.org.au">Four Wheel Drive Victoria</a> - <a href="http://www.fwdvictoria.org.au">www.fwdvictoria.org.au</a>	

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi All

One of the great things that I love about this club is the willingness of members to share their experiences and to help others make the most of their four wheel drive. I have seen many new members who have come to the club with their four wheel drive that they may have only driven on a dirt road and they want to learn more. Within a few trips I see the challenge, the fear, the surprise and the excitement when they learn a new skill or get the vehicle to climb a really steep hill. I love seeing the smiles when they get through the mud hole they thought they would not make.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome all our new members this year. I hope that you can get out on some trips to experience all that your vehicle and this country has to offer.

One of the benefits of our club is training. Our club is fortunate to have Accredited Four Wheel drive trainers that run comprehensive training each year. They are currently looking to book a training course and if you have not done one yet I would highly recommend putting your name down to attend it.

The variety of trips our members run give you opportunities to learn new methods, techniques with your driving and one of the best opportunities to learn are our annual snow trips to Mt Skene. The Mt Skene memorandum of understanding has now been signed for the year which means that we can now get our annual snow trips locked in. These trips fill up quickly but they are a great opportunity to drive in completely different driving conditions. Some years the snow is so thick that you won't make it to the top and others it is more a drive through slush.

Snow driving is a great experience and to get the most out of it you need to make sure that you have your vehicle set up and ready for it. You need to consider the mix of coolant in your engine to cater for freezing conditions and while you are at it you can get antifreeze for your windscreen washers. If you have a diesel engine you can get alpine diesel or add an additive to your tank before you head into the mountains. This will help prevent the diesel freezing up and damaging the engine. Once you have your vehicle all sorted out you need to make sure you are set up. Carry spare warm clothes, wet weather gear, additional food, first aid kits and all your recovery gear. Conditions change in the mountains in winter in an instant so it pays to be prepared.

Our AGM will be coming up in August so now is the time to start thinking how you might be able to support your members in keeping the club running, we will have a number of roles that you can stick your hand up for. Check out the details further in the magazine to see what you can help look after.

So with all the training and the variety of trips available I look forward to hearing the stories and will see you out on the tracks.

Sally



## CLUB MERCHANDISE



**Winter has finally arrived!**

**It's darn cold out there! Stay toasty and warm and snugly this season with a new jacket. We also have vests, scarfs and beanies. Place your order while stock lasts.**

### 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](mailto:merchandise@vfwdc.com). Please ensure you advise size required.

## CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### June

2nd	Wed	General Meeting	Held online via Zoom or phone 8.00pm	
4-6th	Fri-Sun	Millers Hut/Lake Tali Karng	Steve Pitcher	0421 205 529
12-14th	Fri-Mon	Queen's Birthday Weekend		
23rd	Wed	Committee Meeting		
26th	Sat	Christmas in July	St Anne's Winery	

### July

7th	Wed	General Meeting		
21st	Wed	Committee Meeting		
23-25th	Fri-Sun	Mt Skene Snow Trip	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860

### August

4th	Wed	General Meeting followed by Annual General Meeting		
18th	Wed	Committee Meeting		

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)

## IMPORTANT

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- 2021/2022 Club Memberships are now due for renewal and are open to New Members. Membership Application and Renewal Forms can be found in this months magazine. Note: Fees are pro-rata as of 1st April, 2021.
- Christmas in July—Are you attending this event? Please let your committee know so they can cater for this event.

We are still looking for members to join the committee. If you think you can help out please contact the President, Sally Higgs via email [president@vfwdc.com](mailto:president@vfwdc.com)

- The Annual General Meeting is coming up (4th August 2021). Invitations are now open to join the committee. Nominate a member (or yourself!) to become part of our committee. The VFWDc committee positions, descriptions and Nomination forms are included in this month's magazine. If you would like to join please get in touch.

Note: All nominations for Executive Committee are to be emailed to the Secretary for notification to the AGM Chair. Please email : [secretary@vfwdc.com](mailto:secretary@vfwdc.com).

Stay Safe Everyone!

# MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

May 5, 2021

Held at Club Noble Opened 8.10pm

## Attendees:

- Callum Brown, Ly Ho, Des Whall, Ian & Audrey Rhodes, Ann & Allan Crockett, Jeff & Mary Griffiths, Maree & Stuart Bowker, Gary Smith, David Bruinsma, Steve Pitcher, Dean Fisher, Michael Scopel, Ian Berryman, Mark Kochan, Phil Griffith, Dennis Alphonsus, Brett Buchannan, James & Joe Spicuzza, Tony Barbera, Stephen Dickson, Joe Yammouni, Steve Ignatidis.

## Apologies:

- Sally & Tristan Higgs, Andrew Hooper, Nicki Buchannan, Andre Van Der Walt.

## Guests:

- Daisey Quinn, Steven Miller

## Guest Speaker:

- Nil.

## Review April Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting

Matters Arising: Nil

## Acceptance of Minutes

Accepted by: Stuart Bowker

Seconded by: Ann Crockett

## Committee: Secretary

Correspondence

## Mail In:

- FWDV Feedback survey that will be forwarded to you all
- FWDV seeking participation to man a stall at National 4x4 Show 20-22 August

## Mail Out:

- Email advising FWDV we are not in a position to man a stall

## Treasurer's Report

As per magazine

Accepted by: David Bruinsma

Seconded by: Jeff Griffiths

## Membership Renewals

Facebook - Nil

Other enquiries - Nil

New members this month - Luke David and Sean Graydon

Current Financial Members - 47

## Association:

Update news from Association

- Nil.

## Proposed Trips

- Upcoming trips
- May 14-16 Mansfield Huts Trip / 3 vehicles
- June 4-6 Millers Hut/Lake Tali Karng Trip - 5 vehicles
- June 26-27 Christmas in July - St Annes Winery - 5 attendees
- July 23-25 Mt Skene Snow Trip - 8 vehicles

## Trip Reports

- Past Trip Presentation
- Callum - April 17 Tallarook Day Trip

## General Business

- Items of general business
- Phillip Griffith spoke of attending a driver trainer day with FWDV where details were presented of the development of their own training facility in an abandoned quarry North-East of Melbourne. The lease is to be finalized shortly and once developed, the facility will be made available to all association clubs to hire to conduct their driver training.



## General Business Con'td...

- Question from the floor as to whether any driver training was being planned for the second half of the year. None was scheduled; however, it was proposed to email all members seeking their interest in attending a training session. Des to email all members.
- Question from the floor to the recent media release on FWDV Facebook page about the changes to labelling of motor vehicle recovery straps (snatch straps). Discussion ensued with many pertinent points made about the safe use of snatch straps and potential issues around using straps considered not fit for purpose; failing to meet current standards and/or not being in robust condition. This discussion highlighted several additional points in respect to recovery assistance by club members ie, the lack of, or unsuitable recovery points, recovery gear in general and the accepted 4WD community view that all vehicles should carry and be suitably equipped to meet the requirements of any recovery. The general consensus was in support of leaders proposing trips be thorough in their description of what is required by participants when advertising a trip, and to follow through with an inspection of vehicles prior to departure. Should unsuitable or sub-standard equipment or accessories be identified a respectful discussion can be held around the consequences of using this equipment in a recovery situation and potential alternative recovery methods that will be deployed to affect a safe recovery. Everybody's safety is paramount in these situations and on the back of the amended standards, perhaps a more formal approach to trip leaders' responsibilities should be considered.
- Upcoming AGM was raised, and members advised that all position descriptions and responsibilities were currently being reviewed and will be amended to reflect a clearer representation of the roles before being published in our magazine prior to the AGM. (This was met with cheers, balloons and streamers with all members enthusiastically indicating their willingness to join the committee next year)
- Brett Buchannan spoke about the opportunity for club members to take advantage of a generous 15% discount offered by Didgeridoonas when purchasing any of their items online.

**Raffle prizes** - 3 bundles of tie-downs, rope, hand tools, towels and torches.

1. Mary
2. Dean
3. Steven Miller/guest

**Meeting closed at 21.25**

**Next Meeting 02/06/2021**



## Treasurer's Report April 2021

<u>Cheque A/C</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/04/2021	\$5,718.52	
	Add: Membership Fees	\$120.00	
	Total Monies In:		\$120.00
	Closing Balance as at 30/04/2021		\$5,838.52
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/04/2021	\$6,832.36	
	Closing Balance as at 30/04/2021		\$6,832.36
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/04/2021	\$36.55	
	Less: Catering	\$9.00	
	Total Monies Out:		\$9.00
	Closing Balance as at 30/04/2021		\$27.55
<u>Undeposited Funds</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/04/2021		\$0.00
	Add: Raffle	\$96.00	
	Closing Balance as at 30/04/2021		\$96.00
	<b>Consolidated Closing Cash Position</b>		<b><u>\$12,794.43</u></b>



<b>DESTINATION</b>	Millers Hut—Lake Tali Karng
<b>LEADER/CONTACT NO.</b>	NAME: Steve Pitcher MOBILE: 0421 205 529
<b>DATE</b>	4 June (Fri) to 6 June 2021 (Sun)
<b>MEETING PLACE / TIME</b>	BP Service Station - Princes Freeway (Pakenham Bypass) Officer 9.00 am (Fri, 4 June 2021)
<b>GRADE</b>	WET: Medium / Hard DRY: Medium / Hard
<b>TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS</b>	<p>Base Camping at Millers Hut (GPS Coordinates: - 37° 54'15" Long: 146° 78'11"). From there, we can head over on the Saturday to the Sentinels lookout to view Lake Tali Karng from above (no vehicular access down to the lake itself—those that are interested can hike down to the water's edge from the camp, and get back in a day, but it takes the whole day and the walking trail is really only suited to experienced hikers). Time permitting, we could also head over to Moroka Hut and/or Horseyard Hut. Either way, a packed or easy to prepare lunch is recommended for the Saturday. Camper trailers are welcome but getting into or out of Millers Hut can be quite challenging if it should rain or snow (which is possible that time of year).</p> <p>Participants are asked to bring all equipment and supplies required to be self-sufficient for 3+ days / 2+ nights. Be prepared in case it snows. Basic tools, spares and recovery gear (vehicles to be fitted with rated recovery points but winches are not essential). Quality A/T tyres (min) or M/Ts recommended due to rough/rocky terrain.</p>
<b>VEHICLE LIMITS</b>	MINIMUM: 1 MAXIMUM:
<b>APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION</b>	Approx.
<b>LAST AVAILABLE FUEL</b>	PETROL: Licola (Heyfield is the 2nd nearest); and DIESEL: Licola (Heyfield is the 2nd nearest) - no Alpine diesel available (BYO additive such as IceBreaker if conditions are really cold).
<b>DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES</b>	Max
<b>EQUIPMENT REQUIRED</b>	Recovery Gear
<b>MAPS REQUIRED</b>	While not essential, quality maps covering the area include: Rooftop's Dargo—Wonnangatta Adventure Map; and Hema Maps's High Country Victoria
<b>RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF</b>	Channel 12 UHF

<b>DESTINATION</b>	Christmas In July—St Anne's Winery
<b>LEADER/CONTACT NO.</b>	NAME: David Bruinsma MOBILE: <b>0417 747 860</b>
<b>DATE</b>	26 June (Sat) to 27 June, 2021 (Sun)
<b>MEETING PLACE / TIME</b>	St Anne's Winery—64 Garrards Ln, Myrniong VIC 3341 Saturday 26th June 2021 12.00 pm
<b>GRADE</b>	WET: Easy DRY: Easy
<b>TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS</b>	<p>This is our annual Xmas in July, one of the two big events on our club calendar. St Anne's have been kind enough to allow us to camp there for free for the past few years.</p> <p>More information will be updated here closer to the event, or come along to the club night as the committee plans this event.</p>
<b>VEHICLE LIMITS</b>	MINIMUM: 1 MAXIMUM:
<b>APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION</b>	Approx.
<b>LAST AVAILABLE FUEL</b>	PETROL: DIESEL: LPG:
<b>DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES</b>	Max
<b>EQUIPMENT REQUIRED</b>	
<b>MAPS REQUIRED</b>	
<b>RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF</b>	



<b>DESTINATION</b>	Mt Skene Snow Trip
<b>LEADER/CONTACT NO.</b>	NAME: David Bruinsma MOBILE: 0417 747 860
<b>DATE</b>	23 July (Fri) to 25 July 2021 (Sun)
<b>MEETING PLACE / TIME</b>	Jamieson 8.00 pm
<b>GRADE</b>	WET: Medium / Hard DRY: Medium / Hard
<b>TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS</b>	<p>This trip is subject to the MOU being obtained by FWDV from the Mansfield shire. Head up on the Friday night and find accommodation in or near Jamieson on the Friday night (pub or caravan park).</p> <p>Saturday morning, we will meet in front of the main coffee shop at 9am, for a 9.30am departure to head up to Mt Skene, and have lunch at the top of the mountain. Hopefully there will be plenty of snow—kids (big and small) can make snow men and snow angels etc. Once I know numbers, I'll also book for a combined dinner at the PUB for 6pm on the Saturday night.</p> <p>Sunday, feel free to head home at your leisure. If there is a lot of snow, expect conditions can get very hard—if there is little snow, then conditions will be very easy—that's the beauty of this annual trip, its like a box of chocolates—you never know what yah gonna get.</p>
<b>VEHICLE LIMITS</b>	MINIMUM: 1 MAXIMUM:
<b>APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION</b>	Approx.
<b>LAST AVAILABLE FUEL</b>	PETROL: DIESEL: LPG:
<b>DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES</b>	Max
<b>EQUIPMENT REQUIRED</b>	Recovery Gear
<b>MAPS REQUIRED</b>	
<b>RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF</b>	

## RECOVERY STRAP UPDATE

Hi everyone, again following up on the discussion around the updated standard for the safe use of recovery straps, I provide the following for your information and consideration.

Are your recovery straps up to date with new safety legislation? After a two year transition period starting 1st January 2018 the Federal Government enforced a **new standard for safe use of recovery straps which came into enforcement from 1st January 2020.**

The main change is the labelling of the straps to alert people using them of the inherent dangers. The straps have not changed. A lot of people tend to have several perfectly good (and some not so good) straps at home or in the car. The temptation is to use these until they are no longer usable and they'll probably work and give good service, just as they always have. However, the new legislation may mean that if you use the older straps and there's an accident where someone is injured or damage is caused to property or the environment, you may be found liable and that can lead to big trouble.

For your further information and learning, the link below takes you to ACCC's website specifically, the Product Safety page prescribing the requirements of recovery straps for motor vehicles.

<https://www.productsafety.gov.au/standards/recovery-straps-for-motor-vehicles>

Des Whall | Secretary  
Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club



## For Sale: One All Terrain Tyre

### Description:

For sale one Goodyear Duratrac LT265/70R17 all-terrain tyre. Never used as it was the spare. I have now gone up a tyre size so no longer required. Cost new \$300+

Price: Selling for \$180

Contact: Michael Scopel on 0438 145 021





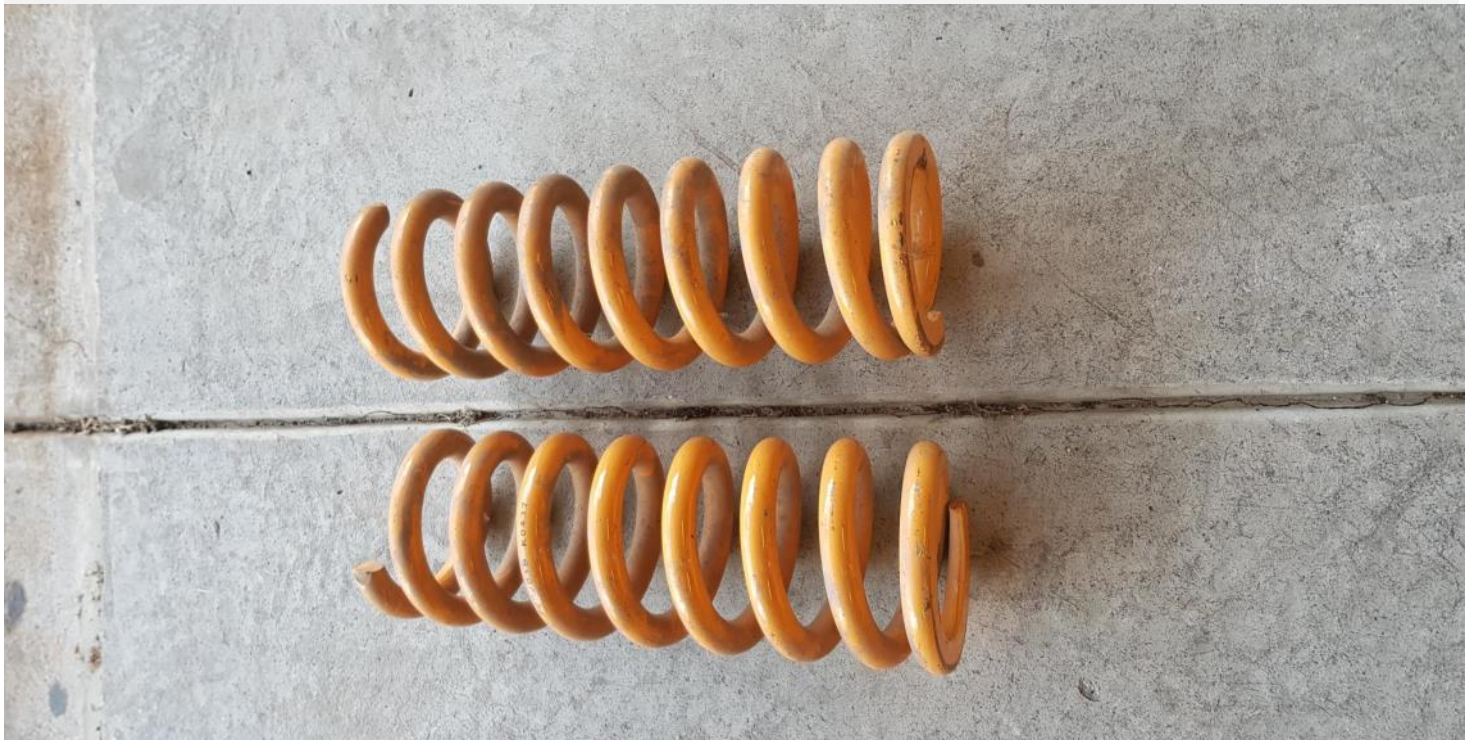
## FOR SALE: One pair Ironman Front Coil Springs

### Description:

For sale one pair Ironman front coil springs for Ford Ranger PX1 or PX2. They are the B or Comfort rating providing ~40mm lift. I have upgraded spring rating due to additional accessories being fitted so no longer required. Cost new \$400+ for pair.

Price: Selling for \$150

Contact: Michael Scopel on 0438 145 021



## FOR SALE: LOVELL'S HEAVY DUTY SUSPENSION

### Description:

For sale Australian made Lovell's heavy duty 3500Kg GVM suspension for a Ford PX Ranger. The Lovell's suspension was on the ute from being a company vehicle and when I purchased the vehicle I changed to Ironman suspension. As can be seen in the photos a couple of leafs were taken out of the leaf pack as I was not towing, but these are easily reinstalled. Ideal for towing or carrying loads, but as is performs well four wheel driving also. The suspension has not done a lot of kilometres so despite being dirty is in excellent working order. Cost new \$2600 for the kit as shown. Taking up too much room in my garage so please pass onto anyone else you may know with PX Ranger who is looking for suspension.

Price: Selling for \$1,800.00

Contact: Michael Scopel on 0438 145 021



## 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](mailto:editor@vfwdc.com), with the following information:

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

# CLUB MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE FOR RENEWAL

## Membership Application and Renewal Forms

Complete Form Online at [VFWDC.com](http://VFWDC.com)

## Temporary Membership Forms

Complete Form Online at [VFWDC.com](http://VFWDC.com)





# Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.

ARBN A002184F

PO Box 778 Dandenong, Vic 3175

vfwdc.com

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

**NOTE:** This form can be completed electronically and this is our preference.

### TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

(Please select as appropriate)

☐ New Application - \$30 (one-off)
 ☐ Renewal of Membership

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

☐ Single - \$80
 ☐ Dual/Family - \$90
 ☐ Silver (25+ Yrs) - \$50

### MEMBER DETAILS

FIRST NAME	Member:	Spouse:	
SURNAME	Member:	Spouse:	
EMAIL			
ADDRESS			
CHILDREN	Name	Age	
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
PHONE	Mobile:	Home:	Work:

### VEHICLE DETAILS

Make:	Model:	Year:
Reg'n No.:	Colour:	Fuel Type:

### COMPETENCIES

CURRENT FIRST AID CERTIFICATE	CHAINSAW ACCREDITED	COMPLETED DRIVER TRAINING
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

### NEWSLETTER

The Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Newsletter *Free Wheeling* will be available from the club website.

**I/WE** hereby apply to the Committee of Management for new/renewed membership of the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc. and consent to and agree to follow the Rules, policies (including the Privacy Policy) and conditions of membership as set out by the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.

**I/WE** acknowledge that fees are as set by the Committee from time to time and are due and payable by 30 June annually.

Signed ..... Signed .....

Dated: .....

### PAYMENT DETAILS

Joining Fee (new applicants only)  
 Membership Fee (as per above)  
**Total**

..... \$ 0  
 ..... \$ 0  
 ..... **\$ 0**

DATE PAID ..... / ..... / .....

RECEIPT NO. ....

PAID BY: Cash / Cheque / EFT

If paying by EFT, what account name / reference .....



## **Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.**

ARBN A002184F

PO Box 778 Dandenong, Vic 3175

[vfwdc.com](http://vfwdc.com)

Payment can be made via Bank Transfer. The details are as follows;

**Account Name:** Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.  
**BSB:** 633108  
**Account No.:** 111761979

Please ensure your transfer includes your name as provided on the membership application and renewal form in the reference.

Once you have made your payment/transfer please send your completed membership application and renewal form to the following email address or you can present it to the Treasurer at any general meeting.

Email your completed form to: [treasurer@vfwdc.com](mailto:treasurer@vfwdc.com)

Thank you for choosing the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.



# Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.

ARBN A002184F

PO Box 778 Dandenong, Vic 3175

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## TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP FORM \$13

TRIP DETAILS	
TRIP/DESTINATION	
DATE	
LEADER	

TEMPORARY MEMBER DETAILS			
FIRST NAME		SURNAME	
EMAIL			
ADDRESS			
PASSENGERS	NAME	AGE	
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
PHONE	MOBILE:	HOME:	WORK:

VEHICLE DETAILS		
MAKE:	MODEL:	YEAR:
REG'N No.:	COLOUR:	FUEL TYPE:

- Complete and sign separate Personal Information Form and hand it to the trip leader.
- As a temporary member/visitor you are representing the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc. and are expected to abide by our Rules and By-laws. If you are not familiar with our Rules or By-laws please ask the Trip Leader to explain them or give you a copy to read.
- If you are not confident or do not wish to attempt any part of an event, it is your responsibility to inform the Trip Leader.
- In the event of vehicle recovery, it is the vehicle owner's responsibility to approve recovery attachment points, and where safe, to perform the attachment.
- Safe driving practices must be adhered to at all times.
- Please check your vehicle insurance to ensure it has the appropriate level of cover.
- Whilst on a Club trip you are covered by the club's public liability insurance.
- Visitors may attend no more than 3 trips/events as a Temporary Member/Visitor prior to joining the Club.

### Acknowledgement

I agree to abide by the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc. Rules & Bylaws and the directions of the Trip Leader.

SIGNED: .....

DATE: .....

### PAYMENT DETAILS

Temporary Membership Fee \$13



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Payment can be made via Bank Transfer. The details are as follows;

**Account Name:** Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.

**BSB:** 633108

**Account No.:** 111761979

Please ensure your transfer includes your name as provided on the temporary membership form in the reference.

Once you have made your payment/transfer please send your completed temporary membership form to the following email address or you can present it to the Treasurer at any general meeting.

Email your completed form to: [visitor@vfwdc.com](mailto:visitor@vfwdc.com)

Thank you for choosing the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.



# **We need your help on and off the tracks**



**If you have some spare time  
please consider joining the committee.  
Your club needs you— do it for your club!**

**Contact your Committee...**

# COMMITTEE DUTIES

## President

The President's role is a voted committee position and it is the President's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- Lead General Meetings making sure they are held in accordance with the requirements as specified in the Constitution.
- Prepare Agenda and lead the meeting, keeping discussion relevant, decision making clear and encouraging member participation when required.
- Appoint General Committee roles and Delegate duties to the Committee Members.
- Prepare agenda and lead Committee Meetings are held in accordance with the requirements as specified in the Club Rules.
- Write monthly President's Report for the newsletter to report relevant information to members.
- Attend relevant Four Wheel Drive Victoria meetings when required.
- Welcoming new members or visitors at General Meetings.
- Before the election of new committee members at an annual general meeting, the President must present to the meeting the annual report of the Committee on the activities of the club during the last financial year.

## Vice President

The Vice President's role is a voted committee position and it is the Vice President's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- To provide support and backup to the President in their relevant duties
- To convene and run orderly meetings in accordance to the Clubs Constitution in the event the President is absent.
- To organise guest speakers or external club visits for selected meetings and be responsible coordinating the attendance of the guest.

## Secretary

The Secretary's role is a voted committee position and it is the Secretary's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- Collect the club mail from the club PO Box (778) at Dandenong Plaza Shopping Centre prior to the General Meeting
- Attend the General Meeting ensuring that the Attendance, Apologies and Visitors books are available for members / visitors to sign in
- Take the minutes of the General Meeting
- Present the incoming and outgoing correspondence at the General Meeting
- Type up the minutes noting number of attendees, apologies and visitors
- Attend the committee meeting
- File correspondence in and minutes of the general meeting
- Attend to any outgoing correspondence as determined by the committee
- Coordinate with treasurer to ensure a register of members is maintained in accordance with the rules.
- Liaise with Consumer Affairs Victoria to meet club obligations

## Treasurer

The Treasurer's role is a voted committee position and it is the Treasurer's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- To receive all new member application, and member renewal forms and monies and issue receipts
- Deposit all monies received into the club bank account (from membership fees, club raffles, sales of merchandise etc.
- Keep a record of the accounts—which can be made available by request of any club member
- Prepare a monthly financial status report for the General Meetings
- Prepare the AGM report with full annual financials, which will also include president and trip coordinators reports
- Update 4WD Victoria for membership lists to ensure insurance compliance
- Maintain the membership list
- Print and distribute membership cards for current year.

## **Trip Coordinator**

The Trip Coordinator's role is a voted committee position and it is the Trip Coordinator's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- Ensure attendance to each Club General Meeting fully prepared to present with relevant information of past and upcoming trips.
- If unable to attend it is the Trip Coordinator's duty to ensure another committee member has the up to date trip information for the Club Meeting
- Ensure all trip information is correctly recorded and stored
- Ensure the Trip Information Forms are up to date for each meeting
- Ensure copies of other relevant forms are available if or when needed (Track survey reports, Accident Survey Form, Trip Incident form, Personal Information forms, Trip rating information)
- Ensure all TDF (Trip Data Forms) are filled in correctly and a copy is passed onto the Newsletter Editor
- Liaise with the Newsletter Editor and follow up any trip reports that haven't been submitted.

## **Association Representative**

The Association Representative's role is a voted committee position and it is the Association Representative's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- To attend all Association meetings, and to report back to committee and also the General meetings with all items pertaining to the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Association.
- External liaison with other affiliated groups.

## **General Committee Member**

- Attend and contribute to Committee Meetings
- Assist committee in running of club.





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I ..... Signed• .....

Nominate ..... for the position of

☐ President

☐ Vice President

☐ Secretary

☐ Treasurer

☐ Trip Coordinator

☐ Association Representative

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### **Second the nomination for election to the Committee of Management.**

I ..... Signed• .....

Of .....

**Hereby accept the nomination for election to the Committee of Management of  
the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc. position of .....**

X .....



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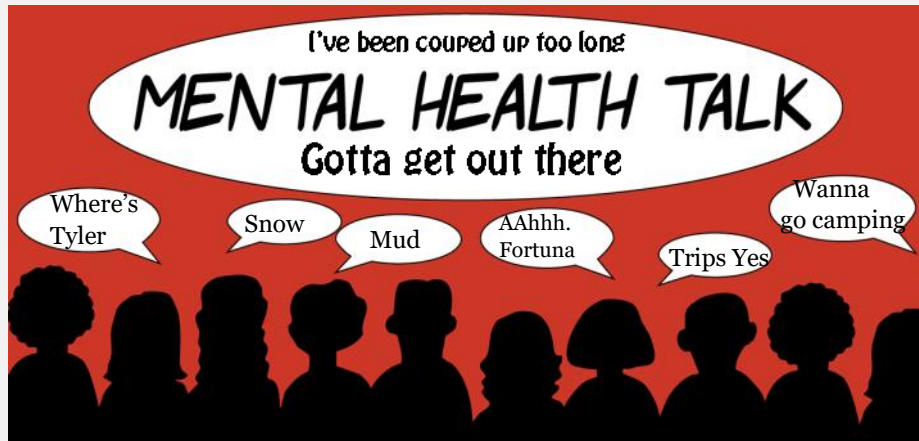
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# Something on a lighter note



## Ways To Maintain Mental Health

- At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on and point a hair dryer at passing cars. See if they slow down.
- Page yourself over the intercom. Don't disguise your voice.
- Put decaf in the coffee maker for 3 weeks. Once everyone has gotten over their caffeine addictions, switch to espresso.
- Finish all your sentences with "in accordance with the prophecy."
- As often as possible, skip rather than walk.
- Sing along at the opera.
- Go to a poetry recital and ask why the poems don't rhyme.
- When the money comes out the atm, scream "I won! I won!"
- Tell your children over dinner. "due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go."
- Laughing at your own mistakes lengthens your life. Laughing at your wife's mistakes shortens it.



## GOOD-ONYA TROPHY



If you like to nominate someone for the Good-Onya Award?  
Send a quick summary to [trips@vfwdc.com](mailto:trips@vfwdc.com)

When we are back face to face meetings we will take a vote  
and present this trophy to the most deserving winner.



Hi everyone,

Brett and Nicki Buchannan recently attended an EAGLE OUTDOORS open day where they managed to secure a 15% discount for club members who may wish to purchase products from **DIDGERIDONAS**.

There were brochures available at the last general meeting, however if you missed collecting one the following link will direct to their website.

<https://didgeridoonas.com.au/>

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**Australian Designed**

**Australian OilSkin**

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DIDGERIDONAS can supply completely custom labels for any type of situation.

Perfect for corporate gifts, weddings, birthdays and other important events.

Great selection on offer contact Didgeridoonas for more info.

### Editor's Note

Thank you to the Committee and to all the members who have contributed to the magazine.

Without your contributions we wouldn't have a publication.

Share with your fellow members

Write in and tell us

What have you seen

What have you heard

Where do you want to go

What you would like to see.

Your fellow members would like to know too.

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