



FREE WHEELING

March 2021

*PARKED? LOOKING AT THE MAPS?
LOOKS LIKE A SNEAKY U-TURN TO ME....*



Photo provided by
Sally Higgs

Official Newsletter of the
Victorian Four Wheel
Drive Club Inc

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 watch the calendar.

Next Club Meeting March 3, 2021

Held at:

Blue and Gold Room

Club Noble

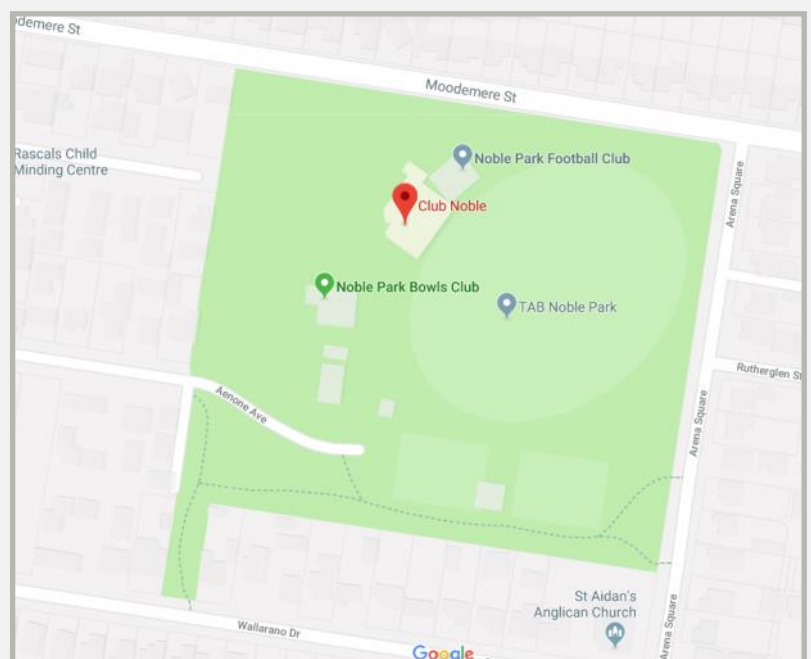
46-56 Moodemere Street

Noble Park

Melways ref: 89 D4

Members and guests are welcome to dine at the bistro before attending the meeting from 6.30pm.

For bookings call 03 9546 0653.



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	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 - www.fwdvictoria.org.au	

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi Everyone.

The shortest month of the year brought us many ups and downs. We had our first face to face meeting in nearly a year and it was great to see so many members return along with some new faces. We had a great catch up and some good discussion on places that people want to travel to and trips to plan for. Des had a great idea to plan a big trip for our club's 50th Anniversary which is only a couple of years away. I can't wait to see what comes from that idea.

This made me reflect on the club and its history. I can clearly remember the 40th Anniversary which was in 2014 and it was great to reflect on the rich history of the club that has been focused around four wheel driving, camping and exploring the great outdoors and it is still very much so today. The longevity of the organisation is testament to all of its members' contributions, whether large or small, whether it is through attending trips, club meetings, volunteering and supporting other organisations, planning and leading trips, being tail end charlie, or giving even more time to being part of the committee. Thank you for being a member.

Speaking of committee members, we need some more help on the committee. If you want to get involved then please let me know and I can work with you on getting a role that suits your skills and how you want to contribute.

Our club is for you as members, we want to make sure we are adding value, we want to help you get the most out of your four wheel drive, help you go camping and enjoy this wonderful country. We are open for ideas and will support you to achieve your goals and reason for being part of the club.

I am super excited to be running a beginner trip in a couple of weeks and we even have a waitlist. If you miss out on this trip I promise to run some more and that there will be others that you get to go on. I hope that we don't have another lock down but will cross that bridge if we get to it. As I say you can't call it a trip unless there is a u-turn. Something to provide a challenge to the day.

We have a few more months before the tracks will close for winter so lets squeeze in as many trips as we can. There are a number of trips in the pipeline so get them planned and get them up so we can get out on the tracks before winter comes.

Take care and I will see you at the next meeting or out on the tracks.

Sally

CLUB MERCHANDISE



New top for summer season.
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

March

3rd	Wed	General Meeting	Club Noble	
6th–8th	Sat–Mon	Mt Terrible	Sally Higgs	0435 782 207
6th-8th	Sat-Mon	Woods Point	Andre Van Der Walt	0404 191 949
15th	Mon	Committee Meeting		
19th-21st	Fri-Sun	Walhalla and Aberfeldy	Stuart Bowker	0428539157

April

2nd–5th	Fri-Mon	Easter Weekend
7th	Wed	General Meeting
19th	Mon	Committee Meeting

May

5th	Wed	General Meeting
17th	Mon	Committee Meeting

June

2nd	Wed	General Meeting
12th-14th	Fri-Mon	Queen's Birthday Weekend
21st	Mon	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

IMPORTANT

General Meeting will be held at Club Noble on 3rd March 2021 at 8.00pm.

Sign in at reception and head upstairs to the club room.
Sanitise your hands. Don't forget to bring a facemask.

Still looking for a Club Secretary.

If you can help out please contact the President, Sally Higgs via email president@vfwdc.com

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

3rd February, 2021

Held at Club Noble

Opened 8.00 pm

Attendees:

- Sally & Tristan, Ben & Megan, Brett & Nicki, Callum, Ian & Audrey, Joe & James, Michael Scopel, Ly Ho, Stuart & Maree, Stephen Pitcher, Caroline Jones, Andrew Hooper, Ann Crockett & Allan Leighton, Jeff Griffith, David Bruinsma, Andre Van Der Walt, Daryl & Chris Lynch, Paul Stavrakis, Gary Smith
- Visitors - Ian Berryman, Michael Carr, Matt Marino, Dennis Alphonsus

Apologies:

- Shane, Jenni, Tony and Lisa.

Guests:

- Bruno and son Ian.

Minutes from previous month

- Minutes from December General Meeting
Minutes read by members
- Matters arising from those minutes
No matters arising from minutes

Matters arising from previous minutes

- No matters arising from previous minutes

Acceptance of Minutes

Accepted by: David Bruinsma

Seconded by: Stuart Bowker

Correspondence

Incoming correspondence in December:

- Jackaroo Club Magazine
- 4WD— Victoria—Reminder of AGM 15/2

Outgoing correspondence in December:

- Nil outgoing

Treasurer's Report— December/January

- As per published in the magazine.

Matters arising from the Treasurer's Report

- No matters arising from the Treasurer's Report

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Accepted by: Jeff Griffiths

Seconded by: Ann Crockett

Membership Renewals

- 41 financial
- New Members 1

Association News / Update

- No news or communications other than incoming correspondence.

Guest Speaker

- Nil

Trip Reports

- 4WD Trip—36 Registered
- No club trips run last month due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Upcoming Trips:

- Feb 13-14 - Avon River - Trip leader Des - 10 vehicles going
- March 6,7 & 8 - Mt Terrible - Trip Leader Sally
- March 6,7 & 8 - Pinch River - Trip Leader Brett

Potential Trips and places to visit

Stephen Pitcher - Millers Hut Queens Birthday

David Bruinsma - Aberfeldy Easter weekend

Potential Trips and places to visit Cont'd.

Callum/Andre - Murray Sunset

- Portland Buggy Club
- 10 huts around Mt Buller
- Dartmouth Dam
- YouYangs with ferry to Sorrento
- Christmas in July
- Ottways
- Mt Skene snow trip
- Flinders Ranges
- Fraser Island
- Kimberleys
- Canning Stock Route
- Night drives - various

General Business

Raffle Winners:

- David - Grease gun
- Daryl - Windscreen cleaners
- Ly - Wine
- Tristan - Wine
- Andre - Wine
- James - Snorkel Head
- Tony - Seat covers

Meeting closed at 21.50

**Next General Meeting set for
3rd February 2021**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bringing Four Wheel Drivers Together



Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
www.vfwdc.com



Treasurer's Report January 2021

<u>Cheque A/C`</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/01/2021	\$5,783.52
	Less: FWDV Memberships	\$30.00
	Total Monies Out:	\$30.00
	Closing Balance as at 31/01/2021	\$5,753.52
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/01/2021	\$6,796.40
	Closing Balance as at 31/01/2021	\$6,796.40
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/01/2021	\$49.85
	Closing Balance as at 31/01/2021	\$49.85
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position	<u>\$12,599.77</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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UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Mt Terrible
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Sally Higgs MOBILE: 0435 782 207
DATE	Labour Weekend: 6th—8th March 2021
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Saturday 6 th March 7:30am for 8am Departure BP Outbound - Pakenham bypass. 65M1 Officer https://goo.gl/maps/XjLnoBSpJV3jbDXF9
GRADE	WET: Medium DRY: Easy / Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Saturday: Leaving from BP Pakenham Bypass we will head out to check out the Noojee Trestle Bridge and then will head over Mt Matlock into Woods Point and down to our campsite at 12 Mile Reserve. We will set up camp and have a relaxing afternoon by the river. Will need to collect some firewood. Sunday: A cruisy get up and then we will head into Jamieson and then drive up to Mt Terrible and back down to Woods Point area. The length of time will determine which tracks we take. Monday: Head home via Jamieson over Mt Skene to Licola and home.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: Minimum 3 MAXIMUM: 10
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	Approx. 250 Km
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: BP Pakenham Bypass DIESEL: BP Pakenham Bypass Fuel also available at Jamieson
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Max 100 km
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Camping and 4WD equipment Camper trailers are ok Food and Snacks for the weekend
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftop's Marysville - Lake Eildon Adventure Map Trip leader will have plenty of maps :)
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	Start on Ch14 and see what traffic there is
GOOGLE MAPS	

DESTINATION	Woods Point
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Andre Van Der Walt MOBILE: 0404 191 949
DATE	6–8 March 2021
MEETING PLACE / TIME	7.30 am BP on Pakenham Bypass
GRADE	WET: Easy DRY: Medium / Hard
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Meet up at 7:30 am at the BP on the Pakenham Bypass, heading to 12 Mile Reserve via Noojee over Mt Matlock. Setup camp and have a relaxing day. Sunday: Head to White Star mine over Mt Useful Spur Road. Explore some other tracks in the Aberfeldy area and be back at camp around 5.00 pm. Monday: Head home via Jamieson over Mt Skene to Licola and home.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 2 MAXIMUM: 10
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	Approx. 250 Kms
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: BP Pakenham DIESEL: BP Pakenham
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	100 Kms Max
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Basic Recovery Gear
MAPS REQUIRED	Walhalla–Woods Point
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	Channel 14
GOOGLE MAPS	

DESTINATION	Walhalla and Aberfeldy
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Stuart & Maree Bowker MOBILE: Stuart 0428 539 157
DATE	19th–21st March, 2021
MEETING PLACE / TIME	YOU WILL NEED TO CONFIRM WITH US YOUR MEETING PLACE. Friday night March 19th 2021 for dinner at 6.30pm Rawson Hotel Depot road, Rawson, Vic 3825 and camping after a night run to the Thompson Bridge Campground Walhalla. OR meet at 10.30 am Saturday morning at the Walhalla Station. Happy Go Lucky Road, Walhalla, in time for the 11.00 am train
GRADE	WET: Medium DRY: Easy / Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Idea is to head up via Rawson on to Walhalla for a bush camp at Thompson Bridge Campground Old Depot Road Rawson Friday night. Saturday morning do the 11.00 am train from the Walhalla Station. https://walhallarail.com.au/ Happy Go Lucky Rd Walhalla, then lunch in Walhalla before tackling some tracks over to Aberfeldy and after a leisurely pack up Sunday morning do some tracks before heading back to Melbourne. Bring some munchies for Sunday lunch and roadside stops.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: MAXIMUM:
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	Approx. 200-300 Kms
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Moe DIESEL: Moe LPG: Moe
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Max 200 kms
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Own basic recovery gear, tools and any spares you may require. AT or MT tyres
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftop maps Walhalla-Licola or Walhalla-Noojee 2005
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	AM Radio Channel UHF 12
GOOGLE MAPS	

Trip planning for new Trip Leaders

My suggestions:

Avoca
Buckland Valley
Lake Dartmouth
Little Desert
Otways

Written by Jeff Griffiths

Thinking of running a trip?

1. You have a place you would like to visit?
2. You have a free weekend in mind?
3. You would like some company?

Prior to running your trip here are a few things to consider:

1. Get your maps out (Hema, Rooftop or what maps you use.
2. Now the fun starts, planning your route of where you want to go and camp for the night. Will trip be easy, medium or hard, how many cars do you want on the trip. (Don't forget fuel)
3. Now you know where you are going check for track closures on DELWP (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning), Parks Victoria and Four Wheel Drive Victoria. They are a bundle of information, you can also call them too, I have always found them to be very helpful.
4. You can always ask any of the committee members or other club members to help you plan and run a trip. There are many experienced trip leaders in our club willing to help, you just have to ask.

PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED:

1. Plan your trip. In particular: meeting point destination, trip grading, trip details, fuel information, camping arrangements.
2. Complete a "PROPOSED CLUB TRIP" form.
3. Pass the form on to the President or Trips Coordinator, either in hard copy format or electronically, for approval at the next Committee Meeting. When approved, the Trip Leader will be notified and the trip included in the Club Calendar. Also ensure copy passed to Newsletter Editor for inclusion in calendar and Forthcoming Trip Section.

Prior to your trip

1. Speak to the members and non-members wanting to do your trip.
2. Make sure people joining the trip will meet the vehicle and experience required to participate in the trip safely.
3. Make sure you have all the contact details of all people attending your trip.

On the trip

You are the trip leader so make sure everyone who is coming is there

1. Nominate a tail-end Charlie and how you want the convoy to travel
2. Be considerate and encourage everyone to participate, also let the fellow participants know if they are not comfortable doing a track to let the trip leader know.
3. Plan stops for morning tea, lunch and photo opps
4. Let the group know what time we are leaving in the morning.

After the trip

1. Let committee know if there was a incident and fill out paperwork if there was an incident.
2. Make sure someone on the trip writes a trip report for the club magazine because we want to hear all about it.

SPANISH RICE RECIPE Vegetarian

Meat option also available.

Provided by Jennie Grant.



Ingredients

- 1 Cup Rice
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 red and 2 green capsicum
- 1-2 red chillies (optional)
- 1 tsp curry powder
- 1 stock cube (vegetable or chicken)
- Salt / pepper
- 2 Cups water
- 1 can of crushed tomatoes
- 1 Onion

Cooking Instructions:

Sautee onion, peppers and curry powder in olive oil, add in rice coat with oil, add water chillies, tomatoe, cool until rice is tender, add 1-2 handfuls of cheese—at.

Note:

You can add in other vegies if you like or some shredded chicken, but that's the base very tasty.

Forest Fire Management Victoria

Posted on Facebook

“More than 300 unattended and abandoned campfires have been detected in state forests, parks and reserves this summer. This number is too high.

Approximately 10 per cent of bushfires on public land in Victoria are caused by campfire negligence, and ignorance is not an excuse.

Anyone caught breaching the rules will face penalties, including on the spot fines of \$496 or up to \$39,652 or two years imprisonment, or both, for lighting a fire on a day of Total Fire Ban.”

You can find more information about this post at their website

<https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/permits-and-regulations/fire-restrictions-and-regulations>

Lets hope word gets out to put the fire out — so the states, forests, parks and reserves stay open so we can all to enjoy the great outdoors.



Ann Crockett posted some pics of cooking in the great outdoors.

Kevington Hotel— Will not be open for the foreseeable future.

Club General Meeting Last Month — Maree Bowker posted a picture of the first face to face meeting for 2021.



General Meeting held at Club Noble

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)

Editor's Note

I do hope you enjoy the up coming trips, don't forget to send a trip report to the editor.

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.