



# FREE WHEELING

May 2021



Official Newsletter of the  
Victorian Four Wheel  
Drive Club Inc

Trip Tallarook State Park

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.

**Next Club Meeting May 5, 2021**

**Held at:**

### Blue and Gold Room

Club Noble

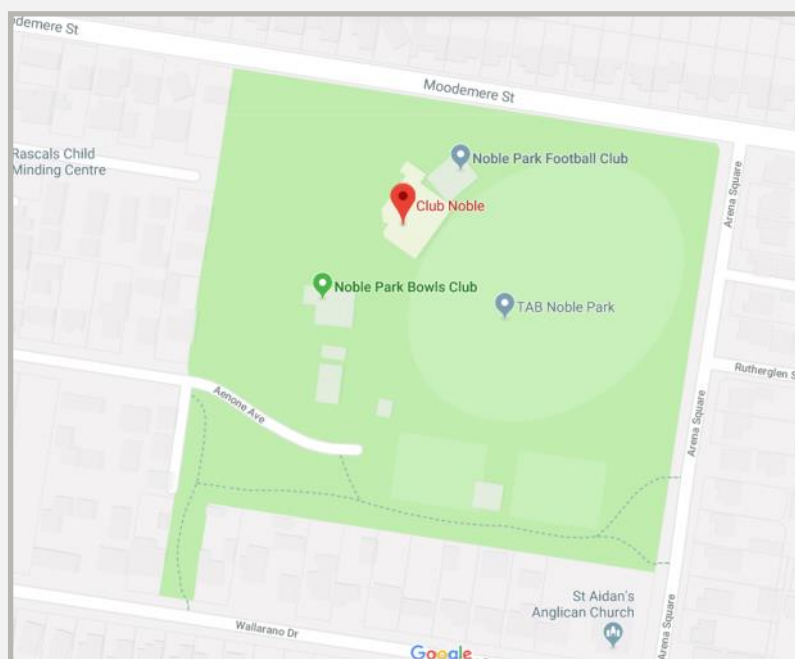
46-56 Moodemere Street

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	<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
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi All

The colder days are starting to be more common than the warm days as winter fast approaches but with that comes more opportunities to get out and enjoy this wonderful land before the tracks close for winter.

Callum ran a fantastic beginners day trip out to Tallarook State Forest over the month where we got to practice a recovery from a muddy hole (and no it was not Tristan stuck in there!) as well as learning to navigate muddy bogs and deep ruts but all on flat ground which made it a little bit safer. There was a range of terrain and a great lunch by the reservoir. A good day was had by all and I am sure the trip report at the meeting will go into more detail of the fun that was had.

We got to trial our new soft shackle in this recovery and we were super impressed on how fast and easy it was to use. It pays to keep an eye on the new technology that is coming out all the time and trialling it when you get the opportunity to as you might find something works better or differently to what you have always done. This means we are able to drop a few more kg's of weight and pack better as the normal shackles are a lot heavier. This is important for us as space and weight is at a premium. It would be great to hear about what new or updated items you want to hear more about so we can arrange a talk or a site visit.

Coming up in the next couple of months are some trips to the huts near Mansfield, Millers Hut and Lake Tarli Karng as well as the annual Christmas in July (but this year in June!) being held at St Anne's winery. The committee will be putting on dinner with details to be confirmed closer to the time. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as we can at this event as it is a great chance to catch up with everyone but be close to home if you can't stay the night.

Have a great month and will see you out on the tracks.

Sally

## CLUB MERCHANDISE



Summers over—nights are cold! Need a new jacket for autumn / winter.

Hats, Vests, Hoodies, 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](mailto:merchandise@vfwdc.com). Please ensure you advise size required.

## CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### May

5th	Wed	General Meeting		
17th	Mon	Committee Meeting		
14-16th	Fri-Sun	Mansfield Huts Weekend	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860

### June

2nd	Wed	General Meeting		
4-6th	Fri-Sun	Millers Hut/Lake Tali Karng	Steve Pitcher	0421 205 529
12-14th	Fri-Mon	Queen's Birthday Weekend		
21st	Mon	Committee Meeting		
26th	Sat	Christmas in July	St Anne's Winery	

### July

7th	Wed	General Meeting		
19th	Mon	Committee Meeting		
23-25th	Fri-Sun	Mt Skene Snow Trip	David Bruinsma	0417 747 860

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

General Meeting will be held at Club Noble on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 8.00pm.  
Sign in at reception and head upstairs to the club room.  
Sanitise your hands and follow social distancing guidelines.

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



# MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

7th April, 2021

Held at Club Noble Opened 8.00pm

## Attendees:

- Andre Van Der Walt, Ian and Audrey, Ian Berryman, Phil Griffith, Stuart and Maree, Brett and Nicki, David and Caroline Bruinsma, Jeff and Mary Griffiths, Steve Ignatidis, Allan and Ann, Dean and Joy Fischer, Tristan and Sally, Ly Ho, Joe Yammouni, Joe and James Spicuzza, Stephen Pitcher, Dennis Alphonsus, Des Whall

## Apologies:

- Andrew Hooper, Gary Smith, Ben Whitworth, Callum Brown, Simon Griffith, Michael Scopel

## Guests:

- Daisey Quinn, Luke David, Kelsey Pendrey, Sean Graydon
- Guest speaker - George from Uncaged Expeditions

## Review January Minutes

### Minutes of previous meeting

Matters Arising: Nil

## Acceptance of Minutes

Accepted by: Jeff Griffiths

Seconded by: Andre Van Der Walt

## Committee: Secretary

### Mail In:

- Seasonal Road Closure draft
- Invitation to participate in research about forests, bushfires and climate change, Melbourne University, funded by DELWP
- 4WDVic instructor opportunities
- 4WDVic updating instructor records

### Mail Out:

Nil.

## Treasurer's Report

As per magazine

Accepted by: David Bruinsma

Seconded by: Stuart Bowker

## Association:

- David provided some detail around 4WDVic AGM:
  - President; Col Oates, Vice President; Fred De Gooyer and Treasurer; Doug Mitchell were all returned unopposed.
  - moving forward, seeking to have 3 primary sources of revenue to provide security and sustainability
  - currently finalizing a lease for a property North East of Melbourne for the purpose of driver and instructor training.

## Membership Update

### New Members

- Facebook application requests this month - Nil
- Other new member enquiries - Nil
- Current financial members stand at - 44

## Driver Training Instruction

- Nil.

## Trip Co-ordinator

### Past Trips Held:

#### 4WD Platform

- Pinch River - Brent
- Mt Terrible - Sally
- Rawson/Walhalla - Stuart
- Aberfeldy (Working Bee) - David



**Upcoming trips:**

- April 10-11 St Annes Winery working bee
- April 17 Tallarook Day Trip
- May 14-16 Mansfield Huts Trip
- June 4-6 Millers Hut/Lake Tali Karng Trip
- June 26-27 Christmas in July - St Annes Winery
- July 23-25 Mt Skene Snow Trip

**Meeting closed at 22.15**

**Next Meeting  
05/04/2021.**

**Merchandise:**

- No updates/changes

**Web Manager:**

- No updates/changes

**Club Magazine:**

- No updates / changes

**General Business:**

- Brett Buchanan made a presentation on Didgeridoonas who are offering 15% discount for club members. Australian manufacturers of oilskin outdoor gear and cooler bags for every season.
- Let's get behind them, check their website out and order online or attend their premises in person in Pakenham.

**Raffle**

- Des - Antenna
- Maree - Elastic strap
- Mary - Cigarette Car charger
- James - Windscreen washer kit
- Daisey - Elastic Occy strap
- Tristan - Cap
- David - Cap

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## Treasurer's Report March 2021

<u>Cheque A/C</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/03/2021	\$5,848.52	
	Add: Membership Fees	\$120.00	
	Raffle	\$95.00	
	Total Monies In:		\$215.00
	Less: FWDV Association Fees – Memberships	\$45.00	
	Raffle Prizes	\$300.00	
	Total Monies Out:		\$345.00
	Closing Balance as at 31/03/2021		\$5,718.52
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/03/2021	\$6,832.36	
	Closing Balance as at 31/03/2021		\$6,832.36
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/03/2021	\$36.55	
	Closing Balance as at 31/03/2021		\$36.55
	<b>Consolidated Closing Cash Position</b>		<b><u>\$12,587.43</u></b>

## UPCOMING TRIPS

DESTINATION	Mansfield Huts Weekend
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: David Bruinsma MOBILE: 0417 747 860
DATE	14 May (Fri) to 16 May, 2021 (Sun)
MEETING PLACE / TIME	To be advised 7.00 pm (Fri 14 May 2021) for 7.30pm getaway
GRADE	WET: DRY:
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<p>Head out on Friday Night, meeting at Lilydale McDonalds at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm getaway.</p> <p>Camping in different spots each night, I recommend trip not suitable for trailers, I'll just be in a swag.</p> <p>Try to visit as many huts during the Saturday (all day) and the Sunday morning, aiming to be back at Mansfield for a late lunch, then people can head home at their leisure.</p> <p>Not sure if we will have much time for a "pot roast" dinner on Saturday night, only because I don't know when we will rock up at a camp site on Saturday.</p>
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 1 MAXIMUM:
APPROX KMS MEETING PLACE TO DESTINATION	
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Mansfield DIESEL: Mansfield LPG: Mansfield
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Recovery Gear
MAPS REQUIRED	
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	
GOOGLE MAPS	



<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>GOOGLE MAPS</b>	

<b>DESTINATION</b>	Christmas In July—St Anne's Winery
<b>LEADER/CONTACT NO.</b>	NAME: David Bruinsma MOBILE: 0417 747 860
<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>GOOGLE MAPS</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</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>	
<b>GOOGLE MAPS</b>	



# TALLAROOK STATE PARK

Saturday 17th April, 2021



By Sally Higgs

*See live action on VFWDC Facebook site*

*Airing down on Horan's Track*

## Participants

Callum Brown	Ford Ranger
Sally & Tristan	Discovery 3
Ben Whitworth	Nissan Patrol
Andrew Van Der Walt	Amarok
Phil Griffiths	Ford Everest
Matt Merino	Toyota Hilux
Dennis Alphonsus	Jeep Wrangler

Enjoy the pictures.



[Morning Tea at Mt Hickey](#)



[Lunch at the Trawool Reservoir](#)

Great day trip out to Tallarook State Park. Got some climbs done, a bit of mud and the odd U-turn. Great easy/medium day out with a sprinkle of almost 4 o'clock track.





Climbing East Falls Road



This may have been the site of a U-turn



Phil and Tristan deciding on which path. And this one was definitely a no. The one on the other side of the tree was the chosen one.

Thanks to Callum Brown for organising a great trip.



## 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





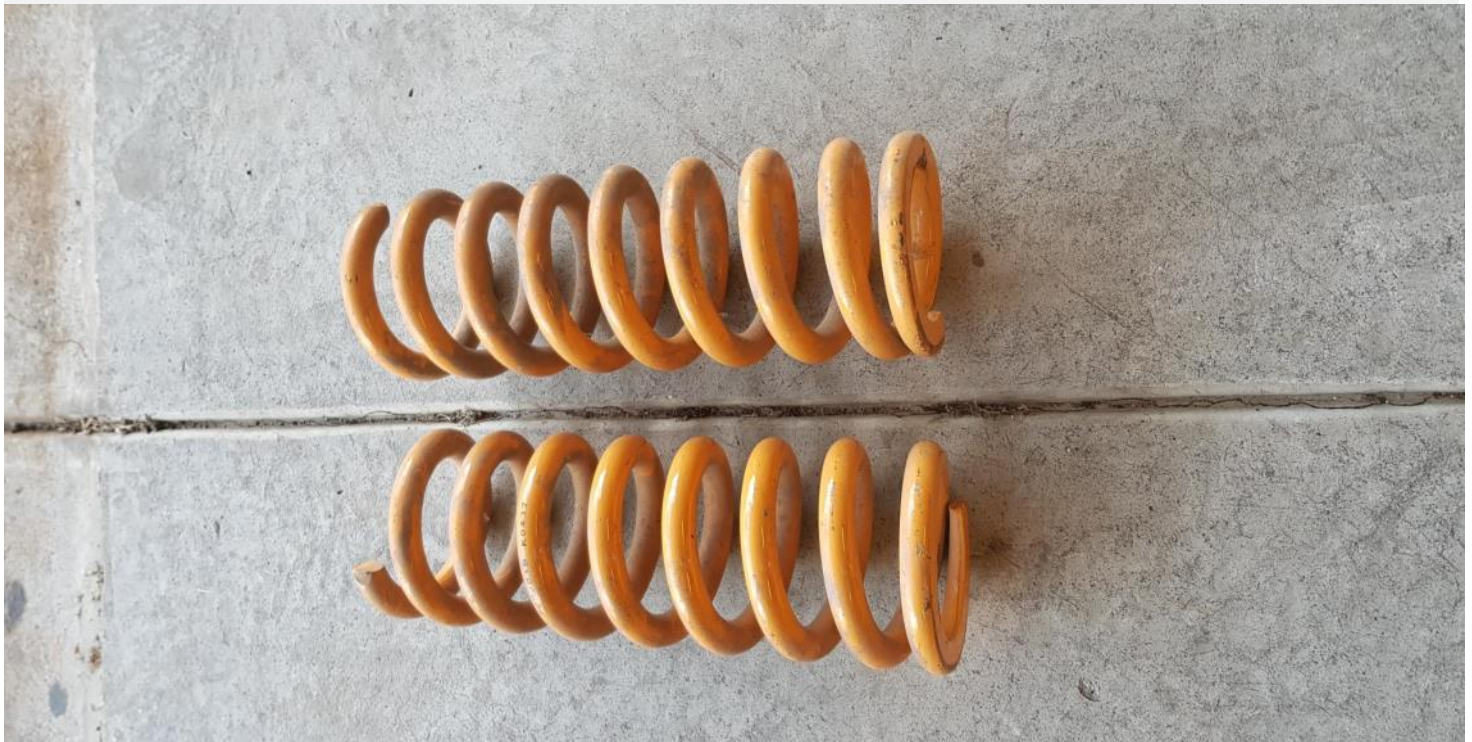
## FOR SALE: One pair Ironman Front Coil Springs

### 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)



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Get your Dutch oven ready, coals going and start cooking!

### Chicken Cacciatore

#### Ingredients:

1.5 Kg Chicken thighs (8 pieces)  
2 pinches of salt  
1 tspn black pepper  
1/2 cup plain flour  
1 tsp garlic powder  
1 tsp dried basil

3 tbspn olive oil  
1 onion—chopped  
1 x tspn dried basil  
1 red-bell pepper chopped  
3 x Garlic cloves chopped  
Hand full chopped fresh parsley  
2 cans diced tomatoes  
1/2 cup dry red wine  
Mushrooms halved—450 grams  
1/2 cup Kalamata olives  
1/4 cup chopped fresh basil



#### Directions:

Get a large plastic bag.

Put flour, salt, black pepper, garlic powder, and dried basil in plastic bag and place chicken pieces in and shake until all chicken is coated well. Discard excess mix.

Place your dutch oven over the coals.

Pour olive oil in dutch oven and place chicken pieces in and cook chicken for 3 minutes both sides and take chicken out and put aside.

Place your chopped onions, red bell peppers and garlic in the dutch oven and cook for a few minutes until onion softens then add fresh parsley and dried basil. Return chicken back to the dutch oven and add 2 x cans tomatoes and red wine.

Let it simmer 15 minutes

Add mushrooms and simmer for another 10 minutes.

Garnish with Kalamata olives and fresh basil and serve with a salad and crusty bread.

Enjoy.



# 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.

Send a quick summary to [trips@vfwdc.com](mailto:trips@vfwdc.com)  
Have fun on the tracks!



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 DIDGERIDOOONAS.

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/>

## 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.