



FREE WHEELING

May 2022



Photo: Mark Kochan
Macalister River,
Easter 1988

Official Newsletter of the
Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
Registration No: A0002184F

Meeting Details



VFWDC Meeting Details & Venue

The club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm with the following exceptions:

No meeting in January

November meeting held at a selected "special" location

Blue and Gold Room
Club Noble
46-56 Moodemere Street
Noble Park 3174
Melways ref: 89 D4

This month's meeting will be held on
Wednesday 4th May at 8.00pm.

**It will be held in person at
Club Noble.**



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.

2021 - 2022

President	Callum Brown	president@vfwdc.com
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Club Details

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The Victorian Four Wheel Club is an affiliated club of [Four Wheel Drive Victoria](#)

Hi All,

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting and i hope you have been getting out and about.

My apologies I wasn't able to attend the last meeting. We are now well and back to daily life after our little adventure with covid.

There were a few trips run during April and I look forward to hearing all about them.

I am particularly interested to hear about Tristan and Sally's Darling River run and Brett and Nikki's Birdsville adventure.

Track closures are coming up again soon as the season changes into colder and wetter weather. We will endeavour to keep you posted with any updates as and when we receive them.

There are a few things going on in May to look forward to. I had planned a beginners day trip out to Tallarook but it looks like I will be moving house so I need to put that off for a couple of weeks.

I may post a late trip via email, Facebook and the Trips platform.

Well that is it from me. I hope you have managed to get out and about and enjoying yourself.

Cheers

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Club Calendar

May

Wednesday 4th	Club Meeting	8.00pm
Saturday 14th	Tallarook Day Trip	Organised by Callum, details to follow on trip pages
Wednesday 18th	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8.00pm

June

Wednesday 1st	Club Meeting	8.00pm
Fri 10th - Sun 12th	New members High Country Huts trip	Organised by Dave & Bruce (see Upcoming Trips).
Wednesday 15th	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8.00pm

July

Wednesday 6th	Club Meeting	8.00pm
Wednesday 20th	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8.00pm
Fri 22nd - Sat 23rd	Snow Trip	Organised by Bruce (see Upcoming Trips)

Other Dates

July	Googs Track	Organised by Gary, details to follow on trip pages.
July	Christmas (in July) get together at Stringybark Creek with Kelly Gang tour	To be re-arranged from February. Organised by Cal & committee.
May, Jun or Jul?	Wombat State Forest Day Trip	Organised by Ly, details to follow on trip pages.
November Long Weekend	Robe sand driving trip	Organised by Dave & Bruce, details to follow on trip pages.

Club Merchandise



Need a jacket, vest, shirt or hat for your next trip? Get ready and place your order today.

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	Windscreen Sticker Small	\$6.00
Club Bucket Hat	\$5.00	Windscreen Sticker Large	\$8.00

We encourage all members to purchase a Club Polo shirt.

Email your order or any queries to merchandise@vfwdc.com along with the size you would like.

Wed 6th April
Opened at 08.04pm

Attendees:

- As per attendance sheet

Apologies:

- Callum, David B, Ben & Megan, Phil G, Ly, Brett & Nicki, Stuart & Maree

Minutes of previous meeting:

- Minutes from last meeting - Read
- Matters arising from previous minutes - nil
- Accepting of minutes - Anne
- Seconding of minutes - Rory

Correspondence

Mail in:

- Emails from Aus Post
- Magazine stuff
- New member info emails
- Committee communications

Mail out:

- Replies to emails

Treasurer's Report:

- Monthly Treasurer's Reports - Feb'22 as per magazine
- Acceptance of Report - Sally
- Seconding of Report - Neville

Association Report:

- Nil

Upcoming Trips:

- 2-18 Apr - Birdsville Trip with Brett
- 15-18 Apr - VIC silos exploration with Andre
- 15-25 Apr - Darling River Run - Sally & Tristan
- 21-22 May - Night Run - Andre (TBC)
- 10-12 Jun - New Member trip - High Country Huts with Bruce/Dave
- Date TBC - Christmas in July at Stringbark Creek
- July (Date TBC) - Googs Track - Gary

Trip Reports:

Driver Training Weekend: Fun was had by all. Stall recoveries and more. Very helpful weekend. Was mentioned about the river crossing that someone got swept away on, on Sullivan's track, and that it wasn't deep when we did it. Tristan mentioned to make sure you walk water before driving it. Dont throw your keys in the campfire, make sure you have a spare key at home if you have a modern car that requires coded keys. If you are on a long trip, probably give a spare key to another member in your trip in case.

Aberfeldy Working Bee: Cleared 2 of the 3 tracks assigned to us. Went for a drive and Dave's car overheated at bottom of a steep hill. After lunch, still overheating so had to tow up the hill. Then thought only solution was to flat tow home, but then thought putting water in the radiator might help.

General Business:

Michael mentioned that he got defected at Southland by police for a light bar on top of the bulbar.

Andre mentioned a new campground but Sally said it is walk in only at the moment.

Meeting closed: 09.30pm

Next Meeting: Wed 4th May

Bringing Four Wheel Drivers Together



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Treasurer's Report March 2022

<u>Cheque A/C`</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/03/2022	\$7,999.88	
	Add: Membership Fees	\$650.00	
	Raffle	\$105.00	
	Total Monies In:		\$755.00
	Less: Association Fees – FWDV	\$598.00	
	Catering	\$12.25	
	P.O Box Fees	\$211.00	
	Total Monies Out:		\$821.25
	Closing Balance as at 31/03/2022		\$7,933.63
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/03/2022	\$6,852.85	
	Closing Balance as at 31/03/2022		\$6,852.85
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/03/2022	\$42.55	
	Closing Balance as at 31/03/2022		\$42.55
	Consolidated Closing Cash Position		<u>\$14,829.03</u>

This month's meeting

Next month's meeting is being held on **Wed 4th May** and yet again we are able to meet face to face at Club Noble. Just a reminder that you will still need to provide proof of vaccination in order to be allowed into the Club rooms. If you are suffering from symptoms, or have tested positive to covid or are a close contact, then we ask that you respect the other members of the club and stay away. We look forward to seeing you all again and eating those free cookies!

Upcoming Trips

There are a couple of new trips posted in the Upcoming Trips section and in the Calendar so take a look and hopefully stick your name down to join. There is some discussion within the Committee at the moment around the use of either paper or online formats for publishing upcoming trips. Any views or comments on which is preferred is very welcome and may be a topic for discussion at a future meeting.

Raffle Prizes in use

Anyone got a photo of a recently won raffle prize in use, bolted onto your truck or holding up your washing without the use of a peg? Here's a picture of the Editor's freshly won and fitted seat covers for his Ranger, which no-one seemed to want. Thanks to the Club and donor of these, very much appreciated and a perfect fit!



Need Inspiration?

Need inspiration for a location for a trip? Why not go back into the club magazine history and find a long lost camp site or route you had forgotten about. Here's the [link to the magazine page](#) to help you along your way.

Here's a link to the [magazine back in October 2007](#) which has quite a few interesting trip reports in it. And with talk of a night run at the last meeting, have a read of a night run done previously. It also includes driver proficiency training - have a read and compare it last month's training. Go take a read and be inspired.

Free Gifts!!

Remember, the Club is happy to reward those that submit any articles, which get published, with a small token of appreciation from the club merchandise stocks. So don't be shy, share some words and/or pictures.

Please visit our website at VFWDC.com to view all our current membership forms and club policies.

For all new and renewal of memberships, please complete [the online form here](#)

If you are looking for a Temporary Membership, please complete the online form, [which can be found here](#).

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us via the Club Secretary on secretary@vfwdc.com

Payments:

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 treasurer@vfwdc.com or you can present it to the Treasurer at any general meeting.

Thank you for choosing the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club

If you are interested in joining [Club Noble](#) where we hold our monthly meetings, their application form can be found [here](#).

A new feature this month which hopefully can become established as a popular ongoing article/picture. Australia is full of “**BIG**” things, usually related to the local area. This feature is a chance for us to show these off and perhaps even start a new craze of collecting these big things from all corners of the country. There are webpages dedicated to this such as here:

<https://www.australiantraveller.com/australia/most-iconic-big-things-of-australia/>

Let's see how many of these we can tick off, and add to, over the coming year or so. (Editor: Is there a prize for the most collected and photographed?? Committee??)



Here's Sally with the first entry from her recent Darling River Run. This is the big Murray Cod at Tocumwal, NSW. It's pretty big, thanks Sally. Not quite sure what the guy is trying to do on the right of the picture? He's taking it for a walk? Just hooked it? Or about to be swallowed whole??



Above is the Big Galah, in Kimba on the Eyre Highway, SA. This was taken by the Editor on a recent drive from Adelaide to Ceduna and back. They are definitely milking their Big Thing with loads of junk available for sale in the shop - fridge magnets, tea towels, stubby holders and socks to name but a few. Perhaps we need to ask photos being submitted to also include a local souvenir to prove you were there!??

Meet the Member

This month we have a very special Meet the Member, combined with a historical Trip Report from Easter 1988 (when some of us were but a mere itch in our father's pants!) I would like to thank Mark (Kochan) for taking the time to write the report and sharing these awesome retro photos. Everybody, please meet Mark, either for the first time, or again, as he tells us all about how he got involved with the club and his first trip way back in 1988.....



Hello Members (old, not-so-old, and new),

This is some-what of an introduction, more than a trip-report. Some of the members who have been attending the meetings in the last few years, just before Covid and recently, may have seen my face and presence around some meetings, but may not be too sure as to who I am, which in part, is the reason for this 'introduction'... of sorts.

And the reason for a lack of participation and attending trips recently...

On my way to the Xmas party at Cranbourne Botanical Gardens in 2013, I heard a 'knocking' sound coming from the engine-bay or front end. I pulled over and had a look round. The sound had gone when stationary, and at idle. Not sure what it was, I cautiously went on. The 'knocking' was still there. I enjoyed the Xmas party, and on the way home, the noise persisted. I drove home at a leisurely 50km/h. It appears to be a 'big-end' bearing, and a piston tapping on the valves (?) – not good. On top of that, 2013 was the start of some health issues with parents and family members. So unfortunately, my 'Cruiser' still needs an engine rebuild, and now I'm a full-time carer. This has forced me to have little to no participation with the club lately.



So, how did I join the club? Back in 1988, I worked at the 'The Hilton on the Park' (Maintenance). It so happens, through general conversations with other employees, and I mentioned that I wanted to drive around Australia, that I was told that another guy (Ken), lives not far from me, and that he is in a four wheel drive club. My workshop was in the basement/ carpark, and one-day Ken walked past, so I called out and we had a chat. He told me he was a member of a club (VFWDC), and they meet on the first Tuesday of the month, at the Dandenong Library, and I should come along.

At the end of this chat, there and then (this was a week or two before Easter '88), he said there was a trip to 'Macalister River', and "... why don't you come along? You can come with us." He then told me he had a 'partner' and 4 kids. The obvious question for me was, where am I going to sit? I did not have a 4wd then – buying a 4wd, and driving around Australia was just a 'wish'. But, that did not seem to matter. "She can sit in the back with the kids, and you can sit in the front". I explained that I wouldn't feel too good about that, and we arranged that one of the kids would be in the front, and myself and the other 3 kids in the back.



So Easter weekend came, and I drove to his place, and then off we went. He had a 60 Series Land Cruiser, and we all managed to fit in ok. I was the 'self-designated' photographer. This was my introduction to 4-wheel driving. We drove into Licola, and some kilometres along toward Jamieson, a right turn. We climbed up over the mountains, and down the other side, which was steep, rough in patches, and with a few hairpin turns. We crossed the Macalister River about half a dozen times before reaching the campsite. We set up, and then it rained nearly all weekend.

There wasn't much 4wheel-driving, as the camp was close to the end of the track. It was a sit and relax (and get wet) weekend, but that made for a memorable trip. Plenty of mud and wet tracks, with about half a dozen good river crossings to camp. As you would expect with a lot of rain, on the way out the river had risen. For my first 4wd trip, this is exactly what I imaged and hoped for. Although a very wet weekend, we all had a good time, and I enjoyed every minute.



Not much has changed regarding 'fun' and banter around the campfire. Yes camping equipment and vehicles are more comfortable, but the general feeling of enjoying time-out with friends and family, a good camp fire, is still the same.





I came home from the trip with a smile from ear to ear. I had met some great people, and had a great time. Even though I had no 4wd, I started going to all the meetings. I eventually joined the club about 6 months after the Easter 1988 trip. So that's about 34 years with the club, and I didn't buy my first 4wd, until about 1-½ years after that (March 1990, a HJ60 Land Cruiser and the same one I have today). Unfortunately, I have participated very little in the last 10 years, and the last trip was in 2013 to Millers Hut.



So that's how I became involved with the club, and my first trip, by way of a gracious invitation of a member who I met at work. I have had plenty of great trips with the club over the years, weekends away and interstate touring. Hopefully soon, there will be more. (I just need to get that engine rebuilt...) So hopefully, sometime soon, I'll see you all more often.

Enjoy your 4wheel-driving and keep safe. Regards, Mark



**In the mud near Macalister
River, Easter 1988
(Mark Kochan)**

Driver Proficiency Training Weekend (25-27 March)

Instructor: Phil Griffith (Ford Everest)
Trainee: Bruce Cremonesi (Nissan Patrol)
Helper: John Partridge (Ford Ranger)
Participants: Ruby Whitworth (and Megan) (Jeep)
Steve Card (Pajero)
Niroshan Liyanage (Prado)
Wayne Collins (FJ Cruiser)
Lynton Balia (Jeep)
Neville van Leeuwen (Triton)
Dave Valquez (Pajero)

The plan was to meet up with Bruce, Steve, Lynton & Dave at the BP servo on the Pakenham bypass. Unfortunately, I missed the turn off so I met up with the group at Moe for the run up to the campground.



As we turned onto Merringtons Tk, there was a sign notifying of the closure of O'Tooles Camp Ground, so we decided to camp at Merringtons Campground. This is a campground that our club has, in the past, planted trees and installed signage with DSE/DRNE/DEPI/DELWP (or one of their other previous names). There has been a number of upgrades to this campground with a new shelter and new 'long drop' toilets installed – unfortunately this is not a flat camp ground

Whilst waiting for Phil and the rest of the gang to arrive Saturday morning we had a look over each vehicle and discussed the available recovery points, approach/ramp over/departure angles and the various storage set ups.

Shortly after everyone had arrived and set up camp, we had a quick briefing and then hit the tracks.



First up was the crossing of the Aberfeldy River where we discussed the various factors to be taken into consideration before crossing a river. From there we travelled up Williamson Spur Tk and found a spot on 'Old' Williamson Spur to practice stall recovery.



Next, we descended Flats Tk where those with the autos got to practice some more driving through the brakes downhill, then along the picturesque Donnelly's Creek Tk and then back to camp for lunch.

After lunch we headed to CMF Tk where we had another creek crossing to cross with a decent rutted exit that everyone managed to negotiate successfully and then our first decent low range uphill climb on NE TK. From there we got plenty more low range action on Dream Ck Tk before heading back to camp and collecting firewood along the way.



The next morning, we woke to find a camper from another group had somehow managed to toss his keys into the fire the night before and was stranded without a spare. To make their trip even more memorable someone else from their group had set up camp on top of an ant's nest and had dozens of ant bites all over.

Everyone gathered around the campfire to go through the training questionnaire and view and discuss the various recovery equipment available (PS – I know a guy that can supply any bit you need 😊) before Phil briefed us on the day ahead of us.



After breaking camp, we took some time to check out the Junction hut before heading up Silvans Tk. We found a bog hole in the lower section which gave us a chance to discuss the various options and precautions that should be taken. Soon after this we start to climb our steepest Tk of the weekend which had numerous loose sections, small rock ledges and ruts to contend with. Some used their newly acquired stall stop technique in a real-world situation and everyone got through unscathed. There were big smiles all round once we had reached the top 😊

Finally, we descended Beardmore's Tk and got to experience the effectiveness of their vehicles Hill Decent Control as we headed down to the crossing of the Thompson River. It was also along here that we got to view the Thompson Dam wall and spillway and take a few photos.



Once we crossed the river we aired up, had some lunch before having our final briefing to recap the training weekend.

A big thanks to Phil for organizing this training weekend and to Bruce for helping out. I have been involved in more than 30 training weekends over the years and its always amazing to see the progression in the trainees' skills over the course of the weekend.



Just one final piece of advice; make sure you practice your stall stop recovery techniques over the next few trips to ensure it becomes 2nd nature to you. Just let the trip leader know that you wish to do this at the start of the trip and communicate your intentions to the vehicles behind you before starting the practice.

Regards,

Johnno.



Did you sit at home during the numerous lockdowns over the past few years wishing you could get out again?



Did you find yourself dreaming of some of those great trips you've done in the past?

Did your mind wander and start to imagine an awesome new place to visit and challenging route to get there?



Did you join this club for more than just the free cookies at the monthly meeting?

(yes potential new members, we have cookies at our monthly meetings, join now!!)

Have you bought a new bit of kit for your vehicle with your saved up lockdown cash but not tried it out yet?



If you answered yes to any of the questions above then you definitely need to be thinking about planning some trips, right now. Let's face it we have 2 years worth of trips to make up, so we better get out there. And if that wasn't incentive enough, then the club want to encourage you further.....

Announcing the re-introduction of the originally named,



Trip Incentive Scheme



(And yep it does what it says on the tin - it's an incentive scheme to get you planning more trips). Basically you can win cash for doing stuff you love.

Get planning those trips and be a winner!!

Rig Rundown

After a little run in with our friends in blue, Michael has stuck his hand up to talk us through his much loved Ranger

Michael here with my beloved Ranger. This is my 2nd 4wd, my first being a blue oval PK Ranger. I purchased this particular one new in 2016 because it was a July build which was the last build month before diesel particulate filters (DPF's) were introduced to the Rangers, and I didn't want the added complication of the DPF. Being bought new it was a blank canvas and I have primarily built it up as a tourer to facilitate my love of exploring rural and outback Australia. I particularly like outback South Australia. The Ranger and I have covered much of Australia together from Tasmania to the Gulf from east coast and Fraser Island to the desert interior. Next on my bucket list is the Anne Beadell Highway (which I had booked in 2020 and then permits were cancelled 2 weeks before departure due to COVID), Cape York and the Kimberleys.



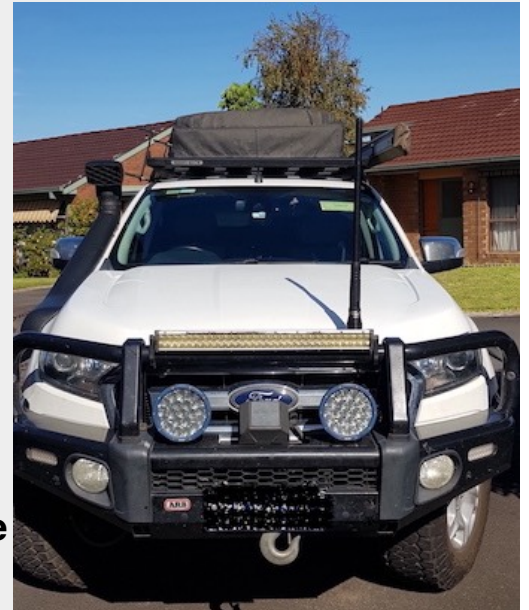
I joined the VFWDC in November 2018 and from there I really discovered how capable a vehicle the Ranger is and what my capabilities were also. With help of the club driver training course and members, I have driven some tracks that I would never have thought I would have driven. In fact, in my younger years as a keen bushwalker, I remember walking some of these tracks thinking people drive these? They're insane!!



Over the years, I have sunk (no, invested!) a fair bit of coin into the Ranger, with the below list being the modifications and accessories fitted to it:

- Maxxis RAZR AT 811's in 258/70R17 (32.7")
- ARB Summit bullbar with Kings Domin8r X 12,000lb winch, LED driving lights and bar
- Brown Davis 150Lt long range fuel tank
- Ironman 2 inch suspension lift
- ARB Summit side rails and steps
- ARB Ascent Canopy and drawer
- 12 volt Ctek system with 120Ah AGM battery
- Engle 40L fridge
- Rhino-Rack Pioneer Platform roof rack with Ironman awning
- Kings roof top tent
- Uniden 9080 UHF

Make sure your light bar is fitted legally to avoid the embarrassment and cost of a defected vehicle - ha, ha! Check out the canary in the windscreen!!



In terms of performance, I have had the ECU remapped by the Horsepower Factory and fitted a larger intercooler for that little bit of extra power that we all, as four-wheel drivers, want. The Ranger is also known as having issues with the auto transmission especially when towing so to improve reliability in this department I have installed a Wholesale Automatic Transmission dual transmission cooler and heavy-duty Nomad valve body. Touch wood we are still going strong.

All this combines to make for a fun and capable vehicle which is a pleasure to drive. I have clocked up 210,000 kilometres with about a third of these involving towing of our caravan or tandem trailer for firewood collection or carting hay and cattle. All this considered, it has been a reliable RIG so far with only a couple of issues over the 5 and a half years of ownership.





Future modifications I would like to do are a brake upgrade to counter the larger tyres and added weight and to assist with towing of which, as mentioned, I do a fair bit of. For this I'm looking at the Pedders TrakRyder eXtreme Front Brake kit. I would also like to lift the front end more, but my mechanic says to do this I need to install a diff drop so I guess this is now on the list also. And down the track possibly remove the rear seat and build in some storage.

Hope you have all enjoyed the look into my Ranger.

Regards,
Michael



Upcoming Trips

Destination	High Country Huts Tour
Leader & Contact Details	Bruce Cremonsi (0400 425296 or secretary@vfwdc.com Dave Bruinsma trips@vfwdc.com
Date	June Long Weekend (Fri 10th - Sun 12th June)
Meeting Details	BP Mansfield Friday 7pm or Sheeppark Flat Saturday 9am
Grade	Wet: Easy Dry: Medium
Trip Activity Details	<p>Nice slow cruise around the huts – Great for newbies. Camping: First night Sheeppark or Frys, depending on population explosion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frys Hut - Tunnel Bend - Upper Jamieson Hut - Refrigerator Gap - Lovicks Hut - Bluff Hut - Pikes Flat - Bindaree Hut (<i>usually camp here at end of the day</i>) - Bindaree Falls - Monument Track - Craig's Hut. - Kings Hut. Options here to see Lake Cobbler, if enough time - Razorback Hut - Refuge Mt. No. 3 Hut - Tomahawk Gap and Hut <p>Then into Mansfield for a coffee, dinner if you like, definately a wee and then home</p>
Vehicle Limits	Minimum 4. Maximum 8
Approx km's meeting place to destination	Meeting place to destination round trip is approx 150kms
Last available fuel	BP Mansfield
Equipment required	Full recovery gear and points on your car, compressor, tyre deflator, etc Tent/Swag/Camping/Cooking/Food/Bog Roll etc. Warm Clothes, Chair, Munchies for Happy Hour
Maps required	Bush Huts of the High Country
Radio Channel CB/UHF	UHF 12 to start with and then move if its busy

Destination	Snow Trip - Jamieson Side - Group 1
Leader & Contact Details	Bruce Cremonsi (0400 425296 or secretary@vfwdc.com)
Date	Friday 22nd - Sun 24th July (TBC and permit dependant)
Meeting Details	BP Mansfield Friday 7pm
Grade	Snow: Medium to Hard Wet: Oh Shit!!
Trip Activity Details	Annual Snow Trip. Leaving from Jamieson Pub 8am to try and be first on the mountain to get the fresh snow. Build Snowman, so families are encouraged to come along. I'll be staying as usual at Jamieson Hotel.. Some rich latte sippers go AirBnB, but pub is nice.
Vehicle Limits	Maximum 5. (The Club is limited to 10 cars per weekend)
Approx km's meeting place to destination	50kms
Last available fuel	BP Mansfield
Distance between supplies	Not relevant
Equipment required	Warm Dry spare shoes/socks. Full Recovery Gear and Points on your car Cooking/Food/Bog Roll etc for lunch on mountain Warm Clothes, Chair, Dry Clothes and GOOD footwear
Maps required	Nil
Radio Channel CB/UHF	UHF 12 to start with and then move if its busy



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(Mark Kochan)