



FREE WHEELING

March 2026



Official Newsletter of the
Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc

Registration No
A0002184F

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Meeting Details



VFWDC General Meeting Details & Venue

The club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 PM with the following exceptions:

No meeting at Club Noble in January.

Club Noble Address

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



Next club meeting is on 4th March (Wednesday) 7:30 pm at Club Noble.

Club Committee

2025 - 2026

President	Neville Van Leeuwen	president@vfwdc.com
Vice President	Ken Kilby	vicepres@vfwdc.com
Secretary	Steve Miller	secretary@vfwdc.com
Treasurer	Ly Ho	treasurer@vfwdc.com

General Committee

Trip Coordinator	Ken Kilby	trips@vfwdc.com
Magazine Editor	Sushant Aggarwal	editor@vfwdc.com
Association Delegate	Dennis Alphonsus	delegate@vfwdc.com
General Committee	Andy McCarthy	

Support Positions to Committee

Web Manager	Alec Downs	web@vfwdc.com
Training officer	Phillip Griffith	
Merchandise	Suzy Whitford	merchandise@vfwdc.com

Club Details

Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club
Registration Number	A002184F
Correspondence Address	PO Box 778 Dandenong VIC 3175
Email	secretary@vfwdc.com
Website	www.vfwdc.com

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

Hi All

We have had several new members join recently so I would like to welcome you all to the club and hope you have been made welcome and are looking forward to joining us on a trip soon. For current members if you haven't yet I encourage everyone to go up to a new face and introduce yourself.

We also recently had the new club brochure printed recently; this is part of our preparations to have a stand at the Melbourne 4 X 4 show later in the year. We will be looking for volunteers to run the stand for a shift. Show runs for three days – so will likely need 6 shifts with at least two people on each shift. Please add your name to the form at the next meeting if you can attend here.

FWDV are still assisting in recovery efforts in the Longwood area, if you can spare a Saturday to attend this it would be appreciated by many. Particularly looking for people with chainsaw tickets, but also looking for others to support as well.

If you are looking to get your Chainsaw Qualification FWDV run ½ price courses regularly for affiliated members

We are also hoping to run our next 4WD training course in the coming months as well as our Trip Leader Training. Please put your name down if you are interested and we will share more details soon.

We have a few more exciting trips coming up between now and Easter so please come to the next meeting to hear all about these or check out the upcoming trips in this magazine.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting!

Neville Van Leeuwen

VFWDC President

president@vfwdc.com

VFWDC General Meeting Minutes

Date: 4 February 2025
 Time: 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm
 Location: Club Noble

Next Meeting: 7:30pm Wednesday 4th March 2026

Topic	Discussion and Outcomes	Speaker
Open Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to the February 2026 club meeting Apologies: Stuart and Maree, Dennis, Ken and Steve Card 	Open Meeting
Minutes from previous months club meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from previous meeting accepted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted: Sushant Seconded: Sally Matters arising from previous minutes for the club meeting on the 03/12/2025: Nil 	Minutes from previous months club meeting
Guests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donna and Jack – x2 Landcruisers, looking forward to exploring Australia Ethan - Jeep 	Guests
Correspondence	Correspondence: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Neville picked up mail from PO Latest Track Watch magazine is available 	Correspondence
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per written report from Ly Ho – Written report will be in next issue of the club's magazine. Report for December 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing cash position \$2,491.27 Closing consolidated position \$11,188.62 No matters arising from Financial Report. Motion to accept October 2025 Treasurer's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted: Sally Seconded: Bruce Report for January 2026: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing cash position \$2,562.27 Closing consolidated position \$11259.62 No matters arising from Financial Report. Motion to accept January 2026 Treasurer's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted: Alec Seconded: Neville 	Treasurer's Report
Association News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VFWD doing work in Longwood area to rehabilitate fire affected areas. Confirmed that VFWD CEO has been made redundant. President will take over duties. Presidents and Delegates meeting on or about 22 February 2026. Members invited to provide questions to Dennis to raise at the FWDV Presidents and Delegates meeting. 	Neville

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Upcoming Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Much of the Victorian High Country is still closed due to fires. Some of it may open at end of February 2026 March 2026 Portland Dune Buggy Club – Stephen Card. Early March - Noogee – Neville TBA - Haunted Stream Trip – Neville 2026 Cape York leaving King's birthday 2026, returning August 2026. Trip Leader: Bruce Dunlop. 	Neville
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking for new driver trainers trip, waiting for clarification of driver training instructor qualifications 	Neville and Phil
Intermission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermission 7:50pm to 8:18pm 	
Merchandise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usual items – Existing stock available ... see club magazine for details. Some anniversary shirts still available New hoodies available 	Neville
General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licola store has closed, fuel is no longer available 	Neville
Magazine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation to everyone to submit anything of interest relating to camping/four wheel driving/vehicles ... Send through to Sushant 	Neville
Trip Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12-15 December 2025 – Friday - Blue Rag, Saturday – Crooked River Sunday - Billy Goats Bluff, Monday – Headed Home. Spectacular trip – Trip report by Steven Miller – See trip report in magazine 31/12/2025 x3 New Years Eaves at Camerons corner – Trip Leader Bruce Dunlop in magazine Great trip – See trip report in magazine Sally and Tristan had gone camping over the back of Mt Buller - Sally advised that cows had eaten all the charcoal out of the fire pit ... absolutely cleaned out every scrap of charcoal 	Neville, Steven, Bruce, Sally

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Web Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New web site set up by Alec. Thoroughly modernised the site. Went live over Christmas. Now able to upload photos. Alec gave a quick overview of website capabilities. Buy Sell Giveaway facility proposed for website – Committee to consider Alec looking for missing back issues – Directed to speak to Mark 	Alec
Raffle	Prizes Wine and stubbie holder <ol style="list-style-type: none"> \$50 Gift Voucher Cap, Head Lamp, Stubby Holder Cap, Cup, Stubby Holder 	Neville
Next General Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club Noble - Wednesday 04/03/2026, 7:30pm 	Neville
Meeting Close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 pm 	Neville
Minutes taken by:		Steven Miller

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Treasurer's Report January 2026

<u>Cheque A/C</u> Opening Balance as at 01/01/2026	\$2,491.27	
Add: Raffle	\$71.00	
Closing Balance as at 31/01/2026		\$2,562.27
<u>Term Deposit</u> Opening Balance as at 01/01/2026	\$8,647.35	
Closing Balance as at 31/01/2026		\$8,647.35
<u>Petty Cash</u> Opening Balance as at 01/01/2026	\$50.00	
Closing Balance as at 31/01/2026		\$50.00
Consolidated Closing Cash Position		<u>\$11,259.62</u>

NEW GENERAL MEETING START TIME

The general meeting's start time will commence at **7:30PM** at Club Noble.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Club membership renewals are due for the upcoming financial year. Membership prices:

Single - \$87

Family/Couple - \$97

Silver - \$57

Payment details are in the membership form below:

[https://www.vfwdc.com/pdf/Membership%20Form%20\[2025\].pdf](https://www.vfwdc.com/pdf/Membership%20Form%20[2025].pdf)

NOTE: You must be a paid member to participate in the snow trips

Discount Offer: The club is offering a **discount of \$5 off your membership for each trip you have organized** and run since March 1st, 2024, **up to a maximum of \$20 per couple.**

Please mention any trips you have led when you reply.

Club Membership

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](#).

Club Calendar

March 2026

Wednesday 4 th	General Club Meeting	7:30 pm
Sunday 8 th	Noojee Day Trip	Neville
Wednesday 18 th	Committee Meeting	
Friday 20 th	Portland Dune Buggy Trip	Steven Card
Friday 27 th	Aberfeldy / Little O'Tooles Trip	Sushant

April 2026





Wednesday 1 st	General Club Meeting	7:30 pm
Thursday 2 nd	Border Track Trip	Stuart & Maree
Wednesday 8 th	Buchan caves to Haunted Stream Track Trip	Neville
Wednesday 15 th	Committee Meeting	

More upcoming trips:

1. 2026 Cape York leaving King's birthday 2026, returning August 2026. Trip Leader: Bruce Dunlop

Track Classification

[Four Wheel Drive Victoria](#) have a track grading classification scale which has been developed to assist in advising Trip Leaders and participants on 4WD trips of the type of tracks that they can expect to encounter. On most trips participants can expect that a variety of tracks will be traversed each with an appropriate rating. Trip Leaders should advise participants of the range of track ratings expected to be encountered on the planned route. The following classifications will assist in determining an overall Trip Rating:

Considerations	Easy	Medium	Difficult	Very Difficult
Overall Description	All Wheel Drive and High Range 4WD. Novice Drivers	Mainly High range 4WD but Low range required. Some 4WD experience recommended.	Significant Low range 4WD with standard 4WD ground clearance. Should have 4WD driver training.	Low range 4WD with High ground clearance. Experienced Drivers
Advisory Sign				
Expected terrain and track conditions	Mostly unsealed roads with no obstacles and minor gradients.	Tracks with some steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. May have shallow water crossings.	Tracks with frequent steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. Possible water crossings.	Tracks with frequent very steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. May have difficult river crossings.
Vehicle suitability	All wheel Drive and High Range 4WD. Can be low clearance with single range and road tyres.	Suitable for medium clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain or road tyres.	Suitable for medium to high clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain tyres.	Suitable for high clearance vehicles with dual range and tyres suitable for the terrain. (Mud Terrain tyres).
Recovery equipment			Recovery equipment required.	Winch / Recovery equipment required.
Driver Training / Experience	Suitable for novice drivers.	Recommended that drivers have experience or 4WD training. Recommended to be done in groups of vehicles.	Recommended for drivers with reasonable experience or 4WD training. To be done in groups of vehicles.	Drivers with extensive experience and advanced training should only attempt as there are several technical challenges. Recommended to be done in groups of four or more vehicles.
Weather	May be difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.

For Sale

BFG Mud Terrain T/A 265/75R16

Fitted to R616/17 Navara D40 steel rim

\$500 the set (\$100 per tyre).

Pick up from Berwick

Contact David: 0417747860



Blue Rag Trip - December 2025

Report by Vern

1. Neville - Triton (Trip Leader)
2. Suzy & Andy - Mitsubishi Challenger
3. Sushant - Hilux
4. Steve D - Everest
5. Steve M & Josh – BT50
6. Vern Lexus

Friday we all met up at the Longwarry Ampol for a 930am departure then headed off towards Dargo. The group discussed the weather outlook for the weekend and as rain was forecast for Saturday (we ended up getting a few drops on Sunday morning) it was decided that we would tackle the Blue Rag Ridge Track on Friday after setting up camp on the way.

We set up for the night at the Two Mile campsite near Italian Flat before travelling through forest tracks to the start of Blue Rag in the early afternoon.. On the way we carefully negotiated stock on the road before reaching the start of the track around 330pm. The initial section was very rough with many wombat holes and rocks with Nev having to have a couple of attempts in the first hundred metres or so. After that the group successfully climbed all the way to the trig point at 1750m about an hour and a half later. Some sections were especially rough but it stayed dry which helped.



Trip Report

The weather held out although there were some heavy showers in the distance and the 360 degree views up there were amazing.



We returned back to Two Mile camp for a well earned rest after a long day's driving and campfire.

Overnight was interrupted by a group of wild dogs howling quite close to camp but otherwise it was a peaceful night.

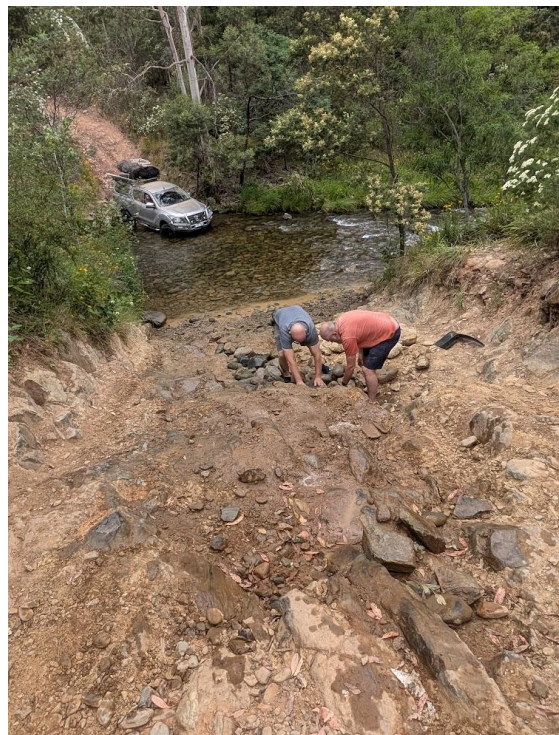
Saturday after a leisurely breakfast, it was off to the local watering hole, the Dargo Hotel for fuel top up, lunch and beverages. Joe's vehicle needed a bit of attention with the front diff and later the alternator decided to give up but Joe carried on anyway.



Trip Report

Nev & Joe split from the group to set up camp at Talbotville whilst the others tackled the Bull town Spur down to the Crooked River track. Nev wasn't joking when he said there will be a "few" river crossings involved.

In all I think there were 24+ crossings in before reaching the camp. One of the early crossings was particularly difficult with a deep rock ledge and loose boulders to negotiate when exiting the river. Steve and Josh had a really tricky exit with a few strategically placed rocks helping to get them up and out of the river.



A couple of side steps got a bit of a bashing too.

After a couple of hours and 24+ crossings later we arrived at Talbotville camp which was quite busy with disco lights and music throughout the evening to keep us entertained.

Sushant cooked up the best paneer butter masala sauce with cottage cheese accompanied with toasted afgan breads and roti Yummmm! Joe added some meats for a delicious supper.

Trip Report

Sunday we awoke to a few drops of rain, windy and a bit cooler before moving out through the Crooked River for a few more quite deep river crossings to the base of the Billy Goat track.



The ascent was extremely steep rocky and rough at times with a brief respite at the helipad about half way up before off to the Pinnacles Fire Lookout. We started at about 400m elevation and the top was about 1450m.

Once again great views of the High Country



Trip Report

A careful return to Horseyard Flat campground at about 1000m where Joe Suzy & Andy (& Bob) continue on and depart for home.

The weather was getting warm so Nev, Sushant, the two Steves and myself opted to take on a bush track across to the Maroka Gorge waterfall. It was a good 5-6km round trip across a bush track with a few board walks over the Alpine peat bogs and many obstacles (one of which I fell over!) The two Steves and Nev decided to take a dip in the icy water (Sushant and myself - no thanks)

After a good workout we created a mega campfire to cook and keep warm before bed.

After a freezing night - the camp bucket left out froze solid, we had a quick brekky then Steve D headed off back home earl. Nev, Steve M and Josh, Sushant and myself left a little later for Licola where we finally hit the bitumen about 5km or so out. After airing up we stopped for a while at the Licola General store for some pies and coffee break.

After 4 days driving over some of the most difficult tracks in the High Country we headed home.

Vern's personal summary of track conditions :

Blue Rag - Hard to Very Hard and scary

Crooked River - Hard (reasonably low river levels though)

Billy Goats - Medium to Hard (dry) - bit scary near the top.

Special thanks goes to Neville for organising the trip and Sushant and Joe for Saturday nights dinner and to Andy as the washer-upperer (is that a word!)



At Talbotville Campground



Conquering Crooked River Tk (via Bulltown Spur to Talbotville Campground)



Andy took on the role of lead spotter on Crooked River Tk



Enroute to Billy Goat Bluff Tk (from Talbotville Campground)



Post Billy Goat Bluff Tk



PROPOSED CLUB TRIP DATA FORM

DESTINATION	NOOJEE DAY TRIP & PUB/TOOLSHED MEAL
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Neville Van Leeuwen TEL: MOB: 0472 680 482
DATE	Sunday - 08/03/26
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Ampol Longwarry Outbound 8.30am for 9am departure or Neerim South Recreation Reserve 9.30am (I will need to know were you are joining)
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: MED-HARD DRY: MED
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Head out to do Tolleys Track and check out a few of the off-cut tracks we saw last time. Head into Noojee depending on time have a look at LV1 track via Gleasons track. Not planning on doing big bogholes or overly challenging tracks...but please bring enough snacks / food incase we miss the Pub. After Lunch we can walk off the meal at Toolangi Falls or the Trestle bridge if people want (both dog friendly)
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: 6
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	Full day approx. 250 km return (from Pakenham)
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Ampol Lonwarry DIESEL: Ampol Lonwarry
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	NA
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	All terrain tyres – Recovery points front and rear. Recovery Gear Snacks & Water
MAPS REQUIRED	I will have sufficient maps – But Rooftops Yarra Valley or similar. Sat Nav if you have.
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	12
DOG FRIENDLY? YES/NO	Yes – But you will need to make alternate arrangements for dogs while we are at the Pub

PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED:

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3. Pass the form on to the President or Events 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.



PROPOSED CLUB TRIP DATA FORM

DESTINATION	Portland dune buggy club
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Steven Card TEL: MOB: 0411202606
DATE	20-23 rd March 2026
MEETING PLACE / TIME	8am - location to be finalised
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Medium DRY: Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Head down to Portland dune buggy club. Spend a couple of days playing in the dunes. Get a bit of fishing in off the beaches. Few nights of camping fun. Head back to Melbourne.
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: 8
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	400kms 375kms
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Portland DIESEL: Portland
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	35kms
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Recovery gear Sand flag Temporary membership to the buggy club
MAPS REQUIRED	Google maps will be fine.
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	12
DOG FRIENDLY? YES/NO	

No, dogs are not allowed at the park

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PROPOSED CLUB TRIP DATA FORM

DESTINATION		ABERFELDY / LITTLE O'TOOLES CAMPING TRIP
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Sushant Aggarwal MOB: 04055 02069	
DATE	27 Mar (Fri arvo) – 29 Mar (Sun), 2026	
MEETING PLACE / TIME	BP Officer Outbound 4 pm for 4:30 pm departure You can also choose to join at the campground on Saturday morning	
GRADE <i>Please adhere to new trip classifications</i>	WET: MED-HARD DRY: MED	
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Friday: Leave post work, and setup camp at Little O'Tooles Saturday: 4wding post brekkie: One Spec Tk, Dry Gully South Tk, Fullerton Creek Tk. We may do more tracks depending on time Sunday: Pack up and head back home 	
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: 6	
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	165 km (BP Officer to Little O'Tooles campground)	
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Moe DIESEL: Moe	
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	75 km (O'Tooles to Moe. 150 return)	
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	All terrain tyres – Recovery points front and rear. Recovery Gear Self sufficient camp setup. There are drop toilets at campground	
MAPS REQUIRED	I will have sufficient maps. Hema for SW Vic High Country	
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	12	
DOG FRIENDLY? YES/NO	Yes	

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PROPOSED CLUB TRIP DATA FORM

DESTINATION	BORDER TRACK TRIP
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Stuart and Maree Bowker MOB: 0428539157
DATE	Thursday 2 nd April to the 7 th of April
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Bp McDonalds Calder service station outbound just past Calder Raceway at 8:00am for an 8:30am Departure
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: Difficult DRY: Medium
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	Will be exploring Murray Sunset country including attractions like the Old Mail Route, VIC, SA Border track, Shearers Quarters. There is no fixed route, so this is a guide. Anyone with only 4 days for Easter could meet us later and leave earlier. We will need to buy online a vehicle entry permit for Ngarkat Conservation Park @ \$13.90 per vehicle per day and if we camp in the park approx. \$10 pp per night
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 4 MAXIMUM: 8
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	1600kms Return
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Fuel is Readily Available DIESEL:
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	At most 400kms
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Compressor and all of your own recovery equipment, a sand flag if you have one but not required. Food, water and camping equipment. Some nights there may not be toilets so come prepared. This trip could be wet or dry the area is like the high country.... unpredictable so be prepared!
MAPS REQUIRED	Victoria's Desert Map
RADIO CHANNEL	12 UHF

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PROPOSED CLUB TRIP DATA FORM

DESTINATION	BUCHAN CAVES TO HAUNTED STREAM TRACK
LEADER/CONTACT NO.	NAME: Neville Van Leeuwen MOB: 0472 680 482
DATE	08/04/26 – 12/04/26
MEETING PLACE / TIME	Ampol Longwarry 08/04 @ 8.30 for 9am departure
GRADE Please adhere to new trip classifications	WET: MED-HARD DRY: MED
TRIP ACTIVITY DETAILS	The plan is to head to Balley Dooley Campsite on Wednesday Set up camp and have a bit of an explore. Thursday will be a day of exploring the Buchan caves at our own leisure. Note we will need to book tickets in advance for this. Potential dinner at the Hotel. Back to campsite. Friday we will have a look at some tracks - potentially Jacksons track or Mckillops Bridge Saturday we will pack up and head towards Haunted Stream – Depending on attendees to where we camp somewhere along the track Sunday finish track and head home More details to be planned still
VEHICLE LIMITS	MINIMUM: 3 MAXIMUM: 6
APPROX KMS Meeting place to destination	300 km to the Buchan caves
LAST AVAILABLE FUEL	PETROL: Bruthen DIESEL: Bruthen
DISTANCE BETWEEN SUPPLIES	Some small supplies at Buchan – Can potentially go to Orbost as well. Need to be self sufficient
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	Be fully self sufficient and prepared for all weather conditions – Some supplies at Buchan – Recovery Gear. Rated recovery points. All terrain tyres.
MAPS REQUIRED	Rooftops – Snowy River – Mckillops bridge
RADIO CHANNEL CB / UHF	12
DOG FRIENDLY? YES/NO	No – Due to dogs not being permitted at Caves or surrounding reserve

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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...

