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Yinchao (April) Fu



The Werribee District 4WD Club is a family-oriented club that started back in 1985 to provide members from all walks of life the opportunity to share their passion for four-wheel driving.

The club caters for all levels of experience, from the complete novice, through to the seasoned tourers and hard-core off roaders. The club has a diverse range of members ranging from singles to retired couples. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at the Masonic Hall, 223 Watton Street (Cnr Greaves Street) Werribee. Doors open at 7:30pm for an 8:00pm start. Visitors and new members are welcomed.

Due to Covid restrictions, all meetings are currently being held via Zoom – link available to members on the members page. Visitors need to contact the Visitor Liaison to obtain the zoom link.

Membership Fees:

Annual Fees can now be paid Via our new website werribee4wdclub.com.au or into the club's bank account.

Account Details: BSB: 633 000 Acc: 187 852 546

Please email the Treasurer if You have paid via EFT. **Postal**

Address:

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President's Report

Hello and welcome to this month's mag.



It seems like things are slowly getting back to some sort of normal now, we have just today completed a round of basic training at the old quarry. It was a cracker of a day with the sun out, everyone brought their senses of humour and our star social secretary was on hand with our VP to cook up a storm on the barbie for lunch. I think the new norm of a sausage sizzle over lunch is proving to be a big winner and a great way to welcome our newest members to the club and get to know them. We had the pleasure of having a couple of members of the Melton 4WD club along and it is a great way for us to build cross club relationships.

I've been chatting with a couple of other clubs and I'm excited for the future opportunities of doing some joint events and being able to get out there with other clubs and check out their go to tracks and for us to share ours, so keep your eyes peeled and hopefully we'll have something happening in the near future.

We are in the early planning stages for our mid-year event which will be an absolute hoot and like the Christmas party it's sure to be one that you won't want to miss.

So definitely lock June the 18th into your calendar and dust your party shoes off.

There have been a couple of trips being organised and/or run which is exciting and realistically trips are the lifeblood of our club. If you are interested running a trip then please reach out to Aaron our trip coordinator and he will be more than happy to help you get it off the ground. Running a trip shouldn't be daunting and it is great opportunity to get together with likeminded people and actually get out there and explore, to find new adventures and trails and test your skills.

I look forward to seeing many of you for our March meeting to be held at the hall.

Rowan Burton.
President 2021/22
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The full Financial Report has been emailed to all current Club Members

Club Members can see the full financial report attached with the email containing the Club Magazine

- We currently have 94 financial members.
- It would be great if everyone could log into Wild Apricot (our new Club Data Base) and fill in all their contact details. It makes it so much easier to get in touch with you if we have your details.
- If you haven't received your name badge yet, send me an email with the name you would like printed on it. Member, partner and Children are eligible for a name badge.
- Everyone should of received a Membership Renewal Form. Can you please fill it in and email it back to me.
Treasurer@Werribee_4wdClub.com.au
- Bills this month include– Adobe Subscription, some witch's hats that were purchased for use in the car park at our first meeting this year and some raffle prizes
- We had two new Members Join – Roger Fong & Selvan Selvanathan
- Bank Account with Bendigo Bank is up and running and most of the Clubs Funds have been transferred out of Comm Bank into Bendigo. There is still a small amount of money in Comm Bank for the time being, just to keep the account open for now



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Welcome our Newest Club Members

Roger Fong & Family



My name is Roger Fong, my wife is Rhoda and we have 2 girls and a boy. Kimberley is 18, Natalie is 16 and RJ is 11.

We also have 2 cats (Simba & Spirit) and just got Motzi last week.

I was born in Suva, Fiji and moved to Townsville QLD to complete my Uni in 1999. We moved down from Brisbane in 2007 and have been in Tarnet since 2009.

I love my sports and will always be a Queenslander for NRL - State of Origin. I follow The Western Bulldogs for AFL but I do have a soft spot for Gee-long. F1 racing always keeps me up into the early hours of Monday morning.

I also love racing 1/10th Scale Radio remote control buggies/cars (with Lipo batteries).

I drive a Ford Ranger and am planning to do a bit of 4x4 action and camping in the next few years.

Heading to Cape York and the Northern Territory would be on my bucket list.

Selvan Selvanathan & family



Born in Sri Lanka and migrated to Australia 30 years ago

Married to Bawani for 27 years and have two adult (jumbo kids) Abi and Aswin.

Working at Stanley Black & Decker Australia

Volunteer FireFighter with Hoppers Crossing Fire Brigade for 20 years

My Vehicle:

Driving Toyota Prado 120 GXL Manual

Interests:

Community service/travelling locally/ Interstate/Overseas
Cricket

Bucket List:

Cape York -Including OTT

Frenchman Track

Oodnadatta Track

Travelling from Melbourne to Darwin and then traveling via south coast drive to Perth



General Meeting Minutes

3rd February 2022 – F2F at the Hall (plus - Live on Facebook)

Meeting opened at 8:06 pm.

The President, Rowan BURTON welcomed all members and guests. Please refer to attached list for attendance.

Presidents Report – Rowan BURTON

- December meeting AND BBQ was great despite the change in weather.
- The Alan Kendal Trophy was awarded to Susan BYERS (with support by Michael)
- Xmas Party was a Great success. Great team effort to ensure planned and executed. Massive thank you to Brett Lockwood for the use of his property. Thank you to Anthony and his team for a delicious BBQ Spit. The Committee were under budget at \$2759.89. Thank you to Santa for making an appearance.
- Committee has commenced reviewing the Bylaws.
- Mid-Year Function –proposed for the 18th June. Fully catered meal, Location TBC. Live Band. Will be asking for a sub-committee to assist with planning/organising.
- Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser – Sunday 10th April. Alysha BYERS is in charge. Please volunteer on a Roster to assist. Will be also taking Trailer and some Vehicles to display.

Vice President Report – Michael BYERS (unable to attend)

- Nothing to report

Secretary Report – Susan Byers

Correspondence IN

- Commonwealth Bank statement
- Bills from Telstra –Sat phone
- Paperwork from Australian Government to change name of ABN –yet to be completed.

Correspondence OUT

- Nil

Treasurers Report – Daryl EVANS

- See Separate report for Financial breakdown
- Bendigo Bank – so much easier to use
- Commonwealth Bank – small amount remaining. Will leave open for a few more months
- Current Membership -94 members
- Square – still need a wifi hotspot to work with the app. If get a devoted square device for app, still need sim card

Trip Co-ordinator – Aaron SWEET

- Trying to transition across to Website. Can still advertise on Facebook, but to Register –please do so via Website
- Speak to Aaron to assist in Uploading to website.
- Basic Training – 22/2 – Theory. 26/2 – Practical. – Fred SCHENCK (see DTU Report)
- Easter 2022– Eldee Station – 15/4/22 – 19/4/22. Trevor RYAN (Eldee station not yet open to bookings)



Werribee District 4WD Club

DTU Co-Ordinators Report – Fred SCHENCK

- Basic Training – Theory at Hoppers Club. Practical on Saturday. X10 cars maximum.
- Register - Email Fred via dtucoordinator@werribee4wdclub.com.au
- Fred will respond with acceptance and info (x5 spots for Werribee, x5 spots for Melton club).
- Experienced Members are very welcome and encouraged to attend on the practical day to assist.

Editor – Anthony GOULEMAS (unable to attend)

- Nil to discuss

Digital Media Officer – Chris BUTTERWORTH

- Nil to discuss

FWDVic Rep – Joe Grosz

- Encourage Clubs to contribute to 4WDVic Magazine
- Every member is able to login to 4WDVic website. (there is lots more –behind the scenes)
- Will do a presentation shortly on how to login

Visitor Liaison –Nicole GOULEMAS

- Guests include Steve, Patrick and Selven
- New Members include Aaron and Roger (2022). Tanya and Ryan (2021)

Merchandise Officer –Alysha BYERS

- Still working on windscreen Banners
- Triangle Stickers are in - \$3 each

Social secretary –Marc SEOW (unable to attend)

- A sausage sizzle was held prior to the meeting, with assistance from members

General Business

- QR Code – please ensure everyone has checked in- as per current Vic guidelines
- Badges – list compiled at meeting of those who are still missing badges (including new members)
- Alysha is completing a list of those who are willing to volunteer at Bunnings BBQ (more info to follow)
- The Raffle Prize –won by Patrick. – Screwdriver Set

Meeting Closed at 8:40 pm

Attendees included:

Susan BYERS and Alysha BYERS	Rowan BURTON, Sharon BURTON	Michael EDWARDS
David TOOHEY	(Poppy)	Jamie WYATT
Trevor RYAN	Patrick HORNING	Rachel WEBSTER (Olivia, Caitlin, Sophie)
Priyante GOONETILLEKE	Brad CARLYON	Ryan POPINSKI
Aaron SWEET	Mat PADBURY	Aaron BURBIDGE
Nicole GOULEMAS (Jonathan, Nicholas)	Steve BAMFORD	Tanya STELLINI
Joe GROSZ	Chris BUTTERWORTH	Gavin JEWEL
Fred SCHENCK and April	Daryl EVANS	Ian HASELL
Roger FONG	Selvan SENVANATHAN	
David POWELL	Brett LOCKWOOD	
Greg KEIGHERY	Brendon OLIVER	
	Phil ATWELL	

Apologies:

Michael BYERS	Marc SEOW	Anthony GOULEMAS
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Alan Kendall



In 1985 Alan Kendall wanted to share his love of Four Wheel Driving with other likeminded people in the Werribee area. An advert was placed in the Werribee Banner and the Werribee & District 4WD Club was born. 36 years later we have an amazing club full of life long friendships thanks to Alan.

Alan also spent 47 years in the Werribee CFA, holding virtually every position, was founding member of the Werribee Caravanning Club, Werribee TowBars and many more associations.

The Werribee & District 4WD Club Commemorates Alan Kendall, Annually awarding the Alan Kendall Memorial Trophy to the Club Member who contributes most, and best represents the core values of our club Family, Fun, Friendship.

Vale Alan Kendall.





Alan Kendall Memorial Trophy Recipients

- 2015 Vale Alan Kendall
- 2016 Trevor Ryan
- 2017 Michelle Penpraze
- 2018 Stuart Webster
- 2019 Gemma Laracy
- 2020 Covid 19 - Committee members
- 2021 Susan Byers**



Past Presidents

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|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1985 Alan Kendall | 1996 Rob Elliott | 2007 Andrew Dixon | 2018 Peter Vercoe |
| 1986 Alan Kendall | 1997 Andrew Dixon | 2008 Leigh Taylor (L) | 2019 Peter Vercoe |
| 1987 Richard Davies | 1998 Andrew Dixon | 2009 Jo Caruana | 2020 Peter Vercoe/
Stuart Webster. |
| 1988 Steve Lynch | 1999 Dallas Roberts | 2010 Jo Caruana | 2021 Rowan Burton |
| 1989 Steve Lynch | 2000 Joe Cassar | 2011 Paul Cassar (L) | |
| 1990 Chris Knol | 2001 Ross Allport | 2012 Trevor Ryan | |
| 1991 Steven Mitchell | 2002 Ross Allport | 2013 Leigh Taylor (L) | |
| 1992 Brian Walker | 2003 Ross Allport | 2014 Joel Bristow | |
| 1993 Russel Edwards | 2004 Paul Crowe | 2015 Peter Vercoe | |
| 1994 Russel Edwards | 2005 Jim Bramich | 2016 Trevor Ryan | |
| 1995 Wayne Lock | 2006 Stefan Gabas | 2017 Trevor Ryan/
Joel Bristow | |

Life Members

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| Len Mallia | Daryl Evans |
| Carmen Mallia | Ellen Whitwam |
| Paul Cassar | Mick O'Grady |
| Jenny Cassar | Leigh O'Grady |
| Leigh Taylor | |

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Werribee District 4WD Club



eNews Direct To Members

This eNews is a new format that Four Wheel Drive Victoria will be sending on a monthly basis or as needed, directly to your Inbox. As a member of Four Wheel Drive Victoria you will have the option to OPT OUT if you do not want this communication from us. If you do not opt out you will continue to receive these emails. You can opt out at any time.

The latest news from Four Wheel Drive Victoria

February 2022

Mornington Great Outdoors Show

After a long wait and run of cancelled shows due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the success of the Sale Great Outdoors show late last year, the Great Outdoors Show organizers have been able to announce that over the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th of March 2022 the Mornington Great Outdoors Show will run. It will be held at Mornington Racecourse. Four Wheel Drive Victoria hopes to see plenty of our members there!



Macalister Camp Host Thank You

A big thank you to the Macalister 4WD club who ran a successful camp host at Howitt Hut over the Australia Day week. There was a big turnout with plenty of fellow campers surveyed and good times had by all.

Organization Name	Total Donations	Lives Saved
Rajero 4WD Club of Victoria Inc	20	60
Overlanders 4x4 Club Inc	16	48
Toyota 4WD Club of Victoria Inc	14	42
Dandenong Ranges 4WD Club Inc	9	27
Manfield Alpine 4WD Club Inc	9	27
CFA Four Wheel Drive Club Inc	8	24
Bellarat District 4WD Club	6	18
Bendigo Four Wheel Drive Club	6	18
Bushbark 4WD Club Inc	2	6
Land Rover Owners Club of Gippsland	2	6
Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc	2	6
Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc Red Hill 4x4 Club Inc	2	6
ICC	1	3
Albury Wodonga 4WD Club Inc	1	3
GAA 4WD Club Inc	1	3
Offroad and Camping Club of Victoria Inc	1	3
True Off 4WD Club Inc	1	3
Total Challenge Collections	100	300

Lifblood February Update

The Four Wheel Drive Victoria challenge has kept going into the second half of the 21/22 financial year with 100 donations so far and 300 lives saved, a tremendous effort! With 5 months left to go there is still plenty of time to get your donations in and help out those in need of blood.

If you need any help locating your nearest donor centre or would like to know more about the challenge please email

projects@fwdvictoria.org.au



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Labor Day Camp Host Upcoming

The Labor Day long weekend is coming up and there are plenty of campsites ready for your club to run a camp host. If you already have a campsite in mind please let the office know otherwise we can help to find your club the perfect campsite. It is a great opportunity to get out and start off the year with some volunteering alongside Parks Victoria/DELWP and to be able to get back out camping again!

VGO Works

Recently members of the Four Wheel Drive Victoria office and board went out the the Snowy River National Park to assist Parks Victoria in upgrading the Snowy River Iconic Drive tracks and campgrounds with money allocated from the Victorian Great Outdoors funding. The trip made a great opportunity for Four Wheel Drive Victoria to make sure our members are able to continue to enjoy great tracks to drive on and comfortable campgrounds with plenty of modifications and upgrades now in the planning stage to be undertaken in the very near future. At this stage there are similar trips upcoming with similar outcomes expected for the Wonnangatta Drive and also the Davies Plain Drive.



Don't Forget Those Volunteer Hours

To ensure we meet our volunteer KPI's with the Government we need to make sure that clubs and members record any volunteer work that you are involved with. Volunteer work includes simple things like clearing fallen trees as well as track clearing, camp host, clean up the bush and any other charity or volunteer work your club does. You can easily download the volunteer data collection forms from our website or from our Closed Facebook Group page.

Victorian Four Wheel Drive Show Postponed

Unfortunately due to the current COVID-19 situation the decision has been made to postpone the Victorian Four Wheel Drive show until a later date. When this date is announced we will let all our members know the new dates so there can be as many members there as possible.





Werribee District 4WD Club

Trackwatch

Four Wheel Drive Victoria need interesting articles and high resolution photos about your club for Trackwatch magazine. Trackwatch is distributed far beyond our clubs and is seen by many organizations, businesses, Government agencies and politicians so it is a great way to show your club to the world. Please email your articles and photos to projects@fwdvictoria.org.au



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Puffer Jacket - Black	\$55					
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Short Sleeve Shirt - Khaki/black	\$50					
Long Sleeve Shirt - Khaki/black	\$55					
Polo T-Shirt	\$35					
Tank Top	\$30					
Jackets and Jumpers						
Long Sleeve Wool zip jacket Blue/Black	\$60					
Long Sleeve Polar Fleece - Blue/Black	\$45					
Polar Fleece Vest - Blue/Black	\$55					
Womens Wear (Jackets)						
Long Sleeve Polar Fleece - Blue/Black	\$45					
Accessories						
Stubbie Holder	\$6					
Beanie - No Puff - Grey/blue/black/green	\$18					
Beanie - Puff - Grey/Black	\$18					
Scarf - Black/Blue	\$20					
Cap	\$15					
						Total \$
						Payment Method

Size Guide

Men's standard sizing - Tees and shirts (cm)

ADULTS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
COLLAR	38	40	41.5	43	45	47	49	51
CHEST	58	60	62.5	65	68.5	71.5	74.5	77.5
CB LENGTH	78	80	82	83	84	85	86	87

Men's standard sizing - jumpers and jackets

ADULTS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
CHEST	57.5	60	62.5	65	67.5	70	72.5	75
SP LENGTH	72	74	76	78	80	81	82	83

Ladies Standard sizing - Jumpers and jackets

LADIES	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
BUST	49	51.5	54	56.5	59	61.5	64	66.5	69
SP LENGTH	61.5	63.5	65.5	67.5	69.5	71.5	73.5	75.5	77.5



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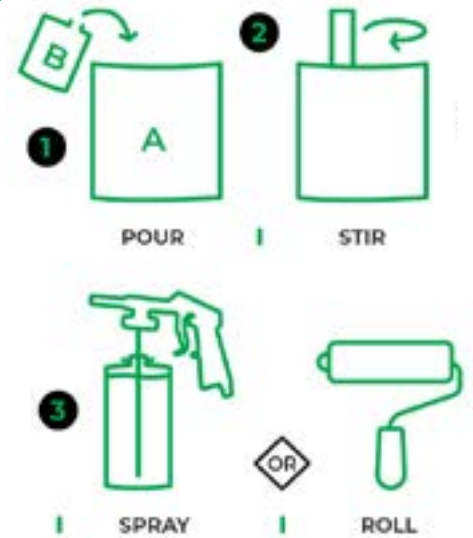
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Basic Training - Practical 26th Feb

Written By: Marc Seow

Trainers: Fred Schenck, Aaron Sweet, April Fu Yingchao, Rowan Burton

Location: Hoppers Club & Bacchus Marsh Quarry

Students: Shane Kelly, Aaron Burbridge, Roger Fong, Amber Simon, PipLou Elder, Tanya Stellini, Bianca

This was the practical portion of the new member proficiency training. The theory component was held on Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022 at the Hopper's Club.



Early morning start at Manor Lakes MacDonald's car park. Sign in sheets were passed round and Chief Instructor Fred went through the days agenda. Convoy procedures tick, UHF channel selected, and we were all set and ready to go by 8am.

Convoy procedures were well explained by Chief instructor Fred Schenck and our group were well bunched together. Quick pit stop 10 mins away from our training ground and we were all ready to go in anticipation for the days events.



Werribee District 4WD Club

Introduction by our Club President Rowan Burton and a run through of the days schedule. Handed it off to our club instructors April Fu Yingchao, Fred Schenck and Aaron Sweet and the Basic Training Practical session kicked off.



Some of the subjects we covered in the morning session were as follows:-

- 1) Airing down – Tire pressures
- 2) Recovery gear and when to use
- 3) Vehicle checklist and identifying characteristics
 - a. How to engage low range
 - b. How to engage 4 wheel drive
 - c. Car wading depth
 - d. Key engine elements, what to look out for and check
- 4) Final theory paperwork
 - a. Question and answer session
 - b. Go through answers



After this portion we fired up the barbie and cooked some snags for a quick bite before we proceeded to the more hands on afternoon session.



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The 1st hurdle was water crossing or mud crossing. As it has been dry, it was difficult to illustrate how deep it went and if there are any bigger holes underneath.

Next up was up was the steep hill climb which was very intimidating especially for the 1st time off roaders.

After which, we went on the figure 8 course . Uphill, downhill, sidehill, uphill sidehill, downhill sidehill, combination of all. This whole process was to get the student used to the car and what it is capable of.





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Once on top of the hill, we gathered to listen how to perform a recovery should a vehicle become bogged or stuck in sand. Which recovery points to use, what recovery gear, safety and the correct procedure.





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The group was very dynamic and we had 4 women sitting for the course this time round which was especially fun to watch. My wife Amber was one of the them and undoubtedly the loudest screamer of the lot. She screamed uphill, downhill, sidehill, even stationary. She was chosen to do a mock recovery and when kinetic rope pulled her car, her scream could be heard in all of Lerdederg, some say they even picked up her screams as far as Geelong.

A picture says a thousand words and to see Pip hug all the instructors to show her appreciation is the ultimate testament to that. Ccongratulations to all who participated and completed their course.





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WE NEED YOUR HELP!



**BUNNINGS Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

10th April 2022

221/231 Old Geelong Rd, Hoppers Crossing.

**More details to follow - if you are interested in volunteering,
please reach out to Alysha Byers.**

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From the Archives

A Taste of the Outback:

4x4 trip to Kati Thanda–Lake Eyre and crossing the Simpson

Trip Dates: 29/08/19 to 07/09/2019

A visit to Kati Thanda–Lake Eyre and crossing the Simpson was the plan. This is a summary of highlights by a 4x4 novice, my first trip. We are four vehicles and five people. Day One: meet at the Bacchus March Mc Donald's. With great excitement and great expectations we set off, no one had seen Kati Thanda–Lake Eyre with water. Fact track to Maree SA, the gateway to Lake Eyre and the Birdsville Track. We had prior warning, we would be lucky to see water. It felt like a feat to get there and finally see this magnificent icon of the Australian outback and a relic formed by this ancient land. A little bit of paradise was found in the nearby camping spot, running water, trees and birdlife as well as toilets. To be remembered for future trips.

The striking shiny red gibber rock paving the road to Birdsville.

Terowie

Terowie, is an historic railway town, which died when the railway was diverted. A number of original and well preserved 1880s buildings line the streets as if they are still occupied. This is a snap of the Country Women's Association. The 2016 census reports a population of 131.



Farina:

A wonder through the ruins of Farina town surrounded by the gibber rock, is found along the road. Once a town with two hotels, a school, a post office, bank, a brewery and several shops, it's hard to believe the last shop shut its doors in 1967 and the final permanent residents departed in the early

1980s. The crumbling ruins are now being restored and an underground bakery was due to open the next day. Sadly, too late for us to taste its delights.



Mungerannie

Pit stop at the Mungerannie Roadhouse, lovely little spot with an artisan bush pool and supporting an array of bird life. This stop places the werribee 4x4 club on the map. Generous donation by Richard who contributed to the ceiling of famed caps; look carefully, and you will see the Werribee 4x4 cap on the ceiling with the multitude of other travellers leaving their mark.



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Finally, Birdsville:

One week before the Birdsville cup and the town was buzzing. a bit of sprucing up before enjoying dinner a drinks at the iconic Birdsville hotel. The next day, refreshed and with a mix of trepidation and enthusiasm, we set of to meet the mighty 'Big Red'. A morning of practice on the mighty sand dune before setting of on our journey across the Simpson.



Simpson After Rain

Travelling across the desert was an experience this novice truly appreciated. The desert was awash with color and fauna. The resent rains brought the flowers and the birds, it was a magical.



Two days into the crossing the sand scallops and dips took a mechanical toll on my vehicle and triggered a change of plans. I needed to get back to Birdsville for immediate mechanical repair. Together this wonderfully supportive group made our way back.



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Car held together by a few plastic ties with a promise by the mechanic it would hold till Melbourne we set off for **Innamincka**, the first phase of the return journey. We crossed the Sturt Stony Desert a harsh landscape layered with gibber rock, the road also very rocky before we were met by a more sandy terrain which was kinder on the vehicles. Coppers Creek weaved its way across the road a number of times. We set up camp on the road side before finally making it to Innamincka the next day. Along the way our adventures took us to the Burke and Wills dig tree on the banks of Coopers Creek and the "Face Tree" adjacent to the Dig tree into which John Dick in 1898 carved ROHB and a portrait of John Burke's face in 1935.



Cordillo Downs Station Woolshed was an interesting detour. Now partially restored, it once had 120 stands to shear up to 85,000 sheep that was on the property.



Cameron's Corner: where the boundary lines meet for Queensland, South Australia, and New South Wales. A harsh desolate landscape, which the weather was promising a sandstorm. We headed off to Broken Hill finding the sandstorm in

full swing for most of the way.

After a final meal we say our goodbyes. An amazing learning experience for this novice. The journey was full of surprises and unexpected happenings, it was an adventure with a very kind and supportive group. Looking forward to next time.





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- 1kg Pork Chops

Free Eggs

\$114

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(Beef, Lamb or Pork)
- 1kg Chump Chops
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- 1kg Rump steak
- 1kg Maryland
- 1Kg Diced Beef
- 1kg Chicken Breast
- 1 Meat Loaf
- 2kg Mince
- 1kg Pork Chops

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\$208

BBQ Packs

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- 6 Burgers
- 6 BBQ Sausages
- 6 Chicken Sticks

Free Tub of seasoning

\$34

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- 1kg Forequarter Chops
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- 1kg BBQ Sausages
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- 1kg Chevapi

Free Tub of seasoning

\$69

All seasoning and special cuts such as dicing, or any special processing requirements made on request are free of charge.



Public Holiday's

New Year's Day	Sat 1 Jan/Mon 3 Jan ²
Australia Day	Wed 26 Jan
Labour Day	Mon 14 Mar
Good Friday*	Fri 15 Apr
Saturday before Easter Sunday Sat	Sat 16 Apr
Easter Sunday	Sun 17 Apr
Easter Monday	Mon 18 Apr
ANZAC Day*	Mon 25 Apr ¹
Queen's Birthday	Mon 14 Jun
Friday before the AFL Grand Final	Subject to AFL schedule ³
Melbourne Cup	Tue 1 Nov ⁴
Christmas Day	Sat 25 Dec/Tues 27 Dec ⁵
Boxing Day	Mon 26 Dec
New Year's Day	Sun 1 Jan

1 Anzac Day, Good Friday and Christmas Day are restricted trading days.

2 As New Year's Day falls on a Saturday, the following Monday is an additional public holiday.

3 Friday before AFL Grand Final typically falls on the last Friday in September. Will be updated with the exact date upon release of the 2022 AFL schedule.

4 Melbourne Cup Day is a public holiday across all of Victoria unless alternate local holiday has been arranged by a non-metro council.

5 As Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, the following Tuesday is an additional public holiday.

Information taken from [Business Victoria Website](#)

School Term Dates

	Start date	Finish date
Term 1	28 January	8 April
Term 2	26 April	24 June
Term 3	11 July	16 September
Term 4	3 October	20 December

School term dates and holidays taken from [Victorian Government website](#)



How to run a Club Trip

It's easy to run your own trip, here are the steps to running a great club trip.

- Contact the Trip Co-Ordinator tripcoordinator@werribee4wdclub.com.au
- The Trip Co-Ordinator will forward on required Trip register etc via email – Print out prior to the trip
- Create an Event on Facebook
 - a. Go to Facebook Member's page
 - b. Click Events,
 - c. Click + in top right-hand side,
 - d. In person – Then add date & times,
 - e. Location could be the meeting place, Add description, This should be amount of spots available, Required recovery gear, Required training level or Easy, Medium, hard. Meeting place and time to meet. (Remember to make your meeting time 20 – 30 minutes earlier than departure time to allow filling out Trip Register and group chat about the trip.
 - f. Invite all members.
 - g. Click Create Event.
 - h. Member's will reply with name and car number e.g.: Trev & Wassana Car #1,
 - i. Next car will indicate Name & Name Car #2 and so on.
 - j. Once the trip is full members will reply Reserve Name & Name Car #1 – the reserve car will then slot in if there is a cancellation.

Its recommended to limit the number of Cars to 10, if it becomes popular you can find another trip leader to run two groups.

On the Day

Items for the pre-trip discussion.

- Introduction of Trip leader, Tail End Charlie, and general introduction of members on the day
- Allocate a member to run the trip report (usually whoever arrives late or first to get a "fine")
- Convoy Procedures.
- It's generally worth putting experienced members between inexperienced members and introduce new members.
- On departure get each car to do a radio check (UHF channel 27), nothing worse than losing someone because they can't hear instructions or direction.

After the trip

- Follow up your trip with a fun post on the Members Facebook page.
- Create a photo album on the Members page for the event and encourage members from the trip to share pictures.
- Submit trip report to the Trip Co-Ordinator.



What's Coming Up?

March

March General Meeting, 3rd March - Masonic Hall, Werribee

March General Meeting at the Masonic Hall.

Looking at sharing club updates, upcoming activities, and club events.

There will be a raffle and a sumptuous supper lovingly prepared by our long time club member, Leigh O'Grady.

Meeting starts at 730pm sharp. Come early, get your raffle tickets, grab a seat, and mingle with the family.

Mt Disappointment in the Rain, 6th March

Please register via the website: [Register Here](#)

Come and join us on what promises to be a wet, but hopefully adventurous exploration of Mt Disappointment and the surrounding tracks.

There will be plenty of steep sections, but no bog holes (unless you're feeling adventurous). You should ideally know how to drive through the breaks or have hill descent control. Hopefully both.

Not intending to go for anything likely to produce panel damage, but you would be well advised to have:

- Good set of AT tires
- Snatch strap
- UHF radio
- A raincoat

Only 7 spots on this one, but put your name down on the waitlist. Priority will be given to experienced members with a winch. Just in case.

Lake Bolac - Relaxing Camping Trip, 10-14th March

Come one, come all for a relaxing camping trip to Lake Bolac. Friends and family all welcome.

Please register via the website: [Register Here](#)

Trip Leaders Name:

Michael Byers

Type Of Activity:

Camping

Accommodation:

BYO - Tents, Camper, Caravan.



April

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - 10th April, Bunnings Hoppers Crossing

Join us for a snag

A great chance to raise some funds for the club and attract new members. Join us there on the day. Volunteers welcomed.

More details to follow.

Eldee Easter festival, 15-19th April - Eldee Station, Silverwater NSW.

<https://www.eldeestation.com/easter-event.html>

Naomi and Stephen Schmidt of Eldee Station invite families and friends to spend an Easter holiday with a difference in 2022. We five days of mixed activities - 4WD challenges and tours, meet and greet hour with the sponsors, campfires, trivia and entertainment including a fireworks display on Sunday night. We also have plenty of activities just for the kids, including an Easter egg hunt. The emphasis is on fun and we want everyone to enjoy their break here on Eldee Station.

This festival is a collaboration between Naomi and Stephen Schmidt, and many sponsors from the 4WD world, who set up and marshall many of the stages. This is very unique in the world of 4WD drive competitions in Australia.

Competitor Packages

Competitor Packages include reserved camping fees, challenge registration and all other festival activities. Please click here to go to the competitors page where all the booking details are supplied for you to secure your campsite and position for the challenges and other activities that are part of the festival.

Spectator packages

Spectator Packages include reserved camping fees and festival activities. Please click here to go to the spectators page where all the booking details are supplied for you to secure your campsite for the festival.



Werribee District 4WD Club

Did you know...

Werribee 4WD club owns a Satphone for member to use and take on trips, heres some information which you will find useful...

How do I get the Sat Phone?

The Satphone is kept at Dirt Road 4x4 with Trevor Ryan. It can be picked up during business hours by visiting the store. Dirt Road 4x4 is located at Unit 8/61-65 Russell St, Werribee.

Bookings are essential, so please call Trevor to book the phone for your trip on 1300 037 222.

Please be aware that you will be asked to sign for the phone and that you are solely responsible for it whilst it is signed out to you, this means that if it is lost/stolen or broken whilst you have it you will be held liable for the costs to replace or repair it.

Please note: The cost of calls made will be issued to you by the Treasurer once the bill is recieved.

The Sat Phone is for emergencie use only.



How do I make a call if I need to??

Ensure that you have a good line of sight to the sky, extend the antenna then dial the number in the following format country code (+61 or 0061) then the number including area code



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