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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: 063 541 Acc: 102 187 62
Please email the Treasurer if You have paid via EFT.

Postal Address:

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P.O. Box 449, Werribee Victoria 3030.

Magazine submissions must be emailed to editor@werribee4wdclub.com.au no later than the 15th of the month for them to be included in the Magazine.

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President's Report

G'Day and welcome to the December edition of the club magazine.

We are out and about!

What a great month so far. We have had multiple trips, a broken vehicle or two, new members, an exciting new raffle format via Facebook and planning is full steam ahead for our Christmas Under the Stars event which is going to be a ripper!

I'm very excited to be able to help out Fred and our Driver Training Unit this month with a round of Basic Training. I will personally be towing the club trailer out to the training area so that the social secretary (Marc) and I can set up a sausage sizzle for lunch and give the training an extra bit social flair.



The committee has been working hard behind the scenes to get our club processes in order and hopefully make the transition between committees more seamless. It is an exciting time for the club with a renewed enthusiasm from long term members and a keenness from our new members driving us towards a great year.

I would like to encourage everyone to get on board with the club website, the Wild Apricot platform is an awesome beast and we have just started to scratch the surface of how it can help our club run and organise things. At some point in the future all our club trips will be run through the platform and Facebook events will be solely used to direct you to the website where you'll be able to register for the events, receive email notifications of new events and reminders of events your registered for and it will make it a simple process for trip leaders to run trips and have all the relevant information at their fingertips, from vehicle and driver profiles to emergency contacts.

I won't waffle on too much this time round but I will say that this club is only as fun, exciting and interesting as you our members make it. So please get in touch via email, message or via the website forum and let us know what you want.

Throw your hands up and offer to run an event whether it's a barbie at the park, a cruisy run through some touristy towns, a campout or a day or twos serious 4WD driving. We would love to see multiple trips per week with members spoilt for choice.

Take care crew and I hope to see most if not all at our Thursday evening meeting and BBQ (2nd December) or at our Christmas Under the Stars event in Ararat on the 11th.

Rowan Burton.
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Treasurer's Report

The full Financial Report has been emailed to all correct Club Members

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

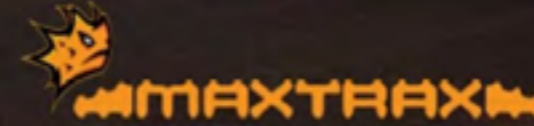
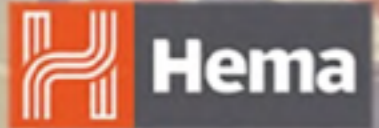
- We currently have 91 financial members.
- It would be great if everyone could log into Wild Apricot (our new Club Data Base) and fill in all their contact details. It makes it so much easier to get in touch with you if we have your details.
- If you haven't received your name badge yet, send me an 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@Werribee4wdClub.com.au
- 4WD Vic Membership fees for all members have been paid
- Consumer Affairs Vic fees for the past few years have now been paid and we are up to date – Thanks Susan!!
- Bills this month include– Sat Phone, Wild Apricot, Adobe Subscription, some Stationary, Alan Kend all trophies, Ink for printer and some paper bags for our welcome packs to be given to new members.
- We had two new Members Join this month – Welcome Glenn Broadhurst and Tanya Stellini
- Bank Account with Bendigo Bank has been approved and opened. We will let you know the new account details shortly but the old Account with the Commonwealth bank will remain active for sometime.



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Welcome our Newest Club Members

Glenn & Pippa Broadhurst



We Drive a custom built Prado 150, build for flying doctors services in central Australia, it's a GX with all options fitted to GLX. Not my first 4x4.
We love the outdoors and camping, favourite places are Apollo bay and Moama. My back ground is 12 volt power systems for at all types of applications.
Currently been working with Customair fitting out new trucks with all the mod cons in sleeper cabs and lights and bling outside also. Live in Kinglake, lots of fresh air, and reginal freedom. 15 year member of CFA as active firefighter.
My partner is Pippa, and will introduce herself at the Xmas party in December.
Life's short so live every day as best you can.
See you guys soon.
Glenn and Pippa.

Tanya Stellini



I Have an MN triton. Love to travel and camp. Want to do the big lap. Am a nan of 3. Mother of 3 Boys/ Men. I live in NSW and Victoria, and travel all over Australia.
I am 48 and have a spoilt 2 year old dog. I joined the club as I like to learn more about 4x4 and meet new people.



General Meeting Minutes

4th November 2021 –via ZOOM

Meeting opened at 7:31 pm.

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

Minutes from previous meeting were acknowledged as correct by Joe GROSZ and seconded by Michael BYERS.

Presidents Report – Rowan BURTON

- Hopefully this will be the last meeting via Zoom.
- Posted on Facebook – 4wdVic guidance re COVID Restrictions going forward.
- Thank you to Anthony for another brilliant magazine + physical copies for sponsors and advertisers
- Fred has resigned from his 4wdVic committee position. Thank you for your commitment with 4wdVic.
- Facebook posts about removing non-financial members (put processes in place to make it easier on going)
- Update on website – (uses the Wild Apricot platform) trying to utilise more. Ensure all details are updated.

Vice President Report – Michael BYERS

- X4 new advertisers in magazine – encourage everyone to go in and say hello

Secretary Report – Susan Byers

Correspondence IN

- Letter from VicRoads Re: changes to club permit scheme.
- Letter from Werribee Exhaust re: cancelling their ongoing advertising
- Commonwealth Bank –bill for “Albert”. Plus a letter re: merchant price changes.
- Bill from Telstra –Sat phone
- 4WDVic stickers 2021-2022 (to be handed out at next F2F)

Correspondence OUT

- Nil

Treasurers Report – Daryl EVANS

- See Separate report for Financial breakdown
- Incoming –Memberships x2 new and x7 renewals. Advertisers, Merchandise. Refund for Cancelled “Albert”.
- Outgoing –4WDVic fees for renewal memberships (Sept/Oct), Merchandise.

Trip Co-ordinator – Aaron SWEET

- Still working on website – Message Trip Co-Ord (who will load onto website). Dual posting onto Face book in the interim to ensure smooth process.
- High Country Trip – still going ahead – Michael BYERS – currently FULL
- Basic Training – 30/11 – Theory. 4/12 – Practical. – Fred SCHENCK (see DTU Report)
- 4WD Melbourne Show – Cancelled
- Xmas Camp out – Midday 11/12 – 12/12. See Facebook posts for more details – Marc SEOW
- Easter 2022– Eldee Station – 15/4/22 – 19/4/22. Trevor RYAN

DTU Co-Ordinators Report – Fred SCHENCK

- Basic Training – Theory run via Zoom. Practical on Saturday. X10 cars maximum. X4 at present.
- Email Fred via dtucoordinator@werribee4wdclub.com.au
- Fred will respond with acceptance. (x8 spots for Werribee, x2 spots for Melton club). Aaron and Rowan assisting
- Explanation given re: Certificates.
- Past Certificates will be handed out at next Face to Face meeting.

Editor – Anthony GOULEMAS

- Finalised template for ongoing magazine.
- Ongoing investigation regarding outsourcing printing of magazine.
- Club printer – good for small items only

Digital Media Officer – Chris BUTTERWORTH

- Currently taking people off Facebook (Partners names are not properly named on website)
- Can everyone log on and update ALL details.
- All sponsors and Advertisers have been added to and updated on the Website.
- Instead of a membership card, download the Wild Apricot App (for members). Log in to show you are a member of the club – yet to share/inform ALL advertisers and sponsors.

FWDVic Rep – Joe Grosz

- Email re: COVID stance – shared via Facebook. We will be following the rules.
- 4WDVic AGM on 15th November. Joe will be attending and voting on behalf of the club.

Visitor Liaison –Nicole GOULEMAS

- No visitors or new members have logged in tonight.

Merchandise Officer –Alysha BYERS

- Lots of Merch sales – well done.
- Don't forget to send in your photos to the magazine with you proudly wearing your new purchases.

Social secretary –Marc SEOW

- Uncollected prizes from previous meetings – winners have been contacted. Picked up OR delivered.
- Facebook RAFFLE –Apology for last Tuesday night. Blocked by Facebook. Will try again next Tuesday.
- Christmas discussion in General Business.

General Business

- Bank – Albert has finally been cancelled. It has only taken close to 2 years. Update and discussion on reasons to change to Bendigo bank.
- Proposal (voting via poll on zoom)–Do we have your consent to move the club banking to Bendigo bank?
100% voted YES.
- Club Trailer – Under-utilized at present. Update and discussion on pro/con for various tyre sizes/rim sizes and multiple cost quotes. (Quote –most cost effective = \$250 per tyre + donated rims) Take rims off and offer back to Mike Ellard. Also discussed an adjustable hitch to stay with the trailer for access to all vehicles. (Quote for Hitch \$130)
- Proposal (voting via poll on zoom) – Do we have consent to change the trailer wheels and tyres to 33” on 16” rims? **100% voted YES**
- Proposal (voting via poll on zoom) – Do we have consent to spend approximately \$1000 to complete this?
100% voted YES
- Windscreen Banner stickers – x1 vinyl sheet worth \$500. (gets approx. 50-60 stickers) Have had interest from at least x20 club members. Would sell thru merchandise at \$15 each. Single order is between \$35 -\$60.
- Proposal (voting via poll on zoom) – Does the club wish to spend approximately \$500 for windscreen banner stickers for merchandise stock? **100% voted YES**
- President reinforced conduct – If you have a nice big clearly legible Werribee 4wd club sticker on your wind screen, there is great responsibility, and if you are caught doing the wrong thing, you will be asked to remove it immediately, and fined accordingly.
- New member Welcome Bag – All new members to receive a welcome pack which includes welcome booklet (info), Cap, Original stubbie holder, Club triangle sticker, Voucher for discount off merchandise, voucher/info/ promotional material from participating sponsors. (total cost \$35 approx)
- Proposal – (voting via poll on zoom) Do we want to spend approximately \$35 per new member gift pack? **96% voted YES and 4% voted NO**



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- Christmas event – Camp out on Brett Lockwood’s property – 5km out of Ararat.
- Held on Sat 11th Dec – Sun 12th Dec
- Club will provide Spit Roast Dinner (plus Vegetarian options) PLUS Bacon and Egg breakfast. There will also be a gift for children 12 years and under to the value of \$20 (for those in attendance).
- Every family to BYO a salad or sweet.
- Long discussion regarding budget. Only partial budget presented – due to short timeframe with Covid.
- Proposal – Do we have the club’s consent to spend up to funds \$ see options and run the Christmas Campout and December meeting? (single choice) \$3000, \$4000, \$5000.
17% voted for \$3000, 50% voted for \$4000, 33% voted for \$5000.
- A Detailed financial report will be made available after the event.
- Alan Kendal nominations are now open and voting process. (Best Club person award) Voting at December meeting. Whoever nominated them –to do a little talk on reasons for nomination.

Meeting Closed at 10:06 pm

Attendees included:

Michael BYERS, Susan BYERS
and Alysha BYERS
Trevor RYAN
Anthony and Nicole GOULEMAS
Stewart WEBSTER and Mia
Renee MELIA
Rena Anderson
Rowan BURTON Greg KEIGHERY
Brett LOCKWOOD
Brad CARLYON and Rachel CARLYON
Chris BUTTERWORTH
Rachel WEBSTER
Phil MENZIES
Gavin JEWEL
Sezer MISRAKLI

Rob LAMBROU
Joel BRISTOW
Gemma LARACY
Joe GROSZ
Fred Schenck and April
Daniel VANDENDORER
Steven OWEN
Daryl EVANS
Michael EDWARDS
Anthony YOUNGHUSBAND
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Marc SEOW
Ayme and Aaron SWEET

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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



Past Presidents

- | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 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 Wilker | 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 | |



Alan Kendall Memorial Trophy - Voting 2021

It's almost that time of year again, Christmas is just around the corner and that means it's time to nominate so we can vote for this year's Alan Kendall memorial Trophy recipient.

You can nominate any current Club Member who you feel has Contributed most, and best represented the core values of our club this past year - Family, Fun, Friendship.

Nominations must be submitted to the Club Secretary prior to our December Club meeting, the vote will be held during the December Club meeting.

Does your Nomination tick the boxes?

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Consistently runs trips | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Helped at Fundraisers and Club events | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Consistent Trip Participant | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Contributed in Club meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Contributed to Club Training | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Consistently goes to Club meetings | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Contributed to the Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Contributed to a Sub-Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> |

One Nomination per Membership

Name of Nomination:

THE ALAN KENDALL TROPHY
IN HONOUR OF OUR FOUNDING MEMBER





Cover Story - Ryan's Otway's trip



The day started at the Werribee truck stop just off the princess freeway. After a quick chat we headed of towards the Otway's through the inland route. It was a long 2 hour drive to get there, but was a great drive. Our first stop was at Hopetoun falls, this was a great stop to get out and have a stretch and a walk. We went to find the waterfall that was there, but with no luck on finding it we went back to the cars and headed for our first track.

We arrived at Ossie track and aired down. The entrance leading to the track was pretty easy, with just some small puddles.

We then arrived to the first challenge. There were 2 options for this, a gunshot style drop, or the chicken track around. We both opted for the chicken track, which was still a real challenge.

Going down this hill wasn't so bad but at the end the winch came out when we had to do a sharp turn into a nice deep slippery bog hole. We spent quite a bit of time

winching and trying to drive this, but with zero traction the winch did all the work. After getting through this we had a nice slide down the hill, and I really mean slide as there was still no traction to be found.



We parked up at the bottom for some lunch, then walked a small section of track finding some good big holes which then came to a vertical drop, then straight up a vertical wall. We decided not to continue further as we both had work the next day and didn't have the time to complete this.

So we walked back and I had a bit of a play thru some of the bog-holes and ended up winching through all of them. We then went to get out the track, this was no easy feat. Just getting to the start of the climb was a challenge, and then out with the winch again. Pulling ourselves up this hill, we had to move inch by inch and find spots with just enough grip so we could stop and reposition the winch.

After a few hours we made it out. We met a few people along the way, one that helped us out with running winches and recovery gear all day. After airing up we headed into town for a seafood pie but sadly the place was closed, so stopped next door for some drinks and food then off home we headed along the great ocean road - always an amazing drive along there with great views.

We parted ways at the Werribee exit and went home. I'm looking forward to getting back out there soon to complete this track when we have a couple of days to spare.

Ryan Popinski





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Ordering

Description	Unit Price	Qty	Size	Colour	Personalisation (\$5)	Line Total
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Waterproof Jacket - Black/Grey	\$85					
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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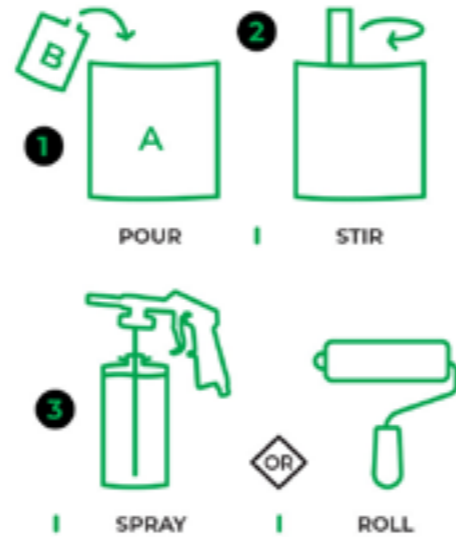
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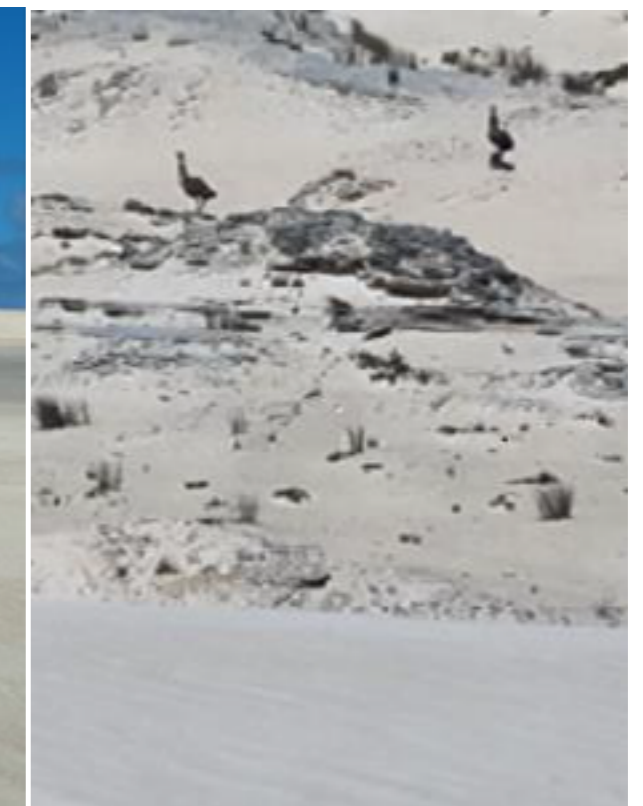


Trip Report - Portland Sand Dunes



First weekend out of metropolitan Melbourne lockdown and we couldn't wait to get out. What better place to go than Portland for a bit of sand driving? While some people headed out on Friday night, we left before the crack of dawn on Saturday to join up with club members from both Werribee and Eureka 4WD Clubs. Swan lake camping ground is run by Portland Dune Buggy Club and is the only way to access the amazing sand dunes.

Once everyone arrived and set themselves up (How quick are some of these new campers/caravans to set up!), we all deflated our tyres and headed out to do some sand driving. I have never experienced this type of driving before and I have to say it took a bit of getting used to all the slipping and sliding as we drove. BUT how amazing was the scenery. I have never seen such a pristine environment, where the pale-yellow sand went on seemingly forever.



With Marcel leading the way we swerved and swayed over the dunes, with some fishtailing as we hit the soft sand. We even spotted some emus running ahead of us over the hills. About an hour into our drive, Michael decided to check some alternative routes through the dunes and he became our first recovery for the day.



Werribee District 4WD Club



Werribee District 4WD Club



Sinking pretty heavily into the sand, all hands on deck were required to dig out the tyres. With 4 max trax and a fair amount of winching from Marcel and Trevor, Michael's Ranger was recovered.



After a brief mechanical scare, it started up again and we took off for more exploring. We headed to the beach for the obligatory CAR LINEUP photo.



Some of us headed back to camp, with a quick snatch strap recovery required for the Prado, when we got stuck on a hill. The Eureka crew stayed out and when they came back we heard stories of another recovery needed, with another Ranger getting stuck on the side of a dune. Slipping fast it took some slick manoeuvring with the winch to get it back on track. Conveniently no photos of that recovery were taken.....lol



We all joined in to collect firewood, raiding some nearby dead eucalyptus trees for fuel. While waiting for dinner to cook, I took the opportunity to check out everybody's sleeping quarters. It was like my own Caravan and Camping show and certainly makes me want to upgrade from sleeping on the floor.

We finished the night around the camp fire, getting to know everyone, telling stories old and new. I don't think I've ever seen such a massive fire, fuelled by those 'dead' eucalyptus leaves. Pretty sure the flames nearly singed my eyebrows!

Morning came, along with the realisation that Michael's car had leaked all its transmission fuel overnight and was KAPUT. Sue and Michael's day was spent trying to find signal to call NRMA and organise a tow for the car and the caravan back to Point Cook.

While that was being done, and as we were not able to help the situation, a few went back out into the dunes. Marcel found himself in a bit off difficulty, using his max trax to dig himself out. We moved on finding a "bowl" amongst the sand dunes, where several attempts were made to get up one of the biggest, steepest dunes I've seen (which isn't many). Only the FJ Cruiser and the 79 Landcruiser being successful.





Back at camp a tow truck arrived for Michael and Sue. Taking the car on its tray and towing the caravan, it got stuck on a hill exiting the campgrounds. Once again, all hands-on deck to help out. Unhooking the van, Trevor took over towing it to the highway, while the tow truck took off with the car. Only to find that the tow truck went one way, while Trevor went the other. Eventually finding each other, Michael and Sue headed home to Point Cook, with their car and van.

Another fire, once Marcel's potatoes had cooked, more chatting about the days events and I was ready for bed.

Packing up early morning on Monday, everyone headed back home. Garry and I took the opportunity to take it slow and explore Cape Bridgewater. After a lovely breakfast, we saw the blowholes and the petrified forest. Then headed off back home.

This weekend was a fantastic experience. Beautiful weather, awesome friendly company and a little drama thrown in. It really emphasised for me the value of being part of a club like ours and getting out to explore Victoria. And who doesn't want a Dune Buggy now!!!!!!

Claire Sykes



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The latest news from Four Wheel Drive Victoria

November 2021

Four Wheel Drive Victoria AGM 2021
Four Wheel Drive Victoria is pleased to announce that the AGM for 2021 will be held on the 15th of November 2021. It will be held in person at the Manningham Hotel and is also available for viewing through zoom. If you wish to attend via zoom, please let the office know at office@fwdvictoria.org.au. If attending in person you will be required to QR code in and show proof of your vaccination status.

The AGM will begin at 7.30pm in the Ben Nevis room of the Manningham Hotel, 1 Thompsons Rd Bullen. Dinner and drinks will be available at Hotel prices from 6pm.

Trackwatch
Did you know Trackwatch can be viewed digitally on our website? The four most recent editions are available for viewing. As a reminder there are four editions each year; March, June, September and December. To find them visit our website and click on the Trackwatch tab.

If you wish to only view Trackwatch digitally and no longer wish to receive a physical copy please let the Four Wheel Drive Victoria office know. office@fwdvictoria.org.au

View Trackwatch online here:
www.4wdvictoria.org.au

Seasonal Tracks Reopen
Seasonally Closed Roads have now reopened throughout the state. Please use caution when driving these roads as conditions may be different to how they were before closure. Recent storm conditions may also affect these roads with some tracks having delayed openings.

Storm Damage to Tracks.
Recent storms across the state has seen the delay of reopening certain seasonally closed tracks as well as the closure of others due to safety issues. Crews are working hard to clear and reopen these tracks ASAP.
For a list of closures please visit

<https://mapshare.vic.gov.au/mapsharevic/>
<https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/safety-in-nature/changed-conditions-and-closures>



Image 1 Photo by Jen Partl from True Grit 4WD Club

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Trip Leader Guidelines

With the lengthy break due to Covid-19 it is a good idea to read over and remind yourself and club of the trip leader guidelines. They can be found by logging into the website under the resources tab. If you have any issues logging in to the website please email the office office@fwdvictoria.org.au

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Image 2 Photo by Daniel Wayenburg From True Grit 4X4 Club

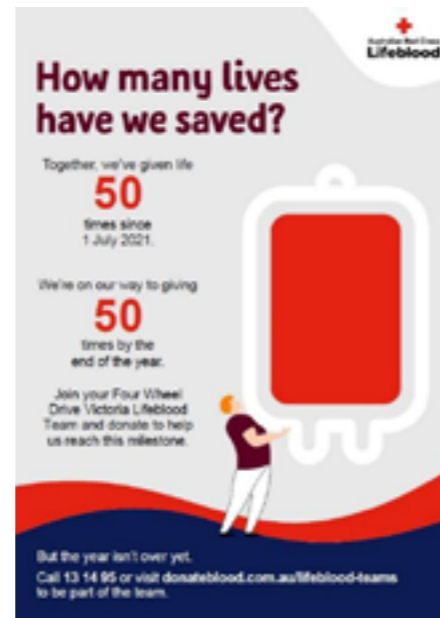
Closed Facebook Group

Just a reminder that we have a great Members only Facebook Group. To keep up with what your Association, Clubs and Members are up to just find us on Facebook and submit your request. Make sure you answer the questions and you will be easily accepted.

Four Wheel Drive Lifeblood Challenge

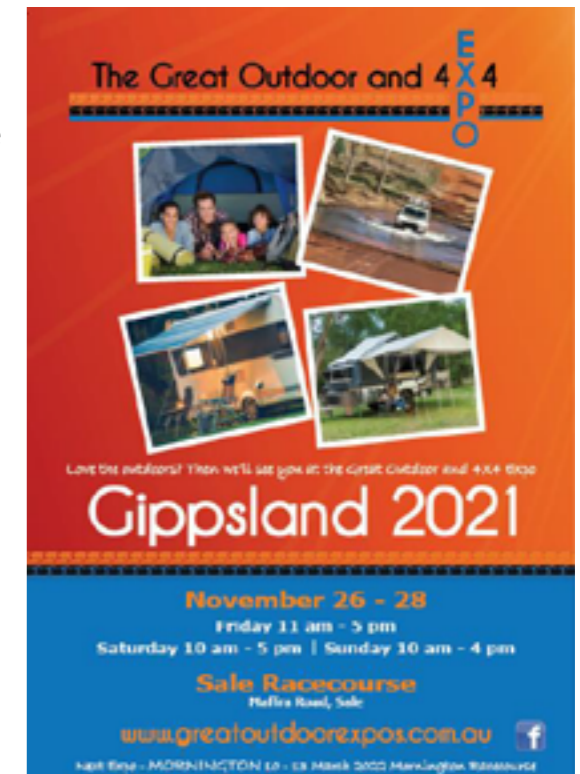
A big thank you and congratulations to all those who have already donated to the Four Wheel Drive Victoria Lifeblood Challenge, we have already surpassed our end of year goal of 50 donations with over two months left in the year!! That's already 147 lives saved!!

Four Wheel Drive Victoria encourages all to keep donating and let's see how many more we can achieve before the end of the year and end of the challenge on the 30/6/22.



Gippsland Great Outdoors Show

After a long wait and run of cancelled shows due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Great Outdoors Show organizers have been able to announce that over the 26th, 27th and 28th of November 2021. It will be held at Sale Racecourse. Four Wheel Drive Victoria hopes to see plenty of our members there!



Four Wheel Drive Victoria Social Media

Did you know Four Wheel Drive Victoria has both a public Facebook and Instagram page? Both pages are updated almost daily and contain plenty of useful information that may be missed otherwise. Links to both sites are included below this article.

It is also recommended to like, comment and share all our posts as doing so will help Four Wheel Drive Victoria have a greater exposure on these sites to those who do not currently follow these social media channels.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/4WDVictoria/>
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Last Monday, 15th November 2021, Four Wheel Drive Victoria held our Annual General Meeting at the Manningham Hotel. There was physical attendance from 47 people and 21 clubs and also 27 people attended the meeting through Zoom.

Four Wheel Drive Victoria would like to announce the board as it now stands.

President - Eric Bishop, TLCCV

Vice President – Fred De Gooyer, LROCV

Secretary – Eric Bishop, TLCCV

Treasurer – Vacant

Ordinary Board Member – Dave Roberts, Toyota 4WD Drive

Ordinary Board Member – Gordon Porter, Everest 4WD Club

Ordinary Board Member – David van Zanten, Albury-Wodonga 4WD Club and Wangaratta 4WD Club

Four Wheel Drive Victoria would also like to thank our outgoing board members, Colin Oates and Fred Schenck. It was announced at the AGM that the Treasurer Doug Mitchell resigned from the board due to other commitments, we also thank Doug for his time on the board.

Four Wheel Drive Victoria is seeking immediate placements to serve on our Board.

Accordingly, we invite candidate nominations for the following Executive positions:

Secretary:

The Secretary is responsible for advising the Board on governance matters and ensuring there is a system of governance and compliance in place for FWDV. The Secretary ensures that FWDV meets its statutory obligations.

The Secretary works in conjunction with the President to manage the smooth functioning of the Board by managing Board processes and ensuring Board meetings are properly held and called and appropriate records are maintained.

In particular, the Secretary is responsible for maintaining appropriate records, registers and minutes.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer is responsible for advising the Board on finance and accounting matters.

The Treasurer ensures there is a system for management of finance and accounts of the Association, which meets all statutory and compliance requirements regarding financing and accounting.

Presenting financial reports to the Board and meetings of the Association are the Treasurer's responsibility.

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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.



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(Beef, Lamb or Pork)
- 1kg Diced Beef
- 1kg Chicken Breast
- 1kg Pork Chops

Free Eggs

\$114

Pack 2

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

Free Eggs

\$208

BBQ Packs

Pack 1

- 4 Forequarter Chops
- 6 Burgers
- 6 BBQ Sausages
- 6 Chicken Sticks

Free Tub of seasoning

\$34

Pack 2

- 1kg Forequarter Chops
- 1kg Round Steak
- 12 Burgers
- 1kg BBQ Sausages
- 1kg Chicken Nibbles
- 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.



Convoy Procedure

1. Each convoy will contain a Trip Leader who will lead the convoy and coordinate the trips activities for the group. The Trip Leader is to brief the convoy members at the commencement of the trip on the day's events.
2. The Trip Leader will remind all drivers of the Convoy Procedures before the trips moves off.
3. The Trip Leader will ensure that the trip is self-sufficient and has the necessary recovery gear and other items required to suit.
4. Convoy members should identify themselves to the drivers of the vehicles directly in front and behind them when the convoy is established.
5. The Trip Leader will advise the convoy whenever they are to enter a new track or road.
6. It is the responsibility of all drivers to maintain visual contact with the following vehicle, especially at intersections by waiting at each turn until the following vehicle acknowledges the turn by flashing head lights or by UHF radio.
7. Each convoy shall contain a nominated Tail End Charlie.
8. The Tail End Charlie will advise the Trip Leader whenever they enter a new track or road.
9. When there is a breakdown, Tail End Charlie will wait and organise assistance.
10. Drivers must leave a safe distance between vehicles, particularly in hilly country, if brakes are wet after a water crossing or after negotiating difficult terrain.
11. When travelling along busy thoroughfares, leave sufficient room for other vehicles to overtake safely.
12. In hazardous areas it is the responsibility of the following driver to ensure the previous vehicle has passed through the hazard before proceeding.
13. In the interest of conservation, convoy members are to remain on gazetted or marked tracks.
14. Persons leaving the convoy must notify the Trip Leader and, if possible, give details of their intentions.
15. On trips with two or more vehicles, each vehicle will remain in a designated position in the convoy and not overtake the vehicle in front, unless the driver of that vehicle slows down and signals the overtaking vehicle to pass.
16. When any form of recovery is in progress, all those not directly involved in the rescue operations must keep well clear and at a safe distance. Parents are particularly asked to keep their children at a safe distance.
17. The consumption of alcohol on club trips should be confined to the lunch break, and then only in moderation. Consumption of alcohol whilst driving should be avoided.
18. The use of radio transmitters does not replace convoy procedure.



Public Holiday's

New Year's Day	Fri 1 Jan
Australia Day	Tue 26 Jan
Labour Day	Mon 8 Mar
Good Friday*	Fri 2 Apr
Saturday before Easter Sunday Sat	3 Apr
Easter Sunday	Sun 4 Apr
Easter Monday	Mon 5 Apr
ANZAC Day*	Sun 25 Apr ¹
Queen's Birthday	Mon 14 Jun
Friday before the AFL Grand Final	Fri 24 Sep †
Melbourne Cup	Tue 2 Nov
Christmas Day	Sat 25 Dec ²
Boxing Day	Sun 26 Dec ³
New Year's Day	Sat 1 Jan ⁴

*Restricted trading days

¹ Anzac Day is commemorated on the day it falls. There is no replacement holiday when Anzac Day falls on a weekend.

² As Christmas Day falls on a Saturday, an additional public holiday is given on the following Monday.

³ As Boxing Day falls on a Sunday, an additional public holiday is given on the following Tuesday.

⁴ As New Year's Day falls on a Saturday, an additional public holiday is given on the following Monday.

† Friday before AFL Grand Final typically falls on the last Friday of September.

Information taken from [Business Victoria Website](#)

School Term Dates

	Start date	Finish date
Term 1	27 January	1 April
Term 2	19 April	25 June
Term 3	12 July	17 September
Term 4	4 October	17 December

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

What's Coming Up?

December

December General Meeting & Sausage sizzle, 2 Dec Riverwalk Village Park

Come and join us for a sausage sizzle, catch up and brief December general meeting.

Held at a great park/playground so the kids can go crazy and we can have a relaxed meeting with some Tasty hot snags and a cleansing ale or 2 (drink responsibly!)

We will have the voting for and presentation of the Alan Kendal trophy.

We will have some raffles, maybe a door prize and a heap of fun.

We will be acting under the current directive from 4WD Victoria regarding covid and vaccination status, so this means you will have to be fully vaccinated to attend.

We are only the messengers not the decision makers but we can be held to account if we don't follow the rules.

Basic Training, Theory 30 Nov, Practical 4 Dec

FWD Basic training (Proficiency Training) 30th November 2021 and 4th December 2021

The club is planning to run a 4X4 Basic training course (Proficiency Training)

The theory component Tuesday 30th November 2021, 7pm – 10pm via Zoom or F2F.

The practical component Saturday 4th December 2021, departing McDonalds Manor Lakes car park 8am and returning Approx. 5pm. The practical will be held at the Bacchus Marsh quarry.

This training is reserved for new members or members who are new to four-wheel driving and space will be strictly limited to 8 . Each participate will be given a handbook and must attend the theory before the practical competent.

Please register by sending email to dtucoordinator@werribee4wdclub.com.au

BNB SHOW YOUR DIRT Melbourne, 4th Dec. Ace Parking, Williams Landing

Come down and display your 4x4 next to the new, the old and some of Victoria's toughest 4x4s.

All types of rigs are encouraged to attend from weekenders, comp trucks, daily driven, tourers and half-built beasts. There will be a designated space for trailers!

It will be a great opportunity to show-off your setup, see other people's ideas and have a good old chin wag with like-minded enthusiasts.

The BNB Truck and BNB 80 will also be on display so come down to Williams Landing and enjoy the evening.

WHATS HAPPENING

Awards and prizes for different judged categories will be announced on the night including "BNB Choice, People's Choice, Best Touring Setup, Insane Suspension and more"!

There will also be local businesses on display (message us if you want a spot) and some interactive activities & prizes raffled off with money being donated to Beyond Blue.

LIVE music, food and drink available, all entrants to be parked by 4pm, no vehicles to leave before 6pm.



Christmas under the Stars, 11th Dec Ararat.

Christmas Party Time!!!

It's here!

Join us from midday Saturday out at a members bush block just outside Ararat.

We will have a spit roast for dinner with vegetarian options.

A visit from Santa with some pressies for the kids.

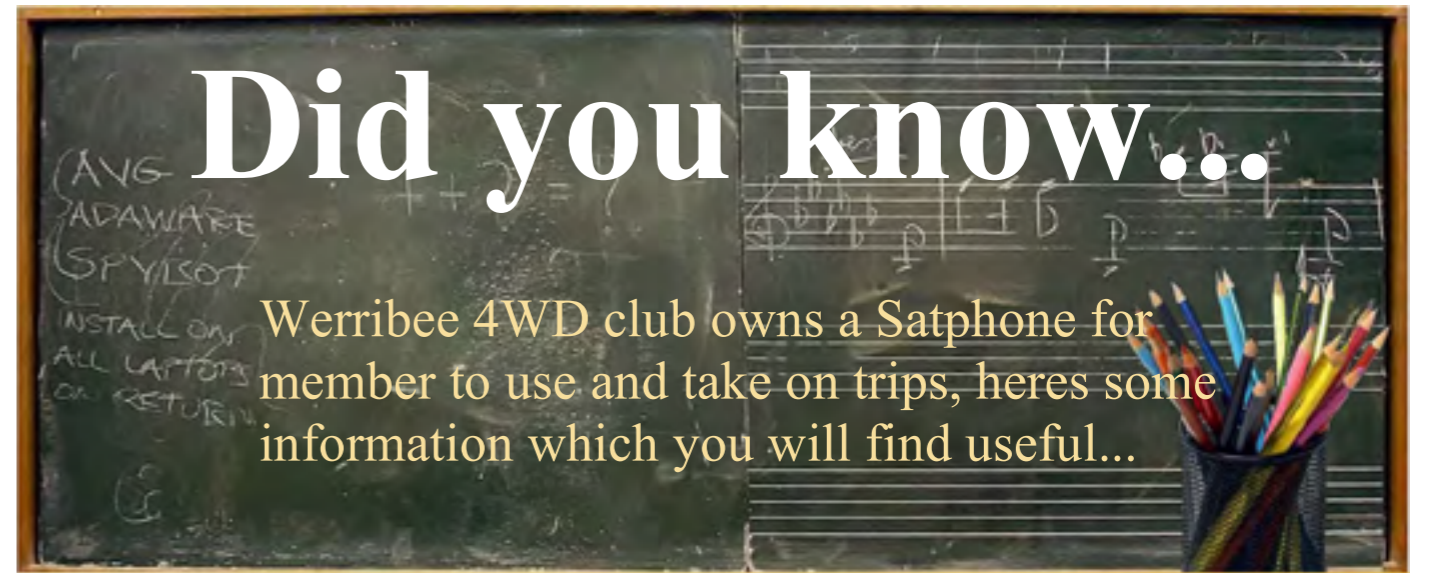
We will have a breaky barbie.

We will have games and activities for young and old.

There will be prizes, there will be awards and there will be laughs a plenty!

Cut off date for RSVPs Dec 1st. for more details.

RSVP via online form, contact merchandise@werribee4wdclub.com.au for more details.



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.



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