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2022 – 2023 Committee

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Trainee:

Yinchao (April) Fu

Club Trainers:

Aaron Sweet Rowan Burton



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 fourwheel 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.

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:

Werribee District 4WD Club Inc. 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

Well I'm back, I have enjoyed the last 12 months and I definitely did feel as thought there was some unfinished work and that the club is at the beginning of a time of growth and change and I'm glad that I'll be part of the driving force for that. I'm very excited to see how the club transforms with the focused insights that Chris our new VP has pulled from the survey he put together. I definitely agree that we need to put our

major effort into what we want most of out of the club.

This year will see a line up of exciting general meetings, guest speakers and visiting some of our sponsors as a group. What I am most keen to see come about is the club getting out more I am going to be pushing for more people to stand up and lead a trip, I will be encouraging more people to get out there and explore, to get out there with people they may not know and build a bond over the shared passion of 4WDriving, sight seeing, environmental care, learning and sharing knowledge. These are the things that I value in the 4WD community and I'm sure that I'm not alone.

I'm very keen to try the work ute out at the 4WD training area that we use as it's in bog stock form and I am super excited that our new Prado is only a few weeks away, all the parts are coming together and at the end of the build we think we will have the perfect vehicle for us and what we want to do. I am writing this on the last day of the Melbourne 4WD show and by all accounts it was a success. Personally I chose not to go this year but I am always keen to see new ideas and new products, I am less keen to see



the same old "game changing" dual cab cruiser chops or builds but hey that's just me.

I hope that you will all join me and our next general meeting and please do tell your friends about us as we'd love to grow the club and have members spoilt for choice as to which trip or event they want to attend. Our next 12 months will be very important in the shaping of the club going forward and as always you will only ever get out of the club what you put in, so please if you see or hear the call for people to step up and help out whether it is running a trip or event, jumping onto a sub committee to help figure out a way forward or just offering to help make supper for a meeting then please step forward and pitch in.

Rowan Burton.
President 2021/22
president@werribee4wdclub.com.au

Welcome our New Committee

Vice President & Digital Media Officer - Chris Butterworth

Hi. I'm Chris Butterworth, Vice President & Digital Media Officer for the club. I've been with the club for about 4 years. I drive a Landrover Discovery 3 so I've spent more on maintenance than the car is worth.

I'm from the UK, so always keen on getting out to see more of Australia. Love a road trip and getting out camping.

Bucket list holiday is to do a Lap of Australia and spend a year or two exploring everywhere.

You can contact me on Facebook or email vicepresident@werribee4wdclub.com.au digitalmedia@werribee4wclub.com.au



Secretary – Sharon Burton

If you asked me 3 months ago if I thought I'd be putting my hand up for secretary of the Werribee 4WD club I would have laughed at you and said "not bloody likely". Haha famous last words.. Fast forward to July and after talking with Rowan I didn't run at the idea, then next thing I know Rowan has nominated me and we are gearing up for the AGM and the rest is history.

I come from a professional background and am extremely process and efficiency oriented so you may notice a few changes in the role but anything I encourage and we put in place will only be for the betterment of the club and to make it easier for whoever takes on the role next year.

I enjoy exploring new places with my family, we are really looking forward to more adventures away in our new caravan and using that as a base camp to get out on some of the more picturesque tracks around. I am definitely keen to have a go at being behind the wheel off road and will also be building my confidence towing once our new Prado is here.

In the next 12 months I'd like to help set the club on a defined path and ensure it is an easy transition for the next committee, I'd like to experience some of the high country in all its splendor, make some new friendships with likeminded people and hopefully get through all of that without Rowan scratching our new toy. secretary@werribee4wdclub.com.au



Treasurer – Yingchao Fu (April)

My name is Yingchao Fu born on April 1st, for the fellow club members, you can call me April but really I prefer to be called Yingchao, anyway, April will do for sure. Since I was born 1st of April, I sometimes tell people I am April FU, don't be get offended, my Chinese name is FU, unfortunately it is how it spelt, not my fault.

I used to drive a 1998 Pajero to high country a few times in the past years. I love camping a lot, especially by the river, saving my own water, lol.

How do you get into four-wheel drive?

I accidentally had this Pajero, I thought I should make a good use of it, so a friend of mine sent me the link of Werribee District Four Wheel Drive club page, I made a phone call, attended one meeting first to have a feel, the joined the club next meeting which was back to 2017, mmm long time ago. Time flies when you have fun.

Why do I take a job as treasurer?

Well, I just want to help out with the club whenever possible. I would like more people to have fun as much as often as they can with the club. Plus, you know Chinese, they are good at numbers. LOL.

Have fun folks.

treasurer@werribee4wdclub.com.au



Trip Co-Ordinator — Trevor Ryan

I am a long-term club member, Past President, Vice President, Trip Co- Ordinator, Member Liaison Officer and recently received Life Membership with our club.

I enjoy being a Trip Leader, as I love the no dust experience being up the front and love running pints drives. The contrast at night is so different from days with lots.

love running night drives. The contrast at night is so different from days with lots of new challenges not experienced during the day. I have been 4wdriving for over 35 years and worked within the 4x4 Industry for the last 22 years.

In February 2020, I started my own 4x4 business (Dirt Road 4X4) locally, along with creating my own brand of OBD2 recovery scanners.

Members are more than welcome to drop into the shop to not only plan trips but receive advice on destinations and great places to camp.

tripcoordinator@werribee4wdclub.com.au



Editor – Anthony Goulemas

Hello members, I'm Anthony, this is my second year as Editor.

My family and I joined the club almost 4 years ago. We got off to a great start - being the only car to get stuck on the drive at the Christmas party in Blackwood, and subsequently getting stuck on every club drive we've been on except for two. A great track record haha!

Our family loves mud, puddles and Adventure and our 2 young boys love anything with wheels. Since joining, the club has almost become like a 2nd family. A foundation of strong friendships and a welcome, jovial environment full of helpfull, supportive people. I would love to get to Fraser Island, Cape york and if so lucky, explore the Kimberly.

Don't forget to get your magazine submissions in by the 15th every month editor@werribee4wdclub.com.au



Social Secretary – Daryl Evans

Hi, I'm Daryl, your new Social Secretary.

I originally joined the Club back in '86, when it first began.

(Back in them days brand new cars had solid axles, leaf springs all around, open diffs and the little 2.2 Ltr Diesels did NOT have a Turbo. The most advanced electronics in my first 4WD was the Ferris Radio Cassette Deck I put in it)

I'm looking forward to getting back 'out there' and catching up with old friends and all the new friends I haven't met yet.

socialsecretary@werribee4wdclub.com.au



DTU Co-Ordinator – Fred Schenck

I have over thirty years 4X4 experience and currently a 4WD Vic instructor. I love to share my experiences and knowledge with others.

My backyard is both the Simpson desert (crossing it 14 times) and the High-country tripping at least 3-4 times each year.

My current vehicle of choice is 2006 Nissan Patrol Ute with the following modifications

- 2" lift
- Koni Raid shocks
- GVM upgrade
- 33' Mickey Thompson ATZ
- Winch
- Plus a few other features

Previous vehicles include

- Nissan Patrol 3L wagon
- Land Rover defender
- HJ 1983 Toyota Troop carrier

Feel free to reach out to me dtucoordinator@werribee4wdclub.com.au



4WD VIC Delegate – Joe Grosz

Hi All,

If you don't know me I've been club member for over 10 years. I was also a member of the defunct RAAF 4WD club where I got involved with 4WD VIC. Over the past few years, I have been your representative at 4WD VIC. My first 4WD was a series 1 Land Drover as they were common in Cooma NSW thanks to the Snowy project. 40 years later I drive a red 2008 Mitsubishi Pajero Exceed 3.8L V6 petrol. I'm also a scout leader so don't have as much time as I like out on the track, but I provide a lot of youth the experience of the bush. Hope to meet more of you on the track, on Zoom or hopefully face to face at the club rooms.

4wdvicdelegate@werribee4wdclub.com.au



Visitor Liaison & Merchandise Officer— Nicole Goulemas

Hi I am Nicole Goulemas, I am Visitor Liaison and Merchandise Officer. I have been with the Werribee 4wd club for almost 3 years. I drive an Isuzu MUX. I am a very social and bubbly person and I love heading out on the tracks as a passenger and getting away anywhere outdoors with my husband and 2 young boys. I am not a fan of driving the tracks myself. I'm happy to sit in the passenger seat and take all the photos. My interests apart from 4 wheel driving are camping, fishing, music and just getting out and exploring new places. I love spending hours and hours out on the boat relaxing and trying to catch a big snapper, but with young kids this has been put on hold for now. I'd love to have a crack at game fishing but would happily settle for any kind of fishing up north as its something new and I'd love to catch a mahi mahi. My bucket list holidays would be Cape York or Fraser Island. If you would like to get in contact with me email me at newmembers@werribee4wdclub.com.au. And for Merchandise orders or enquiries send me an email at merchandise@werribee4wdclub.com.au.



Sargeant at Arms – Brett Lockwood

Hi I'm Brett Lockwood, your new Sergeant in Arms. My family and I have been members of the club since 2016 and I have so much fun four wheel driving with my mates. I'm currently driving a 2020 Nissan Navara but I'm still missing my 2002 Toyota Prado. I'm looking forward to getting back and making some new memories in my new car with my mates and family. sergeantatarms@werribee4wdclub.com.au



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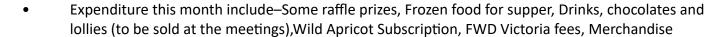


Treasurer's Report

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

- We currently have 81 financial members. Of the 99 members we had last year, 6 have resigned and 20 have yet to pay. We will contact the 20 that have yet to pay one more time
- It would be great if everyone could log into the Clubs website (www.werribee4wdclub.com.au) and check their contact details.
 It makes it so much easier to get in touch with you if we have your details.
- Remember, we are now using Bendigo Bank, NOT the Commonwealth Bank
 Bendigo Bank details are
 BSP 633 000 A/C 187 852 546
 - Please update our details in your online banking system so you

don't pay into the Commonwealth Bank by mistake, the Commonwealth Bank Account will be closed this year



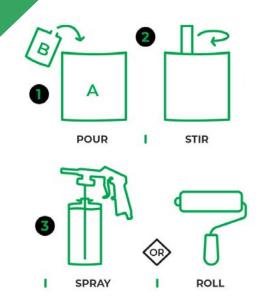
• Bills this month include—Some raffle prizes, Telstra Sat Phone, Wild Apricot Subscription, Supper, Square Terminal and Telstra Wifi Dongle

Daryl Evans
Treasurer (outgoing)

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to our newest members

Reuben Shaw

General Meeting Minutes

4th August 2022 – Werribee Masonic Hall

Meeting opened 8:05 pm.

The President, Rowan Burton welcomed all members and visitors.

Will be a very quick meeting so we can get onto the AGM

Presidents Report Rowan Burton

• Minutes of previous meeting – Move, Joe Seconded, Marc

Vice Presidents Report Michael Byers

Apologies

Secretary's Report Sue Byers

Apologies

Treasurers Report Daryl Evans

- Clubs' books as per verbal report on the night / Magazine
- Please make sure you use Bendigo Bank, NOT Commonwealth Bank
- New Committee can decide when we close the Commonwealth bank Account
- Now have an EFTPOS machine and a Telstra Wi-Fi dongle so we can take card payments again

4WD Vic Report Joe Grosz

• Newsletter in Magazine

General Business

No General Business

Chriss gave a run down of the survey conducted about what people wanted from the Club. More detailed results will be shared on Facebook

Meeting Closed at 8.26 pm



Annual General Meeting Minutes

4th August 2022 - Annual General Meeting

Meeting opened at 8:46 pm.

Chaired by Joel BRISTOW

Please refer to attendance List.

Minutes from previous AGM were acknowledged as correct by Joe Grosz and seconded by Chris Butterworth.

No issues arising from previous minutes.

Agenda items

- Commonwealth Bank Account. New committee to decide when to close the account, we have been using Bendigo Bank since Nov 2021
- By Laws. Joel asked if everyone had read the proposed changes and did anyone want to go through the changes.
 - Joel went through the main changes and the Proposed Changes were put to a vote Vote passed unanimously
- There was a proposal to increase the Clubs Annual fees from \$90.00 to \$100.00
 The vote passed unanimously
- New Life Member.
 - Trevor Ryan had asked to be a life member. The Committee had previously determined that he had met the criteria. Vote passed unanimously

Treasurers Report - Susan Byers

As per magazine

Joel thanked outgoing committee for their time and also stated that he would be stepping down from his position as Members Officer

ALL positions declared Vacant

Election

Nominations for President

- Mat Padbury Absent
- Trevor Ryan declined
- Rowan BURTON accepted

Rowan BURTON declared President

Nominations for Vice President

- Chris Butterworth Accepted
- Kevin Rodgers Absent
- Marcel Gomperts Declined

- * Trevor RYAN- Declined
- * Michael BYERS Absent

Nominations for Secretary

- Brad Carlyon –declined
- Sharon Burton accepted

Sharon Burton declared Secretary

Nominations for Treasurer

- Phill Nass declined
- Chriss Butterworth Declined Accepted
- Trevor Ryan declined Accepted

- * Daryl Evans Declined
- *Anthony Goulemas -
- *April (Fu Yinchao) -

A poll vote was conducted, and April declared Treasurer

Nominations for Editor

• Anthony GOULEMAS -accepted

Anthony GOULEMAS declared Editor

Nominations for Social Secretary

- Gavin Jewell declined
- Rachael Webster declined
- Renee declined

- * Allen Whitwam declined
- * Marc Seow declined
- * Daryl Evans Accepted

Daryl Evans declared Social Secretary

Nominations for Trip Co-ordinator

- Marc Seow declined
- Aaron Sweet accepted

* Trevor Ryan - accepted

A poll was conducted, and Trevor Ryan declared Trip Co-ordinator

Nominations for DTU (Driver Training)

• Fred Schenck - accepted

Fred Schenck declared DTU

Nominations for delegate role -4WDVic

• Joe Grosz– accepted

Joe Grosz declared 4WDVic

Nominations for delegate Digital Media

• Chris Butterworth –accepted

Chris Butterworth declared Digital Media Officer

Nominations for Merchandise Officer

- Aaron Sweet Declined
- Cathy Hunt Absent
- Nicole Goulemas Declined
- Nicole Goulemas (Again) Accepted

Nicole Goulemas declared Merchandise Officer

Nominations for Visitor Liaison

• Nicole GOULEMAS - accepted

Nicole GOULEMAS declared Visitor Liaison

Nominations for delegate role –Sargent at Arms

- Brett Lockwood Accepted
- Rowan Burton declined

Brett Lockwood declared Sargent at Arms

Nominations for Members Officer

- Trevor Ryan Accepted
- Len Malia Declined
- Ellen Whitwam Declined
- **Trevor Ryan declared Members Officer**

- * Amber Simon Declined
- *Alysha Byers Absent
- Brett Lockwood Declined

- *Aaron Sweet Declined
- *Daryl Evans Declined
- *Brad Declined

General Business

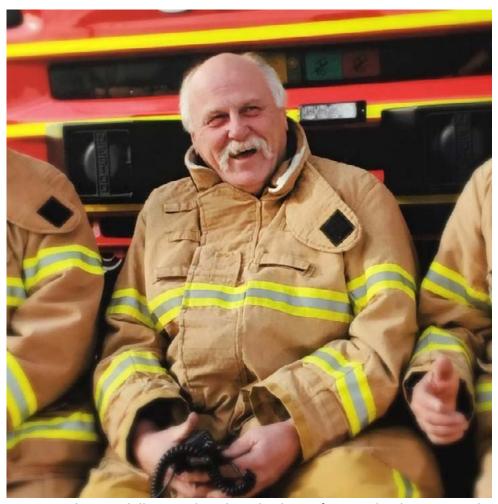
- Chris suggested that we have a general consultation with the Club Members as to what they want, would like to see from the Club.
- Audit of Club Books. To be done by Daryl Evans, April, Rachael Webster and Ayme Sweet.
- Stuart Webster said he has both the Club Projector and the Sgt @ Arms tin. Any Club Asset can be returned to Trevor

Meeting Closed at 9:36 pm

Attendees:

As per Sign in Register

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 Recipents

2015 Vale Alan Kendall

Trevor Ryan 2016

2017 Michelle Penpraze

Stuart Webster 2018

2019 Gemma Laracy

Covid 19 - Commitee members 2020

2021 **Susan Byers**



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/
1988	Steve Lynch	1999	Dallas Roberts	2010	Jo Caruana	Stuart	Webster.
1989	Steve Lynch	2000	Joe Cassar	2011	Paul Cassar (L)	2021	Rowan Burton
1990	Chris Knol	2001	Ross Allport	2012	Trevor Ryan		
1991	Steven Mitchell	2002	Ross Allport	2013	Leigh Taylor (L)		
1992	Brian Wlker	2003	Ross Allport	2014	Joel Bristow		
1993	Russel Edwards	2004	Paul Crowe	2015	Peter Vercoe		

Joel Bristow

Trevor Ryan

Trevor Ryan/

2016

2017

Life Members

1994 Russel Edwards

Wayne Lock

1995

Len Mallia **Daryl Evans** Ellen Whitwam Carmen Mallia **Paul Cassar** Mick O'Grady Jenny Cassar Leigh O'Grady **Trevor Ryan Leigh Taylor**

Jim Bramich

Stefan Gabas

2005

2006









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Merchandise News

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We also have our full range of merchandise available. Price list and order forms are in this magazine. If there is something specific you would like come and see me and we'll see if we can get it in for you.

Tuck Shop

The tuck shop is coming back to the merchandise stand at our meetings. We will have soft drink cans, chocolates and lollies available. Cans for \$1, Chocolates and lollies for 50c each or 5 for \$2.

Badges

If you have lost yours or joined the club and haven't yet got yours please come see me at a meeting or email me with the name you wanted printed on it. Please also include any family members on your membership as partners and children get a badge as well. They will be ordered twice a year.

Square Terminal

We have our square terminal up and running now so there is now an option to pay by card at our meetings.

Please email Nicole at merchandise@werribee4wdclub.com.au if you want to place an order, have an enquiry or for badges.



Ordering

	Unit					Line
Description	Price	Qty	Size	Colour	Personalisation (\$5)	
Weather Proof wear	FIICE	Qty	Size	Coloui	Personalisation (\$5)	Total
	\$95			I		
Waterproof Jacket - Black/Grey* Puffer Jacket - Black						
	<u>\$55</u>					
Tees and shirts	1 0501					
Short Sleeve Shirt - Khaki/black	\$50					
Long Sleeve Shirt - Khaki/black	\$55					
Polo T-Shirt	\$35					
Jackets and Jumpers						
Long Sleeve Wool zip jacket						
Blue/Black	\$60					
Long Sleeve Polar Fleece -						
*Blue/Black	\$45					
Polar Fleece Vest - Blue/Black*	\$55					
Pullover hoodie*	\$45					
full zip hoodie*	\$55					
Womens Wear (Jackets)						
Long Sleeve Polar Fleece -						
Blue/Black	\$45					
Accessories						
Stubbie Holder	\$6					
Beanie - No Puff -						
Grey/blue/black/green	<u>\$18</u>					
Beanie - Puff - Grey/Black	\$18		-			
Scarf - Black/Blue	\$20		-			
Сар	\$15		-			
Windscreen Banners	\$20					
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Size Guide

Adult standard sizing - Rain jackets

<u>ADULTS</u>	S	М	L	XL	2XL	3XL
CHEST	60	62.5	65	<u>67.5</u>	<u>70</u>	72.5
CB LENGTH	74	<u>76</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>82</u>	84

Adult standard sizing - Tees and shirts (cm)

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

Adult standard sizing - jumpers and jackets

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

Ladies Standard sizing - Jumpers and jackets

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



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Two trips in one - Simpson desert and Uluru/King Canyon

2nd to 30th July 2022

A month long trip was enjoyed by a total of 15 participants, 9 trucks and 2 campervans. The first group (Simpson Desert) met up in the Renmark Woollies carpark on a very cold windy Sunday morning. After the paperwork we travelled towards Hawker having a quick stops at Morgan, Burra, Terowie we made our fruit and veggie top up at Peterborough. We had our first dinner together at the Hawker Hotel.







Next morning the group made their way north visiting Parachilna the home of the first local fossils and quick look around the old historic township Beltana. Lunch was enjoyed by all at Farina ruins underground bakery, making our way to Maree for the our 2nd night, then a leisurely drive along the iconic Birdsville track. The recent rains brought out some desert flowers. We attempted to local the Cooper Creek ferry but alas they had moved it for maintenance. The last time it was use was in the 2010 floods







After we attempted to local the Cooper Creek ferry (they had moved it for maintenance some weeks earlier. The last time it was use was in the 2010 floods) the group travel to Mungerannie hotel where we were hosted by Phil for the night. Some enjoyed the Phil's hospitality too long into the night.







Next morning head off to Birdsville for the iconic pub and bakery. We had a small window to pass through to avoid the "Big Red Bash" traffic.





Our venture through the Simpson Desert spanned 4 nights and 5 days via QAA line, French line, Knowles track, WAA line and Rig Road.









Carman

After a week of driving in the South Australian Outback on the dry dusty tracks, we came to Dalhousie Springs which is located in Witjira National Park, on the western edge of the Simpson Desert. It's about 180 kilometers north east of Oodnadatta and about 500 kilometers south of Alice Springs. It was a welcomed relief to have a swim in the hot springs which included a free foot exfoliation from the small fish. To our surprise, noodles were available for the swimmers to use they relaxed in the hot springs. The spring water bubbles up from deep underground and the water temperature varies from 38 to 43 degrees. After a hot shower and some lunch, back on the long dusty track, we continued on to the next leg of our journey









After staying at Mt Dare hotel, we travelled Binns track to Old Andado, down for a camp out along the water hole at Erina ruins. We continue onto the pink roadhouse to enjoy the famous Oodna burger for lunch, along the Oodnadatta track to William Creek. After a quick trip to have a look at lake Eyre we headed off to Coober Pedy for couple days rest and catch up with the 2nd group for part two of the trip.



Jamie

Phil and I drove up from Melbourne to pick up the group at Coober Pedy after they had crossed the Simpson Desert. A good sleep then off to Alice Springs, stopping at the first and last Pub in the NT along the way. After a lay day in the Alice we assembled in the morning of(?) met our new friends and off we went on the Central Australian leg of the adventure. The group as one quickly became fast friends which set the scene for a fun trip. After leaving the Alice we visited a few iconic landmarks in the Simpsons Gap and Standly Chasm before ending up at Glen Helen's lodge for the night. It was most memorable for the hapless receptionist who sent us to the wrong part of the park to put up our tents, which was meant for caravans, ground was so hard no one could even get a peg in the ground to hold our tents down!









The next day after a quick change of plans, we headed off to Palm Valley via Hemansberg. A beautiful place and a fun 4WD track to the actual valley. After a great night camping there, Fred called us together to see if anyone was interested in going through the unknown Finke Gorge to Kings Creek Station or via the more predictable Mereenie Loop. Happily I chose to go with Fred through the Finke Gorge and experienced one of the most magnificent 4WD drives one could hope to do.



















We all met up at Kings Creek Station where we camped for 3 nights. A very nice place to stay, good facilities and a nice watering hole. While we were there we explored the area and some of us did the Kings Canyon rim walk. A good challenge, especially getting up the steps at the start. Then off to Ayres Rock Campground. Also a very good place to camp. Not that we had much choice as the brick tents were already booked or stupidly expensive! Of course we viewed Uluru at sunset and sunrise and some of us did the 11km walk around it. We had a drive out to the Olga's and the next day off home via the Painted Desert. We stayed at Kulgera the next night where Selvin shouted us all a meal celebrating his 60th Birthday, The group went their own separate ways at Coober Pedy.

















David

One of the many highlights of this adventure was the people who made up this group of travellers, they varied but they jelled, they helped each other and made us all laugh.

This was my 4th crossing of the Simpson and always its different, not just Saltbush or Spinifex grass, this time with recent rains the Desert was in bloom with wild flowers and verdant foliage on the bushes.

The 4 wheel driving was at its best with challenging sand dunes and deep sand drifts, it made all that pre trip vehicle preparation worthwhile. Camping under the stars and around the camp fire with a glass of red makes lasting memories. I also enjoyed the Kings Canyon Rim walk, spectacular scenery that is hard to beat.















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The latest news from Four Wheel Drive Victoria

August 2022

Presidents Meeting

The second President's Meeting for 2022 was held on the 6th of August at the Manningham Hotel. The main purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on the works undertaken by the Four Wheel Drive Victoria board in preparation for the acquisition of a building for the Association. The invitation was extended to all Club Presidents to attend via zoom or in person, however only 20 clubs were represented on the day. If you are a President that was unable to attend, a recording of the meeting can be found for all Presidents by logging into the Four Wheel Drive Victoria website.

Rejoining Four Wheel Drive Australia

As reported by the Four Wheel Drive Victoria President, Eric Bishop, at the President's Day meeting on August 6th. Four Wheel Drive Victoria has agreed to rejoin the national body with two delegates to represent Four Wheel Drive Victoria, the President and CEO.

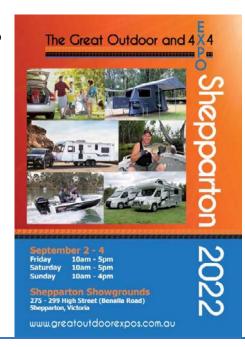
As stated by FWDV President at the President's Day Meeting, Aug 6th, Four Wheel Drive Victoria have agreed to come onboard on the basis that

- A) Four Wheel Drive Victoria are not paying any money to rejoin
- B) The fraud issues of the past are still being pushed through the courts
- C) To obtain the FWDV logo in perpetuity which removes the need to redesign our logo

It was mentioned that another strong reason to rejoin the national body was not only to own our logo in perpetuity but also to strengthen Four Wheel Drive Australia against any entity attempting to take over the title and associated responsibility of being the national body.

Shepparton Great Outdoors Show

The Shepparton Great Outdoors Show is on again very shortly!! Located at the Shepparton Showgrounds over the 2nd to the 4th of September, it is sure to be a great weekend. Be sure to get down and pick up a bargain and get inspiration for your own vehicle!





Camp Host

Winter is ending soon which means there is plenty of opportunity for your club to undertake a Camp Host for 2022. Both AFL Grand Final Day and the Melbourne Cup weekend are nearly here! They are a great way to help out and volunteer with DELWP and Parks Victoria. Your club becomes a point of knowledge for others visiting the area whilst showcasing your club to all visitors. Four Wheel Drive Victoria is also looking to increase the payment for clubs from \$250 to \$300 to help encourage more clubs to get involved in this great program!

Association Vehicle Stickers

Has your club got your vehicle stickers? If not, they are available to pickup at the Four Wheel Drive Victoria office. If you are regional club that is unable to pickup please email projects@fwdvictoria.org.au with a mailing address and they will be mailed shortly.

National 4x4 Show

The National 4x4 Show has come and gone! It was a terrific three days at the Melbourne Showgrounds and a big thank you to all those who helped it. Without your volunteering the show would not have been such a success! Thank you to, Just Mates 4WD Club, Peninsula 4x4 Club, Geelong 4WD Club, Sandhurst 4WD Club, Victorian 4WD Club, Toyota 4WD Club, Bellarine 4x4 Club, Mansfield Alpine 4WD Club and Central Highlands 4x4 Club. It was also great to see Land Rover Owners Club of Victoria, Offroad and Camping Club of Victoria and Nissan 4x4 Club take up the offer of a free site at the show situated next to the Proving Ground run by Four Wheel Drive Victoria. With thousands coming though the show everyday it provided great



exposure of your clubs and hopefully attracted many new members.

Mark it in your calendars now, the 2023 National 4x4 Outdoors Show will run at the Melbourne Showgrounds over the 18th to the 20th of August 2023. Time to start working a roster to man your clubs stand next year!



Do You Log Your Volunteer Work?

Our volunteers do a fantastic job helping the community with Four Wheel Drive Victoria projects such as Camp Host, Track Clearing and High-Country Hut maintenance.

Even your track clearing you may do on a trip counts, so club trip leaders are encouraged to log time spent clearing tracks and send in your volunteer hours worked.

It is extremely important to Four Wheel Drive Victoria to be able to actually represent the hard work our amazing volunteers do on a regular basis

Seasonal Closures

Seasonal Road Closures are in force until the 27th of October 2022. Please follow these track closures and plan ahead to make sure you are not caught out. A full list of closures from both Parks Victoria and DELWP can be found on Four Wheel Drive Victoria's website, www.fwdvictoria.org.au, under Resources - Track Closures.

Please note: Four Wheel Drive Victoria has an SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) with both Parks Victoria and DELWP regarding track closures. Before any track closure is signed off, Four Wheel Drive Victoria must be notified and sign off on the closure before it becomes official. All seasonal closures are sent to Four Wheel Drive Victoria prior to being listed and are passed onto club executives for feedback to supply to Parks Vic/DELWP.

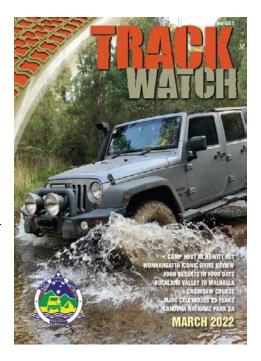
Trackwatch

We 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 as well as Government agencies and politicians, so it is a terrific way to show your club to the world.

Please email your articles and photos to projects@fwdvictoria.org.au

If you don't want to receive a hard copy of Trackwatch and would rather read it electronically, send an email to the Four Wheel Drive Victoria office, office@fwdvictoria.org.au. The latest 4 issues of Trackwatch are always available to read on the Four Wheel Drive Victoria website.

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Lifeblood 21/22 Challenge Results



The Four Wheel Drive Lifeblood challenge has come to a conclusion for 2021/2022. Four Wheel Drive Victoria would like to give a big thank you to all who rolled up their sleeves and donated and offer a big congratulations to the Pajero 4WD Club of Victoria who finished atop the leaderboard with 36 total donations. Overall, for the challenge there was 197 total donations and 591 lives saved! A tremendous effort!! The challenge is looking to occur again at the start of 2023 so if you think your club can finish higher on the leaderboard you will have the opportunity to help it do so. A big thank you to the supporters of the challenge for donating

some terrific prizes, SatPhone Shop, ARB, Four Wheel Drive Shed, Designer First Aid and Tacmed! First, second and third will all receive a prize as well as the club with the most donations per member.

Club Name	Total Donations	Lives Saved
Pajero 4WD Club of Victoria	36	108
Toyota 4WD Club of Victoria	30	90
Overlanders 4x4 Club Inc	29	87
Dandenong Ranges 4WD Club Inc	22	66
Bendigo Four Wheel Drive Club	14	42
CFA Four Wheel Drive Club	14	42
Mansfield Alpine 4WD Club	10	30
Ballarat District 4WD Club	10	30
Albury Wodonga 4WD Club Inc	6	18
Toyota Land Cruiser Club of Victoria	5	15
Land Rover Owners Club of Gippsland	4	12
Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc	4	12
Red Dirt 4X4 Club Inc	4	12
True Grit 4WD Club Inc	3	9
Bushtrek 4WD Club Inc	2	6
Nissan 4WD Club	2	6
GAA 4WD Club Inc	1	3
Offroad and Camping Club of Victoria Inc	1	3
Total	197	591

^{*}Table current as of 1/7/22

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- 4 Chicken Schitzel
- 1kg Mince
- 1.5kg Roast(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

Public Holiday's

New Year's Day	Sat 1 Jan/Mon 3 Jan²
Australia Day	Wed26 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 Nov⁴
Christmas Day	Sat 25 Dec/Tues 27 Dec⁵
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 <u>Business Victoria Website</u>

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?

August

Daylesford to Castlemaine Day Trip

Easy cruise from Daylesford through Hepburn Regional Park - Dry Diggins State Forest - Yandoit - Upper Loddon State Forest - Vaughan and Finish in up Castlemaine. Likely to end the day around 1600 - 1630hrs. It will take about 1hr 45min drive from Castlemaine back to Werribee.

Date: Saturday, 27th Aug 2022

For more info or to secure a spot on this trip visit:

https://www.werribee4wdclub.com.au/event-4936696/Registration

Basic Training Theory

The theory component Tuesday 30 August 2022, 7pm – 10pm at the Hoppers Crossing social Club, 80-200 Pannam Dr, Hoppers Crossing VIC 3029, preceded by a Pub meal from 6pm.

The practical component will be held on Saturday 3 September 2022.

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

To register for the training please send email to dtucoordinator@werribee4wdclub.com.au listing your details, including

Name:

Vehicle:

mobile number:

October

Warnambool Day Trip, 15 Oct 2022

We are running a cruisey family trip to Warnambool and back via the bush after dark. This will be a long day and looking to return home between 1 and 2am. No tracks will be driven on this trip, only the main dirt roads through the bush.

This is mainly aimed towards families with kids, as such spots will be prioritized to those bringing children. however all welcome depending on numbers.

This trip is capped at 10 cars however if there is enough interest we may split into 2 groups with a 2nd trip leader.

Flagstaff hill have given us a group price of \$44.55 per family (2 adults & 2 children) to enter for the day. Contact us for pricing for additional children. To secure the group booking price money needs to be paid to us prior to the event as flagstaff require payment in one transaction for the group. Please contact Anthony or Nicole to organise payment.

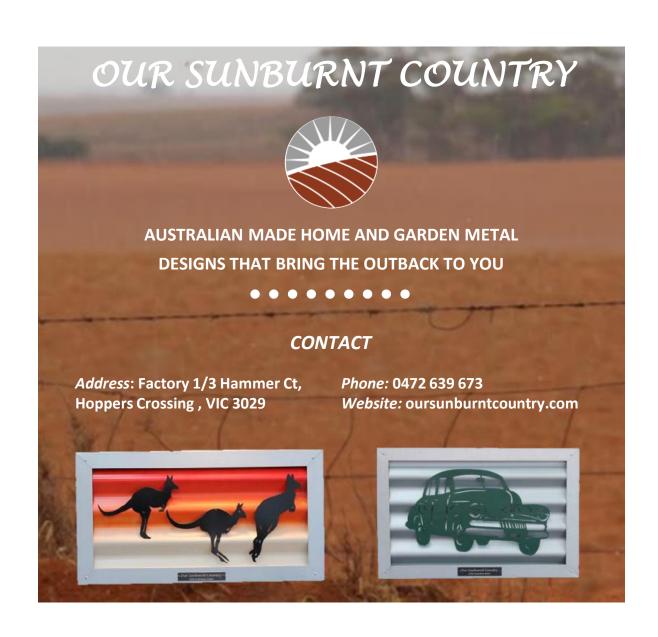
Plan for wet weather as the trip will go ahead even if its raining. For more info or to secure a spot on this trip visit:

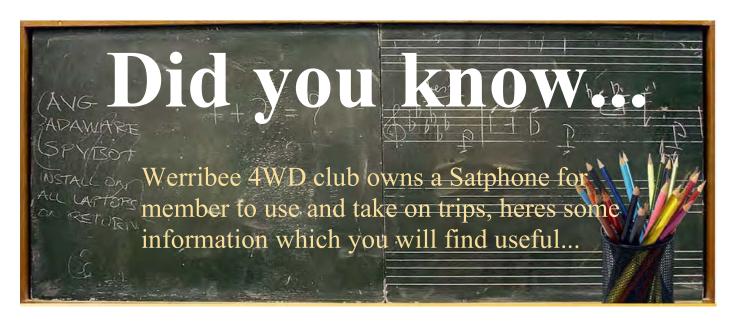
https://www.werribee4wdclub.com.au/event-4915995/Registration

Beachport Antics - Cup Weekend 28th Oct. to 1st Nov.

Beachport Sand driving. Group 1, we potentially could run two groups with the right experience going. Base Camping - At the Southern Ocean tourist park. Numbers Need to be signed off by 2nd Week of July. Trip Leader Len Mallia

- * 10 cars
- * Sand Flag
- * UHF (27)
- * Recovery Gear
- * Winch ideal
- * Ideally a set of Maxtrax





How do I get the Sat Phone?

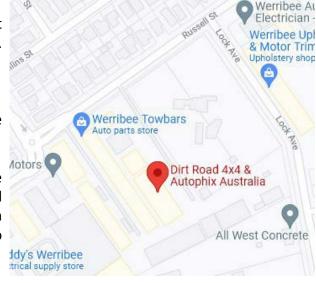
The Satphone is kept at Dirt Road 4x4 with Trevor Ryan. It can be picked up during business hours by visiting the store. Dirt Road 4x4 is located at Unit 8/61-65 Russell St, Werribee.

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??

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