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Full membership form is available in the members pack or request from Membership Secretary or download from web site. Once a Full Member you are eligible for a key to the club property.

- Been an Associate Member for 6 months.
- Completed Driver Training.
- Attended 2 club trips.
- Participated in a Club working bee and/or kitchen roster at a general meeting.
- Attended at least 4 general meetings.

Membership Fee's as at 1st June 2018

Once off joining Fee of $110 (this includes driver training)

Annual Subscription of $150 (any new member subscriptions until 31st May 2017 will be at $140 price.

Therefore a new members cost would be $260 for the first year. Pro-rata is calculated for the second years membership fee.

If you have any questions about membership please contact the membership secretary or approach any of the Committee members at the next General Meeting.

From the Editor

Hi all,

Not sure if the weather wants to be hot or cold so it's all about going with the flow at the moment.

Tracks are still very dry, so perfect for those rough terrain trips.

Cheers
Heath Glass.
Nissan 4x4 Club of Victoria Editor

Cover: Noojee - Woods Point Trip

Photo by: Heath Glass

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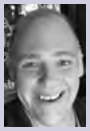

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Committee meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month (except December) as shown in the calendar of events.

The committee welcomes members to attend committee meetings as well as table items for the agenda. To advise of attendance or items for the agenda, please contact the secretary two weeks before the meeting to ensure appropriate time can be provided.

Calendar of Events

MAY

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
		GM			Trip Leader Train	
					Simpson Desert	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Simpson Desert						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Driver Training		
					Puffin	

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
CM	Simpson Desert					
28	29	30	31			

JUNE

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		CM		Driver Training		

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JULY

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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					The Kimberley and Beyond	
				Xmas In July		
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The Kimberley's and Beyond						

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30	31					
Cape York						

AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

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General Meeting	Committee Meeting	Driver Training	Working Bee	School Holidays
Public Holidays	Club Social Event	Show	Club Trip	

Club Trips and Events

Below is a list of trips and events for club members to attend.

For full details look on the Club Forum. If you wish to attend a trip then register via the web site and contact the trip leader if it's required.

Notice on attending trips: Please make sure that your vehicle is registered, driver has a current drivers licence and your membership subscription is up to date.

Please have a look at the trips that require a leader as there are a few to pick from and once a TL is registered for a trip the date can be set that will be benifical to all participants registered on that trip. If there is a month on the trip date then this is a suggested month to run the trip.

5th - 6th May

Trip Leader: Driver Training Group

Trip Leader Training

The Trip Leader training course is suitable to members who have participated in a number of club 4WD trips and are considering running their own trip.

5th - 19th May

Trip Coordinator: Robert Norman

Simpson Desert

The plan is to head towards Innamincka (Cullyamurra WH camp site) for an overnight stop then taking Walkers Crossing and Warburton track into the Simpson. Then up K1 to Poeppel Corner and east to Birdsville with bush camping wherever we get to along the way.

26th May

Event Coordinator: Kim Taylor

Jazz on Puffing Billy

From the moment you board at Puffing Billy's Belgrave station platform, your feet will be tapping as you enjoy the live jazz performed by local band the Off the Cuff! Afterwards, you will board the train for a fun-filled journey through the Dandenong Ranges all the way up to the historic restored Packing Shed.

July-August

Trip Leader: Required

Mount Matlock Snow #1

This is a nice family fun day trip to the snow at Mount Matlock. The trip dates will be flexible as we cannot predict what day the snow will fall.

July-August

Trip Leader: Required

Mount Matlock Snow #2

This is a nice family fun day trip to the snow at Mount Matlock. The trip dates will be flexible as we cannot predict what day the snow will fall.

13th - 15th July
Coordinator: Kim Taylor

EVENT

Christmas in July @ Wandarrah

Christmas in July Club Party. Mark it in your diary, come and socialise drink, sing and be merry. There will be a limit of 50 people so get in and get registered.

8th July - 30th Sep 2018
Trip Leader: Mike Hale

Dry Conditions 4WD MEDIUM

The Kimberley and Beyond

TRIP FULL

For those lucky enough to have time to spare, I am planning a 3 month trip for true off road caravans with the self willing to tent it for that time.
We will head to Alice Springs , Katherine, Kununurra, Wyndham. Derby, Broome, One Arm Point, Broome, Windjana gorge, Tunnel Crk, Giekie gorge, Bungle Bungles, Wolf Crk. Alice Springs, Boulia, Winton, Longreach, Windorah, Quilpie, Thargomindah, Bourke, Cobar, Cobram and home.

30th July 2018
Trip Leaders: Brian & Trish Rollins

Dry Conditions 4WD DIFFICULT

Trip to Cape York

This will be a trip to Cape York for approx 8 weeks. Possibly take in Fraser Island on the return trip. We are quite happy to have participants join in/leave if need, be due to time constraints, or participate in the entire trip.

23rd - 25th Nov
Coordinator: Kim Taylor

EVENT

Club Christmas Party @ Wandarrah

Mark it in your diary, it's not just for the kids it's our last get together for the year so come and socialise drink, sing and be Merry. Once again we will be having a Spit Roast dinner catered for by the Maffra Spit Roast company followed by dessert.

Date TBA
Trip Leader: Required

Dry Conditions 4WD MEDIUM

DAY

Tallarook

This will be a fun day trip to Tallarook State Forest. This forest is a small area but packed with tracks. This is a fun around all drive for beginners with possibly a few challenges thrown in.

Date TBA
Trip Leader: Required

Dry Conditions 4WD DIFFICULT

Pyrenees

3 Day trip to Pyrenees State Forest. Lots of fun tracks to play on. This is mainly a rocky place with lots of technical tracks. You can pick and choose what track to go on during the trip.

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Membership Subscription Renewal

Hi Everyone, as you know it's that time of the year again when membership subscription fee's are due. As you can see from the membership details on page 1 that the fee has been increased so please take note of that.

Everyone should have received a membership Renewal email or posted snail mail by now. If you haven't please contact me.

Any questions please ring me or email the Membership Secretary.

Cheers
Heath Glass
Membership Secretary (caretaker).

Volunteer Work

Store Point Trail Maintenance

Report By: Heath Glass

Just before the last committee meeting Andrew Rodrick had told the committee that he needed someone to take over the reins for organising the Store Point Trail Maintenance. The last two trips had to be cancelled and he didn't want it to happen again.

As I had been to Store Point a few times already and knew what had to be done, I thought I'd have a crack because at the end of the day it's not that hard.

As it was getting close to 12 months since the last maintenance work, it needed to be done ASAP. I decided to do it midweek and just make it a day trip. Even when Sarah and I had been on previous trips out there we only went for the day as our dog Rosie loves to eat anything that makes a noise, like whipper snippers and chainsaws, so we needed to leave her at home!

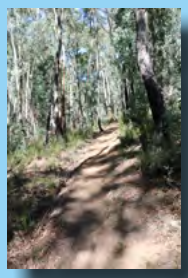
I managed to get two other people to sign up which was good as I couldn't have done the work by myself. I met Roger at Trafalgar on the way up and John went up the day before as he was driving from Geelong.

We went the easy way straight up Springs Rd to save time. We got ourselves organised and then walked around the track to see what had to be done. We pretty much had a large amount of leaf litter, bark and three felled trees to clean up. Roger had the whipper snipper and John and I had the rakes.

We worked from about 10am to 3pm with small breaks and lunch in between. Once it was all done, it was great to look back on what we had achieved as it had been a lot of work. On other trips we generally finished earlier but of course it depends on how many people there are.

Special thanks to Roger and John for volunteering their time on a week day. Next time it will be on a weekend and with a bit more notice, hopefully I can encourage more people to register. A heads up that the next appointment will be around October/November.

Cheers
Heath.



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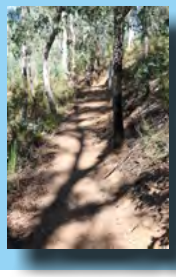

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Congratulations

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Shane and Pauline Bacon
Clay Howard
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Andrea and Suzanne Savarin
Danniel and Roslyn Watson

We would also like to congratulate the following members for attaining Full Membership:

Gary Couper and Linda Quayle

Congratulate the following members for reaching their membership milestone and contribution to the club:

15 Years

Steve Nicholl

Know your bylaws

Clarification of what is a Non Member or Guest.

A non-member can be one person or a family*

Trips - Non-Members are not Club members but have been invited by a Full Member or Associate Member of the Club and must pay insurance as required by Four Wheel Drive Victoria when attending a sanctioned Club driving trip. The attendance of Non-Members must be approved by the trip leader.

At Wandarrah - Members are permitted to bring a Non-Member to the Club property. A maximum of one non-member vehicle is allowed per full member. Full Members who bring a Non-Member are responsible for their behaviour. The request to bring a further Non- Member to the property is to be put to the committee by the Full Member before this can occur.

*A family comprises of up to 2 adults living under the one roof and dependent children not in full time employment also residing at their parents' home and under 25 years of age. Therefore, the Four Wheel Drive Victoria temporary membership charge for insurance can apply to one person or a family unit.

Social Event

November Xmas Party

25th November 2017

Report By: Kim Taylor

From the editor: Sorry its taken so long to get this report out. On the bright side, its out before Xmas in July. :)

What a fantastic weekend at Wandarrah celebrating xmas.

The kids had a ball getting to know each other, looking for bugs, and playing games but santa was the clear favourite. After getting presents and lollies the kids were allowed to explore the firetruck. Ending the day with a sleepover.

The rain couldn't dampen our spirits when the raffles started. While Mark Williams was the biggest spender and got some good prizes the winners of our major prizes were Glynn Deane, Sharon Jones, Even Wallard and Josh Doble. Congratulations to all.

Maffra Spit Roast put on a great spread of meats, potatoes, rolls and salads.

Newry CFA was presented with a check for $500 for all their support over year which will go towards their new station.

Hope to see you all again next year.

Kim Taylor

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Lost Tracks - Part Two

MINERS FLAT TRACK.

North from Dargo and north from Farm Junction starts the Birregun road, which in turn winds it's way further north to become Dinner Plains track and eventually hits the Omeo High plains road at Dinner Plains.

Along your way north following the Birregun road you will see some side tracks that head west towards the Dargo river, but you won't find any that will actually cross the Dargo river. At least not marked on the maps anyway. One of my self set charters is to find tracks and camps along rivers and creeks, so when I see such a track, I wonder?

You will find Birregun Spur track, then Twiggy Track then South Spur Track, none of which cross over the river. Further up you will find Miners Flat track, shown on most maps as not crossing the river, but indeed it does.

After the 2007/8 bush fires, I pushed down along Miners Flat track to essentially check out the camping sites at the bottom. The fires had destroyed all the noxious weeds and tree's like Blackberry and Dogwood and upon the opposite spur, on the other side of the river, I spotted wheel tracks heading up that spur. Had all the undergrowth been there, I would never had spotted them.

So I forded the river and found those wheels tracks and began tracing them up the spur and after a couple of false starts with fallen trees and timber, eventually found that the track linked up with Golden ridge track at the helipad, which then becomes Long Spur on the west side of the Dargo river. It's not marked on any map that I am aware of, but it is a crossing and one of the few places where you can cross the Dargo. It is relatively steep down to the water, the Ford is no issue and the camping sites are good at the water. Plenty of firewood too. I don't believe too many people go there and certainly very few know the link across to Long Spur.

There is another way across to the west further up at Mayford, but that one is the subject of another article.

TRICKSTA.

Above picture shows my ute scabbling for traction up Twiggy Track. Thank god for the front Lokka!

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$10 increase in Membership Fees.

At the March 2018 Committee Meeting, the Committee resolved to increase the annual membership fees for the 2019 year by $10 to $150. The Committee also resolved to link the membership fees to CPI increases for the 2020 year and beyond.

In making this decision the Committee reviewed the cost of membership since 2014.

The full financial details for years 2014 through to 2017 have been provided however in summary the cost of membership has been:

2014	$149.66
2015	$187.14
2016	$194.97
2017	$186.25

Membership fees for these years have been held constant at $140 so the Club's cost of membership has exceeded the fees recovered. The shortfall has been covered by the monthly fundraising at the general meetings and advertising in the Club magazine.

Neither of these income streams is guaranteed so the Committee did not think it prudent to continue to rely on these income streams to supplement membership fees.

In regards to costs our affiliation fees with Four Wheel Drive Victoria, which includes our insurance for trips has increased by CPI every year, To give an example the affiliation fees per member in 2014 was $44.00 compared to $50.00 in 2018 so this has increased $6 per member over 4 years.

We have also undertaken upgrades and improvements at Wandarrah having spent $4,083 in 2015, $1,095 in 2016, $1,962 in 2017 and $9,841 in 2018.

The Club's cash at bank balance has decreased from $71,461 in June 2014 to $59,110 in February 2018. While the Committee acknowledges the Club still enjoys a healthy bank balance we cannot continue to run down the Club's cash reserves.

For the 2019 year the membership fees will be linked to CPI increases. For example CPI has traditionally been around the 3% level. If 3% was the CPI for 2019 then the 2020 Membership Fees will be $154.50.

The Committee hopes the members understands the need for the increase in membership fees and remind members if they are experiencing hardship in meeting the new fees there is provision in our Constitution for relief under the financial hardship provisions. If any member feels the need to rely on these provisions please raise the matter with a Committee Member.

The Committee would also welcome any comments members may have in regard to the fee increase so if you have any thoughts on this matter you would like to share with the Committee please email them to treasurer@nissan4x4club.com.au.

Regards,
John Farlow
Treasurer

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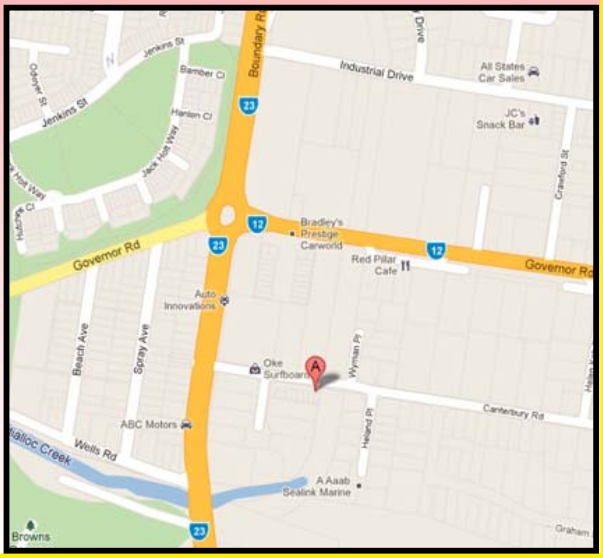

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The ‘Aberfeldy Tracks’ Project

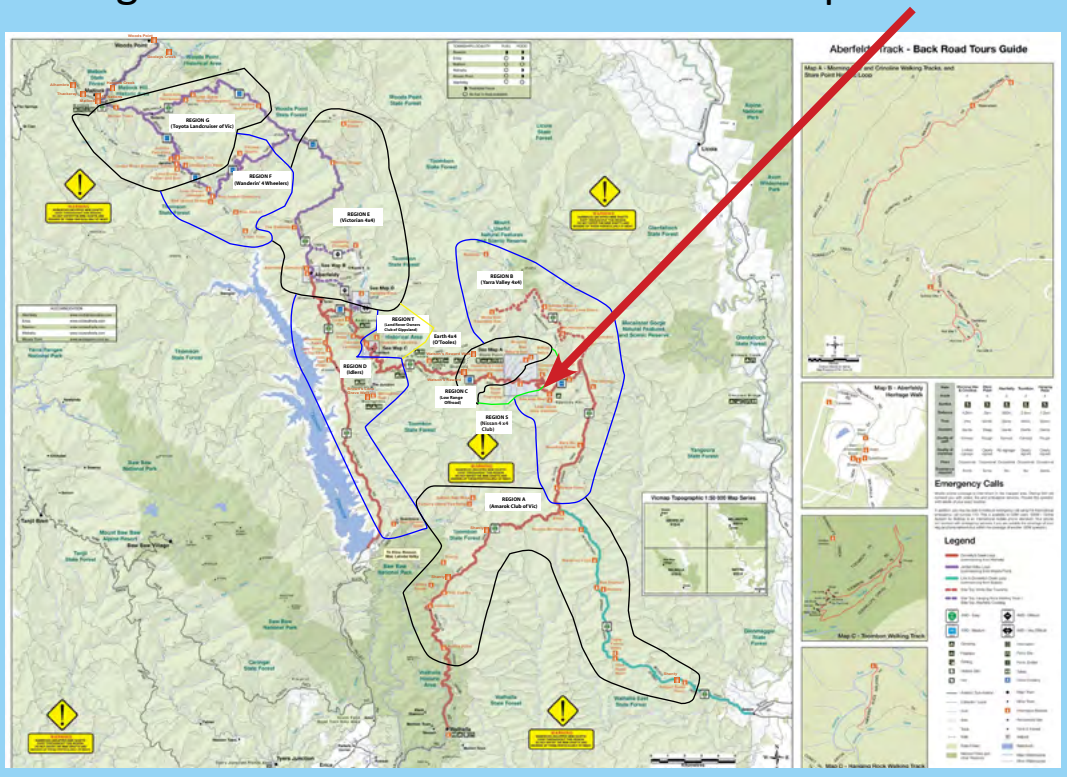
The West Gippsland Relic, Mining and Heritage Protection Inc are maintenance managers of the ‘Aberfeldy Tracks’ Project.

The Nissan 4x4 Club of Victoria have two regular working bee dates each year for club member volunteers to help maintain the Store Point Discovery Walk and Concord Gully area sign.
These areas are a very important part of Victorias gold mining history.

The trip dates and more details are on the club web site and in the trips and events section of magazine.
The next event will be around October/November. TBA

If you wish to know more about the West Gippsland Relic, Mining and Heritage Protection Inc. then visit their web site: www.westgippslandinc.com.au

Map Showing location of Nissan 4x4 Club clean up area



Some of the clubs that volunteer their time

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WHERE THE SUN IS SHINING or "DANCES WITH EMUS"/or BEING RETIRED AND GETTING OLDER/whatever

Having been motivated by "Big Al" (Alan McCabe), I am forwarding my first Trip Report in about 9-10 years or so.
Having spent 6 years along with Julie's 1 year as Land Co-ordinators, as well as bringing along the bobcats/ excavators and trucks, making the Working Bees a lot more pleasant for some and idyllic for others – "put another 3 mtr log just there on the fireplace ah la bobcat" – EASY!!) or digging the trench from the gazebo to the hut, for the power – al la excavator – EASY!! etc. Aw Sh-t Hill – another story!!

"What about another dam"
"What about it?????"

Back to the sunshine…….We did a 23,000 km trip in 2011 up the East coast, across to Mt Isa, Darwin, Broome, Exmouth and home plus in between, (a lot of "in between").
Exmouth was all caravan parks – not for me!" I had read in a 4x4 magazine around 1992 about Ningaloo Homestead. So after a refuel at Exmouth, rang Ningaloo and ended up in "paradise" for both of us! Camped on the beach – water about 25 degrees. Met some fellow Victorians and so many friendships developed. Have spent 3 – 5 months there every year since except one year off for injury.

"Why"?

Get there about 1st May till September. Can get a bit windy later in the year. Sunshine, fishing, (I don't do it here – not as exciting). Fishing on the reef or outside to about 130mtrs deep or 8 kms nearer to Africa and whale watching the Humpbacks on the their journey north to breed and return with their calves.
A very busy social life, drinks – sitting with friends with a glass of Red or such watching the majestic sunsets – Julie's 2 aero-planes at about 6pm and 6.05pm headed north – poor bugge/blighters cramped up in those seats. No trouble for my ex Air Hostess of about 5'3" tall - (metric)???

Out for 5 STAR fish for dinner and drinks at someone's camp, then repeat the next day – then repeat the next day – thennnnn repppppp etc ……

Into Exmouth approx every 2 – 3 weeks for supplies or to Coral Bay for a Counter Lunch (also got the "best Bakery" at Coral Bay!!!!)

Sounds easy. It's hard to take!!

Started off in the 4.2D Patrol, then a Colarado, then a Defender (best vehicle part from new diff, axels, drive flanges) now what about the front diff? No that's alright. So, I worked it out with the Sales Manager, Melbourne Landrover business, I would have to be back in for 2 diffs next year and so on or otherwise, English Ashcroft/Maxi Drive Gear etc.
"They're not as strong as they used to be" – his opinion – mine too! So then to a V8 Toyota Crew Cab – love the sound. 3" Exh-Chip, Lift, all the usual stuff. Pulls well, still not a 4.2D Patrol!!

We camp off the road, some National Parks etc – Melbourne to Mildura – Pt Augusta, Pildappa Rock, Ceduna, across the Bight. North to Kalgoorlie. Turn left at Menzies township to Sandstone – Meekatharra – Gascoyne Junction – Carnarvon – fuel, food and Bunnings (I think they've got 6 Bunnings and 3 Aldis in WA now) then to Ningaloo –

''where the sun is shining" ……..
TREVOR AND JULIE HEALE

Spelling and typing errors
JOHNNIE WALKER

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How to Run a Club Trip

All trips MUST be accepted by the Trip Coordinator before being advertised in the Club Magazine or forum. Send an email to the Trip Coordinator which details your trip.

Once the Trip Coordinator has approved the trip it is posted in the Trips section of the Club Forum. Once posted on the Club Forum, please ensure that you keep the trip entry up to date with attendees and review it regularly for comments or questions from members.

To comply with our insurance requirements it is essential to complete the required paperwork. Members can use the online digital trip participant form to quickly and easily submit the required details. Alternatively a printable version of the form can be downloaded from the club website (http://www.nissan4x4vic.com.au) or Four Wheel Drive Vic. website (http://www.fwdvictoria.org.au).

All other forms for trip leaders and guests can be downloaded from the club website (http://www.nissan4x4vic.com.au) or FWDV website (http://www.fwdvictoria.org.au).

If you have any ideas about a trip and/or questions speak with the Trip Coordinator (trips@nissan4x4vic.com.au) or any of the committee members.

Submitting a Trip Report

Hi everyone. I have recently had members ask me how to submit a trip report. Trip reports are a fundamental part of the magazine, so its great when a member wants to share their experience with the rest of the club community. General rule of thumb to submitting a report is that anything you can provide will do. Below is a couple of things that will help me in creating the report if you can provide.

- Specify whether its Club or Personnel Trip.
- Trip name and date.
- Participants on Trip.
- Photos.
- Trip report text.
- Selfie or avatar if you perfer.

When I receive your details I will create a proof of your report and send it to you for changes or approval.

When writing the actual report, do it from your perspective. It can be how you experienced the trip from start to finish. When I write a report I generally look at the map or GPS file and photos to jog memories.

Hope this helps to get those reports in. Cheers. Heath.

General Meeting - MINUTES

Nissan 4x4 Club of Victoria Inc.

1945hrs Wednesday 4th April 2018
352 Cheltenham Road, Keysborough

The Meeting opened at 07:45p.m. with President Sarah Bounden in the chair.

Welcome and Introduction

Apologies : John Farlow, Gary Lyons, Mike Hale, Robert Zsiga, Mike and Luke Melenhorst, Dave Hughes, Gary Single, Andrew Rodrick, Neil Brydson, Keith Morris, Paul Verbeek, Deb Nugent, Wanda McLauchlin, Dean Walker, Paula Wood.

Visitors:

There were 4 visitors, here as a result of the Web Site

Acceptance of previous Club meeting minutes

As published in the April Nissan News were accepted.
Moved by Ian Knight seconded by Rich Hall - carried

Reports:

President: Sarah Bounden

- 2 members received 30 years badge: Graeme Johnstone and Cherie-Lynne Johnstone.
- Web Master position now vacant.
- Reminded all Committee positions become vacant in August and that Executive positions are required to drive a Nissan 4WD.
- Andrew Rodrick has been in hospital for 3 weeks and passed his thanks on to Heath and others for filling in on the store point hut track maintenance.
- Increase in membership to $150 pa for next financial year. Details in supplement in magazine.

Vice President: Kyle Baxter

- Club 4x4 discounts explained.
- Explained the need to record volunteer hours for FWDV.

Secretary: Leigh Williams

- Geosciences Victoria is doing a geological underground survey over the next couple of months in NE Victoria. Anyone running trips should check with Leigh for details.
- The TLCC are running a chainsaw course in a few weeks time. If anyone is interested let Leigh know.
- There is a clean up the bush activity near Ballarat in a couple of weeks. Check website for details.

Treasurer: John Farlow - An apology

Membership Secretary: Heath Glass

- Subscriptions are now due for the next financial year. We are trialling the use of our website subscription service to manage them this year – apologies for any dodgy email. The official email to go out this week with revised $ amount. When paying via EFT please put your full name in so we can credit the correct account.

Land Co-ordinator: Dean Walker – An apology

- Advice from the membership that some camp site clearing is requested at next working bee.

Driver Training: Stephen Bloomer-

- Next one on 27/29th April.
- Invited new members/visitors to join.
- 5/6 May. Trip Leader course.

Sales: Richard Hall

- Order going in for clothing, tonight is a good night as order going in this week.

Social Committee: Kim Taylor

- All current activity is on the web site. Seats available for Rocky Horror.

Editor: Heath Glass - NTR

Publicity Officer: Neil Brydson – An apology

Trip Co-ordinator: Josh Doble - NTR

Heath advised that a lot of work was done at Store Point and thanked attendees.

Library: Mick Melenhorst - An apology

Webmaster: Vacant (Caretaker Heath)

Sgt at Arms: Michael Dingli

- Door Prize Werevr 4wd - light strip
- Raffle tickets – donated by member, Gear Bag won by Brian Marshall.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Kyle – Black Snake Creek Hut repairs - Andreas is coordinating our involvement. He met with Wayne from Huts association tonight and is now looking for volunteers. At this point it will be the 3rd weekend of May. We need to ensure we have sufficient skills/people. A trip is on the website.
2. Andy donated some wheel hub spanners. These were snapped up.

There being no further discussion the meeting concluded at 2100hrs

Next meeting Wed 2nd May 2018-04-12

Nissan 4x4 Club of Victoria Inc.

Committee Meeting - 1930hrs Wednesday 18th April 2018

Moodemere St, Noble Park

The Meeting: opened at 07:30 p.m with the President Sarah Bounden in the chair.

Welcome and Introduction

Present: Sarah Bounden, Kyle Baxter, John Farlow, Leigh Williams, Heath Glass, Glynn Deane, Stephen Bloomer, Michael Dingli, Dean Walker, Mike Hale, Richard Hall, Kim Taylor, Josh Doble

Visitors: Gary Single, Alan McCabe, Brian and Trish Rollins and Brian Marshall

Quorum Yes

Acceptance of previous Club meeting minutes.

Moved by Neil Brydson and seconded by Stephen Bloomer.

Reports

President: Sarah Bounden NTR

Vice President: Kyle Baxter

Black Snake Creek – Need to provide a sketch to build the chimney pending approvals from Forest/Fire Management/DELWP

Treasurer: John Farlow

- Monthly 'Financials' and 'Payments Out' distributed prior to meeting proposed for acceptance, seconded by StephenB.
- Term Deposit due. Have rolled it over with Comm. Bank

Secretary: Leigh Williams

- Insurance at Wandarrah renewed but we need to review the amount for contents. eg is the wood splitter covered? What about generator, pumps water tanks, battery and solar panels. Should probably go up to at least $15000.
- Mail in. Membership renewals by 3, Incident report from Gary Single, Proposal costings from Alan McCabe re Home Property. 6 copies of ARB's 4x

Membership Secretary: Vacant

- Full membership – Gary Couper. Passed
- Associate Applications, all approved for: Shane Bacon, Danniel Watson, Clay Howard, Nicholas Redwood, Alec Sathiyamoorthy, Andrea Savarin
- The Membership Secretary requires a laser printer. Cost is $230 Leigh proposes we buy it, seconded by Josh.

Land Co-ordinator: Dean Walker

- Indoors bowls mat picked up and paid for
- Play equipment needs a rope climbing section, replacement cost $200. Mike seconded.
- Signage still required for all tracks and as well management of Oh Shit Hill access needs to be ratified. Dean to convene sub-committee to sort all this out.
- Arborist Report still needed – Heath and Leigh to take this on.

Driver Training: Stephen Bloomer

Driver training and Trip Leader course running as planned although a clash of dates with Working Bee.

Sales: Richard Hall

$305 in sales. New members picked up some old stock. Order going in to replace equipment on sale at meetings. Werevr 4x4 pricing in and looking good. Prices lower than online and we still make a margin. Had to revert to previous supplier for uniform shirts etc. as new supplier shipping costs put them in the too expensive basket.

Social Committee: Kim Taylor

Nothing new. No Rocky Horror show, lack of interest. A few interested in Puffing Billy 2 seats available.

- **Editor:** Heath Glass
  Postmasters Jane and Mike Carbis would like to relinqulish the position at the AGM as they have been doing this for many years, so a round of thanks to them both. We have spoken to Wanda McLauchlin about taking up this position, thanks Wanda.
- Have noticed a lot of facebook interest but little in the way of content. Would like to see trips etc go up there.

Publicity Officer: Neil Brydson

Apologies for inactivity due to holidays

Trip Co-ordinator: Josh Doble

- New members would like some easy trips to do. Stephen B to ask JohnT to push the attendees at the Trip Leader training course to run suitable trips for new members asap
- Leigh asked Josh to push Trips with no Trip Leaders at GMs.

Webmaster: Caretaker Heath.

Online testing of online membership submissions to continue.

Sgt at Arms: Michael Dingli

- $220.40 takings last meeting.
- Raffle prizes ok for next 2 meetings.

Keymaster: Glynn Deane NTR.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Leigh questioned whether we would have trouble with a quorum at the next AGM, but at this stage only Mike Hale will be away. Because it is in August, it is a popular time for people to be on the roads.
2. Heath introduced the subject of changing Black keys to combination locks. There was a vigorous discussion with the outcome being that:
   a) The Black Lock will be removed from the front gate and a new chain sourced – Action Glynn.
   b) Currently there are 5 black keys held by Dean, Brian, Mike plus 2 others. A review of who has Black keys to be undertaken and the policy to be documented along with a review of the key register. Action Glynn and Leigh.

   The above was proposed by Heath and seconded by Mike Dingli and passed.
3. We should encourage new members to take up positions on committee. Action - Sarah to bring this up at future GM's where a lot of new members are usually in attendance.
4. Expense Reimbursement – another vigorous discussion held on this subject where members have significant out of pocket expenses when conducting club business. It was clear that whilst the committee had sufficient votes to implement a policy, the numbers and opinions were far from unanimous.

   As this is a sensitive subject it was decided that a summary of pros and cons would be drawn up and presented at or prior to the AGM in August with a view to get full membership support for a policy. The subject matter includes Entry Tickets to 4WD shows, Fuel reimbursement for Driver Trainers and Land Coordinator, Safety Equipment at working bees and private chainsaw use.
5. Tree Lopping at Wandarrah. It was proposed that despite members having done a Tree Lopping course that we engage private contractors to undertake this work. Opinion was split on this. No proposal to be voted on until we understand what the certificates held by members qualify our members to do. Mike Hale to clarify this with the RTO. In the meantime the current bylaw stands. No standing trees to be felled without committee approval.

The meeting concluded at 2220hrs with balance of the agenda to be carried forward to the next meeting.

Next meeting: 16th May at 1930hrs

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Victorian Mallee	Wyperfield NP	Victorian High Country

Helping the Community:
We participate in events which help the community. We are associated with a number of organisations and help out with:
- Clean up the bush - Restoration of historic land marks - Charity Events - BlazeAid

Social Events:
The club also has a social committee which organises social events such as dinners, Chrismas parties and fun sporting events.

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