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- 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.

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

Annual Subscription of $150.

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,

It seems as though the cold weather has arrived and its time to get the beany out.

There is a lot of yellow missing from the calendar in the second half of the year. So hoping that will change in the coming months.

Cheers
Heath Glass.
Nissan 4x4 Club of Victoria Editor

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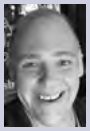

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Committee meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month (except December) as shown in the calendar of events.

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

JUNE

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The Kimberley and Beyond													
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The Kimberley's and Beyond													
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26	27	28	29	30									

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.

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

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

The Kimberley and Beyond

TRIP FULL

For those lucky enough to have time to spare, I am planning a 3 month trip for true offroad caravans or those 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

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.

26th Dec - 2nd Jan 2019
Trip Leaders: Darren & Sharon Jones

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Deni Xmas Camp Trip

We will be staying at Deniliquin Riverside Caravan Park. This is an easy trip with no limit to numbers. Activities include relaxing, Floating down the Edward River, fishing, sightseeing etc. Dogs and Caravans welcome.

NATIONAL 4X4 OUTDOORS SHOW & FISHING BOATING EXPO

This event is held at the Melbourne Showgrounds and will require members assistance.

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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).

Driver Training Unit

A bit about your Driver Training Unit.

The Nissan Club Driver Training Unit is currently made up of seven qualified instructors and one trainee, who is working towards becoming qualified.

To become an instructor, a person needs to show that the have the considerable 4WD driving experience, experience in training and education and good communications skills. They are also required to show a level of commitment to the Club and Four Wheel Drive Victoria (FWDV).

Once nominated by the Club and accepted by FWDV as a trainee, a trainee is then required to attend, observe and support driver training at a variety of locations including the FWDV office in Mitcham, the Melbourne 4X4 Training & Proving Ground in Werribee, and with the Club at Wandarrah. They are also required to spend considerable time studying the FWDV Driver Training curriculum and obtain a First Aid certificate. It normally takes about 18 months to go through the process and attend enough events to develop a through understanding of the curriculum and training requirements before a person is considered for assessment.

Once a person is qualified as an instructor, they are then required to maintain the qualification. This includes instructing with the Club, attending several driver update training days run by FWDV and being available to instruct at FWDV and other smaller clubs that may not have their own instructors. An instructor is also required to undergo 2nd yearly reassessment by FWDV to ensure the standards are maintained.

Nissan Club instructors are not paid for the services provided to the Club. Currently, all expenses associated with qualifying and maintaining the qualification is at the instructor's expense. This includes all fuel and vehicle expenses. The Club does provide some protective clothing (shirts and jackets) to assist with instructor identification and OH&S requirements.

Instructors take on this role because they believe this is the best way they can support the Club and its members. Currently, our Instructors have an average of over 14 years' service to the Club in this role. The aim is to support Club members to be safe and responsible 4WDers and to see new members grow in understanding, experience and confidence.

If you have any questions about Driver Training and how it is run, please feel free to catch up with Stephen Bloomer or any of the other instructors at a meeting or contact the Driver Training Coordinator as per the details in the front of the magazine.

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Congratulations

The members of the Nissan 4x4 Club would like to welcome the following to the club:

Paul Baldrey and Louise McLean
Ralph Braun and Tina Wenzel
Adrian Lilliott and Christine Lilliott
Daniel Sauerwein
Peter Argyriou

Victorian 4x4 Show @ Lardner Park

Hi all,

The Victorian 4x4 Show at Lardner Park was what I believe a successful day, at least 40 to 50 membership applications plus brochures handed out to genuine prospective members, approximately 60 magazines were given out on the day along a good stream of people viewing the display throughout the day.

The indoor display worked well and was a hit with the members that helped out on the day.

Set up on Saturday afternoon - 2hrs x 2 people. (not including loading of vehicle)
Bump out Sunday afternoon - 1hr x 6 people. (loading vehicle included)
Members attending - 7 volunteering on stand.

Cheers
Neil Brydson
Publicity Officer
Nissan 4x4 Club Vic.

Know your bylaws

Rules #4 - 11 Fires are only to be lit in designated fireplaces.
This rule also applies to solid fuel stoves such as the Ozpig or portable fire pit style of bbq's. This is of course for fire safety and site cleanliness/ash disposal.

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Lost Tracks - Part 3 Higgins Yards

This one is about a lost track but also lost camps sites along a mighty river –The Moroka. Management, in it's unchallenged wisdom decided a few years ago that we should not drive to the Moroka River and camp along it's pristine banks because, well just because…….?

Get the map out, find Licola and then north to Arbuckle Junction and branch to the east along the Moroka road. You will find a track leading off on the left to Doolans Plains. A short way in off the main road is a fork, straight ahead leads to The Watchtower and right will head you down a spur to the Moroka River. First you must cross some button grass plains on black soil, before starting the decent to the river. Parks have put a gate across the track beyond the button grass and have decided that this is now MVO.

Which prompts me to ask, if you wanted to protect the button grass, why would you not put the gate before the plains?

The track down to the river follows the spur all the way down and once at the bottom the track turns right and follows the edge of the river for a few kilometres. There are a couple of real nice camps along here. Keen eyes will find the remnants of the old cattle holding yards where the beasts were penned on their way south off the high-plains to market further south. A faint track crosses the river here to another potential camp spot, now defunct.

Further south the track peters out just prior to a steep,loose scrably climp up the back of a ridge. This is now a walking trail, but I believe this was once a route that the cattle were hearded out to the Moroka road. Keen walkers can follow the river further south and explore the realms of the Moroka Gorge. A narrow passage that squeezes the waters of the Moroka between tall basalt cliffs.

The Watchtower, on some maps marked as Nelsons Crag, is a spectacular vantage point looking north over Byrces with steep valleys and crags containing untouched pristine high-country creeks and flora. You can get a vehicle to within about 500 metres, then its shanks pony from there. Well worth the leg effort.

The Trickster

High Country and Beyond

10th - 18th March 2018

Report By: Leigh Williams

Previously known as Hotham and Beyond, this event is now run by the Wangaratta 4WD club in conjunction with FWDV. Held over 8 days; this year based at Omeo and run from the local, very beautiful setting of the Omeo Caravan Park. This event is attended by 4WDrivers from across the country; even a backpacker from the Netherlands managed to stray into our group. More info: **http://highcountryandbeyond.com.au/**

We took the tin tent and elected to do the one day trips out of base camp but there were multi-day trips all over the local area for those whose bodies and age can cope without the comforts of inner spring mattresses and air conditioning. The weather was absolutely perfect for the whole period.

All attendees were like minded people who were very welcoming. There were around 50 in a variety of vehicles, around half from the Wangaratta club itself. The event started off with a catered 'Welcome BBQ' with everything from snags, burgers, to chicken and steaks. Dessert was best, nearly made myself sick as there was plenty leftover and I couldn't see good food go to waste.

There were no pre-requisites in terms of skills or vehicles/mods, as the trips scheduled were rated from EASY to DIFFICULT, you choose. This was a week off for us, with no responsibilities and mostly looking for a relaxing week, which we managed to achieve.
Every night at base camp, 'tales' were told around the ubiquitous campfire. One night, I treated the gang to my beer damper and golden syrup.

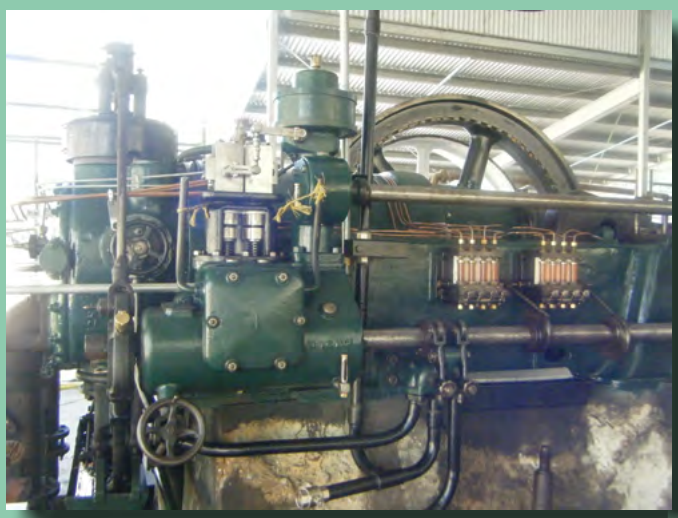
I won't bore you with details of all the trips but here is a sampling of the trips we did and saw.

Machinery Spur Track (MVO)

I am not one for superlatives, but I must say the start of this track is spectacular. It is rarely opened to 4WDrivers because of the sensitive nature of the flora. In fact we had to wash our trucks including underneath before we were allowed on it. Special permission was granted for this event only.

It is above the snowline so the flora is completely different to that which we normally see in the high country and is only generally viewed by bushwalkers some of which we managed to frighten and amazed that we were even there. Another highlight of this trip was viewing the remains of the Red Robin mine, and a bit further down the hill the home of the miner and his crusher/battery.

As well as the usual driving there were some easily accessible sights to be seen, including the:



Ruston 12H engine

This would appeal to all who have an appreciation of all things mechanical and the effort to restore a pile of junk into a working engine. Fabulous talk by the custodians. It would be a great trip to do next time they have it up and running. It is currently down because the crankshaft bearings are shot. To replace them is a costly exercise; $2500 worth of white metal alone is required before any machining.

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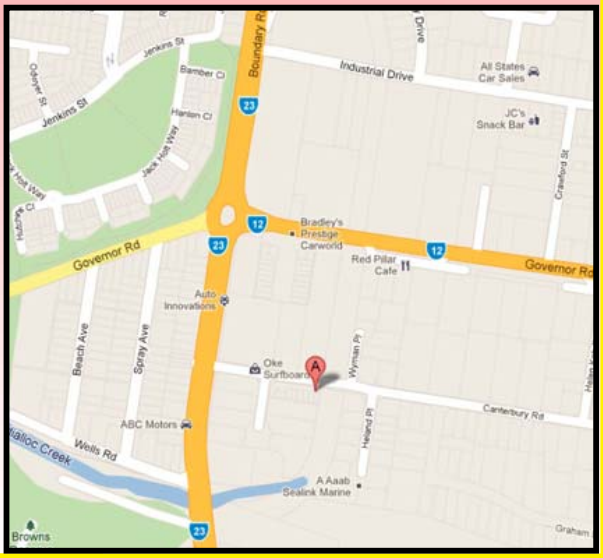

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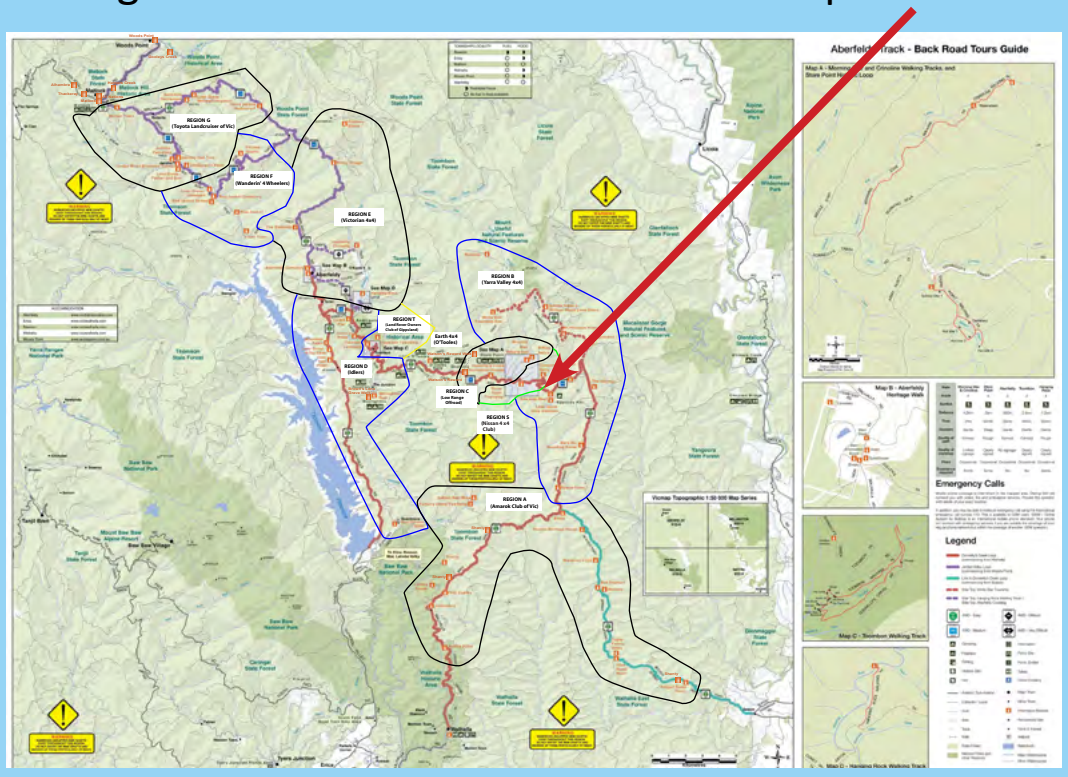
The Nissan 4x4 Club of Victoria have two regular working bee dates each year for club member volunteers to help maintain the Store Point Discovery Walk and Concord Gully area sign.
These areas are a very important part of Victorias gold mining history.

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

So sign up now for a fun weekend away contributing to a worthy cause.

High Country and Beyond continues....

Washington Winch

This site consists of a twin cylinder, triple drum winch engine, boiler and water tank, all mounted on a large log frame. Two bare tree trunks opposite the engine acted as head and tail spars, each still supporting an array of steel cables for log hauling and spar bracing. A skyline cable suspended between the spars supports the carriage and fall block. Logs were hauled up from a gully using the winch engine in a high lead system, while the skyline system adjacent to the road was used for loading log trucks Large trees stumps are used as anchor points for both the skyline cable and the bracing cables… An amazing thing to see.

Moscow Villa Hut

Bushman Bill Ah Chow finished this log and stone gem in 1942, on the day the Battle of Moscow was won. When local officials objected to the name, he allegedly told them it was actually an acronym for 'My Own Summer Cottage Officially Welcome Visitors inside Light Luncheon Available'.

The best condition of any hut I have seen.

Dogs Grave – a popular spot for all visitors

He served none else but Peter Meehan
His master and his friend
A comradeship wave of the bush
To last unto the end.
Mute faith in one; a friendship bond,
in rugged ranges where
A loneliness prevailed the scene
Just man and dog to share.
They shared each other's humble way,
The ways of bush-lore treading
From dawn to dusk through wilderness
Where cattle pads went treading.
Beneath Australia's sunny skies
Beneath the tree-ferns bending
Along the ranges, by the stream,
A way of life transcending.
Until the end, the bitter end,
Though dumb in canine way,
He wove a story of the bush that
We respect today.
He served to mould a history, though
Little he was known.
He rests beside this mountain stream,
Beneath these slabs of stone.

Oh, if you plan on using Wombat PO any time soon, please be advised it is closed at the moment:

There was also a lunch stop at a hut I bet you haven't seen or been to. Payne's Hut – Google it. This photo of the dining room is but a clue: This was one of our lunch stops (optional extra).

The week finished up with a 3 course, fabulously catered dinner at the local footy club. Fortunately one of the gang was a GP who could treat the overload on my pancreas from the 3 layer Violet crumble cheesecake. Although he gave his own pancreas a workout with a trio of large profiteroles.

In terms of difficulties there was one Toyota which had to turn back due to a split fuel line whilst another was jammed in 2WD High but managed to get back to camp under his own steam.

The organisers are looking for an alternate base for next year, with Dargo the current favourite.

Whilst the individual trips themselves are nothing we couldn't do ourselves, the point of difference that HC& B has, is the multitude and selection of trips over an extended period of days from a single base camp. We would highly recommend this week to fellow members and maybe even run a club trip to this trip next year if there is any interest.

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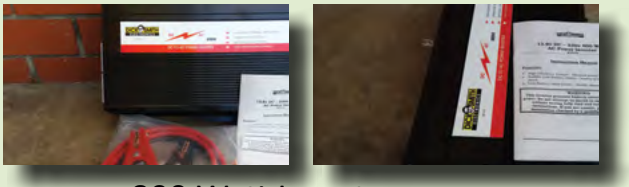

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How to Run a Club Trip

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

I have recently had members ask me how to write a trip report. As trip reports are a fundamental part of the magazine, it's great when members want to share their interesting experiences with the club community. The general rule of thumb when submitting a report is to provide as much relevant information as possible. For example:

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

When you write your report, do it from your perspective, how you experienced the trip from start to finish. I find it helpful to

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

look at the map or GPS file as well as photos to jog those memories.

When I receive your draft I will create a proof and send it to back to you to make changes if necessary.

Hope this helps to get those reports in.

Cheers. Heath.

General Meeting - MINUTES

Nissan 4x4 Club of Victoria Inc.

1945hrs Wednesday 2nd May 2018
352 Cheltenham Road, Keysborough

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

Welcome and Introduction

Apologies : Robert Zsiga, Gary Lyons, Stephen Bloomer, Gregory Jones, Andrew Roderick, John Tomlinson, Rod Golding, Ian Geddies, Barry and Helen Bevan , Andrew Harding, Peter Jay, Lisa and Neil Brydson, Paul Verbeek, David Hughes and Greg Wiltshire

Visitors

There were 4 visitors, here as a result of the:

- Web Site x 3
- Referral from members x1

Acceptance of previous Club meeting minutes

As published in the May Nissan News were accepted. Moved by Sarah and seconded by John, carried

Reports:

President: Sarah Bounden

- Message from Andrew Roderick re illness and recovery and passed on his thanks re flowers, messages etc.
- Talked about vacant positions on the committee.

Vice President: Kyle Baxter

- Black Snake Creek Hut – End of month not possible due to govt' depts. delays

Secretary: Leigh Williams - NTR

- Usual mail including confirmation of CBA term deposit rollover and membership renewals. There were 5 copies of the ARB Magazine given to Librarian.

Treasurer: John Farlow

- YTD deficit compared to March last year around $13000. Subscriptions expected over next few weeks which will turn this around

Membership Secretary: Heath (Caretaker)

- 211 members at the moment.
- Membership renewals coming in. Email confirmations going out.
- Encouraged members to put stuff up on Facebook, send thru via the Webmaster.

Land Co-ordinator: Dean Walker

- Working Bee this weekend, Cargo net being replaced, collect firewood and post to go in, as well as usual gutter and track clearing.
- Indoor bowls mat been purchased and to be installed and need to look after it by not walking on it. Sign to be made up. Need to print up a instructions as to how to play.

Driver Training: Stephen Bloomer- Apology. Gary presenting on Stephen's behalf

- Presented certificates from last weekend's training. 25th of the month. There is a trip leader training course this weekend and again in Oct.

Sales: Richard Hall

- Delays in some of the clothing, hopefully next meeting. New items from Werevr 4x4.

Social Committee: Kim Taylor

- Puffing Billy end of month a few seats left. $103. Other stuff on the web site.
- Kim will not be able to run Xmas in July due to a personal diary clash. It will need to be moved or cancelled.

Editor: Heath Glass - NTR

Publicity Officer: Neil Brydson – An apology for tonight.

- Sarah - Any items of interest please let us know and we will try and arrange guest speakers.
- 4x4 show in August

Trip Co-ordinator: Josh Doble

- Not much happening. Next week info. on Denny Xmas trip.

Library: Mick Melenhorst business as usual

Webmaster: Heath (Caretaker) - NTR

Sgt at Arms: Michael Dingli

Usual raffles and fines

GENERAL BUSINESS

Ian Knight – His 3 litre Patrol engine blew up recently and he would like to recommend Top Torque in Rooks rd Vermont who did a terrific job of repairing his vehicle.

Brad gave his speech re helping out at Wandarrah and supporting the Committee and the club.

Kyle – Recognised NPFC for their provision of a room each month at no charge

Jane, Paula and Deb have volunteered to run Xmas in July – Thanks Ladies

There being no further discussion the meeting concluded at 2100hrs. Next meeting 6th June 2018

Nissan 4x4 Club of Victoria Inc.

Committee Meeting - 1930hrs Wednesday 16th May 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, Leigh Williams, Glynn Deane, Stephen Bloomer, Michael Dingli, Dean Walker, Mike Hale, Richard Hall, Kim Taylor, Josh Doble, Neil Brydson

Apologies: John Farlow, Heath Glass

Visitors : Alan McCabe, Brian Marshall

Quorum Yes

Acceptance of previous Club meeting minutes

The April 2018 Committee meeting minutes as published in the May 2018 Nissan News were put forward for acceptance. Moved by Neil Brydson and seconded by Michael Dingli, accepted. Note that Neil Brydson attended last meeting but was missed in the minutes

Reports

Ordinary Committee member - Mike Hale

Has requested that we have qualified club members remove 2 trees that present a 'danger'

Substantial discussion was held, including advice from the Land Co-ordinator Dean, that these two trees present an immediate risk of personal injury or damage. Leigh provided advice from our insurance broker that this was allowed as long as the loppers were suitably qualified and a risk management plan is in place to ensure the safety of those present. The Broker also advised that the exercise should be listed as a trip on our web site and attendees subscribed to it.

On the above basis, Mike Hale moved that the committee approve the lopping of these two trees. This was seconded by Rich Hall. It was passed with 6 Yays, 0 nays and 5 abstainers.

Further Action required prior to lopping.

a. Mike to provide copies of certificates that permit members to lop trees.
b. Provide a RMP or the basis upon one can be created.
c. The lopping to be scheduled preferably on a Thursday or Friday prior to a working bee OR Wandarrah to be closed to all but the team conducting the lop; likely to be 2 conducting the actual felling plus 4+ others to assist in the cutting up and stacking of said trees.

Neil Brydson to assist in the provision of a suitable template to Leigh who will assist in the creation of one specific to us. Leigh will also run this past our insurers Risk Management Officer.

President: Sarah Bounden

Expressed concern that there was recent 'fireside' comments made that our Driver Trainers were remunerated for their time. This is not correct and asks that Stephen Bloomer draft something up for publication in next month's magazine confirming this, and the actual cost to trainers in terms of $ to become a qualified trainer, personal time lost in qualifying and training etc.

We often suffer from rumours/gossip etc about club rules/members/committee. If the committee hear of any of this, it is requested that it be brought up quickly to the Committee so they can be quashed/clarified.

Vice President: Kyle Baxter

Advised that there is no change in the Black Snake creek repairs status, currently on hold pending various govt/hut authorities' approvals.

Treasurer: John Farlow – an apology

But Treasurers report sent to and presented by Sarah. Monthly expenses were moved for acceptance by Josh Doble and seconded by Stephen Bloomer. April Financial figures were moved for acceptance by Sarah Bounden and Josh Doble seconded.

Secretary: Leigh Williams

- Mail in – 3 membership renewals and 2 magazines
- After contacting 3 'Arborists' including a second one recommended by the Shire, I managed to get a hold of John Ruyg from Traralgon who is prepared to undertake the work. Based on a cursory tree count on the main access track and camping areas an estimate was obtained. Ordinarily we would look at getting multiple quotes but given he is the only one prepared to undertake this work, and the time it has taken to resolve this issue Leigh Williams moves to accept John Ruyg quotes. Seconded by Stephen Bloomer. Passed. Dean Walker suggested we do some planting to rehabilitate the area. We will proceed with this as well.

Membership Secretary: Vacant – Heath is Caretaker but absent.

- Report presented by Sarah . Two Associate member forms received Ralph Braun & Tina Wensell, and Adrian & Christine Lilliott - accepted. 2 more received but not signed; they have paid. Daniel Sauerwein and Paul Baldrey. Passed in principle without signatures. Moved by Sarah Bounden, seconded Dean Walker.
- A member seeks to delay payment for one month. Moved by Sarah Bounden and seconded by Stephen Bloomer.

Land Co-ordinator: Dean Walker

- Working bee had a very poor turnout, but cable net put up and bowls mat laid, albeit too long but still usable.
- We have a situation with a lack of water, tanks are empty. No firm action required other than to let all know at GM and possibly send an email re tank situation and highlight need for minimal usage and suggest that where possible, when leaving, put left over water back into tanks/hot water pot

Driver Training: Stephen Bloomer

- Trip Leader course ran recently. Will supply a list of attendees to Josh to get trainees to volunteer to run trips.
- We have a shortage of Instructors at the moment for a number of reasons. June may be cancelled. We need more driver trainers to be viable long term and actively seeking volunteers with the right skills/mind set to be a trainer.

Sales: Richard Hall

GM meeting was quiet this month. Current order ready at uniform place, Dean to pickup. Beanies are popular, so what about scarves?

Social Committee: Kim Taylor

Puffing Billy coming up shortly, Rocky Horror show cancelled. Awards day has dropped off the website but will redo.

Editor: Heath Glass - Absent
Publicity Officer: Neil Brydson

- RJ Batteries - Sept meeting and will run a training day.
- Researched replacement Banners and Tear Drop displays. Will obtain 3 quotes, and then make a recommendation to the committee. The committee then needs to balance this against the fact we only attend 2 shows a years. It was suggested that these items could also be used at GM's and other club activities.
- There was a discussion around whether we need to print more stickers? If so should we review our artwork? Neil to check with Heath re sticker stocks. No action on artwork at this stage.
- Struggling to find presenters or the time to do it, seeking assistance. Sarah to follow up with Nissan Ringwood with Heath.

Trip Co-ordinator: Josh Doble
Andrea - One of our graduates from Trip Leader training will be running a Walhalla trip Andreas

Webmaster: Vacant.

Sgt at Arms: Michael Dingli

GM meeting raised $256.50 from raffles and door prize

GENERAL BUSINESS

The majority of the agenda was pushed forward to June meeting.

Kyle – has updated and distributed the Committee Position descriptions. He has replaced with references from the current AIR Act. as well as general corrections. Each Committee member provided further corrections where required Called for corrections. Passed for publication in next month's magazine.

There being no further discussion the meeting concluded at 2150hrs

Next Meeting – June 20th 2018

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Club Trips:
Club trips are run through out the year. Trips cover the whole of Australia, so wherever you plan to go for your next trip we can certainly help. Club members have a wide range of experiences and are always keen to assist with suggestions, hints and information for your trip planning. The Trip Coordinator ensures there is a good variety of trips available, from the Victorian High Country to the deserts of Central Australia - we have a lot to offer.

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Some of the trips this year have included:

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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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