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**From the Editor**

Hi all,

Well finally out of lockdown as I was starting to go a bit crazy.

So everyone get your vehicles ready for trips as they are starting....

Please note that the general meeting start time has officially changed to 7:30pm as noted at the top of this page.

Hope to see you all out soon.

Cheers.  
Heath Glass  
Nissan 4x4 Club of Victoria Editor

**Membership**

A new member joins the Club as an Associate Member. Once the following attainments are achieved the member can apply for Full Membership:

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

- 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.

club property.

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

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

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Photo by: Stephen Trickey

**The Club wish to sincerely thank the NOBLE PARK FOOTBALL CLUB for the use of their club rooms for committee meetings.**

**Are you looking for a 4x4 Club?  
Do you enjoy 4 wheel driving?  
Do you enjoy the outdoors?  
Are you looking to join a fun, family friendly club?**



Take a look at the advantages of becoming a member.

**About Us:**

The Nissan club was formed in 1976 to engage in and promote four wheel driving for recreation. From those beginnings of some friends with G60 Patrols, we have grown into a well organised and inclusive group of over 200 members.

There is a mixture of 4WDs within the club such as: Patrol, Pathfinder, Navara, Landcruiser, Hilux, Prado, Wrangler, Pajero, Ranger, Defender, Discovery, Amarok, BT-50, D-Max.

**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.



Trips have varying levels of difficulty from Novice (Easy) through to Expert (Very difficult). Trips range from half a day, one day, mid-week and weekend or several weeks depending on where you want to go.

**Examples of trips are:**

- |                     |                        |              |                |      |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------|------|
| Portland Sand Dunes | Victorian High Country | Border Track | Simpson Desert | Snow |
| Victorian Mallee    | Wyperfield NP          | Cape York    |                |      |

**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, Christmas parties and fun sporting events.

**Driver Education:**

As part of your membership we have a qualified driver training team that holds driver education programs to assist drivers in 4WD techniques and the safe and responsible use of 4WD equipment.

**Club Property:**

We are saving the best for last! The club has its own 80 acre property, two hours east of Melbourne, in picturesque East Gippsland. Club members can enjoy the facilities at their leisure, with plenty of sites for tents, camper trailers or caravans, there are also hot showers and flushing toilets. The extensive fire place area for camp cooking or relaxing with other members at happy hour is a popular spot. There are well maintained 4WD tracks on the property, as well as the tracks in the beautiful area of the State Forest which borders the property.



**So what are you waiting for?  
Join now and enjoy the experiences of a life time.**

Don't forget to check out the web site for more details.



## Vale: Alan McCabe



Alan McCabe was a life member of the Nissan Four-Wheel Drive Club of Victoria but unfortunately passed away a few weeks ago. Alan held many positions on the club committee over the many years he was a member since joining the club around 1989 and had membership No. 10 according to the membership listings at October 2021.

One of the first recollections of Alan was when he was the Land Co-ordinator for Wandarrah. I believe Alan was just about the first person who made signs for the tracks at that time and made a laminated map of the tracks around the Wandarrah property. Alan had a great dry sense of humour and generally always embellished his report (from whatever committee position he held at that time) with a joke at each General Meeting to the delight of the members.

Alan was also handy with his hands and always had a “project” to make or improve something for the club or something for Wandarrah. He regularly changed the locks at Wandarrah and organised the relative keys keeping records of the members who had keys etc. for the property.

Alan and Lois had a bright red SWB Ford Maverick (Badge engineered Nissan GQ SWB Patrol) which he looked after very well and it was always immaculate.

He had named this truck “Red Dwarf” which was shown as a label across the front of the vehicle.

They also had a camper and I recall one club trip where we had made a base camp in Wonnangatta Valley with day trips from there. The Maverick and the camper had been recently fitted with new Cooper tyres but on that particular trip Alan and Lois had a bad run with punctures. In fact, the last straw was when we were leaving Wonnangatta and going up Zeka Spur Track when Alan had yet another puncture and we had to lend them our spare wheel as they had no spare left (I think we had also fixed punctures while in the valley)? Alan and Lois made it home OK but as luck would have it the next guest speaker at the following months General Meeting was planned to be a Cooper tyre rep. Needless to say Alan was not happy with the amount of punctures he’d had and just about ripped the Cooper Rep. a new one! I think it would be fair to say the Cooper rep was hoping a hole would appear in the floor and swallow him up after Alan had finished with him.

Alan was a great character with a terrific personality. He was always willing to help the Nissan Four-Wheel Drive Club of Victoria out whenever he could and will be greatly missed.

RIP Alan

John Tomlinson



## Trips and Events

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

Full trip details are available on the club web site. If you wish to attend a trip then register via the web site and contact the trip leader if you have any questions.

**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.**

03rd - 07th Nov

Limit:5

By Conditions:  

Trip Leader: Stephen Trickey



### When the Butcher meets the Caledonian

PLAN: 5 days of wheelin. Dingo Hill, Caledonia River tk, Butcher Country (plus a couple of unmarked tks), McCalister river tk, Blue Range Spur, Grimme tk, Salt Lick Saddle, Nobs tk, Upper Jamieson hut, Jamieson Valley, Silverwater mine.



05th - 08th Nov

Limit:COVID

By Conditions: 

Trip Leader: Nick Redwood



### Wandarrah Weekender - Covid Safe

Nick Redwood will be up at the property.

\*Covid Safe Plan will be followed, please register to follow plan\*



11th - 14th Nov

Limit:COVID

By Conditions: 

Trip Leader: Steve Moon



### Wandarrah Maintenance

I am hopeful to go up to Wandarrah around this time to install all the goodies that have been accumulating in my shed over the lockdown period. Providing the first trip goes ahead, this trip will be more general maintenance at Wandarrah.



19th - 21th Nov

Limit:12

By Conditions: 

Coordinator: Mike Hale



### Chain Saw Course @ Wandarrah

This is a national certificate course for cutting timber on the ground.



27th - 28th Nov

Limit:COVID

By Conditions: 

Coordinator: Robert Daley



### Christmas at 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, subsidised by the club.



01st - 03rd Dec

Limit:6

By Conditions: 

Trip Leader: Stephen Trickey



### Mayford

Venture into Mayford overnight camp. Journey to Long Spur and explore mining relicts and donkey engine, camp nearby. Travel unmarked track to Miners Flat on Dargo river.



03rd - 05th Dec Coordinator: Garry Single

## Driver Training



Limit: --



The next Driver Training will be held at the Club Property, Wandarrah. New members, new drivers or existing members with a different 4wd or just wishing to do a refresher should contact Driver Education Coordinator.

## 2022 Trips

20th - 30th Jan

Trip Leader:  
Jorgen Skogstad

### Limestone Coast

Limit: 6



Travel the full length of the Limestone coast from north to south, which is the reverse way to what the 2019 club trip did.



24th Jun - 09th Jul

Trip Leader:  
Stephen Bloomer

### Simpson Desert

Limit: 7



The crossing of the Simpson will be via the WAA Line, prior to returning to the French Line shortly before Poeppel Corner. We will then continue to Birdsville.



	EASY	MEDIUM	DIFFICULT	VERY DIFFICULT
<b>Overview Description</b>	All-wheel Drive and High Range 4WD. Novice Drivers.	Mainly High Range 4WD but Low Range required. Some 4WD experience or training required.	Significant Low Range 4WD with standard 4WD ground clearance. Should have 4WD driver training.	Low Range 4WD with high ground clearance. Experienced drivers.
<b>Advisory Sign/Symbol</b>	<b>Green Circle</b>	<b>Blue Square</b>	<b>Black Diamond</b>	<b>Double Black Diamond</b>
<b>Expected terrain &amp; track conditions</b>	Mostly unsealed roads with no obstacles and minor gradients.	Tracks with some steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. May have shallow water crossings.	Tracks with frequent steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy track sections. Possible water crossings.	Tracks with frequent very steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy track sections. May have difficult river crossings.
<b>Vehicle Suitability</b>	All-wheel drive and High range 4WD. Can be low clearance with single range and road tyres.	Suitable for medium clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain or road tyres.	Suitable for medium to high clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain tyres.	Suitable for high clearance vehicles with dual range tyres suitable for the terrain. (Mud terrain tyres)
<b>Recovery Equipment</b>				Winch/Recovery equipment required.
<b>Driver training experience</b>	Suitable for novice drivers.	Recommended that drivers have experience or 4WD training. Recommended to be done in groups of vehicles.	Recommended for drivers with reasonable experience or 4WD training. To be done in groups of vehicles.	Drivers with extensive experience and advanced training should only attempt as there are several technical challenges. Recommended to be done in groups of four or more vehicles.
<b>Weather</b>	May be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.



# Big Desert and Border Track

05 April 2021



Report By: Stephen Bloomer



Participants:

- Stephen Bloomer (TL) GU Patrol
- Andrea Trovo GU Patrol
- Steve Carter GU Patrol
- Oscar Zarate GU Patrol
- Nicholas Redwood GU Patrol

Meeting up in Melbourne on a chilly and cloudy morning is not so bad when you know there is sunshine ahead and it was not long before the four Patrols left the Calder Park fuel stop and started heading north west. We chose to take the more northern route towards Bendigo, which makes the most of back roads and meant less traffic. With only one quick coffee stop on the way, we arrived in Rainbow shortly after 2pm where Oscar was waiting at the service station to join the group. After refuelling and a quick bite to eat before hitting the road again, our convoy of five Patrols headed down narrow lanes between farms until we hit the dirt, aired down, attached the sand flags before going through the gate that keeps the sheep out of the Big Desert area.

had been recently cleared of vegetation. It looked like a planned fire break to prevent burning off from crossing over into farmland. The vegetation clearing and a sign encouraging the removal of timber provided an opportunity for us to gather some firewood for the nights ahead. We turned onto Milmed Rock Tk as we moved into the desert and made camp in a large open area slightly sheltered between some dunes.



At the very start the sand was thick and keeping traction was a challenge as we turned north to skirt the edge of the area on Pella Tk. There was no need for recovery, just a change in gear selection and all vehicles headed north along an area that

We woke up to a clear and sunny morning and all were looking forward to experiencing what the desert had for us. By 8.30am we were continuing along Milmed Rock Tk, which is a good introduction into the area. Patches of soft sand and a couple of dunes that provided a good warm-up into the techniques that would be more essential later in the trip. Melmed Rock itself was a bit of a laugh – the metal box for the visitors’ book was crammed with all sorts of goodies including chocolate, vegemite and coffee pods. But unfortunately no coffee machine to enable us to make use of the

Pods. The bumps on this track were not too bad, but they did catch you out occasionally with a report from Nicholas that he had been bounced into an airborne state over one. He later found that his camping light was no longer securely attached to his vehicle, and instead, just holding on by the wires.



We turned onto Murrayville Nhill Rd and increased our speed for a while, but a short side track slowed us down as we headed to a high point that gave good views of the area. Arriving at the top, we found a national parks vehicle with the crew standing on the roof to get the best view. All eyes were looking to the east where smoke from a fire could be seen. The parks crew informed us that this was a part of a controlled burn on the SA side of the border, a bit of a concern as we were heading that way the following day.

We continued on Murrayville Nhill Rd for about 20km, with a short lunch break along the way, prior to turning west and heading across towards Big Dune Tk. At the intersection with Big Dune Tk, Nicholas suggested a detour down a short track that was not shown on our maps. Once turned we could see why. This was one of the largest dunes in the area and it was obvious that making the top would require a large effort. We all gave it a go, but making it about a third of the way up was about the best we could do with the current tyre pressures. We lowered the pressures further, but not going all the way down as this was not an essential hill, and we didn't need to get to the other side. Andrea was determined to make it as high as possible and dropped his tyres the most. With a good run-up managed to make a good go of it, getting

up about three quarters of the way, before reversing down to join the group. At 4pm we saw a couple of emus running across the track, one of the few animal sightings of the trip, before setting up camp on the side of Fire Break Tk. This area was only a few short metres into the desert and provided views over the neighbouring farmland for the evening.

Steve Carter led the convoy for the first part of the following morning as we headed west. He had been commenting about the lack of wildlife seen and by leading the convoy, he would be in a better position for wildlife sightings, although this was in vain. Good rainfall over summer resulted in an abundance of fresh growth and food, so the local inhabitants had little need to come out. By 9.40am we were heading south and onto Border Tk. The fresh growth provided an abundance of colour to the area, but it soon all turned pink due to what looked like fire retardant dropped from the air. The only things not coloured pink were the tyre tracks from other adventurers.



Shortly after Steve Carter found the dunes of the Border Tk to be worthy of their reputation with his vehicle sunk down to the chassis well short of the top. His recently purchased Maxtraks came out to save the day, and although we were only to get three of them under the vehicle (due to sand falling into the area as fast as we could dig it out), after a couple of attempts he made it over the dune. The straps attached to his Maxtrax were very helpful in finding them as they were left well buried in the sand after each attempt.

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

David Gilbert and Olivia Li

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

**20 Years**

James and Pamela Watson

## Annual Christmas Party 27th - 28th of November

*Mark it in your diary.  
Socialise, drink, sing and be merry.*

*Register on the web site or  
let the Social Coordinator know so you can be registered.*

*Once again we will be having a Spit Roast dinner  
catered for by the  
Maffra Spit Roast company followed by dessert.*

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**NO DOGS ARE PERMITTED  
on this weekend at Wandarrah**

*Any enquires address them to the social Coordinator*



## Trip Report

### Big Desert and Border Track Continued...

The heat of the day combined with the effort required in getting Steve's vehicle dug out left us hot and exhausted. So we rested near the top while the other vehicles made the attempt. Some successful and some not.

The last major dune of the day took its toll on our energy and time so a short time later we stopped for a late lunch. With no natural shade available, Andrea's 30 Second Awning provided some relief from the heat of the day, but it was unable to assist with the torment of the flies. That afternoon the vehicles had a five minute play in the soft sand of the area adjacent to Red Bluff Campsite. This is a beautiful area overlooking the bright red of the bluff. The clear skies left the hills glowing and providing a stunning outlook that looks more like something we would expect to see in Northern Territory. The camp fire that night was inviting. We all stayed up later than expected with the banter around the fireplace keeping everyone going. Nicholas seemed amused with the mice that he saw running from under his vehicle. This would later come to haunt him, as it turned out he had placed his swag in the middle of a mouse highway and the constant scurrying of little feet ensuring that sleep was not a real option for the evening.

at the top while Steve Carter made several attempts, before we get a call from Andrea about fluid on the track. We checked Steve's radiator, then looked at Oscar's vehicle but the source of the fluid could not be found. Then dripping from the back of Steve's Patrol provided both a relief and concern as he discovered that the tap on his 25lt water storage was no long attached and the carpet was soaked through. We knew there was enough water in the other vehicles, so the concern was more about what damage the water may have done inside his vehicle, but it seemed most had drained out the back from what we could find.



After a good night sleep (for the rest of us), we headed east on Red Bluff Tk. This was an easy track that skirts along the southern edge of the desert area and it provides for an increase of speed. There was one dune off to the side and I turned towards the top to provide a change to the momentum. I sat

Back at Murrayville Nhill Rd, we initially turned left before stopping, looking at the maps and deciding to take the road less travelled. This resulted in us continuing east and then turning onto Duffy Tk. This looked very unused and I doubt anyone had driven this track since COVID-19. This track kept us very busy and was covered in so many branches that clearing them was just not possible and we started driving more like we were on a rally, continuously making the call to go around or over each branch depending on how big it was and what angle it was sitting on. I was amazed that we made it thought this section (and this trip) without any punctures, which is also a testament to modern light truck rated tyres.

There was only one big dune on this track and as soon as you saw it, the excitement kicked in. We knew it was going to be interesting and with no way around, the only option was to get over it. Turns in the

track and soft sand made it difficult to judge how we were going to get over this dune. I was already on the soft sand when I decided to just go for it. I did not like my chances as I was in high range, so I just picked a line and went for it. The top section was covered in soft and thick sand but I managed to make it to the top before sinking in. Changing into low first and I was able to get moving again and head down the other side with little difficulty. Unfortunately this narrow track did not give me a chance to park and stay up top to assist and watch what would happen next.



Nicholas was second to attempt it, but stopped just short of where I made it to. He was well sunk into the sand, but with this being a big hill, he was also on his own with nobody willing to walk the hill at this stage. The trax came out and were put to good work but this only enabled him to move a few feet forward. After several goes he was able to get forward momentum, but this left his trax buried into the sand and red marks over his tyre, showing how hard it had been as he made his way down the hill. Steve was next and he had seen enough that whilst he was waiting for the dune to be cleared, he dropped his tyre pressure even further. This worked for him and he made it to the top and down the other side.

Oscar came into the dune hard, but no matter what he did, it wasn't enough. We could see from the bottom of the dune that he had not made it as far as the other vehicles. We encouraged him to go back down and see what else he could try. This unfortunately resulted in damage to his vehicle from one of the turns - not major, but a good bend in his jerry can holder, a broken

tail light and the need of a polish. His next go got him a bit further but not far enough and after several attempts with Maxtrax and it was time to try something else. Steve then reversed his vehicle up the southern side of the dune to see if he could attach a snatch strap. He made it a fair way up and the result was three straps linked together to enable the recovery. Andrea was the last to try. Seeing the trouble Oscar had, he came into the dune with lower tyre pressure and with a good load of momentum. On his third attempt, he made it to the top with so much momentum that it looked like the front of the vehicle was trying to leap over the dune. All up that dune took the group an hour to cross making for another late lunch, but it was a hill that will stay in our memories for a long time.

The afternoon saw us heading up Pella Tr back towards the same site we camped on the first night. This ended up being a bad call and it is one track that I would actively try to avoid on my next run through the area. The humps in the track were continuous and deep, like amazingly oversized corrugations that kept the speed down whilst throwing the vehicles and drivers around. We were all happy to get to the end of that area, leaving everyone exhausted and ready to make camp for one last night.



Friday saw the short trip back to the road and after airing up and getting fuel, a quick bite to eat at Rainbow bakery set us up for the drive home and the trip back to cold weather.

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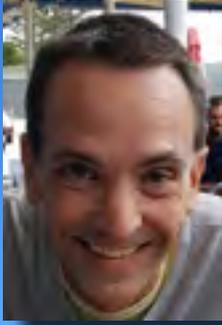


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# Tallarook Day Trip

09 February 2021

### Participants:

- |                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| Heath Glass (TL) | GU Patrol  |
| Rod Barnard      | GU Patrol  |
| Robert Welsh     | Y62 Patrol |

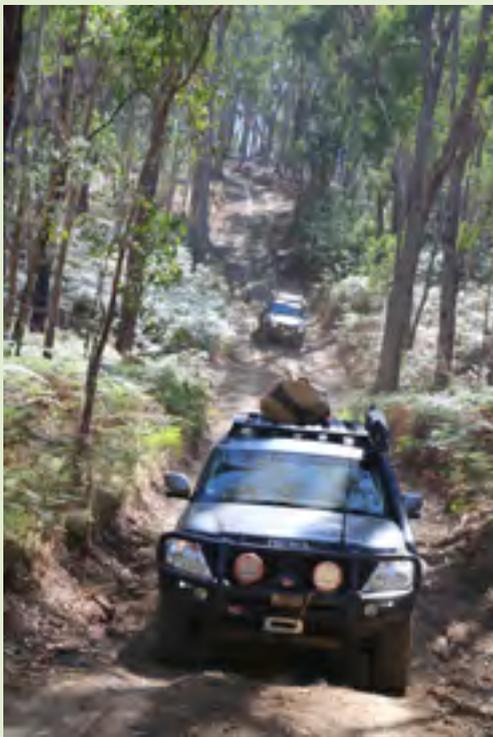
### Report By: Heath Glass

Well it was time for a 4WD day trip and I couldn't wait for the weekend. So on the web site the trip went and I manage to get two day trippers on board.

I have been to Tallarook many times and I have a general circuit to travel on but I always take off shoots to spice things up.

It's a fun day out with varying challenges, nothing too crazy. Here are a couple of pictures of what we got up to.

Cheers



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# Driver Training Program



The initial aim of the club is to ensure that all members are proficient 4 wheel drivers.

To assist in this end, our club has a driver education program for new members. The training is run by our own qualified training team.

The team members are very experienced members of the club in touring, and offroading in general. They are there to help people become familiar with their vehicle, with safe four wheel driving techniques, with the various equipment that is available, and to promote responsible bush driving and touring.

Our other aim is to enable people to gain the knowledge and confidence in all aspects of four wheel driving to travel safely and be prepared.

This training is included in your membership fees. Private courses similar to the one provided by our fully accredited training team, may cost hundreds of dollars.

The Driver Education Program is held as a weekend course at the Club Property with theory and practical exercises.

These are some of the points that the course includes:

- Ascending and Descending Steep Hills.
- Recovery Procedures.
- Safety aspects of Vehicle Packing.
- General Tips and Techniques.
- Correct Preparation for Water Hazards.
- Correct Use of Communications Equipment.
- Use and Care of Recovery Equipment.



## Who should complete Driver Training?

While the primary driver must do Driver Training, we also encourage partners to complete the training. This will give them more confidence in the vehicles capabilities as well as give them the experience needed should they need to take over driving at any time.

Please talk to the Driver Training coordinator about these options and any other members of your family that may benefit the training.

## How to register for training?

If you are already a registered member have a look at the dates available in magazine or website when Driver Training is being held. Contact the Driver Training coordinator to make a booking and discuss options.

# The 'Aberfeldy Tracks' Project

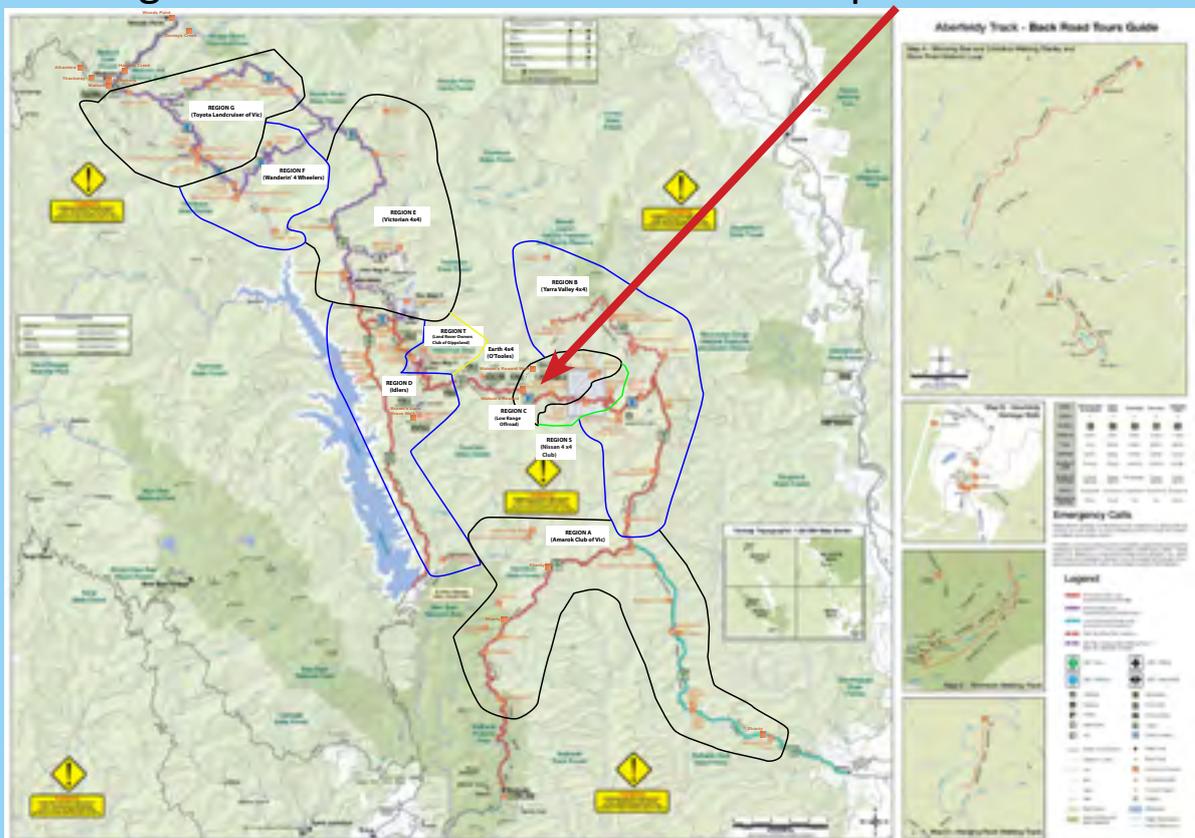
The West Gippsland Relic, Mining and Heritage Protection Inc are maintenance managers of the 'Aberfeldy Tracks' Project.

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. **Keep an eye out for the next trip as your help is important.**

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](http://www.westgippslandinc.com.au)

## Map Showing location of Nissan 4x4 Club clean up area



## Some of the clubs that volunteer their time





### 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](mailto: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:

- Specify whether it's Club or Personal Trip.
- Trip name and date.
- Participants on Trip.
- Photos.
- Trip report text.
- Selfie or avatar if you prefer.

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 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 back to you to make changes if necessary.

Hope this helps to get those reports in.

Cheers. Heath.

### Short Notice Trips

In the past members who wished to run trips were asked to provide sufficient notice for their trips to appear in the Magazine and Club website. FWDV have informed us that provided the following information is supplied, short notice club trips will be covered by FWDV insurance.

The short notice trips will typically be trips one week or less from the intended trip start date. It's to have been sanctioned by the Club Trip Coordinator prior to commencement and a completed trips participants form is also to be passed on to the Trips Coordinator once the trip has been run.

All we ask is that you provide the Trip Coordinator with a brief outline of the trip, how many vehicles including you own will be participating, and the trip rating.

With this information at hand we will endeavour to post your trip on the website for members to see.



## Fence Building @ Wandarrah

April 2020



Report By: Heath Glass

I have put together more pictures to complement Mike Hales report on the fence building at Wandarrah back in April 2020.

You can read Mikes report in the November 2020 magazine available on the web site.

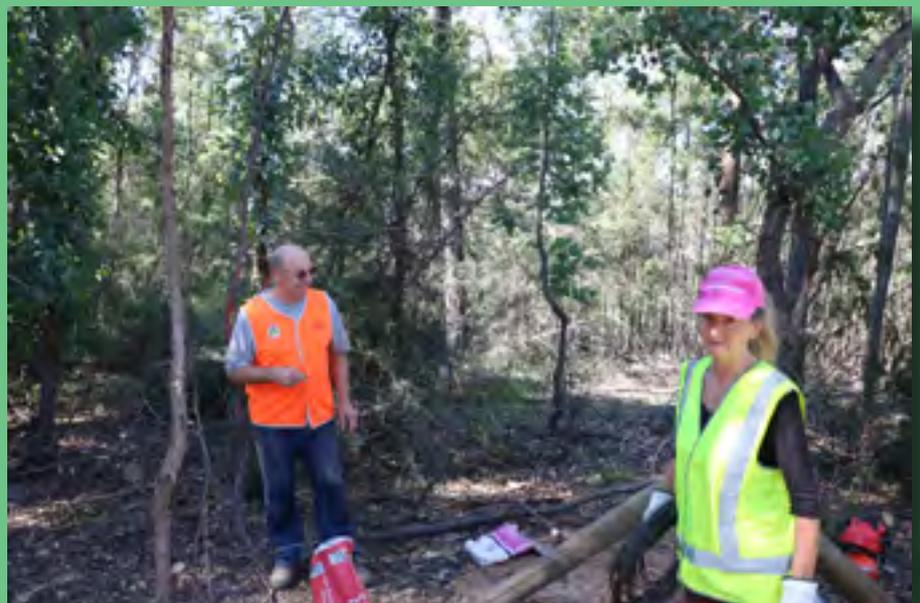
As most of you know there was a fire along the fence line back in December 2020 so it been waiting a repair again but COVID has delayed that.



Gary and Wanda rolling up old wire. Wanda doing the hard bit.



Mike and Russell removing star pickets using high lift jack.



Russell and Barb rolling up old wire.



Setting main poles with Evan directing something.



Finishing off main poles ready for wire to be run.



Mike tensioning wire.



## General Meeting Minutes

**Nissan 4x4 Club of  
Victoria Inc. General  
Meeting MINUTES 8<sup>th</sup>  
October, 2021 via  
Zoom**

**Welcome:** Evan Wellard opened the meeting at 7.39pm

**Present:** Gary and Wanda Moloney, Melissa Bloomer, Wayne Deane, Angelo Ioculano, Stephen Bloomer, Jorgen Skogstad, Evan Wellard, Tony Jay, Scott Vincent, Trish, Brian Smith, Nick Redwood, Bibian Lobo, Michael Dingli, Ian Crichton, Stuart Hunter, Gary Lyons, Bernie Steiert, Steve Carter, Graeme Johnstone, Willian Sullivan, Peter Jay

**Visitors:** Nil

**Acceptance of previous Club meeting minutes [date]:** Angelo Ioculano, Wanda Moloney

**Apologies:** Steve Nugent, Brooke Veldwyk, Heath Glass

### REPORTS:

**President:** Evan Wellard – It has been a quiet month due to restrictions. Well, done for those in regional for getting out and sharing their pics on the Facebook page for all of us to enjoy. We have a couple of events coming up, which are all pending the COVID restrictions. So please keep an eye out for these as restrictions change.

**Vice President:** Stephen Bloomer – Nothing to report

**Secretary:** Melissa Bloomer – The FWDV AGM is coming up, but awaiting further details. Two Club representatives will be able to vote. The Secretary will liaise with the representatives. Members received the SMS about tonight's meeting, but requested the link for Zoom is sent via email.

**Treasurer:** Wayne Deane – Negligible income this month. Expenses totalled \$915 including \$508 for materials for Wandarrah, e.g. picnic tables and \$252 for Wandarrah council rates. Bank account totalis \$72,464: NAB \$22,591, CBA Chq \$25,858, and term deposit \$24,014.

**Membership Secretary:** Peter Fraser - One new member, David Gilbert. Membership stable.

**Land Coordinator:** Steve Moon (Absent) – President states Land Coordinator has been busy making picnic tables and swag platforms. Working bee

weekends pending so keep an eye on the website.

**Driver Training:** Garry Single (Absent) – Vice President states October driver training will be cancelled due to COVID. Next driver training is scheduled for December, pending COVID.

**Editor:** Heath Glass (Apology) – President suggests you check your email as a link to the magazine just went out.

**Sales:** Vacant

**Social Committee:** Vacant – Secretary thanks to Debbie Nugent for coordinating the Christmas party.

**Publicity Officer:** Nick Redwood - No news on the 4WD show as yet. It may not go ahead in November. Await further information.

**Trips Coordinator:** Brooke Veldwyk (Apology)

**Webmaster:** Jorgen Skogstad - Webmaster received a notice from google to move the SMS portal to another platform, to keep us in the free tier.

**Sgt at Arms:** Dean Walker (Absent)

**Ord Member 1:** Gary Moloney – All key lists are now up to date.

**Ord Member 2:** Steve Nugent (Apology)

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

William Sullivan asked if, when a trip is postponed, does the trip queue transfer over to a new date? Webmaster responded that it should do if the dates of the trip are changed. When a trip is cancelled and a new trip is listed, the waiting list will not transfer.

William Sullivan also asked about the chainsaw course. Publicity Officer commented that the chainsaw course has been cancelled. Anyone who has paid should contact the Trips Coordinator for more information.

Vice President encourages members to think about running a trip so we have something to look forward to. There are plans to run some trip leader training days as soon as Wandarrah is open.

**Meeting closed** by the President approximately 8.40pm



# Committee Meeting Minutes

## Nissan 4x4 Club of Victoria Inc. Committee Meeting 20th Oct, 2021

### Minutes

**Meeting opened** at 7.37pm with President Evan Wellard as Chair

**Welcome** from the President

**Present:** Evan Wellard, Stephen Bloomer, Melissa Bloomer, Wayne Deane, Peter Fraser, Garry Single, Heath Glass, Steve Moon, Brooke Veldwyk, Jorgen Skogstad, Nick Redwood, Gary Moloney, Steve Nugent

**Apologies:** Dean Walker (absent)

**Guests:** None

**Quorum:** Yes

**Acceptance of Previous Minutes:** Steve Nugent, Gary Moloney

### Reports

- **President: Evan Wellard** Alan McCabe (life member) has passed away. We send our best wishes to the family. Alan will be honoured in the next magazine.

- **Vice President: Stephen Bloomer** Nothing to report

- **Secretary: Melissa Bloomer** FWDV AGM coming up on 15<sup>th</sup> November. Two of our representatives will be able to attend and vote. Awaiting further detail

- **Treasurer: Wayne Deane** **Our bank accounts:** The Club's total funds are \$74,361 which includes CBA Term Deposit \$24,015, CBA Cheque account \$25,848 and NAB account \$22,718. Other funds include Sergeant at Arms float \$80, Postage \$200 and Airwallex virtual credit cards \$1,500. Storage Unit at National Storage. There are a couple of storage units 2m x 2.5m available at \$108/month plus \$10/month for insurance. Once restrictions are eased, we can transfer our belongings to a larger unit. Question asked about whether the Club has any of Alan McCabe's money, previously proposed to donate to the Club to purchase a factory. Treasurer to check in with the previous Treasurer. If so, funds to be returned to Alan's family.

- **Membership Secretary: Peter Fraser** 197 members, which includes 127 full members, 56 associate members, and 14 life members. One new associate member - David Gilbert, his wife Olivia and 2 kids. Approved by the Committee. Membership Secretary to investigate process for changes for life membership for Alan McCabe's family.

- **Driver Training: Garry Single** Driver training is cancelled for this weekend. Still trying to get clarification on rules for Driver Training. Hoping to go ahead on 3rd December.

- **Editor: Heath Glass** Adobe license re-instated. Suggested to change license over to a simpler process, where the license is more streamlined. Alan McCabe's tribute to go into the next magazine

- **Land Coordinator: Steve Moon** Nothing to report. Plan to deliver new digital projector, picnic tables and swag platforms to Wandarrah in a couple of weeks. Also plans to dig the holes for the new retaining wall.

- **Trips Coordinator** Nothing to report

- **Webmaster: Jorgen Skogstad** Nothing to report.

- **Sgt at Arms: Dean Walker** (absent)

- **Publicity: Nick Redwood** 4WD show officially cancelled for 2021. Hopefully it will run next year. Awaiting further advice re COVID-19 roadmap before planning for the Christmas party.

- **Ord Member 1: Gary Moloney** Nothing to report

- **Ord Member 2: Steve Nugent** Nothing to report

### **General Business**

#### 1. COVID roadmap and implications for the Club

Discussion about what the new Phase B of the Victorian COVID roadmap, which come in to place 11.59pm 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2021 means for our Club and members:-

- For **members in metropolitan Melbourne** – members and can lead and participate in Club trips in and around Metropolitan Melbourne, with numbers capped at 15 people (including dependents) and masks worn inside and outside. Webmaster recommends members look at this link <https://live.getlost.com.au/> which shows the border between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria. As was the case previously, Trip Leaders must assume responsibility for ensuring all members abide by these rules
- For **members in regional Victoria** – members can lead and participate in Club trips, including but not limited to Wandarrah, with numbers capped at 20 people (including dependents) and masks worn inside and outside. As was the case previously, Trip Leaders must assume responsibility for ensuring all members abide by these rules.
- For **all members**, Club general meetings will continue online (via Zoom) as per the instructions released by City of Greater Dandenong Council.

In relation to Phase C of the Victorian COVID roadmap, which is anticipated to come into effect on or around 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, guidelines are vague at this stage. Once more information is available, further guidance will be distributed to all Club members. Committee to communicate changes to members and contact FWDV to see if there is any additional guidance. In anticipation that future Club trips will require proof of a member's vaccination status, the Webmaster will work with the Trips Coordinator to amend the online registration system in anticipation.

#### 2. Meeting start and finish times

Suggestion to start all meetings at 7.30pm and have a hard stop at 9.30pm. Committee in agreement. Further discussion about the format for meetings, with clear support for the use of Zoom for meetings. Suggestion that the Committee hold 4 meetings per year in-person at Noble Park (with a Zoom option) and all other meetings via Zoom. There was Committee support for this.

#### 3. Trophies for awards

Membership Secretary raised that the trophy supplier can no longer supply a trophy with a 4WD; and instead suggested the Club consider an alternate to a trophy, such as a perpetual trophy or honour board for each award category and life members (displayed at Wandarrah). In addition, it was suggested award winners receive a pin they can wear at Club events. Membership Secretary to investigate options and prices

**Meeting closed at 8.55pm**



# Committee

Committee for the year 2021-2022

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### FWDV Delegate

Neil Brydson



### FWDV Delegate

Tony Noble

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.



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