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General Meetings:

Meetings are held on the **first Wednesday of every month** (except January) at the Keysborough Senior Citizens Club, 352 Cheltenham Road, Keysborough. (Melways Map Ref 89 D9). **General and Committee Meetings commence at 7.30 PM Sharp.**

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Remember to include your name in the reference details.



From the Editor

Hello Members,

Welcome to the December edition of the club magazine.

This wraps up another year that has seen the club property subject to weather extremes.

Everyone taking a break over the festive season take care and enjoy.

Stay Safe,
Michael Dingli
Editor Nissan 4x4 Club of Victoria
editor@nissan4x4vic.com.au

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 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 2023

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

Annual Subscription of \$165.

Therefore a new members cost would be \$275 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.

Cover: Christmas Party
Photo by: Michael Dingli
Cover: Trips
Photos by : Heath Glass
Cover: Working Bee
Photo by Mark De Santis

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 Events:

Club events and trips are run through out the year. They 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 Events Coordinator ensures there is a good variety of events and trips available, from the Victorian High Country to the deserts of Central Australia - we have a lot to offer.



4x4 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.



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

David Armitage

Ash Heap

Phillip Hodges

Peter Ozols

Tony Withers

Graham Wright

Congratulate the following members for attaining Full Membership:

Ian Berryman

Kirrily Briet

Mangala Jayewardene

Clinton Lowden

Torben Svendsen



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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 an event or trip, 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.

25th Dec - 2nd Jan
Limitless: infinity

Trip Leader:
Amy Jones

Deni at Xmas

Hi guy's
The trip is based at the 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.
Please contact Amy Jones with any questions 0410 038 587 or Darren 0419 118 551







28th Dec - 1st Jan
Limit:

Trip Leader:
Heath Glass

NYE AT WANDARRAH

If you are looking for a getaway from everyone else going on holidays, Sarah and I will be at Wandarrah over the NYE period.
Not much planned as yet but if its hot then there will be water involved.
4x4ing is a given depending on weather.
So come on down for a relaxing few days in the quite bush.
Any questions just let me know.
Cheers.
Heath. (0433 123 143)








20th Jan 2024
Limit: ??

Trip Leader:
Steve Moon

Charity Poker Night

Hello members! I'm back from traveling and getting back into the swing of all things in Nissan 4x4 land. With the blessing of our community coordinator (Deb), I've decided to host a charity poker night at my joint in Mount Evelyn! This is a great opportunity for members to meet and mingle in a different environment and to kick back, relax and enjoy a night of fun..








26 - 28th Jan 2024
Limitless

Trip Leader:
Steve Moon

Australia Day at Wandarrah 2024

Saturday will be the main day of fun so dress to impress, costume or character. Prizes will be awarded for best outfit, worst outfit and most original.
So chuck some tinnies in ya esky, pack ya thongs and budgie smugglers and get in on the fun.








10th Feb
Limit:

Trip Leader:
Steve Moon

Gumbuya World

Hi All,
Thought it might be great to have a social relaxing day together at Gumbuya world. For those that haven't been there's a lot of activity's for both adults and kids alike. Refer to Trips on club website for full details.

23rd May - 24th
Jun 2024
Limit: 7

Trip Leader:
Tony Noble



KIMBERLEYS, KATHERINE & KINGS CANYON

2024 TRIP TO ALL THE MAIN LOCATIONS IN THE KIMBERLEYS AND A DROP INTO THE KATHERINE GORGE AND KINGS CANYON ON THE WAY HOME



	EASY	MEDIUM	DIFFICULT	VERY DIFFICULT
Overview Description	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.
Advisory Sign/Symbol	Green Circle	Blue Square	Black Diamond	Double Black Diamond
Expected terrain & track conditions	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.
Vehicle Suitability	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)
Recovery Equipment				Winch/Recovery equipment required.
Driver training experience	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.
Weather	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.



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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.



Trip Report

Melbourne Cup Weekend 2023 @ Wandarrah

Report By: Heath Glass

Date: 04/11/2023

Trip Leader: Heath Glass

Attendees:

Heath Glass Sarah Bounden

Kirrily Briet

Matt Callanan

Robert Forbes Zoe

Adrian Lilliot

Michael Massey Michela Massey

Tino Micari

Steve Nicholl

Gerard Werner

Andy Harding Sarah Harding

Tony Withers Jamie Withers

Rob Welsh



This was to be a relaxing weekend with some 4x4ing and golf.

I was not sure when I would do the 4x4 outing but everyone was keen to do it on Saturday as a few couldn't stay for the whole 4 days.

So it was settled and I finally got everyone together by late morning who wanted to get out as some just wanted to chill.

People on the 4x4 trip were:

- Heath Glass and Sarah Bounden
- Tony and Jamie Withers
- Matt Callanan
- Robert Forbes and Zoe
- Steve Nicholl
- Andy and Sarah Harding

As I hadn't been to Huggetts Crossing or done Lower Block track in a while this is where we were headed.

Tony was a new member of the club and was very green to 4x4ing so he tucked in behind me as he hadn't done driver training yet so I could guide him on those tricky places.

As anyone knows that going to Huggetts Crossing isn't that bad these days. It's all graded with just hills and valleys. But to a new driver it allows them to be getting used to what gear to be in before ascending a hill and controlling the car descending.

When we got to Huggetts the water was very low. You could clearly pick out the rocks you tell people to miss when they are submerged.



Everyone got a go at doing a loop to one side and then back again just because it was there. :)

Now on our way to Lower Block Track.

Lower Block track is very good for beginners as it has everything from water crossings, mud holes to tricky ascents. These aren't hard by any means but it does make people understand how to pick a line.



This track is so over grown someone needs to take a hedge trimmer to it. The black berries are crazy. Our poor paint. This also made the trip slower as concealed in the side bush were big sticks and logs and you don't need those denting your nice panels. So care was taken travelling this track.



Trip Report

Melbourne Cup Weekend 2023 @ Wandarrah

Report By: Heath Glass

After a few hours we reached Ben Cruachan track and the lookout. Andy and Rob headed back to camp and the rest of us headed up. This can be a tricky track as there are 3 or 4 rock steps and they change all the time. Thankfully they weren't that bad this time as I just needed to pick an easy line for the others to get up and we all got there no problems.

The view from the lookout is great as you can see other tracks we were on in the other mountains.

Once down the mountain, the track back is 2WD and only takes 1/2 hour so pretty easy from there.



The other days we just relaxed and did odd jobs around the property. Andy and I played 9 holes at Heyfield golf course. Yes we lost a few balls but always laughing.

Everyone had fun as mud always makes people smile, even when someone else is playing in it.

Now to start planning next trip. :)

Cheers
Heath.





Store Point Trail Maintenance Trip - 2023

Report By: Heath Glass

Store Point Trail Maintenance Trip

Date: 21/10/2023

Trip Leader: Heath Glass

Hi All,

Another Store Pint trip done.

We haven't visited this area since 2020 so I knew we had a big job on our hands and I was not wrong. Also with a few other extra jobs thrown in.

Rob and Steve got there Friday night and had a nice a peaceful evening. Sarah and I arrived Saturday morning.

Upon arrival we can see that the Store Point camping area as under gone major improvements. Looks awesome now and toilet facilities are second to none.

I took everyone around the track for a briefing and induction tour as Rob and Steve had not been there before, this is also a good time to cut any trees from the track with chainsaw.



We got all the small trees but 2 bigger trees will require a larger chainsaw so we will save those for the next trip.

Also had the task of relocating the Store Point trail sign but as we found out it was cemented into the ground and that was going to take some effort so we left that for later if we had time and energy left.

Rob and I were on whipper snippers and brush cutters while Sarah and Steve removed debris and did the raking. After a full days work we had around 1/2 the track cleaned and all the track brush cut and snipped.

Normally we would have the job finished but lots of debris made it a bigger job than usual and only 4 workers added to the work load.



As we all stayed the night this would be the first time it required a second day to complete the task.





So up and at-am the next morning to get this finished. With all of us just clearing the track we got it smashed out in 3 hours.

We were all pretty buggered when done so we had something to eat before the drive home.



Weather was not to bad. A bit of wind during the night with a light shower Sunday morning was good. You won't want it too hot as it can get tasking. I nearly stepped on two snakes (Tigers), amazing how they just look like sticks until you have you foot over them. Rob had a snake bite kit so all good there.



I'd like to thank Sarah Bounden, Rob Daley and Steve Carter for their amazing efforts and for doing the job of twice as many people. I always say more people the easier the job is.

We generally do this every 6 months but as we didn't have the time or man power to complete everything I might schedule one earlier so we can catch up on the work.

So keep a look out for the trip on the club web site and notifications as your help is very much appreciated for this task.

Cheers Heath





Working Bee

Photos By: Mark De Santis

Working Bee

Thanks again to all of the members who helped out with the last working bee for 2023.







Club Christmas Party - 2023

Report By: Michael Dingli

November 2023

The 2023 Club Christmas party was again a great success. Not sure which age group of kids had the most fun with no age limit on the activities leading up to the big man's arrival. Deb prayed for good weather and we luckily side stepped a storm.

You knew when Santa had arrived not only from the short burst of the fire truck siren but also by the very closely followed banshee like screams from the children. They went completely and utterly nuts.



The first place for the Christmas decoration dressed up camp site went to Sarah and Heath and second place to Fiona and David as voted by the kids, led by the clubs biggest small kid.

A slip and slide run was created which again had both small and larger kids make use of it.





A **big** thank you to all the organisers for the weekend, kids activities, the catering company, Newry CFA & SES, raffle organisers and the working bee team who the weekend prior got Wandarrah looking amazing.

Thanks, Michael

P.S. - I have a photo of nearly every child with Santa so if anyone wants theirs, please let me know :)











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The 'Aberfeldy Tracks' Project

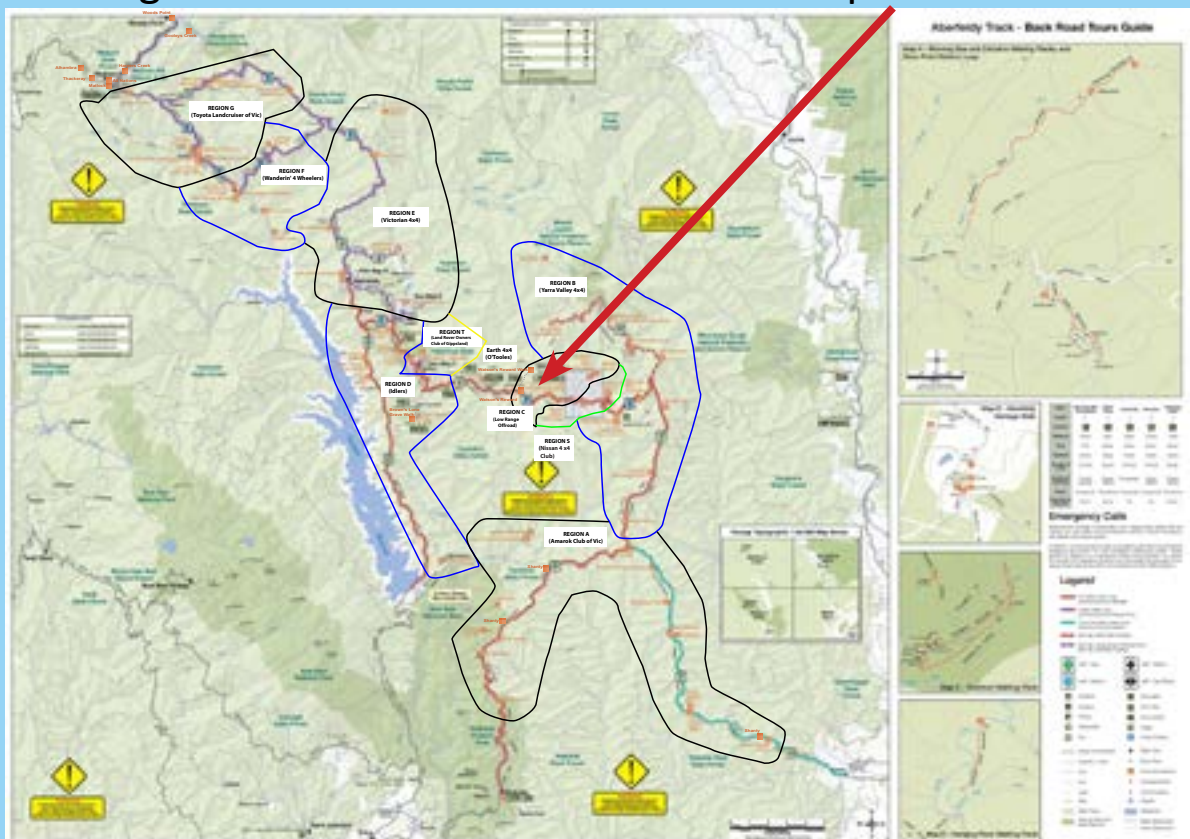
The West Gippsland Relic, Mining and Heritage Protection Inc are maintenance managers of the 'Aberfeldy Tracks' Project.

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 Victoria's 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

Map Showing location of Nissan 4x4 Club clean up area



Some of the clubs that volunteer their time





Information

How to Run a Club Trip

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

Once the Events 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 Events Coordinator (events@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 to 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 Events Coordinator prior to commencement and a completed trips participants form is also to be passed on to the Events Coordinator once the trip has been run.

All we ask is that you provide the Events 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.



General Meeting Minutes



November 2023 – General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 1st November 7:30pm

Meeting held at Keysborough Senior Citizens Club at 352 Cheltenham Road, Keysborough 3172

Apologies: Deb & Steve Nugent, Mick Massey, Michael J Batdorf (via facebook)

Guests# Peter & Kim

Approval of Previous Minutes# Rod Barnard, Neil Brydson

Business Arising from previous Meeting#

President David Van Leeuwen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David– has been a member since 2018 Looking forward to his new position as President. • Smoking near doors of club rooms – please remember to stay 6mtr from doors and dispose of butts in bin.
Vice President Matt Rollins	Nothing to report
Secretary Li-ane Pollard	Nothing to report
Treasurer Evan Wellard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financials for October, we Currently have \$50,348.75 in our NAB bank account, and \$1,700 of funds in our virtual credit card and postage float. • Our revenue for the month of October is \$1831.95 which compromises of \$136.95 raffles and fines, \$540 for Christmas at Wandarrah and \$1155.00 in Membership Subscriptions • Expenses for the month of October is \$1330.54 which Compromises of \$497.08 Catering costs, \$191.35 in Software costs \$163.40 For Storage Unit, \$93 for Hall Hire, \$224 FWDV Affiliation Fees, \$67.23 Wandarrah Repairs and Maintenance and \$37.51 PayPal/Bank Fees • Club Financial Statements will be on the website in the next few days
Membership Steve Moon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate members 45 • Full members: 126 • Life members: 14 • Total Voting Members: 140 • Total members: 185 • 20% for Quorum: 28 – reached <p>Question raised by member Sarah Bounden. Based on previous assessments that the membership number of 200 was required to ensure an appropriate level of fees coming in to match the outgoing fees and allow for funds to support the club, what plan is in place to support the increase of memberships to this level.</p> <p>Action item taken for feedback on this question to be provided to the members at the General Meeting in March 2004</p>



	<p>Magazines are almost completed online. Many thanks to Jorgen for his hard work on this even though I know he's been flat out with work. The remainder will be up within the week and a callout to members for copies of the missing ones.</p> <p>Badges No new member badges this month as the supplier hasn't sent yet. 25 year badge awarded to Clive Hinson.</p>
<p>Driver Training Darren Jones</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 people achieve their driver training – going back to issuing of certificates – congratulations to: Kirralee, Clinton, Harry, Tony & Michael. • Next driver training will be 1st quarter of 2024 date to be advised
<p>Editor Michael Dingli</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October magazine is now up on the website • Reminder to send photos, trips or anything for sale for next magazine which will be in Nov/Dec. • Also big thankyou to Heath for all his help in getting the magazine up on the website.
<p>Land Coordinator Mick Massey</p>	Absent
<p>Trips & Events Coordinator Tony Noble</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A couple of trips have been completed since our last meeting which included • Driver training • Store point maintenance trip • Club awards day • Upcoming trips include. • Silo trip this weekend. • Weekend at Wandarrah this weekend • Licola trip • November working bee which is on 18th and 19th Nov • Don't forget xmas party at Wandarrah on 25th and 26th of Nov • Please hurry if you want to register last minute so the catering can be fulfilled. • There are not many trips registered for next year so we all need to start thinking about some day trips and weekenders to get our members out and about. • As always please do reach out if you have any questions or queries on how to run a trip or need some thoughts or ideas on some routes to take.
<p>Webmaster Jorgen Skogstad</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .Audio for meeting stream is better this time around – working on microphones for attendees so members logging in can here questions • Working on another batch of magazines should come online this week. • SMS for GM had a bit of a glitch this time around – but hopefully now fixed.



<p>Sgt at Arms Mark DeSantis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will have all noticed the story board at the front entrance to the hall, thankyou to Lenny & Nicole for their great work – lots of photos to see. Also old Merchandise to buy – currently looking into refreshing the range with some new look Nissan merchandise in the new year. Happy to announce \$145.00 has been raised by raffles – no decision made on where club will donate money – looking at supporting people around Maffra/Wandarrah area. Still to be discussed by committee.
<p>Host Lenny Tucker</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Pack sample available for members to look through.
<p>Community Co-ordinator Deb Nugent (report provided by Steve Moon)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas party in 3 and a bit weeks on 25th November. Cost \$20 per adult and kids are free catered by Maffra Spit Company. Santa will make an appearance. Many games and activities for both kids and adults. Raffle prizes this year are insanelly good. Currently have 46 registered and 10 kids. The more the better. Cutoff in 2 weeks on 11th as we will need to finalise numbers by then. 20th Jan we have a poker night at Steve Moons House. Will likely just play for kicks as focus is to just get together socially in a local environment. If you don't want to drive home more then welcome to throw a swag up in my shed or back yard. Australia day weekend at Wandarrah – this year planning a special event at Wandarrah with different games and activities throughout the long weekend. So come along and have some fun at our awesome property.
<p>Ordinary Member 1 Gary Moloney</p>	<p>New keys and locks to be swapped at working bee or xmas party</p>
<p>Ordinary Member 2 Rob Barnard</p>	<p>Absent</p>

General Business:

- Reminder : If declared total fire Wandarrah - total fire ban is from midnight to midnight. – property will be closed at that time – and all other times, all fires to be in the fire pit areas only.
- Reminder - Snake season please be careful and keep your eye out. They will be out and about at this time of year.
- Children are to be supervised by their parents at all times.



Presenter# Treasurer

Update on changes made to the bylaws recently.

- 1- Chain saw use – must be with a used only by those with accredited certificate. Can be used on trips with out certificate.
 - Comment raised by member Kyle Baxter who raised the question as to whether committee had checked with the insurer if this would have future repercussion or result in denial of any claim made in the event of an injury occurring from chainsaw use on a club trip/event.
 - Steve Moon advised he had checked with Wayne Heavey (FWDVic) and that it was ok and Member Kyle Baxter sought clarification that the committee had not spoken directly to the insurer, Steve Moon advised that he had only spoken to Wayne (FWDVic).
 - Member Kyle Baxter advised that he had spoken with Melissa Cleeve (Affinity Insurance rep for FWDVic Personal Accident policy). Melissa had informed that while there is no explicit wording on the use of chainsaws in the policy and therefore there should be no direct impact to claims, however that in the interest of personnel safety and risk mitigation Affinity Insurance strongly encourage that all operators of chainsaws and other such equipment are deemed competent in their use. Steve M responded that the club would continue to encourage members to obtain and maintain competency in the use of chainsaws.
 - Comment raised by member Gary Lyons who questioned why the Bylaw was being changed, as the removal of the requirement for chainsaw operators on club trips/events to be certified exposes the Club and its members to increased risk. He asked the committee to provide an explanation of how this would benefit the club. Member Gary Lyons stated that the Bylaws are in place to protect the club and its members, and that this Bylaw should remain unchanged as it aids to reduce risk to the Club and its members on all club activities and trips, regardless of location.
 - Treasurer advised that the feedback would be reviewed and discussed by committee to determine if the change is appropriate.
- 2- Temporary membership fee – change was it will now be revised every year at the same time the membership fees are revised.
- 3- Guest requirement of a trip
 - Life member points table has had minor changes to the format and wording. The format now shows the groupings for all executive positions, Ordinary Committee and All 'Other' committee roles added. This is to ensure that changes to the bylaws are not required when changes to the roles occur with this committee.
 - Question raised by member Sarah Bounden. Noting that the changes including the statement that only 1 club officer role per membership accrues points per year, has the committee considered the issue of awarding two club awards per member such as club man and club women and how this would impact on points accrued towards life membership? Treasurer noted that this had not been considered and would be taken offline to discuss.
- 4- Action taken to provide feedback to the General Meeting in March 2024 on these items raised in relation to proposed changes to the bylaws and further consideration post comments by the membership.

Meeting Closed. 8.30

Final meeting for year Wednesday 6th December



Committee Meeting Minutes

Nissan 4x4 Club of Victoria Inc.

Committee Meeting

Wednesday 15th November via Google Meet

Meeting opened at 7:40 David Van Leewen as Chair.

Attendees: Matt Rollins, Evan Wellard Li-ane Pollard, Steve Moon, Mick Massey , Darren Jones, Michael Dingli, Mark De Santos, Jorgen Skogstad, Len Tucker, Deb Nugent, Gary Moloney, Rod Barnard, Tony Noble

Apologies:

Guests: Stephanie Swendsen, Nicole Tucker, Boyard Engels

Acceptance of Previous Minutes: Gary Moloney

- Reports

- **President – David Van Leewan**

- Steph – welcomed on to committee in the role of Marketing
- FWDV AGM representative – Evan & Neil have put there hands up to represent at upcoming meeting.
- Sub committee – Make sub committee to address issues that have been brought to attention by members at General Meetings.
- Chainsaw rules – provide more chainsaw courses and changing the information on the wording to the rules.

- **Vice President (Matt Rollins)**

- No report

- **Secretary (Li-ane Pollard)**

- No report

- **Treasurer (Evan Wellard)**

- Financials for November , we Currently have \$50,767.85 in our NAB bank account, and \$1,700 of funds in our virtual credit card and postage float.
- Our revenue for the month so far is \$1500- of which \$715 - New membership subscriptions, \$340 was Christmas Party Tickets and \$149.00 was from Raffles and fines, \$256.00 sale of merchandise at GM.
- Expenses for Month so far are \$854.40 – of which \$422,50 Defib Maintenance, \$302.50 replacement of key set for Wandarra, \$9.61 for catering at the GM, \$93.00 for hall hire, and \$26.79 for PayPal fees.
- Donations to Newry CFA Amount - \$500 Proposed to be same as last year - Approved.
- Donations to SES Maffra Amount - \$250 Proposed Amount – Approved.

- Evan proposed – annual donation from fines and raffles to be given to a representative in person at the Christmas party each year. With amount pre-approved each in year in the November CM.
- Possibly adding Heyfield Lions Club next year.

- **Membership (Steve Moon)**

- Associates: 45
Full Members: 126
Life Members: 14

- Total members: 185

2 new membership applications:

- Phillip Hodges – Approved
- Peter Ozols – Approved

1 members applying for full membership:

- Mangala Jayewardene – member since 2020 – Approved

Other Items

- Committee have agreed we will remove need to have a sign in sheet with the exception of AGM and special resolution meetings. – Approved
- Heath has requested a kids badge for one of members. Darren advised used to do this at the cost of the badge to the member. Current cost of badge is \$10. Steve to advise Heath.
- Storage Locker – only a few things left now – Steve will notify Evan when emptied and he will give notice to storage company. Estimated saving of over \$2000 a year.

Land (Mick Massey)

- Working bee 18th November : many items need to be repaired –
- Looks like a good one – many members already registered to lend a hand.

Driver Training (Darren Jones)

- No report

Editor (Michael Dingli)

- No Report

Marketing – (Stephanie Swendsen)

- Suggestion on best shows to attend for club representation. Evan to support steph about how best to move forward.
- Looking at member involvement to help at shows plus also committee members to take part.

Trips (Tony Noble)

- No Report

Webmaster (Jørgen Skogstad)

- GM+CM early reminders now active & working. Increasing use of the [make.com](https://www.make.com) integration platform. Thanks to Steve for doing the effort on member stats reporting

Temporary member. Use that as a separate member level in WA?

Will work with Steve to identify what is the best approach for this. May be that we have a temporary member category which then discounts a transition to an associate member as some clubs do.

Host (Len Tucker)

- Some of the old Merchandise to be used as raffle prizes.
- Camping fridge found in storage shed to be used for kids club. Approved

Community Co Ordinator (Deb Nugent)

- Christmas is booked & confirmed with Mafra Spit Roast 25th November.
- Len and Steve running kids game and activities. Raffle for kids - Approved

Sergeant at Arms (Mark DeSantos)

- Who will announce to members about sign in sheets at GM. -David will.
- Announcement about donation money to SES – Evan and David will speak about it

Ordinary Committee Members (Gary Molony & Rob Barnard)

- Garry – New keys for wandarrah to be handed out at working bee and xmas party.
- Rod – No updates

General Business

Introduction of Nicole to handle sale of club merchandise. Suggestion to discount old merchandise and look into introducing new line of clothing with help of member feedback starting in the new year. Maybe a suggestion box at the GM for member feedback .

Heaths brochure – to be updated by both Heath and David – Approved

Heath presentation on Wild Apricot application – work in progress between Heath and Jorgen for presentation.





- **Meeting closed: 9.45pm**











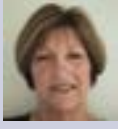

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Committee for the year 2023-2024

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

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