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What's happening?

11th December BBQ @6.30pm Meeting Starts @ 7.30 pm	General Meeting to be held at Club Rooms
22nd January @ 7.30pm	Committee Meeting
23rd Jan - 26th Jan 2020	Kelly's Hut Rebuild
Sunday 16th Feb	Go Karts & BBQ Lunch
21st—23rd February 2020	High Country Weekend
Easter 2020	Beachport
<p>If you have any trips or events you want to include please send an email to either the Trip Co-ordinator or Editor two weeks before the next General Meeting. Please: If you have any trip reports (past or present) send them through for inclusion in the magazine.</p>	
<p>For further info about upcoming Club Trips check the website: www.geelong4wdclub.org.au</p>	

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Monthly general meetings are held at the club rooms on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.
Abe Wood Reserve, Edgerton Rd, Lovely Banks
Visitors and new members welcome.

Please note there is no General Meeting for the month of January

During Daylight saving a BBQ precedes the meeting at 6.30 pm.

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THE PRES SAYS



G'day All,

We as we move into December and of course Christmas, the festive season is well and truly on us. Please take care on the roads on the lead up to Christmas and particularly if your going away on holidays. Just a reminder that we don't have a general meeting in January, the first one for 2020 will be in February. We do however have a committee meeting in January for those on committee.

I would like to thank all the committee members for their hard work this year and their commitment to our fine club.

So from myself and the rest of committee, I would like to wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Have a great Christmas everyone and see you all soon

Cheers Byron

President Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



Geelong 4WDClub

Meeting: General Meeting

Location: Abe wood Reserve Edgerton Road, Lovely Banks 13th November 2019

Agenda

1.Meeting opened @7.04 pm by Byron Willey

1.Welcome to everyone present

(President)

2.Welcome to any visitors. Sam and Harry and Bill.

3.Welcome to any new members

2.Apologies:

Beth Rogers, Renee Willey,Martin Brayshaw, Dave Purdie, Keith Murdoch, Ron Bastin,Jake Cook, Juanita Mountjoy and Matthew Mountjoy

3.Acceptance of the last General Meeting Minutes.

(President)

Moved:Ken Mellross

Seconded: Dave Hamann

Business arising from the Previous Committee Meeting Minutes:

No Business arising

Correspondence in:

(Secretary)

1.Recepit for the cleaning of the club rooms

2.We have had a formal letter from Chad Barnes resigning his position in committee

3.FWDV have sent the E Newsletter

4.Invoice from Kerr's Hire for the hire of 2 chainsaws for recent track clearing

5.Email from FWDV thanking clubs for volunteer work. A data collection form was sent so we can officially log all our volunteer hours

Correspondence out:

1.Previous minutes

2.Thankyou letter sent to Iron Man for hosting our October General Meeting

3.Drive Line Magazine

Acceptance of Correspondence in and out:

(Secretary)

Moved:AllieHamann

Seconded:Geoff Connors

Business arising from the Correspondence:

No Business arising

Treasurer's report: Tabled until December meeting

Editor:

Magazine is going along well, and we are getting some good contributions from members. Please keep sending in your photos and trip reports.

Regional Rep.

Track clearing. 12 people came along. We had 5 chainsaw ticket holders. Covered all our allocated tracks. Still 4 tracks to open. Dave may offer our services to clear those last 4 tracks. It was a successful day. Parks were happy with our efforts.

PRO.

No report

Association Rep:

No report

Social Co-ordinator:

1.BBq and night run on 22d Nov .

2.Go Kart on 16th Feb. All details are in the magazine

Trip Co-ordinator:

Trip reports were talked about. All new trips as per magazine

Web Master:

Plenty of trip photos have gone upon the web site

General Business:

1.Welcome Darren who is giving us a talk /presentation on snake awareness.

2.Report on FWDV AGM

3.We increased the fees from \$110.00 to \$115. This was to keep in line with the Association Affiliation fees. As it happens, we have not done this correctly. We should have increased our fees at an AGM in accordance with the model rules. The committee is now looking at how we can rectify this error. Committee will report back to members when we have a solution.

4.CPS Officer.

Danny -Sparks Cousins has advised that the Geelong 4WDClub has been accepted as an affiliated Vic Roads' Club Permit Scheme Club' allowing members to apply for club permit for qualifying vehicles(25 years or older, road worthy and not modified in a way that requires engineering).

Club committee is finalising club guidelines over the next few months.

Anyone interested in the Club Permit Scheme are welcome to contact Danny-Sparks Cousins, Dave Hamann or Bryon Willey for more information.

Meeting closed:7.46pm

Next General Meeting: 11th December 2019

Notice of General Meeting Geelong 4WDClub

Location: Abe Wood Reserve Edgerton Road, Lovely Banks

Date and Time: Wednesday February 12th, 2020 at 7.30pm.

AGENDA:

- 1.Meeting opening**
- 2.Apologies**
- 3.Acceptance of the minutes of meeting on 11th December, 2019**
- 4.Business arising from the Minutes**
- 5. Correspondence in**
- 6. Correspondence out**
- 7. Business arising from the correspondence**
- 8. Treasurers report**
- 9. Other Reports**
- 10. Notice of motion: Amendment to club membership fees.**

Background:

The committee made a decision earlier this year this year to increase the club membership fees from \$110 to \$115. This was because the fees had not risen for several years but the 4WD Association of Victoria affiliation fees has risen during this time. The committee has now realized that this membership increase is not in strict compliance with our Model Rules of Association. This was an error made in good faith, however it requires rectification should the club be audited.

One option would be to return the \$5 to each member who has paid this year's membership.

This while possible would be a tedious and very time consuming process. Alternatively we could deduct the \$5 from the memberships already paid and donate that sum to a worthy charity of the clubs choosing.

The committee proposes the latter.

Proposed motion:

That the club reconcile an error in membership fees for 2019-2020 (where \$115 was paid instead of \$110) by donating the additional \$5 per member to a charity chosen by the membership. This amounts to \$325.

Proposed by: Geoff Davey

Seconded by: Byron Willey

Note: a proxy form is attached and is also available on the club website, should members wish to appoint a proxy to vote on this or any alternate proposed motion.

11. General business

12. Date of Next meeting

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I, _____

(print name in full)

being a financial member of the Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club (Driveline Geelong Inc) with a voting entitlement, hereby appoint

(print name in full)

being a financial member of the Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club as my proxy to vote and speak on my behalf at the annual general /special general meeting of the of the Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club to be held on

My proxy is authorised to vote: *(Tick appropriate box)*

On any matter. My proxy is authorised to speak and vote on my behalf as he or she sees fit

For a Motion

Against a Motion

At his/her discretion on the following Motion and on any amendments to the motion which may arise

Enter details of Motion :

Signed _____

Date _____

CLUB NOTICES

MEMBER CONTENT

Members are invited to send through their photos and trip reports for our Driveline magazine and website. Most of us take a few photos whilst on a trip, Please send them through so all members can enjoy.

Send Magazine Content to: editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au

Send Website Content to: webmaster@geelong4wdclub.org.au

Be sure to regularly check the club website for news, upcoming trips, trip reports, photos and club forms.

www.geelong4wdclub.org.au

DON'T FORGET YOUR BADGE

Wearing your badge to all meetings, events and community activities makes it easier for everyone to become more personal and build friendships. It doesn't matter if you are a new or old member, please wear your badge.

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UPCOMING TRIPS

TRIP

23rd Jan—28th Jan 2020	Kelly's Hut Rebuild
Trip Leader	Warren Tedford
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Easy/Medium
Vehicle Limit	Unlimited
Meeting Place	TBA
Meeting Time	TBA
Essentials	All PPE Gear Basic Tools Pillows Bedding & Towels

TRIP

21st –23rd Feb 2020	High Country Weekend (Mansfield Region)
Trip Leader	Warren & Shez Tedford
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Easy/Medium
Vehicle Limit	Unlimited
Meeting Place	Buttercup camp 4 Buttercup rd Merrijig
Meeting Time	Friday 21st February
Essentials	Traveler Trip no Trailers, Standard Recovery Gear, Good ATS Min, Snorkel

TRIP

10th—13th April 2020	Easter Weekend Beachport
Trip Leader	Matt & Juanita Mountjoy
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Easy/Medium
Vehicle Limit	Unlimited
Meeting Place	TBA
Meeting Time	TBA
Essentials	Standard Recovery Gear, Sand Traks And Flags

Funny Caption Contest

Come up with the funniest caption for the photo below and you could win a Club Voucher for use at the bar. Please send your funny caption entry to the Editor at editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au



Funny Caption Award
November 2019 Allie Hamann



MONTHLY MEMBER AWARDS

Door Prize Winner
November 2019 Kelvin Rogers



PYST N BROKE AWARD
November 2019 Geoff Davey



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HOWS THAT HUT

Upper Jamieson Hut

Elevation: Approximately 778 metres above sea level.

Upper Jamieson Hut is located beside the very picturesque Jamieson River.

The track that leads down to the hut is off Brocks Road on a tight bend in the road. Access to Brocks road is through Sheep yard Flat.

This track can be slippery and difficult to drive if the track is wet. There is one crossing to reach the hut.

The hut was first built in 1938/1940s by renowned local bush craftsman Fred Fry using his unique method of building.

Fred camped here while working for the Forestry Commission.

By the early 2000s the hut had become very run down and in 2008 was restored to how it is today.

Camping is permitted around this hut. It is a very secluded located and the fishing is also great here.

During the winter the gate at the top of the track is closed as part of the Parks Victoria seasonal closures.

Shez



Original Upper Jamieson

TRIP REPORTS

Melbourne Cup High Country Trip.

Trip leader: Dave Purdie.

Dates Friday 1st to Tuesday 5th November

Five vehicles set off from the BP Avalon on Friday at 9am; Dave, Ross and David, Geoff and Peter, Martin and Paul and Mark. Martin's car had been running a little hot, but he was hoping the problem had been fixed. We topped up fuel at Healesville and then on to the Marysville Bakery for some lunch. From there we headed down Big River Road to Vennells Camp on Big River, arriving just after 1pm. Unfortunately Martin's car was still overheating in the hills on the way.

After setting up camp, Martin and Paul decided to do some fishing in the river for the afternoon. The other four vehicles set out to scout a couple of the nearby tracks down Frenchmans Creek Track. These included No 1 and No 2 Shortcuts and the more difficult Atico Track, off Boundary Track. We all managed to drive Atico although it was a challenge for the two 200's. Of note the track was dry with good grip. This was not the case when we returned 2 days later.

After collecting some firewood we returned to camp where we were joined by Bruce, the Mountjoys and old club members Wayne and Yvonne Clayton who are well known to many in the club. This completed the full complement of 8 vehicles. The forecast for the high country was rather daunting with anything up to 50 or 100mm of rain expected, depending on who you listened to. Ross insisted that if we didn't talk about it, it wouldn't happen! We went with that theory and settled into some compulsory overtraining on the first night.

The rain held up overnight, so we secured the camp and set off the next morning. The first track was a long uphill grind off Big River Rd, east of the camp. Unfortunately this found Martins car overheating again and he had to turn back and later abandon the trip altogether, which was disappointing. At about this time it was starting to rain. We completed the climb to Boundary Track and then the corresponding long descent down Pages Road. Then it was on to the Cambarville Logging Track before a quick deviation up Ryans Spur Track to check out Ryans Spur Hut. The club was involved with the restoration of the hut a couple of years ago through Shez and Warrens involvement with the High Country Huts Association. Ross was a part of that team also. We then did a loop on Corn Hill Rd past Corn Hill and Mt Matlock and continued to McAdams Gap and our previous snow trip accommodation site at "The Gap" before stopping for lunch in mist and rain at an old quarry site.

After lunch it was on to Frenchmans Spur Track heading back to camp. The day before, we had noticed some cut wood left in a camp close to Vennells. To save Dave from getting his chainsaw off the roof rack in the rain, we stopped to collect that wood. Dave had an ethical dilemma with this as he regarded it as a form of piracy. Dave was out voted and the wood was duly collected. We are still waiting for the mutiny charges to be laid by the trip leader! There had been steady rain all day but when we checked the radar from time to time (when there was reception) it looked like the worst of it had passed to the South of us. On arrival in camp by 3pm (good work Dave) the camp site looked like it had seen more rain than we did on the tracks. In particular Bruce's swag looked like a river had run through it and it was very wet inside; not happy Jan! Bruce decided to pull the pin and head home which was the second disappointing end to the trip.

While some were happy to be in camp early. Dave, Ross, Wayne and Yvonne had to do "one last track", or two? You guessed it Wayne drove a stake inside his side step which did some sill and panel damage and had to be chain sawed to get it out. Meanwhile the "boy scouts" set about lighting a fire for the night with soaking wet wood. This was not easy but with a lot of tenacity and considerable axe work splitting the logs, Will Mountjoy managed to get the fire going which was much appreciated by all.

Fortunately the rain stopped overnight which made the morning breakfast and pack up much easier. The highlight of the morning was a return to the Atico track which, after the rain, was now more slippery than two days earlier. There are three sections to the track with the middle one being the most difficult. We all drove the first section with a little difficulty in some cases. The second section starts with a big rock step. The writer confesses to looking at it and asking the question of his co-pilot "did we really drive that Friday?" It looked much more daunting in the gloom and the damp, so we "chickened out", with the rationalization that we drove it 2 days ago anyway! Mathew and Mark followed suit. Dave had already been up, noting it was more difficult on this occasion. Ross had to winch up the rock step which is most unusual. Wayne then made it look relatively easy. Peter had heard of Wayne's driving prowess from the previous campfire stories and was heard to comment that "world order had been restored". Wayne smiled as if to agree!

From Atico we made our way East on Boundary track passing North of Woods Point and past Mt Selwyn, then North East on South Road and Morris Road to reach Black Soil Gully Track which leads to the Macalister River. Black Soil Gully Track was winding with a few slippery sections. We crossed the Macalister and followed Pine Creek Track where, after a couple of river crossings we found a small camp site on Pine Creek. The main excitement there was the local bullants wandering through the camp and across the swags This was good incentive to make sure they were well zipped up. The rain held off overnight and in the morning which was nice.

Monday morning we set off for Butcher Country. The first obstacle was to return across the Macalister which had a steep, slippery bank on the other side. This was achieved with no winching (to my surprise). Then it was North along the Macalister with 3 of 4 more river crossings leading to the long climb at the start of the Butcher Country Track. There are some fantastic views at the top of the climb which we stopped to admire. We continued and made good time to reach the North end of Butcher Country track for lunch just after 1pm. However 400 metres from the lunch stop we encountered two young ignorant drivers who did not slow or move over adequately to pass. Geoff slowed and put a wheel on the verge of the track only to puncture a side wall on an unseen rock; most annoying to understate it.

With that behind we had lunch in a grassy area at the top of the track.

After lunch Wayne and Yvonne said their goodbyes and headed north back to their farm. It was nice to meet some previous longstanding club members and have them participate in one of our trips. After a brief stop at Howitt Hut, we continued South down the Caledonia River Track. The South end of the track is particularly beautiful as the track winds through the river valley with its tall trees and several river crossings. Then there was a particularly long steep grind out of the river valley on Dingo Hill Track. This is a climb with about 700 meters of elevation rise over about 3 kilometers of track. We found a nice grassy area to make camp on a stream near the end of Dingo Hill Track. All was good as we arrived into camp just after 4pm. We set up camp, collected firewood and lit the fire to settle in to our last evening. Then it rained (unexpectedly) all night! Dave could have kept it quiet because no one saw, but he self reported falling in the river! The hardy members then gathered around the campfire in the rain for our last evening.

In the morning we cruised into Licola and then home through Heyfield and Traralgon.

Thanks to Dave for leading another of his now famous Melbourne Cup weekend High Country trips and to the club members, ex members and visitors who made it a really enjoyable and social weekend...oh and there was good driving as well.

Report by Geoff Davey



Club Xmas Party 2019

This year we held our Club Xmas party down at the Gellibrand Caravan Park. This park is close to tracks in the Otways which gave plenty of options for some drives. Most arrived Friday afternoon and after settling in gathered around a great camp fire.

On Saturday 2 trips went out.

We lead 1 convoy of 11 vehicles for an easy sightseeing cruise through the beautiful Otways.

.Our first stop was Stevenson Falls. A nice easy walk through lush forested tracks The falls were quite spectacular, with plenty of water flowing over them.

Our next stop was to the magnificent Californian Red gum forest near Hopetoun Falls. These massive trees are definitely worth a visit.

After lunch here we began our way home, gathering some fire wood on our way. On our final track we came across a section of track that was quite boggy and gave an fun and interesting finish to our day. Thanks to all those who came along it was a great family day very relaxing and a lot of fun.

Shez







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Here comes Santa.

At 6pm Saturday Santa arrived into the Caravan Park to the delights of the children. Santa gave out all the gifts and goodies engaging with the children and being extremely funny. Good job Santa, you were fantastic.

Thanks to Gellibrand CFA for bringing Santa into the park on one of their fire trucks.

Then it was time to get dinner organised. We had a great selection of food. Thanks to our cooks and to everyone who bought some very delicious food to share. The night continued with the usual camp fire chatter. It was a great weekend away. Plenty of fun with great people.

Shez and Warren



GO KARTS ARE BOOKED

Sunday 16th Feb

Race 1 - 11am -12pm (arrive at 10.20)

Race 2 - 1pm -2pm

\$70 per person per race

At least 12 people per race, if you want to race in both you can, just let me know.

Club will supply a BBQ lunch & soft drinks between races, spectators welcome. Let me know numbers for catering.

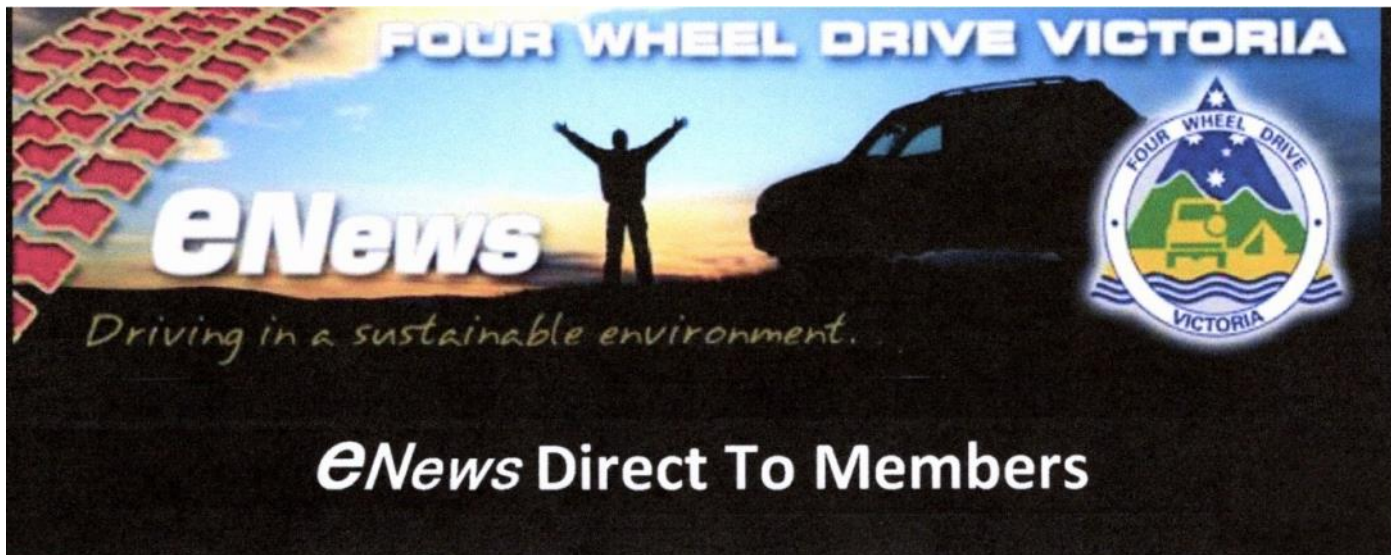
All team races need to be 18+

(If any under 18 would like to race on the day contact Allie for details)

Cheers Allie

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The latest news from Four Wheel Drive Victoria

NEW - Direct To Member ENEWS

As a result of our members survey earlier this year it was very clear from members feedback that they would like to see direct communication from the association via email. This ENEWS is the new direct to members format which enables members to opt in or opt out. You only need to opt in if you have received this email from your club committee.

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Four Wheel Drive Victoria Wins Regional Achievement Award

Congratulations to all our club members and families who participated in the wide array of volunteer work over the last year or so. Your hard work has been recognised at the recent Victorian Regional Achievement and Community Awards held in early October at a gala evening at the Flemington Racecourse. We have been finalists now three out of the last four years and this year brought home the trophy!

The award we achieved was the Parks Victoria Environmental and Sustainability Award. This award recognised all the volunteer work performed by our many club volunteers working on activities such as Camp Host, Clean Up the Bush, Track Clearing, specialized community support, high country hut maintenance along with many other volunteer activities including educating the general public about Driving in a Sustainable Environment and Treading Lightly at the many shows attended across the state.

It was a delightful evening of recognition made possible by the tireless effort put in by Geoff Kenafacke of the Midweek 4WD Club, in collecting and documenting the enormous hours from all our wonderful clubs. The award presentation and winners were broadcast across many media channels including social media, The Weekly Times and Prime 7 regional TV network giving Four Wheel Drive Victoria's achievement wide exposure. You can check out the stories on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/VICRACA/> and The Weekly Times <https://www.weeklytimesnow.com.au>

Have You Got a Story To Tell?

The next Trackwatch Magazine is coming in December and we need some great articles about your 4WD club activities. If you have an article or trip report that is worth sharing we would love to see it. Also any photos of club activities would be great too. For further information just contact the office on 98747222 or email to projects@fwdvictoria.org.au

Annual General Meeting of Four Wheel Drive Victoria

The Annual General Meeting for the Victoria Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc T/as Four Wheel Drive Victoria is to be held on **Monday 11th November, 2019** in the Springbank Room of the Manningham Hotel, 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen commencing at 7:30pm.

We strongly urge your Club to consider the importance of the AGM and have your Delegate(s) present or represented by Proxy at the meeting to achieve a quorum. All details have been sent to all your club committees. This meeting is open to all Club members. Dinner and drinks will be available at hotel prices from 6:00pm.

To assist us with AGM seating arrangements please RSVP by Thursday 7th November, 2019. Email office@fwdvictoria.org.au or phone 03 9874-7222.

Closed Facebook Group

Just a reminder that we have a great members only Facebook Group.

To keep up with what your Association, Clubs and Members are up to just find us on Facebook and submit your request, make sure you answer the questions and you will be easily accepted.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/193808978161976/?ref=bookmarks>

Don't Forget Those Volunteer Hours

To ensure we meet our volunteer KPI's with the Government we need to make sure that clubs and members record any volunteer work that you are involved with. Volunteer work includes simple things like clearing fallen trees as well as track clearing, camp host, clean up the bush and any other charity or volunteer work your club does. You can easily download the volunteer data collection forms from our website or from our Closed Facebook Group page.

Have You Logged In Yet?

Our website has a members log in area that many members will be familiar with. In this area you will find all sorts of member resources such as access to Members Calendar, MVO Track Access packs, Track Permits, Trip Leader Guidelines, Temporary Membership Forms, Personal Details forms, Liability Waiver Forms, Instructor applications etc. To log in we will need to have your email address that your club has provided. You will then need to set up a password, your user name is automatically generated and is usually your name as one word in lower case e.g. johnsmith. Your username is linked to the email address we have on record. You then follow the process for forgotten password and set up your new preferred password. If you have a problem with this just email the office for assistance at office@fwdvictoria.org.au

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CONVOY PROCEDURES

At the commencement of the trip, the Trip Leader shall arrange the convoy order and nominate a vehicle to be last in the convoy (Tail End Charlie). All vehicle shall stay in the convoy order unless directed otherwise by the Trip Leader.

COMMUNICATIONS

Convoy communication shall be by the designated CB Radio or UHF Radio channel selected. The nationally recognized 4WD convoy channel is Channel 10 on both AM and UHF frequencies.

Our club uses channel 12 UHF.

If you are unable to make radio contact, flash your headlights onto the vehicle ahead. This is a signal for the rest of the convoy to stop.

Keep unnecessary chatter on the radio to a minimum when navigating difficult areas.

If in doubt of the best / safest way to proceed through hazards / obstacles, ask the Trip Leader or more experienced driver for advice. Remember you probably won't be the only one experiencing difficulty.

Acknowledge all radio calls from the Trip Leader.

TRAVELLING

Keep the vehicle behind you in view at all times and at any decision point (corner, deviation, and obstacle):

- Wait for the following vehicle.

- Indicate where to go (use indicators if appropriate).

- When acknowledgment is received, then proceed

Drive at your COMFORTABLE and SAFE speed. Generally, keep 4-6 vehicle lengths distance between vehicles and keep the convoy moving.

On steep inclines / obstacles:

- Proceed one vehicle at a time. on very steep or difficult terrain:

- Call the next vehicle through when you are clear.

All gates are to be left as they were found. The Trip Leader is responsible to ensure that the last vehicle knows to leave the gate open or closed.

Vehicles should not leave the convoy other than in exceptional circumstances and before doing so must obtain approval from the Trip Leader.

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