



# Victoria Police Four Wheel Drive Club Newsletter

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## President's Report - August 2005

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at Bells Hotel and there was a number of changes to the Committee.

Geoff Robinson had to stand down from the Vice President position due to work commitments, he has been replaced by Marcus Nash. Cameron Sanderson stood down from the Treasurer position with Barbara Tabaka replacing him. Debbie Kayler-Thomson has in turn gone into Barbara's vacant Secretary job. With the splitting of the Activity and Training Coordinator job into two positions and Marcus becoming VP, Ron Levett and Corey Kelly took on the Activity and Training Coordinator positions respectively. Steve Aicher has replaced Justine Phelan as the Public Relations Officer. See page 2 for the full Committee list.



I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all club members to thank the out going Committee members for the work they have put in over the last twelve months. I know that all members have appreciated the time and effort they have put in to help get the club going.

I have recently sent out a questionnaire to all members; this was prompted by the resignation from the club of two members whose personal circumstances has made it difficult to participate in club activities. On receiving their resignations I felt it was a good idea to get some feedback from them on how they thought the club is running and how it could be improved. This, of course, should not be limited to people leaving the club so the questionnaire has been sent out to all members. It is not long and involved so it should only take you a couple of minutes to complete. You only need to put some dot point responses down.

Remember, this is your club. This is another way to have your say to help make it become a very good club.

The club has just taken delivery of a satellite phone for use on club trips. The phone is an important piece of safety equipment and its first use will be on the up coming club trip to Cape York by the Aichers and Tabakas in August.

And talking about club trips, the calendar is again looking good with a few trips planned for the next few months but you need to keep up the trip planning as there are none on the calendar after September at the moment.

This is actually a good idea and is now being promoted by Telstra.

Following the disaster in London . . . East Anglian Ambulance Service have launched a national "In case of Emergency ( ICE ) " campaign with the support of Falklands war hero Simon Weston.

The idea is that you store the word " I C E " in your mobile phone address book, and against it enter the number of the person you would want to be contacted "In Case of Emergency". In an emergency situation ambulance and hospital staff will then be able to quickly find out who your next of kin are and be able to contact them. It's so simple that everyone can do it. Please do.

## Upcoming Trips:

- 19th–21st August  
Otway / Otway Fly Trip
- 29th –31st August  
Dargo Sight seeing (Mid Week)
- 5th Sept Victoria Police Sports Awards Night (Wed Night)
- 17th–18th Sept  
Little Desert

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## President's Message Continued...

For more than one contact name ICE1, ICE2, ICE3 etc.

That's all for now.

**Wayne Morgan**  
**President**

### NEW COMMITTEE

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## Four Wheel Drive Radio – Stereo 97.4 FM

Four Wheel Drive Victoria takes great pleasure in announcing that the Four Wheel Drive Radio show at 10.00am on Saturdays is now available via the internet!

For all of those people who were not able to pick up our radio broadcast on their radio due to its community broadcast location in Melbourne's western suburbs, you can now listen to it each Saturday morning via your computer. To do this, please follow these simple instructions.

Log on to their website <http://www.fwdvictoria.org.au/> and on the Latest News page click on STEREO 974, or go directly to <http://www.stereo974.com/> (Stereo 974 Homepage). Click on Winamp Media Player and download the free program to listen to radio broadcasts.

Once you have installed Winamp Media Player it is only a matter of going to the Stereo 974 Homepage and click on the "On Air Now " button.

Please note: For those people who wish to listen to past editions of the Four Wheel Drive Radio Show, these are still available for download from the RADIO SHOW page of our website.

Happy listening everybody!

### *Editor's Note:*

*This is the last newsletter I will be preparing thanks to Steve Aicher (MFB) graciously accepting nomination as the new Public Relations Officer.*

*With a Thesis underway, I need all the spare time I have and further, am not prepared to risk losing the lot because of a virus.*

*Thank you all for your time & contributions.*

*Regards*

*Justine Phelan*



## To All Four Wheel Drive Clubs & 4WDDrivers

### Re : **Advanced Winter 4WD Driving Course 2005**

We are advising all clubs and four wheel drivers that the Winter Advanced Driver Training Course will be held on the weekend of Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th September this year, at Rawson via Moe. **Participants must be able to arrive on the Friday night.** Accommodation for this course has been booked at Rawson Village. (Note that you must bring your own linen and pillow, unless you hire it at the advertised rate, so a sleeping bag and pillow is a good idea) This course is only open to drivers who have already completed an Association or Club Proficiency Course and have gained a reasonable amount of 4WDing experience.

#### **Vehicle requirements:**

Dual range 4WD.

Full tank of fuel at Moe.

Off-road tyres like BFG Mud Terrains.

Wheel chains are optional and if carried ensure they fit. There will be a chain fitting exercise.

UHF Radio (Loan UHF radios will be available)

Rated tow points front and rear but no low slung towbar hitches.

Recovery gear: shovel, snatch strap, tyre gauge.

If winch equipped: dampener, tree protector, gloves.

Ground sheet, (light tarp), (8'x4') with two long octopus straps so that it can be used on the front of the car for water crossings.

Spares for a weekend trip: fanbelt, tools, jack and jacking plate, wheel brace, radiator hoses, other spares deemed essential for diesel and petrol engine 4WD's on a weekend trip.

#### **Personal equipment:**

First aid kit.

Warm clothing and an extra change of trousers, socks and warm sturdy footwear.

Gloves, coat and hat.

Toiletries and medicines.

Thermos and lunches (you can order them on from the pub).

#### **Experience level:**

All attendees should have done our 4WD Proficiency course.

#### **Costs are:**

Each trainee - \$330.00 (Inc GST) each including two nights accommodation. If you are bringing your partner an extra \$66.00 (Inc GST) to cover the cost of the extra bed.

All applications will be checked for suitability of both driver and vehicle to complete the course. Vehicles deemed not roadworthy will not be permitted on the course.

Regards,

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## Trip Reports

### TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS

The trip to Southern ARB recently was cancelled due to the small number of members who had indicated they were going. The decision to cancel was not made lightly but was reached because Southern ARB were organizing a number of industry representatives to talk to us and were also putting on a BBQ. As only 5 members had indicated their intention to go, this number was seen as an embarrassment to the club and the decision to cancel was made.

However it was later found that a number of other members were intending to go but had not notified me that they were. If I had been told the trip probably would not have been cancelled.

IF YOU INTEND ON GOING ON ANY CLUB ACTIVITE YOU MUST INFORM THE TRIP LEADER ON YOUR INTENTION TO ATTEND.

It is not hard to hit the reply button on the email when you receive it or go to the club website for the Trip Notice which has the Trip Leader's email address if you have forgotten who the Trip Leader is.

IF YOU HAVE NOMINTATED TO ATTEND AND NEED TO CANCEL THEN YOU MUST ALSO NOTIFY THE TRIP LEADER ON YOUR INTENTION TO CANCEL OTHERWISE THEY WILL WASTE TIME WAITING FOR YOU.

Yours Sincerely

Marcus Nash

Vice President



## Trip Reports

### ARB FACTORY TOUR

On the 20th of July, 5 members of the club arrived at the National HQ of ARB, in Kilsyth for a tour of the facility.

After waiting for over half an hour for the remaining members to arrive, it was agreed to continue without them (eight members who said they were going didn't attend).

The tour started with a look through the design and engineering section, where all of the designing and drawing of ARB's products world wide is done. They had a couple of cars from America to spec all their products to fit them.

From there it was on to the main production factory where we witnessed the steps involved in the manufacture of ARB's bull bars from starting as a flat sheet of steel, to the finished painted product. In doing this, we were able to witness the robotic machines cutting out the components required from the flat sheet of steel, as well as a robotic finishing (polishing) machine, that rubs back all of the rough sections of weld on a component, prior to the bar being assembled.

The walk through the factory also took in the assembly section set aside for the ARB compressors, which remarkably is all done by hand.

The end of the tour finished with us all in the show room discussing various aspects of ARB's equipment and 4WD's in general.

All members who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and I think is fair to say, were amazed at the size of the facility, and the fact that all of ARB's products, with the exception of their suspension products, are made on site at the Kilsyth facility.

Finally, ARB's support of the club must be acknowledged, in the donation of an ARB recovery kit. This came about through an enquiry of Wayne's into the purchase price of a recovery kit to be used in Club 4WD training.

Report by

Corey Kelly

Training Coordinator

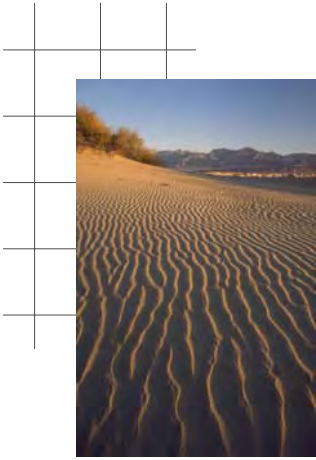


## Trip Calendar

Date	Details	Rating	Trip Leader
19th to 21st August	Cape Otway / Otway Fly Friday to Sunday Minimum Driving Standard: Must be Proficiency Trained	Moderate to Difficult	Rod & Debbie Kayler - Thomson Phone: 9247 6372 Mobile: 0409 990 486
29th to 31st August	Dargo High Plains Sight Seeing	Moderate to Difficult	Ron Levett Phone: 5367 6138 Mobile: 0412 480 917
4th Sept	Snow Bimble  Depart from Marysville around 0900 Minimum Driving Standard: Must be Proficiency Trained	Fun	Robert Pepper  Phone Mobile: 0408 226354  Email: robert@peppernet.org
5th Sept	Victoria Police Sports Awards Night—Moonee Valley Race-course Function Room 1900 for 1930  Tickets \$50 p.p inclusive 3 course meal, wine beer & soft drinks	Fun	Wayne Morgan  Phone: W: 9247 6759 M: 0417 054 108
10th Sept	Navigation Training Course Mount Disappointment No Nav experience required other than a willing attitude & sense of humour Minimum Driving Standard: Must be Proficiency Trained	Moderate	Robert Pepper  Phone Mobile: 0408 226354  Email: robert@peppernet.org
17th to 18th September	Little Desert Weekend Trip Depart from Melton 0800	Easy to Medium Sand driving only	Wayne Morgan  W: 9247 6759 M: 0417 054 108  Email: webdmorg@alphalink.com.au
4th Dec	Kids in the Bush: Cystic Fibrosis Depart from Marysville 0800	Fun	Robert Pepper  Phone Mobile: 0408 226354  Email: robert@peppernet.org

For Full Trip Notices & All Details, Please Visit:

[www.victoriapolice4wdclub.org.au](http://www.victoriapolice4wdclub.org.au)



## The following businesses offer discounts to all Victoria Police 4WD Club members.



Numerous locations throughout Australia  
Produce TJM Members Privilege Card available from the club President

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