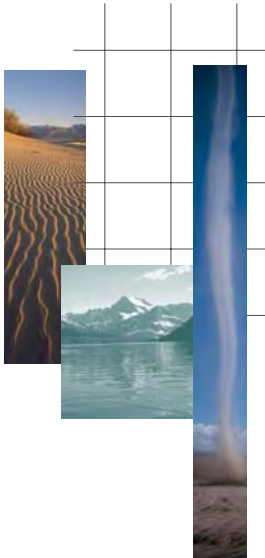




# Victoria Police 4WD Club Newsletter

May & June 2005

Edition Seven



## Presidents Message

The June Club Meeting was very productive; the membership decided on the club's logo and voted to introduce the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Member of the Year Award By-Laws and we held a small raffle for the first time at a meeting thanks to a donation for a club members only raffle by Piranha. As other items are donated they will also be raffled at our meetings.



### Sergeant-at-Arms

A Sergeant-at-Arms will be appointed for each club trip or activity, it will not be the same member all the time so the Sergeant will change for each trip or activity, which means everyone will get a go at it. The Trip Leader will nominate the Sergeant for the trip, the President will nominate a Sergeant for each meeting and the committee will nominate someone to the role for other activities. The only club activities where a Sergeant will not be appointed is club training courses or activities.

The Sergeant can levy fines of up to a dollar for any incident; to a maximum of five dollars. The fines should be levied in a friendly and light-hearted manner, which will add an extra bit of fun to the occasion.

The Sergeant will collect all fines and keep a note of the fines levied. The Sergeant must ensure the fines get to the Treasurer and the list of fines to the President.

At the end of the award year (1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> April) the Club Member with the highest amount of fines will be awarded the Victoria Police Four Wheel Drive Club - Royal Flying Doctor Service Award, which will be presented at the Club's Annual Dinner in June.

### Logo

This is the club's logo. The overall voting was close with only one point separating first from second, however on first votes only, this design received seven votes and the next two designs received three each. The logo will now be given to a graphics art firm to work up a professional image and return it to us in the various computer formats i.e. gif, tif, jpg, bmp and hopefully in the various formats used to embroider onto material. After that we will be getting club nametags and clothing.



### Member of the Year Award

The Member of the Year Award system awards members with points for participating in club activities, Leading Trips, providing reports, photos or items for publication in the Newsletter and website, gaining sponsorship for the club or performing other duties or service to assist in the management and progress of the club. For full details of the Sergeant-at-Arms and Member of the Year Award refer to the Club By Laws (amended 1/6/05) which has been separately emailed to all members.

The levying of Sergeant-at-Arms fines and the awarding of Member of the Year Award points will commence operation in July.

### Pets on trips

The June meeting also saw a spirited discussion in relation to whether pets (that is; dogs) should be allowed to be taken on club trips or activities (except of course, where the trip or activity is to an area where pets are prohibited i.e. National Parks). At the conclusion of the sometimes emotional discussion, a sensible compromise was reached where pets are now allowed on club trips but the Trip Leader can prohibit them being taken on his/her particular trip.

This result will see trips being organised to cater for the needs of all club members.

## Upcoming Trips:

- Club Meeting 6/7/05.
- Guest Speaker  
"Which Fridge When"  
food packing & travel
- Victoria Police  
Mounted Branch Open  
Day for Victoria  
Police 4WD Club  
members, their  
families & friends,  
South Melbourne
- 'Up the Creek' Rally  
at Swifts Creek -  
VP4WD Club Members  
only

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## President's Message Continued

### First Annual Club Dinner

The Club's First Annual Dinner was held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June at Yiannis Tavern in High Street, East Kew. With 30 people attending (19 club members) everyone had a great night. The food was delicious and of course the beverages hit the spot. A thank you goes to Cameron Sanderson for making the arrangements for the night. For those members that couldn't make it make sure you mark the calendar for early June next year, you won't be disappointed.

Well that's it for now, see you at the next meeting or on a trip.

Wayne Morgan  
President



Club Members from L—R Marcus Nash, Wayne Robson, Geoff Robinson & Cameron Sanderson



Club members from L—R Steve Aicher, Gary Egan, Sue Egan & Mick Barry



## 22nd May Mount Disappointment Trip *by Wayne Robson*

Early Sunday morning found us converging on our meeting point at the Craigieburn bakery for a pre-trip briefing, coffee and cakes. A very civilized way to start any trip! Robert Pepper had organized a bit of a wander around Mt Disappointment to discover new tracks and to help locate and mark any old vehicle wrecks that had been dumped in the forest.



A grand total of 7 vehicles with 10 people on board then headed off on the short bitumen section before the turn off at Wallan and onto the dirt. All of the vehicles made short work of the first hill although the gremlins struck early with Wayne Morgan quickly reporting a "small problem" after stopping to admire the view. Apparently the battery terminals had decided to slacken off and so there was no spark. A quick hit with the trusty shifter, a couple of well chosen words and it was off again.

The next couple of hours were fairly uneventful allowing us all the opportunity to enjoy a casual drive through the forest catching the occasional view through the trees. We came across two dumped cars thoughtfully left in the forest which Robert photographed and marked with the GPS so that recovery could be made at a later date.

### Upcoming Event:

- Club Meeting 6/07/05 & guest speaker

"Which fridge When"  
Tony Shaw from Waeco  
6/07/05 at Bells Hotel,  
South Melbourne

A steep, deeply rutted, slippery track that Robert declared he didn't know soon had us back on our toes. Now here is a quick tip for those who find themselves on a track like this. Do not take your hand from the wheel, your mind off the job and put your brain in neutral just to answer a radio call asking if you are enjoying yourself. I did.

In a split second the back of the Patrol Tray slid off the track and into a chasm the Colorado River would be proud of creating and claimed the first panel damage on the truck.

The next track was a beauty. It meandered off down a hill and looked to be quite harmless. About half way down things started to change and the track became very rutted and covered in rocks about the size of footballs. A slow and steady approach soon had that behind us as we forded a small creek at the bottom. Then it was uphill. The start of the uphill section seemed to mirror that track we had just come down. At about the halfway point however things had changed dramatically. The football size rocks were now more like Swiss exercise balls. This was a track that would make a mountain goat fake a hamstring injury and wander off sheepishly. (If that's possible for a goat) It wasn't long before we were all stuck and Robert had the winch cable out.



2-3 hours or so of winching finally found us all at the top of this track. It was during the winching exercises however that Wayne Morgan again uttered those immortal words "I think I've got a problem". It turned out to be another minor gremlin, with Wayne stuck on the side of a this very steep hill, his brake master cylinder decided to take a short holiday leaving Wayne with very little, if any brakes. This meant a great deal of caution was called for with some of the fitter members carrying large rocks behind his truck, wedging them under the wheels at each stop. I

believe Wayne deserves an award for this effort. Not only did he not abandon ship, he made it up the hill with a smile on his face. Attempts were made to bleed the brakes whilst the rest of us enjoyed a bite to eat and a well deserved cuppa. Alas there was no easy fix for Wayne's trusty 60 series and so he left us and quietly made his way home.



## 22nd May Mount Disappointment Trip continued



The rest of the trip was more sedate with only the one mud hole to give us any grief. Fortunately Robert volunteered to find the tow point on the front of Andrew's GQ. It turned out to be harder to find than first thought. A couple more quick snatches saw us all through before we decided to call it a day and head home.

Overall it was a fun trip, leaving most of us pretty tired and looking forward to a hot shower and a little lie down.

**Robert Pepper up to his armpits in mischief?**



Wayne Robson in action  
in his GU Tray

**I would like to thank Robert Pepper for organizing this trip and for providing us all with some very useful tips and techniques to store away for future use.**

**Wayne Robson.**

## “Jeep Hurricane—The Powerful, Capable Jeep 4x4 Ever!” 10 January 2005—Source Autoweb



**Detroit** - Show-stopping concepts and extreme expressions of the Chrysler Group brands aren't new: Dodge had its Tomahawk and Chrysler, the ME Four-Twelve. But when the Jeep® Hurricane blew onto the 2005 North American International Auto Show stage yesterday it raised the bar for the Jeep brand.

“Jeep Hurricane is simply the most manoeuvrable, most capable and most powerful 4x4 ever built,” said Trevor Creed, Senior Vice President - Chrysler Group Design. “It pays homage to the extreme enthusiasts’ Jeep vehicles in form and off-road capability, but is a unique interpretation of Jeep design. Simply stated, it is the extreme example for the Jeep brand.”

Hurricane represents the continued success of bold concept vehicles for the brands as a means of demonstrating Chrysler Group’s creative and mechanical expertise. For example, powerful power-train performance is an understatement considering the Hurricane is not just HEMI®-equipped, but HEMI squared. There are two 5.7-liter HEMI engines in the vehicle: one in the front and one in the back. Both engines deliver 335 horsepower (246 kW) and 370 lb-ft (502 Nm) of torque - a total of 670 hp (493 kW) and 740 lb-ft (1,003 Nm) of torque.

Can you have responsible excess? To test the theory, the Chrysler Group equipped both HEMI engines in the Jeep Hurricane with the Chrysler Group Multi-Displacement System (MDS). Depending on the driver’s needs, the Hurricane can be powered by 4-, 8-, 12- or 16-cylinders. All of that translates into buckets of torque for climbing obstacles other 4x4 vehicles can’t even comprehend. In addition, it has the power and traction to move from 0-60 mph in less than five seconds.



The power is delivered through a central transfer case and split axles with a mechanically controlled four-wheel torque distribution system. The front and rear suspension is short/long arm independent with 508 mm of suspension travel, controlled by coil-over shocks with remote reservoirs.

The vehicle has 363 mm of ground clearance, and incredible approach/ departure angles of 64.0 /86.7 degrees. These are nearly vertical angles - combined with 37-inch tall tires, so the Hurricane won’t meet much that it can’t climb.

The Jeep Hurricane is the only vehicle on the auto-show circuit that provides its own turntable feature. The vehicle features a turn radius of absolutely zero, thanks to skid steer capability and toe steer: the ability to turn both front and rear tires inward. In addition, the vehicle features two modes of automated four-wheel steering. The first is traditional with the rear tires turning in the opposite direction of the front to reduce the turning circle. The second mode is an innovation targeted to off-road drivers: the vehicle can turn all four wheels in the same direction for nimble crab steering. This allows the vehicle to move sideways without changing the direction the vehicle is pointing.

“Out in the wilderness, changing direction in minimal space can mean the difference between an afternoon of adventure and a distress call back to the trailhead,” Creed said. “The multi-mode four-wheel steering system on Jeep Hurricane is designed to offer enthusiasts the next level of performance and unexpected maneuverability.”

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The one-piece body is shaped of structural carbon fibre, and forms the chassis that would be offered through a traditional frame. The suspension and power-train are mounted directly to the body. An aluminium spine runs under the body to both connect the underside and to function as a complete skid plate system.

The design is lightweight with high strength, and it boasts functional appearance.

Jeep Hurricane is an honest, minimalist approach to its design augmented with the Jeep signature seven-slot grille, two seats and no doors. On the inside, occupants will be surrounded by exposed carbon fibre and polished aluminum with black thunder and titanium accents.



VIC WINCH CHALLENGE Press Release  
June 2005 submitted by Henry Lefever

### PROCOMP 4x4

Stop what you are doing - get the calendar and a big red pen and mark in these dates:

30th September - 2nd October 2005  
It's here - Vic Winch Challenge 2005.

This year's event will be held in Willow Grove and is specifically for novice drivers and navigators providing a genuine 'entry level' competition. With room for up to 40 teams (car, driver & navigator) we plan to have between 11 & 12 competition stages over three days (3 on Friday night, 5 to 6 on Saturday and 3 on Sunday).

Expanding on last years success organizers are promoting the 2005 event as a spectator spectacular and are actively pursuing public attendance for both Saturday (8am - 5pm) and Sunday (8am - 2pm). With well over \$10,000 worth of cash and prizes this is a prize pool worth going all out for and last years event was full of thrills and spills. To get a feel for last years event please visit Offroad Images website (URL below).

<http://www.offroadimages.com.au/OE/Events/VicWinch2004/Day1www/index.html>

<http://www.offroadimages.com.au/OE/Events/VicWinch2004/Day2www/index.html>

Competitor entries will open mid July 2005 and no previous competition experience is necessary with preference given to complete novices. We will be able to provide prospective competitors with a list of statutory safety requirements and compulsory equipment and also be able to provide details of companies able to help with vehicle preparation. Our goal with this event is to give people a low cost - low risk experience of the world of off road racing and hopefully inspire teams to continue into other events.

For competitors who cannot wait or want a bit of inside goss we can be contacted on 03 9705 6677 or by email on [competitor@procomp.com.au](mailto:competitor@procomp.com.au).

An event of this nature requires an enormous amount of work to put together and we require all sorts of volunteers both leading up to and on the weekend itself. For anyone is interested in being involved as a track marshal, spectator marshal or just a general helper they can contact us on 03 9705 6677 or by email [helper@procomp.com.au](mailto:helper@procomp.com.au).

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## From the Farside—Why Men are Happier...

Men Are Just Happier People-

What do you expect from such simple creatures?

Your last name stays put.

The garage is all yours.

Wedding plans take care of themselves.

Chocolate is just another snack.

You can be Prime Minister.

You can never be pregnant.

You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park.

You can wear NO shirt to a water park.

Car mechanics tell you the truth.

The world is your urinal.

Same work, more pay.

Wrinkles add character.

Wedding dress \$2000. Tux rental-\$100.

People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.

The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected.

New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.

One mood all the time.

Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.

A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.

You can open all your own jars.

You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.

Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack.

You almost never have strap problems in public.

Everything on your face stays its original colour.

The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.

You only have to shave your face and neck.

You can play with toys all your life.

You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.

You have freedom of choice concerning growing a moustache.

No wonder men are happier!

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## Jokes a-side

### *WOMEN'S REVENGE*

"Cash, check or credit card?" I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled for her wallet I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse.

"So, do you always carry your TV remote?" I asked.

"No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."

### *WHO DOES WHAT*

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee." The husband said, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee."

Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says..... "HEBREWS"

## Editor's Note



**"Live well, Love much, Laugh often.."**

I guess that's why I own 4WD.

Just curious, but has anyone else ever noticed that the upper case of 4 is "\$"?

Hmmm \$WD ...

Keep the articles rolling in – Please & Thank you very much to this months contributors:

Wayne Robson, Wayne Morgan & Gary May & Eddie Tabaka for his photography.

Justine Phelan—Public Relations Officer



## Trip Calendar

Date	Details	Rating	Trip Leader
6 July 05	Club Meeting and guest speaker Tony Shaw on "Which Fridge When"	Fun	Wayne Morgan  Phone: W: 9247 6759 M: 0417 054 108
tba	Mounted Branch Open Day for Victoria Police 4WD Club mem- bers, their families & friends	Fun	Marc Drew  Phone: M:
tba	Cape Ottway	Moderate to Diffi- cult	Rod & Debbie Kayler - Thompson  Phone:
tba	Mount Ben Crauchan & Avon Track	Moderate to Difficult	Justine Phelan  Phone: W: 97098 7666 M: 0438 606 701

The following URL is the Parks Victoria link to the Seasonal Track Closures Key Map, which tell you which map to download from Parks Victoria to see the tracks that are closed in the area you intend visiting.

[http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/1process\\_content.cfm?main=9&page=2#Sea](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/1process_content.cfm?main=9&page=2#Sea)



## Training Notice

### **Advanced Driver Training Courses 2005**

The VAFWDC are advising all clubs and instructors that the next Advanced Driver Training Course will be held on the weekend's of 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September and 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2005.

These courses are only open to drivers who have already completed an Association or Club Proficiency Course and have gained a reasonable amount of 4WDing experience. Participants would need to have the endorsement of their clubs as sufficiently experienced to participate. The experience of the last course means that participating vehicles will be restricted to those with low range ability, and sufficient ground clearance. This will unfortunately exclude a number of compact All Wheel Drive and Four Wheel Drive vehicles.

Being an advanced course, participants need to be aware that the program is demanding of both driver and vehicle and that there is always the possibility of vehicle damage occurring. Please take this into account.



The cost of this course will be \$295-00 for the 2 days. The driver only will be trained; however, they are welcome to take a passenger/family with them. They will need to be self sufficient and take their own food, water (drinks), camping gear, cooker etc. although there will most likely be a fire which could be used for cooking - fire restrictions permitting). If you wish to participate please contact Activity & Training Co-ordinator - Marcus Nash (marcusnash@dodo.com.au) (Mob: 0410 249 183). Applying to attend the course does not guarantee availability! 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.



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690 South Road, Moorabbin 3189 Phone: 9532 5558  
Produce Club Membership Card

[www.allterrain4x4.com.au](http://www.allterrain4x4.com.au)



896 Burwood Highway Ferntree Gully 3156 Phone: 9758 6444  
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[www.mrmuffler.com.au](http://www.mrmuffler.com.au)



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& also at:

94 Puckle Street Moonee Ponds 3039  
Phone: 9326 0808

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