



Victoria Police Four Wheel Drive Club Newsletter



Upcoming Trips:

Club meeting. – 2nd July – Guest Speaker

Club meeting. – 6th August

President's Report - June 2008

Hi Fellow Members,

The club has just completed it's forth year, how time flies. Our membership seems to have stabilised in the forties and our activities seem to be one every two months.

To try to get a bit more interest in the running of the club the committee has decided it is time to move the location of our meetings, four years at Bells Hotel has been good but it is now time for a change. A couple of locations are being investigated; another hotel in Richmond and the International Police Association House in Pascoe Vale South.



If anyone has another location that would suit the club, please let me know.

Club Member of the Year Award

As you all know, it was decided at the April Committee Meeting to change the rules in relation to the awarding of the Club Member of the Year Award, so the efforts of our hard working members who did not accumulate a lot of points under the old points system can be recognised.

Three members were nominated for consideration for this year's award, they were:

Barbara Tabaka – Barbara has been on the committee since the Inaugural Meeting, first as the Secretary and then as Treasurer. Barbara does a lot of work for the club and regularly writes trip articles for the newsletter.

Steve McWiggan – Steve has given a lot of his time and resources to train our members to improve their driving skills and in the safe use of chainsaws.

Eddie Tabaka – Eddie is always there to help with raffles, obtaining prizes and always happy to lend a hand when asked.

I am pleased to announce that the Committee was unanimous in it decision that this year's Club Member of the Year is Barbara Tabaka. Barbara was presented with her award at the club's Annual Dinner.

Annual Dinner

The club's Annual Dinner was held on the 14th June at The Firehouse Restaurant, Ringwood. It was disappointing to see only eleven members attend the dinner, however those of us who did attend enjoyed a wonderful meal in a private room with plenty of laughs. A report on the dinner appears else where in this newsletter.

See you soon.

Wayne Morgan
President

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**Club equipment (available for use on Club Trips)**

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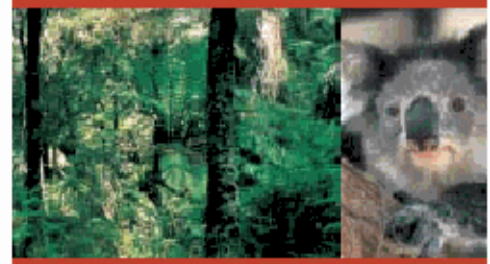
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From the Editor

Hi all.

Not much to report this month. Great night at the club dinner and report in this issue.

Help Wanted

I am off to South America on holiday for about 10 weeks so I will not be able to put out an August newsletter . Would any one like to try?? If you have Microsoft Publisher on your computer, know a little about using it and would like to have a try at putting out the newsletter, let myself or President Wayne know.

Hopefully in the October newsletter I can tell you about some of my South American driving experiences.

Steve Aicher—Public Relations Officer



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Club Jackets - \$50 (see page 7)

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VP 4WD CLUB ANNUAL DINNER 2008



The Firehouse

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Saturday 14th of June



Food – excellent

Company – excellent

Enjoyment – definite

But who cut the firepole down?



Another great night organised by our social committee. Pity to see such a small number in attendance. Well done and thanks Bronco and team.

As advised by President Wayne, Barbara Tabaka was awarded the Club Member of the Year. Congratulations to Barbara and our other nominees.

Thanks to our secretary, Rob Garside everyone in attendance received a bottle of specially labelled "Victoria Police Annual Dinner" wine (a choice of white or red) - however there was a bit of a joke going round as to whether the year on the bottles was the vintage or the use by date.

A great night was had by all those who attended !!

Steve Aicher



A very special vintage!!

Club Member of the Year



The Gang's all here!!





The Green Way to SAVE FUEL

[See the full report HERE](#) or read below

The answer to spiralling fuel prices and increasingly strict emission standards are closer to Australian motorists than they think.

Fuelstar Combustion Catalysts have been helping car, 4WD, bus, truck and marine boat owners reduce their fuel bills as well as harmful emissions since 1992, but when fuel prices are low and issues like air quality are not in the news, few people give the issues a second thought.

However, with the recent rises in fuel prices and concern over the environment, these issues and the need for a solution are again in the spotlight.

Fuelstar guarantees minimum fuel savings of 12% or your money back. With petrol prices reaching \$1.60 per litre, that's a saving of almost 20 cents per litre or \$11.50 for an average 60 litre tank. In the case of diesel fuel, the saving on \$1.75 per litre is 22 cents per litre.

With fuel prices set to soar in the near future, that will mean a substantial saving for consumers across the board.

The catalysts found a ready market when leaded fuel was phased out but since then the growth area has been in later model unleaded petrol and diesel engines.

Alan Major of Major Auto Technics in W.A. (Authorised Bosch Service Centre ph: 08 9250 4115) says, "We have sold and installed more than 1000 Fuelstar units all with amazing results. Customers report increased power and engine torque, and reduced fuel consumption of between 12 and 25%".

More and more fleet operators are installing the product to combat their ever-increasing operating costs.

Several fleet customers have recently trialed the product and have confirmed fuel savings in the range of 12 to 20%.

One is Qantas which reported reduced fuel consumption of 17.1% see: [Fuelstar Qantas Report](#) and a reduction in emissions by 35%. Based on the results, Qantas have now proceeded with installing Fuelstar to the remainder of their fleet.

Another is the Melbourne and Metropolitan Fire Brigade which undertook emission testing at Vipac Engineering in Melbourne. The test was conducted under Australian Standards ADR30/01 (Smoke Emission Control for Diesel Vehicles) on their Fire Brigade truck with a 2 stroke Detroit 635VT engine. The first test was done prior to the installation of Fuelstar and the second test was done after Fuelstar was installed. The results clearly showed that Fuelstar reduced the exhaust emissions by 35%.

Yet another is the Linfox subsidiary Provincial Freightlines in New Zealand which has reported savings of 12-13% for the past four years and continuing.

Fuelstar catalysts are housed in a stainless steel canister. The canister contains metal alloy cones, the main ingredient of which is tin. The fuel line is cut, as close to the engine as is convenient, and reconnected to the canister. As the fuel passes through the canister, minuscule particles of metallic tin are released into the fuel supply and are carried through to the combustion chambers, where they act as a catalyst in the combustion process. These particles, which are invisible to the naked eye, measure up to 100 nanometers (0.1 of a micron). The tin changes the combustion characteristics of the fuel, giving a more complete and more prolonged fuel burn. This results in improved engine efficiency and performance.

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Regards,

Tony Woods

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Members in the News
(and who said he doesn't work....)

Fairfax Community Network

News

Drivers caught in the dragnet

Police use new technology to nail offenders

By Charmaine Camilleri

POLICE are using a new high-tech device in their bid to combat car theft in Brimbank, and they're getting impressive results.

The automatic numberplate recognition technology was used in Brimbank for the first time last week. The Deer Park operation, codenamed Symbiotic, resulted in 78 arrests.

The system reads numberplates of passing cars then checks registration details against police and VicRoads databases. It can scan more than 1000 numberplates an hour in high volumes of traffic.

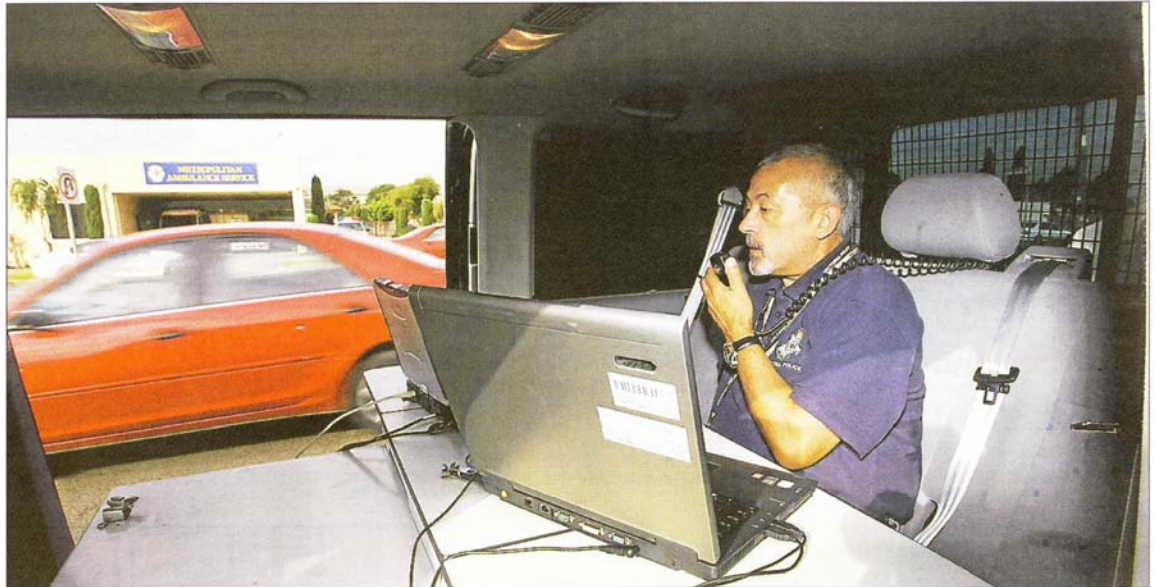
The technology identifies stolen vehicles or numberplates, unlicensed or suspended drivers, unregistered vehicles and offenders wanted for outstanding warrants.

When a suspicious vehicle is recognised, the system sounds an alert and police can stop the identified vehicle.

On May 26, police used two cameras to check 11,413 vehicles in a five-hour period in Station Road.

Detective Sergeant Steve Daniliuk said the results were astounding.

"The results are that we got 78 offenders," he said.



Nowhere to hide: Ray Walker uses a high-tech system to scan the road for stolen vehicles.

Picture: Craig Cahill

"Of those, we had 15 suspended drivers, eight disqualified, one stolen car with two offenders, one exceeding .05, one learner driver who was not accompanied, one offender for possession of drugs, and another wanted for warrants.

"It's a dragnet and whatever comes out during intercepts, whether it's drugs or other offences, it will be dealt with."

Of those caught in the dragnet, 28 have been charged and summonsed to face court. As well, 57 penalty notices were issued, including 38 for

unregistered vehicles, 13 for unlicensed drivers and other traffic offences.

Symbiotic, run by the Altona North regional response unit, involved more than 20 police officers and is part of a wider operation targeting the widespread problem of theft of and from

vehicles in the west. The operation has uncovered a range of crimes, including a \$100,000 heroin bust, during routine interceptions.

Of the 100-odd cars stolen in Brimbank each month, police recover about 70 per cent.

Seen on Ebay



[AUST - VIC - FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB- SOCIAL POLICE PATCH](#)

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Our Club Display Cabinet at VPC
(many thanks to Barbara)





From the Email

From: James Eling [mailto:jeling@extremenetworks.com.au] **On Behalf Of** 4x4 Earth
Sent: Thursday, 5 June 2008 2:32 PM
Subject: National 4WD Track Database [Scanned]

Hello,

The National 4 Wheel Drive Track Database, located at www.4x4earth.com.au is a website that displays four wheel drive tracks in Australia, all displayed on 1 map, for ease of searching. The tracks are ranked by difficulty and length. Some tracks have video or photos and some have GPS tracks that can be downloaded. There is a track logbook feature whereby people can upload current track conditions in an easy manner.

The National 4 Wheel Drive Track Database is designed to make it easier for new four wheel drivers to find a track that is appropriate for their level of skill and vehicle as well as for experienced drivers to find new tracks, especially when travelling to areas that they are not familiar with.

This website has been designed for the 4 wheel drive community and is COMPLETELY FREE to all users.

We are currently looking for people to assist with the compilation of 4 wheel drive tracks in Australia. We would greatly appreciate it if you could publicise 4x4earth.com.au within your club and encourage people to upload common public tracks, especially those with GPS files and photos.

Please have a look around the site and if you have any suggestions, we would be very interested to hear them. Many of the current features have been suggested by our members. We also have a very active forum, which may also be of assistance for your members.

How can we help you?

If you currently do not have a forum on the internet, we can provide you with a forum that only your members can access. It can be an area to discuss and publicise your clubs activities and events and will only be accessible by your members.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me.

Regards

James Eling

Looking for a good route?

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Club Jackets

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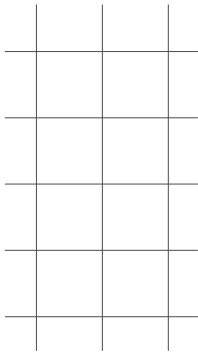
(Keep warm and look good on those Alpine drives!!)

Upcoming Training Courses 2008

| MARCH | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Saturday 1 | Intermediate 4WD Course | Kinglake | \$25 (VP 4WD Certificate) |
| Sunday 16 | Proficiency 4WD Training Course | Bayswater North | \$50 (Vic 4WD Certificate) |
| APRIL | | | |
| Friday 11 | Trip Leader Training Course | City | \$20 (V.P. 4WD Certificate) |
| MAY | | | |
| See September | First Aid Level 2 Training Course | MFB Training College (family welcome) | \$50 (Accredited Certificate) |
| Saturday 31 Sunday 1 | Chainsaw Training Course | Warburton | \$50 (Accredited Certificate) |
| JUNE | | | |
| Sunday 21 | Winch Training Course | Kinglake | \$20 (V.P. 4WD Certificate) |
| JULY | | | |
| Sunday 19 | Proficiency 4WD Training Course | Bayswater North | \$50 (Vic 4WD Certificate) |
| AUGUST | | | |
| Friday 22 | Trip Leader Training Course | City | \$20 (V.P. 4WD Certificate) |
| SEPTEMBER | | | |
| Sunday 21 | First Aid Level 2 Training Course | MFB Training College (family welcome) | \$50 (Accredited Certificate) |
| NOVEMBER | | | |
| Friday 15 | Proficiency 4WD Training Course | Bayswater North | \$50 (Vic 4WD Certificate) |

SEE CLUB WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS OF COURSES AND VENUES

BOOKINGS TO PRESIDENT WAYNE



Club Calendar

For Full Notices & All Details, Please Visit:

www.victoriapolice4wdclub.org.au

2008 Calendar

| Date | Details | Rating | Trip Leader |
|---------------------|---|-------------|---|
| JULY | | | |
| Wednesday 2/7/08 | Club Meeting - South Melbourne - Guest Speaker from Evolve (Typo Station) | Serious Fun | Wayne Morgan Mobile 0417 054 108 Email President |
| AUGUST | | | |
| Wednesday 6/8/08 | Club Meeting – South Melbourne | Fun | Wayne Morgan Mobile 0417 054 108 Email President |

DIARY OF A BLONDE

JAN : Took new scarf back to store because it was too tight.

FEB : Fired from pharmacy job for failing to print labels.
Hellllloooo!!! Bottles won't fit in typewriter!!!

MAR : Got really excited – finished jigsaw puzzle in 6 months – box said '2-4 years'!

APR : Trapped on escalator for hours – power went out!!!

MAY : Tried to make Kool-Aid – wrong instructions – 8 cups of water won't fit into those tiny packets!!!

JUN : Tried to waterski – couldn't find a lake with a slope.

JUL : Lost breast stroke swimming contest – learned later the other swimmers cheated – they used their arms!

AUG : Got locked out of my car in rain storm – car swamped because soft-top was open.

SEP : The capital of California is 'C' – isn't it???

OCT : Hate Smarties – they are so hard to peel!

NOV : Baked turkey for 4 1/2 days – instructions said 1 hour per pound – and I weigh 108!!!

DEC : Couldn't call 911 – duh – there's no 'eleven' button on the stupid phone!!!

Whew - what a year!!

Sign of the Times??

When I got home last night , my wife demanded that I take her out to some place expensive.....

So I took her to a petrol station !!!!!!!



"Did you name it after me, like you said you would?"



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