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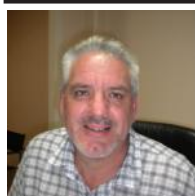


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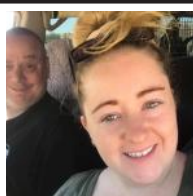


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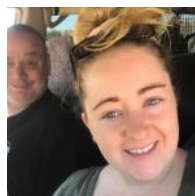


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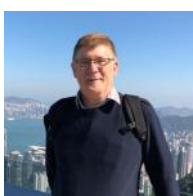


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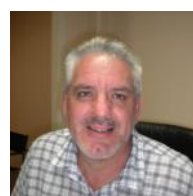


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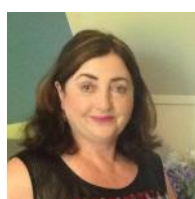


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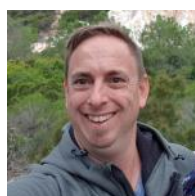
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# Pres Press...

## Pres Press:

The Christmas venue and catering have both been booked in (same as last year) so please lock in the dates 29th – 30th November, I have also booked in some pleasant weather for the weekend.

The Easter long – long weekend is nearly upon us, Gerry is running an extended trip around the Benambra area, the trip is still open if you want to tag along (ring Gerry for more info).

The committee is working towards getting some more trips in the system, so keep your eye on the trip system for more details.

Hope everyone has a great Easter and for those that are going away I hope you have a wonderful and relaxing time away.

Graeme

## Club Notices

### Club Meetings

Club meetings are held at 8pm on the second Wednesday of the month at the H.V. Jones Reserve, Kingston Street, Ferntree Gully.

Everyone is welcome!

### Correspondence

All Club correspondence should be addressed to:

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### Financial Transactions

Moneys may be forwarded by cheque, money order, cash, or electronic funds transfer (EFT). Allow 30 days for funds sent by post, or 14 days for funds handed to the Treasurer or sent by EFT.

Cheques and money orders must be payable to "Dandenong Ranges Four Wheel Drive Club Inc" and either posted to the Clubs postal address or handed to the Treasurer in person. Cash must be handed to the Treasurer in person and a receipt issued.

Label EFTs with your family name and the purpose (e.g. "Smith fees") and email "treasurer@drfwdc.org.au" including the amount, date, and details.

Account Name: DRFWDC

BSB: 033-326

Account No: 137796

### On-line Trip Lists and Membership Directory

To run a trip, join a trip, or to access our membership directory, or maintain your own directory entry go to <http://www.drfwdc.org.au/Trips>

To log into the system you need to know your membership number and have a password.

To get a password your email address must already be registered in the Membership Directory.

Go to the above web address and click on "New Password", enter the information requested and a password will be emailed to you.

If you have any difficulty accessing the system, please call Wayne Coombs on 0428 806243

**Meeting Date:** Date: Wednesday – 12 March 2025

**Meeting Opened** Time: 8:00pm

**Apologies** Phil Porter, Rick Sloan, Nathan, YD, Steve Mann, Patrick, Nobby, Grant, Gerry,

**Attendees** See attendance book

**President Report** First thing, congratulations to Tamara and Matt on the safe arrival of their beautiful new baby girl. "Ida Daisy".

Please make sure that if you have your name down for a trip, and at the last minute you can not attend, please make sure you email, phone, make sure that the Trip Organiser is contacted. This problem recently happened and it did delay the trip on the day. Steve and Perky have read the previous minutes and approved.

Graham spoke about the need for going prepared with vehicle parts, including spare belts, etc, as there are so many different vehicles with individualised needs.

Ross spoke about the recent trip to Mt Horn, and the experience and if you notice a noise, there is a need to check. Ross explained what happened and the mechanical breakdown and the subsequent team effort from the mechanics and crew on the trip. It needed front towing and initially rear towing. A big thank you to all involved. It is well worth having RACV Total Care. Once we were gratefully towed to Mt Stirling, then RACV transported the vehicle into Mansfield, and \$3000 is allocated to towing, accommodation if needed. Definitely, worth having. A discussion ensued with a few members discussing their own experiences.

**Vice President Report** Tamara spoke about membership numbers and life members.

**Secretary Report** Nothing new to report.

**Treasurer Report** Darran reported opening and closing balances. Trailer rego has been paid.

**Trips Report** Tamara and Matt spoke about Gerry's Easter Trip will be moving after a night on to a new location.

David Fullard will be putting up another trip into the Tanangulla, near Bendigo has put a medium trip up for the ANZAC WEEKEND,

**Editor Report** Wayne spoke briefly New trip replacement system which we have a free trial but \$112 per year there after. Wayne will set it up for us to test. More info to follow.

**Social Co-Ordinator** Gabrielle will organise a dinner for Friday the 7:30pm 14th of March at Micheli's Pizza & Pasta (21-25 Heatherdale Road, Ringwood, VIC 3134). Booked for 15 people.

Gabrielle and Graham have invited those attending the dinner back to their place for dessert.

Gabrielle has organised rebooking the really good caterers we had for 2024 Christmas Party weekend. Thank you.

**Events Report** Nothing to report.

**Equipment Report** Graeme is kindly going to clean up the Club trailer, then place it up for sale.

**Victorian 4WD Assoc** The Association is running a First Aid Course \$125 and just do the CPR \$60 for the 3rd May, if any one is interested in attending.

**General business.** Tamara said that Wild Dog will be run again. Details to follow.

Gabrielle attended Vicroad and spoke about the club office bearers documents and the process. She has the document for those interested in the Club Permit Scheme. We probably need to update the Club details and who is registered. Graeme has the paperwork.

**Meeting Closed** 8:35 pm

# Coming Up:

*"If your name is not on the trip list as shown on the Trips system you may be turned away from the trip for insurance reasons. Please ring the trip leader if unsure, and/or, to confirm trip details."*

## April 2025

### 2nd: Committee Meeting

7:30 pm, HV Jones Community Hall, Kingston Street,  
Ferntree Gully Google [Map](#), Melways 73G5

### 9th: Club Meeting

8:00 pm, HV Jones Community Hall, Kingston Street,  
Ferntree Gully Google [Map](#), Melways 73G5

### 17th: Benambra

Leader: Gerry Heuzinkveld — 0428 557 214

## May 2025

### 7th: Committee Meeting

7:30 pm, HV Jones Community Hall, Kingston Street,  
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### 14th: Club Meeting

8:00 pm, HV Jones Community Hall, Kingston Street,  
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## June 2025

### 4th: Committee Meeting

7:30 pm, HV Jones Community Hall, Kingston Street,  
Ferntree Gully Google [Map](#), Melways 73G5

### 11th: Club Meeting

8:00 pm, HV Jones Community Hall, Kingston Street,  
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Please note that the times show for Committee and Club meetings is the scheduled start times.  
Please arrive with plenty of time prior to this if you would like to socialise, have a drink, etc.

# April 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2 Committee Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Club Meeting	10	11	12	13
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# May 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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5	6	7 Committee Meeting	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Club Meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

# June 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2	3	4 Committee Meeting	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Club Meeting	12	13	14	15
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# July 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2 Committee Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Club Meeting AGM	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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# Trip Report Waterfalls And Swimming Holes

Left home at 4:30am. Quick trip to the servo to full up on gas and petrol and we were off. Jumping on the freeway at 4:45am heading to Wangaratta to meet up with everyone. Found graham first at the servo. Greg, Casey and Tekeyah from the Sandhurst 4wdc came next. Had a quick catch up with my folks while we waited. Yadvendra and his daughter arrived after driving from Warragul. We then headed off to Myrtleford to meet Ross and Tracey.

Found Ross and Tracey at Myrtleford. A quick stop for everyone to top up fuel, head to the Bake-house Bakery. Egg and bacon rolls from a stall in the main St. Then off to Mt Buffalo. We climbed the Horn. Amazing views and well worth the climb. A quick check under the bonnet of Ross's car for a weird noise...maybe an idler bearing. It still works so off we go. Had lunch at the historical kiln park at Myrtleford. We then decided to look for a camp spot on the buffalo river. We camped at Blades campsite. A great spot with nice access for river swimming. Tubes, a drink or two and a very relaxed afternoon. Lazy meals for dinner. With the girls having an early night the guys sat around having a chat before heading off the bed.

With a late start for a David trip we were planning on leaving camp at 8am. For once we were one of the last ready to go. We still had to wait for half of the trip to come back after the toilet run. They were heading the wrong way. We regrouped and headed off to paradise falls along rose river road. Took a shortcut under the powerlines to shorten the drive. Everyone made it to paradise falls. Unfortunately, there was no water. Taking wabomga track towards pikes flat on the howqua river. Travelled along burnt top track down to pineapple flats. On wild horse gap track Ross's car gave up.

Dropped idler bearing and chewed up the multi rib belt. After trying to fix it. Big thanks to Greg, Graham and David. They all had spare belts and idler bearings for their cars but they were too big for Ross's. we left with Greg towing Ross from the front and graham hooked up as the brakes. Our very own push me - pull you with Ross in the middle. We cruised on down to king hut and regrouped and had some lunch. We then took our time heading to telephone box junction. we left Ross and Tracey waiting for the racv to come help them home. We left for Carters campground. The campground was full so David and I decided to head home. We had a chat with our surviving trip members. Greg and Casey took off to stay a sheep yards for the night before heading back to Bendigo. Graeme, Yadvendra and David and I took off for home. Graeme and Yadvendra planned on stopping at Mansfield for fuel and food. David and I drove straight through Mansfield and home. Thanks to everyone for a great trip. Hope to catch up again soon.

Sheree and David





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Club equipment is available for use by Club members only. Please contact the Equipment Officer, Phone no on page 2 if you wish to borrow any items. Suggestions for new equipment are welcome. If you need to use equipment over a weekend, please contact the Equipment Officer as early as possible the week before.

Banner Blue  
Banner White  
Chain Saw, spare chain, fuel & oil container  
Engine Stand  
Gas Bottle (9kg) x 2  
Generator & Fuel Can  
Hall BBQ  
Lead & PWP Board  
Photo Board  
Star Picket Pegs  
Tarp with pegs, poles & ropes  
Trailer & BBQ  
Trailer Plug  
Trestle Table  
TV Stand  
White Notice Board



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