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The Spot



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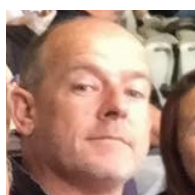
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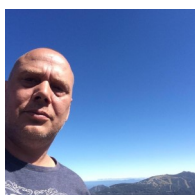


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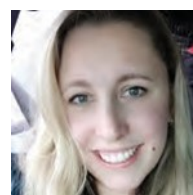


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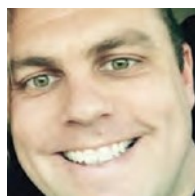


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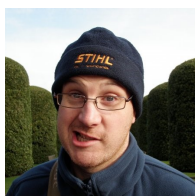


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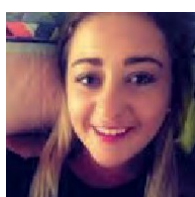


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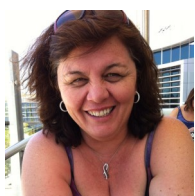


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MEETING NOTICES

Club Meetings

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

Everyone is welcome!

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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.

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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 Peter Nankivell at home on 9754 4142

President's *Press*

Hi All,

Details have been locked in for the club's 45th birthday, expect to hear more about it at the meeting and see a trip in the system soon so we can start to get expected numbers etc. This should be a fun night.

Recently, we were successful in adopting the high country hut that we spoke about previously. There are some trips in the system for hut maintenance. The more people that get behind this, the easier the work will be for all who attend (Many hands make light work as they say).

If we can get it up to say 6-8 cars, it shouldn't take more than an hour or so to complete and the rest of the weekend can be spent relaxing.

Please try to support this project

Rob

Club Meeting *Minutes*

Minutes of the Club Meeting held

10th January 2018 at the HV Jones Pavilion,

Kingston Street, Ferntree Gully

Meeting opened: 8.14pm

Apologies: Eric Fransdonk, Allison & Darren Green, Natalie Walker, Ian Sloane, Paul Vanderhorst, Andrew & Jessica Head, Peter and Karen, Jeanie Ramsay, Doug, Wayne, Dave and Derek Turner, and Mike and Pam Jones.

Visitors: NIL

Minutes: confirmed by: Dave Fullard and Glenn Steenweg

Business Arising: NIL

Clean up: Peter, Dave, Sue and Justin

President's Report: Nothing to report

Vice President's Report: No change in membership status

Secretary's Report: We are looking for someone to Run/organise the Christmas Party as I will not be taking on the role again. I am more than happy to help who ever is appointed.

Incoming Mail: None.

Incoming Emails: None

Treasurer's Report: Absent

Equipment Officer's Report: Equipment is all accounted for.

Trip Co-Coordinator's Report: Absent. Dave Fullard is going help out and co join the role with Matthew Mueller so if you are interested in running a trip please talk to either David Fullard or Matthew Mueller. We need a trip for Easter if you have any plans or ideas please let them know.

Editor's Report: Still need more pictures for the magazine and PLEASE send trip reports to editor@drfwdc.org.au

Social Secretary's Report: There is a summer BBQ on the trip system and a progressive dinner coming in March. The 45th birthday is being confirmed and planned.

Events coordinator: Nothing to report.

Association Rep: Nothing to report.

General Business: 45th birthday discussion.

Meeting Closed: 8:38pm

Committee Meeting

Minutes

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held

6th December 2017 at the HV Jones Pavilion,

Kingston Street, Ferntree Gully

Meeting opened: 7:58pm

Present: Glenn Steenweg, Wayne Coombes, Craig Reynolds, Rob Doran, Tamara Robertson, David and Sheree Fullard, Dave Turner and Stephen Kollmorgen.

Apologies: Matthew Muller, Gavin and Natalie Walker.

Visitors: NIL

Minutes: Confirmed by Tamara and Craig.

Business Arising: Club 45th celebration.

Presidents Report: It was a good Christmas party overall and a huge tank you to everyone who came along and supported the cause.

Vice Presidents Report: NIL/Absent.

Secretary's Report: No new incoming news or enquiries.

Incoming Mail: NIL

Incoming Emails: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Still waiting for a total cost of the Christmas party, it will be finished very soon.

Equipment Officer: All equipment accounted for.

Trip Coordinator: There are a few trips up on the system, a high country trip, and the greens New years party as well as a base camp in the new year, get online and check it out. Also if anyone is interested in running a trip please come and speak to Matthew Mueller, he can provide you with maps and information. New comers are VERY welcome to run a trip or even a day drive.

Editor's Report: Still need more photos from trips and keep those trip reports coming.

Social Secretary's Report: It's been a busy time of year so once the Christmas and new year's season has finished there be a heap more activities happening!

Events coordinator: NIL/Absent.

Association Rep: Nothing new to report.

General Business: Discussion regarding the 45th party and where to have it. A motion was made to celebrate the occasion at the club rooms on the 19th May. Confirmed by Stephen Kollmorgen, Dave Fullard and Rob Doran.

Meeting Closed: 8:41pm

Committee Meeting

Minutes

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held

7th February 2018 at the HV Jones Pavilion,

Kingston Street, Ferntree Gully

Meeting opened: 8:04pm

Present: Glenn, Wayne, Craig, Rob, Tamara, Dave, Sheree, Dave, Stephen, Gavin

Apologies: Matthew and Natalie

Visitors: NIL

Minutes: Confirmed by Dave and Tamara

Business Arising: Discussed wild dog winch challenge/ fundraising and club 45th party.

Presidents Report: Nothing to report

Vice Presidents Report: NIL

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report

Incoming Mail: No mail.

Incoming Emails: No mail.

Treasurer's Report: Nothing to report.

Equipment Officer: Everything is accounted for.

Trip Coordinator: There are multiple trips up on the system, if your interested have a look. We also need people to run more trips! Please contact either David Fullard or Matthew Mueller who are both acting in the position of Trips Co-coordinator.

Editor's Report: Still need more photos from trips please!

Social Secretary's Report: Progressive dinner is happening on the 24th March details are on trip system. Details for the 45th birthday celebration to come.

Events coordinator: NIL/absent

Association Rep: Nothing to report.

General Business: Successful Motion raised for money to be spent accordingly if needed for a cool room for the wild Dog winch challenge by all committee members. Successful motion raised regarding money to be allocated for nibbles etc required for club 45th Party.

Meeting Closed: 8:34pm

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.”

FEBRUARY 2018	
3rd: Summer BBQ	Leader: Tamara Robertson, Rated: 4x4 Medium, Meeting: TBA
7th: Committee Meeting	8:00 pm, HV Jones Community Hall, Kingston Street, Ferntree Gully Google Map, Melways 73G5
14th: Club Meeting	8:00 pm, HV Jones Community Hall, Kingston Street, Ferntree Gully Google Map, Melways 73G5
7th: Day Drive	Leader: Justin Oates, Rated: 4x4 Medium, Meeting: Gembrook.
MARCH 2018	
4th: Cape York Information	Leader: David Fullard, Rated: 4x4 Extreme, Meeting: 14-16 St Helens Cres, Narre Warren Nth.
9th: Hut Exploring trip part 3	Leader: Michael Johnson, Rated: 4x4 Medium, Meeting: Caltex Service Centre, Longwarry Nth.
9th: Mitchell Dale Home Stead	Leader: Patrick Robinson, Rated: 4x4 Medium, Meeting: Caltex Service Centre, Longwarry Nth.
14th: Club Meeting	8:00 pm, HV Jones Community Hall, Kingston Street, Ferntree Gully Google Map, Melways 73G5
24th: Progressive Dinner	Leader: Sheree Fullard, Rated: Lamington, Meeting: Tam & Patrick's.
APRIL 2018	
4th: Committee Meeting	8:00 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, Ferntree Gully Google Map, Melways 73G5
14th: Camping at Kinglake	Leader: Robert Doran, Rated: Lamington, Meeting: 51 Victoria Rd, Kinglake
MAY 2018	
9th: Club Meeting	8:00 pm, HV Jones Community Hall, Kingston Street, Ferntree Gully Google Map, Melways 73G5
12th May - 22nd June: Anne Beadell	Leader: Max Hamill, Rated: 4x4 Medium, Meeting: Melbourne
JUNE 2018	
6th: Committee Meeting	8:00 pm, HV Jones Community Hall, Kingston Street, Ferntree Gully Google Map, Melways 73G5
13th: Club Meeting	8:00 pm, HV Jones Community Hall, Kingston Street, Ferntree Gully Google Map, Melways 73G5

February 2018

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March 2018

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		Club Meeting				
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April 2018

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May 2018

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Rob Roy Hill Climb

19/11/17

Rob Roy Hill Climb is the world's second oldest permanently built Hill Climb. It is in its 80th year. It is about 11 kms from Yarra Glen on Clintons Road at Christmas Hill.

Saturday morning and my name was still the only one on the trip list. Keith had to cancel due to a shortage of track marshals at Phillip Island.

I cancelled the "Club Trip" and phoned my son Chris and asked if he was interested in coming with me to the Hill Climb. He was and so was my grandson Will.

Later on Saturday, Ian Sloan phoned for a chat and we discussed "Rob Roy" the next day and he decided he'd like to come as well with a mate.



Sunday morning found us all parked by the side of the race track. There were 86 vehicles entered, ranging from a 1923 Vauxhall (4200cc), 1929 Morris Minor (1140cc), a 1964 Shelby replica (5690cc), a 1964 Ford Mustang (5000cc) to a 2006 Citroen C4 (1998cc) and many other makes and models, including MG's Austin 7's etc.

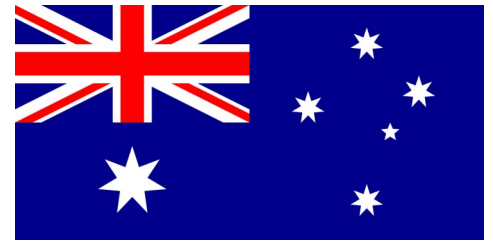
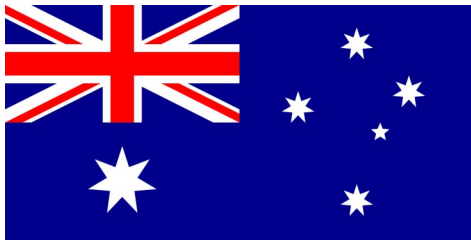
Because of the variety and types of vehicles, there were lots of different classes for different size engines and it

was difficult to work out who won what class. Some of the older cars appeared to go up the hill faster than the newer cars.

From where we parked we could see the start of the Climb as well as the first half of the hill, but a short walk up the hill through the trees gave us another viewing area where we could see the last part of the Hill climb. The Canteen was run by local schools and had all the usual food available at reasonable prices.

This was my first attendance at the Rob Roy Hill Climb and I was impressed how well the organisers kept the day running. As one car left the starting box, the next one was lining up. The pits were open to the public and we were able to talk with the drivers who were keen to show us their vehicles. It was a great day and my grandson Will loved it. So did we all, and we're looking forward to next Rob Roy event.

- Mike Jones.



Australia Day weekend day drive to Cascade Falls

We started off the morning with a bit of a sleep in and relaxed approach. It was around 11:30 am Saturday we finally started to make a move towards our destination. We started off slow so that vehicles coming along could catch up (apologies' again Gill & Maree, we didn't realise you weren't with the group!). We turned off onto Black soils track which was an interesting drive and I remember saying to Matt "this would be an interesting track in the rain". There were plenty of ruts, bumps, holes and steep inclines along the way, but we made it even with me driving! We saw quite a few vehicles coming back out, so it was looking good in regards to having the falls to ourselves.

Once we were closer and approaching the falls we heard the distinct voice of Robbo over the radio. Robbo and Barry happened to also be at falls having a swim trying to keep cool. Everyone was in the water having a splash at the falls enjoying what our beautiful country has to offer. Little Chloe and Sarah showed us how great they could swim from person to person across and back multiple times. We all got out to make something to eat and rehydrate, when after about half an hour the heavens absolutely decided to let go. It started to pour down, and I Mean POUR! The whole drive back was insane; it was wet, muddy, slippery, crazy but all round awesome fun! Wipers were on full speed, I don't think anyone realised just how much rain we were going to receive. Robbo, Barry and our selves were traveling behind the others as we went for a quick look at the "original" spot and on our way back we helped recover a Hilux that was stuck in some serious ruts. All was good and appreciated and we continued back to camp. Roughly 1km from camp we started to see dust again... all we could think was how is it possible that there was no rain back at camp?! Not one drop. It was so amazing to see the difference and everyone who stayed back couldn't believe the mud on our vehicles.

Some of us had another dip under the bridge to cool down (me flipping over backwards on the tyre tube sure made Dave and Stephen laugh). I received a full mouth full of water, but even I had to laugh. Saturday night was another great night with great company, so thank you again to David & Sheree for all of your efforts and an awesome weekend!

Cheers Tam & Matt

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Australia Day Weekend

3.19am Thursday morning the Hurry Up Tour Driver wakes up 1 min before the alarm. It's time to hurry up get up and moving. The tour leaves at 4am sharp. I made the departure area just in time, always seem to be running a bit slower than the driver.

Off we go to get "The Spot" for the weekend.

Really who leaves home at this time with a trailer filled with things for the weekend: BBQ, Beach Umbrella, 4 Blown up Tyre Tubes, cricket set, basketball & hoop and a wine barrel!

Off we go heading towards Licola. We stopped outside Gumbuya Park so Dave could adjust the new LED headlights. The drive to Traralgon was uneventful (I slept through it!) When we got to Traralgon we heard a loud bang and saw a bright flash of light, someone has dropped a spanner between negative and positive at the power station was the tour drivers response. Traffic lights flickered on and off, then seemed to adjust themselves and on we went.

We stopped at Licola about 7:15am to air the tyres down. Heading north out of Licola along the lower road, dodging cows and cow poo towards Primrose Gap. We drove past the Barkley River Camp Ground, there was no-one around. This looks good we thought, hopefully "The Spot" would be empty as well. Continued out towards Glencairn on to Black Soil Track and down to the Macalister Track. Still looking promising – No Car Tracks! Drove to "The Spot", rats we finally found other campers at both Spot 1 & 2. They had been out there for a few days. We had to find a backup plan "Thanks Matt"

We thought we would try Butcher Country, taking off with the trailer bouncing along behind us. About ¾'s of the way to Butcher Country we looked at each other thinking "We are mad, we have a trailer on the back". So we decided to go back out to Barkley River Camp Ground hoping no-one else had arrived there since we left.

Bolting back we found it empty when we got there. Now we had to contact everyone and let them know "The Spot" had moved, without losing this campsite. A large flat campsite with plenty of shade and great swimming spots in the river with easy access. Even a toilet over the bridge. We decided to stay put and spread out so no-one else would come in. Anyway the way to the original spot was straight past us. Hopefully we would see someone that could wait while we went back up hill to let everyone else know.

Ian, Tracey, Bella and Wayne arrived next. They picked their campsites, while David and I headed up to get phone reception so we could let everyone know about "The New Spot". Pete and Karen

arrived next. We had started to spread out and take over the site. Jess, Andrew & the girls, Roman, Steve & Meghan.

We spent the afternoon chatting and swimming and just relaxing. Ian and Barry decided to drop in for the night, they were on their way towards Mt Sunday. We had a campfire and an early night (it had been a long day)



We woke up Friday morning to find an intruder setup right in the middle of the camp. He had arrived during the night and Jess had got up to let him know others were coming in the morning, but he was no going anywhere.

So on with our day. More swimming, catching up, eating and drinking. People arrived throughout the day. Gill, Maree, Rob & Naomi, Patrick, Matt & Tam, Bruce, Andre & Liam. Little did Andre know, but his daughter had been in touch with Dave and we had an invite to her wedding reception to give to him during the day (He had no idea she had gotten married. Surprise !!!) The Dandy Ranges Engineer Department erected a dam wall under the bridge to increase the depth of our sheltered swimming hole. David & Stephen started the wall which went across the river. Rob came down and joined the engineers to complete "The Great Wall". Ian and Barry left for Mt Sunday as we setup for our long table dinner. We then sat around the fire again before everyone drifted off to bed.

Saturday a few of the campers decided to take off for a drive to The Cascades at the bottom of Butcher Country. Justin, Sue and the girls arrived. The rest of us stayed in camp for more swimming, catching up, eating and drinking. Special Thanks to Andrew & Jess for the apple crumble & Dave for the ice cream. It was a very relaxing weekend, everybody had fun with the tubes (specially the kids), the wine barrel worked well as a bar and somewhere to stand around a talk. The community BBQ got everybody together, making it easy for everyone to catch up and just enjoy the weekend.

Sunday morning was pack up day with most people drifting off towards home by mid-morning. We caught up with Gill, Maree, Rob and Naomi at Licola while we waited for Justin & Sue. We had promised the girls more Zooper Doopers. We all had our Zooper Doopers at Licola and headed home to unpack and seek out the air conditioners....it was hot.

This was a fantastic weekend spent with great people.
Hope everyone enjoyed "The New Spot".

Thanks,
Dave & Sheree,
Hurry Up Tours

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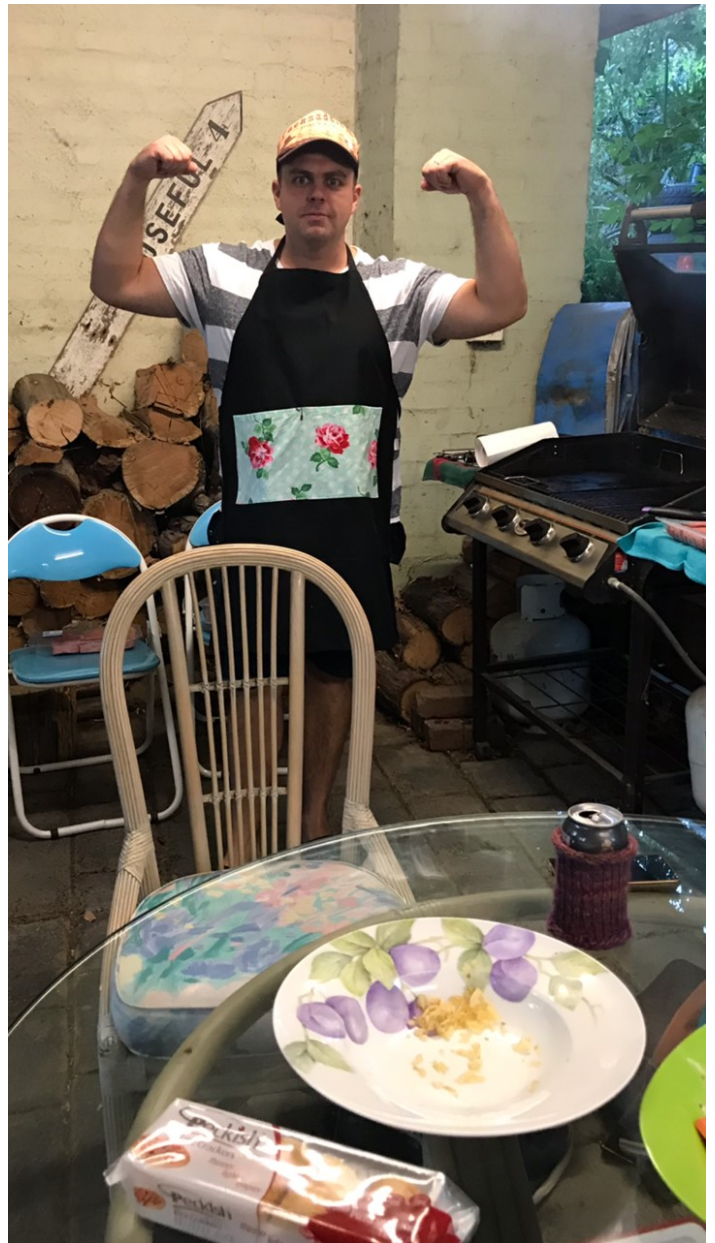
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