



FOUR WHEEL DRIVE VICTORIA

(Victoria Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc)

Minutes from General Meeting

Saturday 25th June, 2016 at 10:30am

Manningham Tende beck Scout Hall, Doncaster

ABN 40 891 301 368 Assn No: A0013539S

1.	WELCOME (President – Damian Stock) Meeting Opened at 10:05am on 25 th of June 2016	
2.	Attendance and Apologies	
	• Attendance	
	Name	Club
	Damian Stock	FWDVIC
	Chris Whiteside	FWDVIC
	Lou Catherine	FWDVIC
	Wayne Hevey	FWDVIC
	Alison McLaughlin	FWDVIC / MA4WDC
	Sue Crocker	LROCV
	Rob Kemp	GG 4x4
	Geoff & Jenny Kenafacke	Midweek 4wd
	Justin LoBascher	Yarraman 4wd
	Karen Brown	RRCV
	Bill Black	TLCCV
	Jan Black	TLCCV
	John & Maureen Turbill	TLCCV
	Geoff Lutz	LROC
	Rob McKechnie	MJOC
	Barbara & Edward Tabaka	VP4WC
	M Podolak	Toyota Hilux 4x4
	Fred De Gooyer	LROCV
	Ian McLaren	Macalister 4wd
	Alan Turner	MJOC
	David McKendry	LROCV
	John & Prue Hasler	LROCV
	Clive Bremner	PP4wdc
	Gary Lyons	Nissan
	Tony Bryant	TLCCV
	Phil Leach	Mid Week

	Joe Grosi	RAAF William
	Colin Oates	Off Peak 4wd
	Glenn Arkell	Ballarat
	Geoff Fisher	Ballarat
	Tony Jambu	Pajero
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies 	
	Name	Club
	Michael Martin	FWDVIC
	Neil Chalmers	FWDVIC
	Brian Lewis	FWDVIC
	Chris Kershaw	FWDVIC
	Garry Doyle	FWDVIC
	Peter Strang	Port Phillip
	Gordon Morris	Melton and District
	D Watts	TLCCV
	Dave Roberts	Toyota 4wd
	Graham Walsh	LROCV
	Neil West	CFA
	Marcel G	Werribee
	Jeannie Ramsay	Dandy Ranges
	Kate Waller	FWDV
	Paul MacDonald	GG4x4
	Russell Dent	Macalister 4wd
	Dave Kneebone	Yarraman
	Ralph Longley	Pajero
3.	Confirmation and Acceptance of Previous Minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous Minutes Moved: Geoff Kenafacke • Previous Minutes Seconded: Tony Bryant 	
4.	Business Arising from Previous Minutes	
	Nil	
5.	Presidents Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Move – Thanks to Wayne and the team for the effort they have put into the office move and all of the hours they have spent dismantling and setting up, whilst keeping the operations going. • Meetings – Need to engage with the clubs more. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to publicise the strategic plan ○ Next couple of board meetings will continue, and the next general meeting will be a regional meeting – in Sept. Electronic meeting facilities will be made available for those that can't make it. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sept – Geelong ● Create opportunities of more regular general meetings both in the Melb area and regions. Aim is to Enable greater interaction and enable more timely information to be given to the clubs. ● Other Events – Show and Shine, open days, Mansfield Markets etc and use these opportunities to engage with the public and promote the association and clubs. ● Clean up the bush, thanks to everyone who attended. Damian was able to secure some air time on ABC radio to discuss the Clean up the Bush program. ● As delegate to the National Council, there is ongoing work to promote the association and national council with federal government. ● We will continue to develop our 3 pillars of funding – membership, RTO and government funding. ● Discussion with DEWLP and PV about signage when clubs are out and about to promote the relationship and show the association is supporting the land owners; ● Noticeable difference between our association and what is occurring in other states. Other states do not benefit from relationships with their land owners that we do. ● Trackwatch – This is now a quarterly magazine. There is a need for content to make it work. Additionally \$1300 per issue is incurred when posting to clubs. Advertising is also difficult to maintain. ● (Action) Guidelines to be provided to clubs about types of articles and acceptable content. ● (Monthly Enews to be sent to clubs to give a quick update) ● Haunted Stream – DEWLP – we need to establish a track re-establishment group. ● Member Rewards Program – Email sent out to clubs with details on how to register. ● It was noted that the opt in page for the program was the best way forward for managing member data and the 3rd party who is running the membership program. ● Canning Stock Route - \$30 rebate from National Council ● Request for members to like the National and our Facebook page. ● Pretty good transition to the new Web page. We also currently have 17 subsites. Thanks to Andrew Kurdzinski for his work previously and support on the website.
6.	<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Budgeted income - \$562,150, income we have had \$575,988 ● Total cost of sales - \$143,163 vs \$209,300 (budgeted) ● Surplus of \$110,000 with a variance ~\$10,000 leading up to the end of the financial year. ● Bill Black – Question as to source of Surplus, what is FWDV’s strategy around moving away from being dependent on Govt funding. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wayne clarified that we are working towards this with the RTO and increase in Corporate Training. If government funding was removed, we would reduce the amount of additional services we provide back to the government and communities. ○ The association is based on 3 pillars of income – Govt support, membership and RTO. To become completely self-sufficient, we need to ensure the ongoing growth of membership and RTO services. To secure government funding we need to deliver on promises.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob McKechnie– Question: what would the association do if we were independent from the Government. Wayne noted that we would continue to work with the government on access, as this is in our interest. Used example of temporary seasonal closure in Cobaw state forest, and damage done to tracks and private property. Fire is the only clause in the MOU that they don't have to consult with us on. <p>Question on Debtors and Creditors, all bills currently paid within 30 days.</p>
7.	<p>CEO's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved Office to Thornton Crescent Mitcham, special thanks to Karl and Alison and Wayne's wife for all their efforts in helping with the move. Issues with phone, this is currently being forwarded to Wayne's mobile. • Container is being moved to Shepherds bush. Ongoing discussions are occurring with the possibility of using Shepherds Bush. • Ministerial Committee has been officially launched last weekend, and funding has been announced for three years (\$750,000), meaning \$250,000 per year. • Strategic plan is progressing very well. This has been jointly put together by PV, DEWLP, and ourselves. It will focus on expanding our communication with other community groups and organisations. Education in the areas of looking after the bush in schools, Providing a 4wd Experience which includes access, values and code of ethics, building on and bringing together a Marketing and Communications plan, sustainable resourcing for the 4wd committee. • Importance of collecting volunteer effort, hours spent, travelling, communities etc. • Meeting with Tourism Minister – future opportunities. • Industry task force about logging, when asked what we wanted, Wayne discussed with them about access, we cannot take a position in this area. • Question about beach access as we are the only state with out it,..... • MOU with Mansfield Shire which legally enables FWDV to manage the permit scheme. When going up there, bad reports do not help the association in doing this. • Fred, Land Rover Owners Question – how proactive are police in enforcing this. Rob Kemp – Question around what is closed and not, Wayne noted that it is the individual's responsibility to check on PAM what tracks are open during this period. • Camp Host – we will fall 6 short on KPI this year, this is out of the 20 we should be doing <p>RTO Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTO has been meeting on a monthly basis post restructure • Policies and procedures are being updated/created as this is regarded now as a cornerstone for FWDV • Accredited Drive and Recover course is now validated, and the Advanced driving and recovery course will soon be ready for implementation • Non accredited courses are being conducted and have begun to deliver more corporate and fee paying opportunities. • The RTO has been involved in the accreditation of many club trainers. There is always a need for more, however they must have CERT IV in Training and Assessment, as well as the unit of competence that they are delivering. • The RTO along with the Pajero club have initiated a review of risk management procedures and documentation. Affinity Insurance is also participating in this exercise.

Clean up the Bush

- Thank you to everyone who braved the cold and rain to come and clean up the bush at Bullarto. This weekend was a huge success thanks to your hard work, and another great example of what great things come out of our partnership with DELWP and Parks VIC.
- On the weekend of the 4th and 5th of June, we tackled the dumped rubbish in Wombat state forest. 110 enthusiastic people turned up to make a bid difference to the bush. In 839 total work total work hours we removed around 125 cubic meters of rubbish. What a massive achievement!
- Thank you to the 17 clubs that attended. Also we had members from three non FWDV groups including 4WD trips, the wombat 4wd face book page and Wombat ForestCare. They were all impressed with the great work that FWDV did, and some even enquired about how they could join the association.
- Not only did we remove all that rubbish from the bush, we also installed information signs. These signs, coupled with coverage by the local media who ran stories on the project, really helped to spread the word about the issue of rubbish dumping.
- Thanks to our sponsors who donated funds or services to the value of over \$7,500. Also thanks to the Gippsland 4wd club for providing some great stickers for the volunteers to display proudly on their vehicles.

8. Guest Speaker

- **Liz Langford – VicForest (Regional Engagement Manager)**
 - State owned corporation with independent board
 - Operate sustainably commercially prudent and consider long economic returns to the state.
 - Responsible for ensuring all areas harvested are successfully regenerated.
 - Largest supplier of high quality hardwood logs
 - \$107 Million in timber sales 14/15
 - 90+ family owned contractor companies
 - Also contribute to bush fire-fighting efforts with DELWP and CFA.
 - Continued growth in demand for timber. We currently import \$4bn of wood and wood products each year.
 - Log grading is very important in determining the quality of timber. All harvesting is done with regenerating in mind. It usually takes up to 100 years for the next generation of trees to be used.
 - 35% of Victoria is public owned forest. 10% of the Forrest they are allowed to harvest, however not all of this is used due to slopes, which leaves 6% available for true logging. 0.04% is actually harvested each year.
 - Vic Forest operations are subject to an over-arching group of acts and government policies.
 - 3 – 5 year planning process before a coup is harvested.
 - 18 Sites have been created to enable LB possums to move to as some of the trees are collapsing due to age. Video evidence shows that these are successfully being used.
 - Regeneration – seed crops are maintained,
 - Fire is used to burn Coups and then seeds are planted, this is governed very heavily by Gov't policy.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 600 million seeds were distributed last year. - Significant economically to Victoria. - Timber Harvesting Safety Zone - Don't be afraid to call on UHF, and they will make every effort to let you through if safe. PAM also has the roads that are listed to be closed due to felling. Some tracks are also forestry roads that are not public roads. Vic Forests are heavily regulated around where they can place signs.
9.	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Reports and questions without notice • New members to Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christopher Whiteside (Acting Sec) ○ Brian Lewis (Treasurer) • Question on vehicle numbers on a trip for insurance purposes – Min is 3, trips should be broken into blocks of 10 cars per convoy.
10.	Next Meeting
11.	Meeting Closed at 2:30pm on Saturday 25th of June 2016