



Devonport Four Wheel Drive Club Inc

Meeting Minutes

April 2025 Meeting Minutes

MEETING DETAILS

Date:	1 st April 2025
Location:	Sassafras Club Rooms
Time Meeting Opened:	7.40pm

INDIVIDUALS PRESENT

Members:	Lyndon Kettle, Kim Kettle, Garth Allison, Stephen Holman, Morgan Scott, Mick Smith, Simmo Van Der Veen, Warwick Rataj, Erin Spillane, Ryan Holman, Jimmy Jackson, Harper Clark, Michaela Redpath, Matt Hill, Billy Hill, Lexie Hill, Joe Hill, Lachie Hill, Olivia Hill, Ben Thomas, Corey Brooks, Mark Templar, Peter Page, Craig Palmer,
Teams	Michael Kerr, Kurt McBain, Darian Beecham
Visitors:	
Apologies	Dave Redpath, Andrew Wilson, Linden Reid, Sarina Reid, Gavin Stebbeings, Mike Kelly,

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Read By:	Lyndon Kettle
Moved By:	Warwick Rataj
Seconded By:	Mick Smith

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 Memberships still need to be paid• Mr Wilson always likes trip reports•
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INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Email: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andrew – Draft trip report form• Andrew – Trip report Waterfalls and Gold• Bank of Us – statement• Lyndon Kettle – invoice from Mersey Sheet Metal• Wix – website stuff• Latrobe Council – Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe• Garth – Completed membership nomination form Ben Thomas• Several failed delivery notices from bulk email• 4WD Tas – Calling for nominations for office bearers to be elected at AGM 7/4/25• 4WD Tas – Agfest 1-3 May x various• Latrobe Council – Reminder for newsletter articles for council newsletter• Andrew – Trip report \$1000 challenge• Fidelity Life – Life Insurance• Registration Services – Receipt for payment of 2023 submission• 4WD Tas – Notice of AGM 7.30 pm Monday 7 April• Garth – 2 invoices for getting website back up and running.• Andrew – Trip Report Night Mission• Various advertising, random emails and delivery failures for bulk mail out

Mail: Bank of Us - Term deposit rollover
Website: nil

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Email:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garth – Sent minutes to Lyndon for distribution.
Mail:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Read By:	Lyndon Kettle
Moved By:	Mick Smith
Seconded By:	Corey Brooks
Cash Position Term Deposit: \$ Rolled over Cash Inflow: Nil Cash out: \$ 35 Xero Operating Account: \$5256.36	

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE TASMANIA

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agfest – volunteers needed for 4WD track. Need 10 per day for 1,2,3 May.
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PAST TRIPS REPORT

Waterfalls and Gold

3 patrols, 4 cruisers a mighty Lux and 4 runner headed from the Homemakers at 9, in true form Gaz joined in the middle of the group at Ulverstone in his Ranger. Picking up the Kerrs in a Cruiser at Burnie we slipped in to Guide falls, the sink hole, St Joseph's falls and upper cam falls where we aired down and headed in. No issues on the way in with everyone getting through without incident. A bit of swimming, gold panning, metal detector swinging, Steve Shephard the panner of the day. Now is where the story starts, Gaz rocked up fashionably late with a car and a 1kg block of cheese and some food for his dog, then deciding to stay the night we found him some tarps, some blankets, a pillow and he built a lovely lean to shelter, before we fed him. We woke at 3am to a spectacular Thunderstorm and lightning show that rocked the valley for an hour and half, A few dramas on the way out with Gaz using his downhill decent mode to maximise traction whilst going up the hill, apparently doesn't work that way then tagging a log with a little dent just in front of the rear wheel.

\$1000 challenge

Loaded up we left the Home Makers @ 6.30 am, 5 x \$1000 vehicles on trailers, the Shephard's and Simon to drive the \$1000 track and Wombat Flats.

\$1000 vehicles

FRANK Lyndon/Makai, **MAV** Mark/Andrew **YOTA** Wak/Emily **DALE** Ryan/Toby **RANKY** Jimmy/Kane **MUDRUNNER** Trout/Rocky retired last minute, **WORRY** Scotty, DNS.

Too many breakages, bogs, winching, a BIG tree to clear and other problems too list here but good time was had by all. See the newsletter for details. At the very late end of the day he crew back at camp had the fire going. The Shepards were awesome cooking for us while we set up swags. Second day saw 2 vehicles start but were back early. **RANKY** the winner!!!!

A cool / awesome waterfall on the way out, a few vehicles off to the pub and Kurt blowing a radiator and head gasket on the way home, rounded up what can only be described as a trip of epic proportion! These two tracks have earned their titles as being amongst the hardest tracks you will encounter!

Secret Night Trip

After a quick briefing we headed off, unofficially 19 vehicles in convoy heading off into the great unknown,

Turning off Swamp Road we had a quick air down and Trip leader Mark Templar guided us through the pines on a track that he and Mr Wilson had plotted a few weeks before.

The track was a blue track with some options, and option one was Mark Templar bogged and needing a winch with some comical direction from Garth over the radio keeping the rest of the field entertained. On the same corner Pete put a tyre off the rim so a quick change was needed. A nice downhill section, a steep little corner, a quip trip through the Sprent “tip” and that was the end of a nice little night loop, and Michael Kerr winner of winch bingo.

Club Working Bee

8 workers. Ceiling, LED lights and Cel-fi Go all installed. Roof sheets and gutter guard outside. Also a general cleanup. Painting for next time and a better aerial maybe for the Cel-fi Go.

FUTURE TRIPS & EVENTS

- Thursday April 17th Easter trip – Stephen West coast. Homemaker 6pm.
 - Thu night Camp Queenstown Van Park
 - Fri Mt McCall (Stephen get key), Bird River Bridge, Darwin Plateau, Camp The Pines
 - Sat Ocean Beach, Climies, Camp Granville OR maybe Lake Spicer
 - Sun Pieman Heads, Farm, Balfour Track Camp Kurt’s at Temma
 - Mon own way home
- April 25th - ANZAC day long weekend- East coast
 - Day trips from Devonport or base yourself at Pub in the Paddock base camp from Thursday on. Camper friendly trip. 10am departure each day for day trips. Winifred Weir, Mt Paris Dam, suggestions.
- Invite Trecker club up for a trip- date TBD
- May 17th – Kurt Keith River Rd
- May 24th - Cracker night at Andrew and Leah Wilsons block in Railton + a hill climb
- May 21st til 26th Dane competing In Rock Crawler comp at Molong north of Bathurst NSW. 9 hours from boat to comp. Contact Dane.
- May/June - Girls Trip
- June 21st – Dane. Penguin area beer & burger easy day trip.
- August 2nd/3rd – Winter \$1000 trip Reverse direction. Finish at hut
- August TBA - Snow trip
- 8th/9th November - Christmas Dinner Derwent Bridge?
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GENERAL BUSINESS

- Website – up and running Thanks Garth
- April 12th Mackeys vouchers – Committee meeting for working dinner
- Club stickers - Stephen H
- Working Bee – Cell Fi Go set up on roof, but not big difference. Trying bigger aerial
- Ben Clark not limited to trips. Awarded for any good work.
- Jo cutting hair for Worlds Greatest Shave. Club donated \$101

MEETING CLOSE

Next Meeting:	6 th May 2025
Time Meeting Closed:	9.15pm