

OXMOG WhatsApp Group

Background The **OXMOG WHATSAPP GROUP** is intended for members to inform other members of:

- Notification of intended informal/spontaneous (ie. non OXMOG Organised) trips,
- Clarify and/or discuss factors/issues related to OXMOG Organised trips
- Social chats on matters considered worthy of sharing.

What is WhatsApp? To quote their own definition: *“WhatsApp Messenger is a freeware, cross-platform messaging and Voice over IP service owned by Facebook. It allows users to send text messages and voice messages, make voice and video calls, and share images, documents, user locations, and other media”*

How do I get WhatsApp on my phone?

- Its free to Download and free to use
- It can be accessed via all smartphones using phone network or Wi-Fi
- Download via either Google Play or Apple Apps.

What Happens Next?

- OXMOG Members have the choice to “opt in”.
 - Via an Administrator: Ian Snow. Keith Hofgartner or Stephen Baker.
- Administrator will load the member’s name and preferred mobile number “into group”
- Group Members can delete themselves from Group at any time using the App settings
- It is also helpful if members have a profile picture of their face on Account.

Conditions and Protocols for use

- Group members need to be aware that **EVERY** message sent via a Group is distributed to **EVERY** Group member. Each message appears on your phone with an accompanying beep. **Members should note that via Phone Settings/ Notifications it is possible to silence audible notifications of a new WhatsApp message.**
- By clicking on The Group Header, it is possible to get to an “individual” WhatsApp address if a bilateral exchange (off Group) is more appropriate. Or, use the **‘Reply Privately’** option that is also available.

The notification of intended informal/spontaneous trip

Ideally Includes:

- Proposed time / date, venue (address) and route details (if necessary)

Comments/Queries on OXMOG Organised Events

Quote the Calendar description and date of event followed by Comment/Query.

Social Chats.

- Can be used for almost anything **without including political, religious, racist or sexist remarks.**
- Members should also be cautious of sending numerous messages that just repeat the sentiment of previous messages. E.g. “Me too”.