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<b>8<sup>th</sup> August @ 7.30pm</b>	General Meeting / AGM
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> August @ 7.30pm</b>	Committee Meeting
<b>29<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Kelly's Hut Working Bee
<b>24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Kelly's Hut Working Bee

If you have any trips or events you want to include please send an email to either the Trip Co-ordinator or Editor two weeks before the next General Meeting.

Please: If you have any trip reports (past or present) send them through for inclusion in the magazine.

For further info about upcoming Club Trips check the website: [www.geelong4wdclub.org.au](http://www.geelong4wdclub.org.au)

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Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month,  
7.30pm at the Clubrooms - 70 Edgerton Rd Lovely Banks

Visitors and new members welcome.

Next General Meeting: Wednesday 8th August 2018, Meeting Starts @ 7.30pm  
Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday 22nd August 2018, 7:30pm at Clubrooms

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## THE PRES SAYS



G'day everyone,

I hope you're all keeping nice and warm in these cold winter months. Don't forget that the AGM is coming up and that you must be a financial member to be eligible to vote.

So to have your say on how and who is going to be running our club for the next 12 months please make sure you're paid up and come along to the AGM to have your say. All positions will be declared vacant and you can nominate yourself or another member to join the committee. Forms are available for download from the website.

See you all soon,  
Cheers, Byron  
President Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**

Held at the Clubrooms, Abe Wood Reserve on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Opened:** 7.30pm  
**Minuted by:** Shez Tedford  
**Apologies:** Justin Rogers, Allie Hamann, Dave Hamann, Graeme Jeffrey, Rick Neville, Matthew Mountjoy, Juanita Mountjoy, kelvin Rogers, Beth Rogers, Ross Barry, Renee Willey, Martin Brayshaw  
**Visitors:** Tevor Jones, Steve Love, Jeff Conors, Lionel Burrridge and Chad Barns  
**New Members:** Geoff Hamilton and Travers Jenner

Previous minutes are correct.

**Business arising from the Minutes:** There is no business arising, therefore no need for a P&S.

**Correspondence in:** Track Watch, Receipt for cleaning club rooms, Tax Invoice from COGG, letter from the overland club congratulating us on a great Moonambel Muster.

**Correspondence out:** July Drive line, Previous minutes.

Business arising from the correspondence: No Business arising from correspondence.

**Treasurer's report:** Tabled until August meeting.

**Editor:** Belinda Waller won the funny caption award. Editor asks members to send in any of their trip photos to go into the magazine.

**Public Relations:** No Report.

**Regional Rep:** No Report.

**Social Co-ordinator:** No Report.

**Trip Co-ordinator:** Past events: As per magazine.

Upcoming events: As per magazine.

**Web Master:** Danny also asks members to send in photos for the web site. Photos must be high resolution.

**General business:**

1. Wayne Foon from Heyfield Parks will be our guest speaker at the September general meeting
2. reminder that the annual club fees are now due. Please make sure that names are put into the description, so the treasurer has an accurate account of who has paid.
3. The AGM will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> August. 7.30pm. Incoming committee will be elected. AGM to be followed by the monthly general meeting.

**Meeting closed:** 8pm

**Next meeting:** 8<sup>th</sup> August 2108

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# UPCOMING TRIPS

## TRIP

### **29<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec**

Trip Leader

Tail End Charlie

Trip Classification

Vehicle Limit

Meeting Place

Meeting Time

Essentials

### **Kellys Hut Working Bee**

Warren & Shez Tedford

TBA

Easy

10

TBA

TBA

The first working bee will be from Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> November til Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. We have to include weekdays, so the Parks Rangers can be on site. We will look at taking 10 cars.

We have been offered accommodation that the Parks Rangers have nearby to Kellys Lane (it's not well known). The huts sleep 40 and there is a fully functional kitchen. The plan is that on each working party all meals will be supplied so those who are working hard will not have to worry about cooking. With that in mind some of our crew will need to be cooks.

If you are available, please contact Shez on 0400 154 424 for catering.

## TRIP

### **24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Trip Leader

Tail End Charlie

Trip Classification

Vehicle Limit

Meeting Place

Meeting Time

Essentials

### **Kellys Hut Working Bee (Australia Day Weekend)**

Warren & Shez Tedford

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Easy

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The second working bee will be over the Australia Day long weekend. This trip we will camp at Thomastown Campground which is on Kellys Lane and only a very short distance from the hut.

We will again provide all the food for the weekend. If you cannot make it for the weekdays but you can for the weekend, that is still appreciated. We do need some skilled labourers along with others who can help with cleanups around the hut, managing tools etc. There will be plenty of work and jobs for all.

If you are available, please contact Shez on 0400 154 424 for catering.

# LEAD A TRIP

Just about anyone can lead a trip with a little guidance from an experienced club member. Day trips are very easy to organise; they don't necessarily need to be technically challenging or complicated – it might simply be a tour through some local bush scenery, a picnic or a trip to the local wineries.

If you would like to lead a trip for the club but are a little unsure of how to go about it – Simply contact the Trip Co-ordinator – [trips@geelong4wdclub.org.au](mailto:trips@geelong4wdclub.org.au) – or speak to one of the more experienced members who would be happy to give you some advice. We would also love to hear from more experienced members interested in leading trips.

# MEMBER VEHICLE SAFETY

## **BASIC RECOVERY GEAR INCLUDES**

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## **SELF RECOVERY GEAR INCLUDES**

Winch for self-recovery on medium to hard trips  
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Long handle shovel

Tree trunk protector(s)  
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Winch extension strap

These are some items but please see the Trip Co-ordinator for further details to ensure that when **you** get stuck people are using **your** gear to get you out and not theirs!

# FWDV INFORMATION

## **FWDV MEETING DATES**

Please note the following FWDV meeting dates. ALL Club members are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Agendas and further information will be advised closer to the dates.

Saturday 15.09.18 – General Meeting at Tatura  
Monday 12.11.18 – Annual General Meeting



# MONTHLY MEMBER AWARDS

Come along to a general meeting at the Clubrooms and you are in with a chance to win the monthly member door prize. Each Month all financial members names will go into the draw. If the member is in attendance they will receive a Club Voucher to the value of \$10.

'Fines' are issued for members not wearing their name badges to meetings. Other fines may also consist of breakdowns or breakages on club trips. You could even be fined for silly things you may do on trips as well. The fines are tallied up and the person with the most fines at a general meeting is the recipient of the 'Pyst n Broke' award. All fine monies are collected and tallied up and at the AGM each year and we donate it to the RFDS from the club.



Door Prize  
**Richard Brown**



Pyst n Broke  
**Tim Neville**



Funny Caption  
**Belinda Waller**

# FUNNY CAPTION CONTEST

Come up with the funniest caption for the photo below and you could win a Club Voucher for use at the bar. Please send your funny caption entry to the Editor at [editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au](mailto:editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au)



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## **MEMBER CONTENT**

Members are invited to please send through photos, trip reports and new for our Driveline magazine and website. It doesn't take long to write a few paragraphs after attending a trip – and most of us snap a few photos throughout the trips. Send them through so all members to enjoy.

Send Magazine Content to: [editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au](mailto:editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au)

Send Website Content to: [webmaster@geelong4wdclub.org.au](mailto:webmaster@geelong4wdclub.org.au)

Be sure to regularly check the club website for news, upcoming trips, trip reports, photos and club forms.

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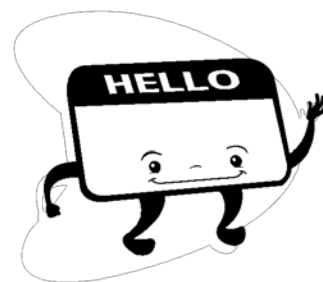
## **MOVED HOUSE OR CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?**

If you have moved and / or changed your telephone numbers or email address, please advise the club so that all our correspondence will reach you. With all the great trips and functions going on you need to stay in touch. The club magazine Driveline is now emailed to those who have a current email address. Please let a committee member know if you have changed any details.

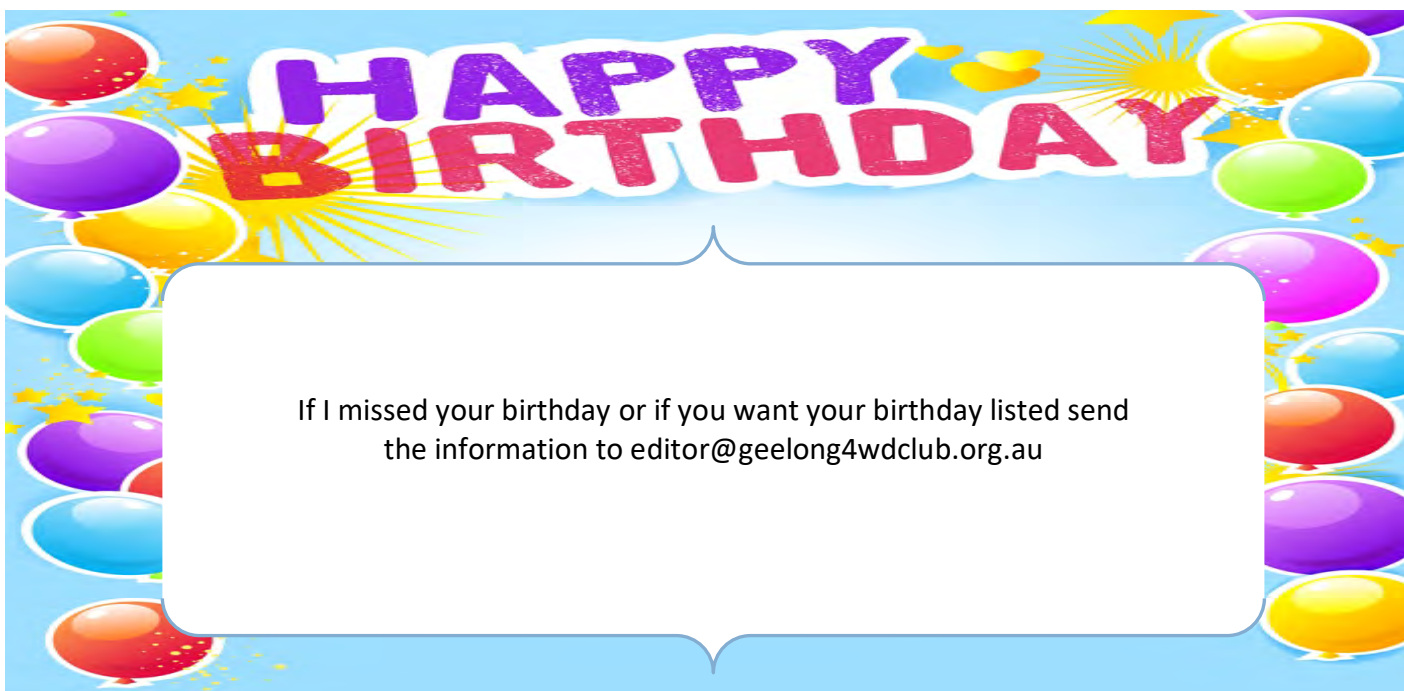
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## **DON'T FORGET YOUR BADGE**

Wearing your badge to all meetings, events and community activities makes it easier for everyone to become more personal and build friendships. It doesn't matter if you are a new or old member, please wear your badge.



# BIRTHDAY WISHES



If I missed your birthday or if you want your birthday listed send the information to [editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au](mailto:editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au)

# HOWS THAT HUT

## **STROBRIDGE'S HUTS**

Lucy Strobbridge was born in 1919 and grew up on a farm in the Brookville area, and spent most of her life here. She lived with her parents John and Ellen Strobbridge and siblings.

Lucy's brother William developed polio and Lucy cared for him. When William died it is reputed that Lucy was so distraught at his death that she became mute and never spoke again. Lucy's father died in 1941, leaving behind the mother Ellen and daughters.



The family farm was sold, and Ellen and Lucy moved to this hut complex on the edge of the old mining town of Brookville. Lucy and her mother would pick up groceries from Swift Creek. Lucy's sister Maude had already moved away after getting married.

In 1972, when Lucy was 53, her mother Ellen passed away in the Omeo Hospital. Lucy would not leave the security of her huts and she went on to live there for the next 30 years as a recluse. She was much loved and admired by many of the locals who helped her with dropping of groceries and supplies from the Swift Creek store. She rarely saw anyone and was rarely seen. Most groceries were left for her to collect.



Lucy became ill from a wound on her foot and died in 2001 at the age of 81.

The Strobbridge's huts still stand although they are now in a sad state, one hut is almost collapsed. The huts are located at the corner of Baldhead and Brookville roads about 17km from Swift Creek (Gippsland) in the Mt Delusion Forest. Swifts Creek is located on the Great Alpine road.

There is an interesting book authored by Bob Bates that tells of Lucy's life. The book is called "Lucy Strobbridge, Maid of the Mountains". Well worth the read.

Ref; Alpine Heritage Butler report.

Shez

# TRIP REPORT

## **OTWAYS / PADDY'S SWAMP DAY TRIP**

Trip leader: Cam Hamann / Tim Neville - Landcruiser 105 / GQ patrol

Tail end Charlie: Rylan Bird / Don Bird - GQ patrol

Other participants: Jimmy Halikias - GU Patrol

Adam Valance / Mathew Taylor / Byron Willey - GU Patrol

Troy Oman - Landrover Discovery

We met at the Bunnings in Waurin Ponds and we set off behind our trip leader Cam Hamann just after 9am, along the way we met up with Adam. About 10 mins after we met up with them Cam came over the radio. His car was not running very well. We all pulled over and had a look but could not work out what the problem was (we later found out it was a wiring issue).

With Cams car now not running I flat towed the GQ back to Adams house. I then took over trip leading duties and as always, my trips go from a nice drive on the blacktop to a full day winch fest. We aired down just out of the township of Deans Marsh and entered the Otway National Park shortly after. We then turned onto our first track (little did we know this would be the only track we would do for the day) and the first hill saw us all sliding down a steep hill down towards a creek. We then followed the bank of the creek for about 400m through a very overgrown track with sloppy bog holes from here we then dropped into the creek (about 20m of heart in throat terror) sliding to the bottom. We then drove along the creek for a few hundred meters before we had to climb out. The climb out saw 4 out of the 5 cars winch with Dicky the only one to drive it. From here we followed along the edge of the creek until we were met with a long steep hill climb that we broke into two sections.



The first section was steep slippery and very rutted. First off, I drove the hill, with the Simexes biting into the side of the rut and a fair bit of redline I got the cruiser to the top. Next, we had Troy in the Disco. A quick

winch down the bottom saw him drive the rest of the hill. Jimmy hit it next and with the GU bouncing off the bopper he drove to the top without winching. Next Adam gave it a crack and had a good run till the top when he fell into a rut the wrong way and took a tire off the bead. With a winch to the top and a tire change the hill was clear for Dicky to hit it, and he made it look easy.



We then had a couple of trees to clear before I attempted the top section. I hit the top section and there were very deep ruts and saw me diff out on 36" Simexes however with a lot of momentum behind me and some quick steering I got to the top of the hill. We then decided that we would need to fill the ruts in as they were too deep for some of the other cars. After a lot of digging Troy hit the hill, and after a fair bit of back and forward and a quick winch, he got to the top. Jimmy then followed yet again with the patrol bouncing off the limiter and made it to the top in one hit. Next was Adam and he had a very good run until he dropped into a rut that kicked the back of the patrol the wrong way and this saw the patrol slide well off the track. Yet again another winch and he was up the hill. Next Rylan came up and yet again made it look easy.

At this point we thought we had completed the track. But the way back to the main road Troy slid off the track which saw Jimmy and I use both our winches to get him back on the track, thinking we must now be out. We soon realised that the road we were now on was blocked both ways, so we found another unnamed track and followed that only to find me slide 50m down a hill to a massive rock step. I decided that the hill was too hard to take the convoy down, so I turned my car around and had to winch back up the hill. We found our way through a recently cleared pine plantation to a main road where we would air up. This plantation was thick bottomless soup and whilst everyone made it through it tested everyone's commitment to an obstacle with your foot to the floor and some quick hands on the steering wheel.

Thanks to everyone that came out, everyone seemed to have a great time and I'm sure this is just the beginning of us exploring further into the Otways!

Thanks – Tim Neville



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