

GET EQUIPPED AT THE SECOND SERVICE OF THE SECOND SE

MINGS

到州底

MORKELS

BUIL BARS ALLOY OF STEEL

SUSPENSION

DET LOCKS

Find us on Facebook

TJM Geelong. 27 Baldwin Ave North Geelong 3215 p. 03 5277 1444 | f. 03 5277 1433

info@tjmgeelong.com.au | www.tjmgeelong.com.au | 1/tjmgeelong





ROOF RACKS

711



Driveline

What's happening?		
13th November BBQ @6.15pm General Meeting to be		
Meeting Starts @ 7.00 pm	held at Club Rooms	
27th November @ 7.30pm	Committee Meeting	
1st—5th November	High Country Cup	
	Weekend	
15 th - 17 th November	Christmas Party	
28th Nov—1st Dec	Kelly's Hut Rebuild	
23rd Jan - 26th Jan 2020	Kelly's Hut Rebuild	
Easter 2020	Beachport	

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

In This Issue

- Front Cover
 Big Desert 2019
- Committee Details
- The Pres Says
- General Meeting Minutes
- Upcoming Trips & Events
- Members Awards
- Ironman Meeting
- Sponsors Information
- Fry's Hut
- Big Desert & Border Track
- Track Clearing 2019
- Convoy Procedures
- Christmas party

Monthly general meetings are held at the club rooms on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

Abe Wood Reserve, Edgerton Rd, Lovely Banks

Visitors and new members welcome.

During Daylight saving a BBQ precedes the meeting at 6.30 pm.

For more information email: info@geelong4wdclub.org.au
Postal Address: Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club
PO Box 976
Geelong Vic 3220

The opinions expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club and/or the Editor and any article tendered for publication will be at the discretion of the Committee.

COMMITTEE 2018-2019

PRESIDENT	Byron Willey	president@geelong4wdclub.org.au
VICE PRESIDENT	Geoff Davey	vice.president@geelong4wdclub.org.au
SECRETARY	Shez Tedford	secretary@geelong4wdclub.org.au
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Allie Hamann	assist.secretary@geelong4wdclub.org.au
TREASURER	Juanita Mountjoy	treasurer@geelong4wdclub.org.au
ASSISTANT TREASURER	Beth Rogers	assist.treasurer@geelong4wdclub.org.au
TRIP COORDINATOR	Dave Hamann	trips@geelong4wdclub.org.au
PRO (Public Relations Officer)	Mark Mensch	public.relations@geelong4wdclub.org.au
EDITOR	Warren Tedford	editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE for Great Otway National Park	Dave Hamann	region.rep@geelong4wdclub.org.au
ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE	Adam Cameron	assoc.rep@geelong4wdclub.org.au
WEBMASTER	Danny Sparks-Cousins	webmaster@geelong4wdclub.org.au
EQUIPMENT OFFICER	Kelvin Rogers	equipment@geelong4wdclub.org.au
SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR	Renee Willey	social@geelong4wdclub.org.au
ORDINARY MEMBERS	Cam Hamann	member1@geelong4wdclub.org.au
	Jimmy Halikias	member2@geelong4wdclub.org.au
	Tim Neville	member3@geelong4wdclub.org.au
		member4@geelong4wdclub.org.au

THE PRES SAYS



G'day All,

It's been great to see some trips becoming more frequent with the days getting longer and the weather getting nicer. With cup weekend coming up, that provides an awesome opportunity to get out on the tracks and even roll the swag out and enjoy the bush that we all love. Just keep an eye out for those wriggle sticks!!

Don't forget our Christmas party is coming up in a couple of weeks, so that should be a great social weekend for those that are attending. We are also having out BBQs again before the meetings so come along and have a feed and catch up with the other members.

Our November meeting will also a chat from one of our local snake catchers which I think should be very informative and I think everyone will get something out of it.

See you soon Byron

President Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the General Meeting

Held at Iron Man Store, North Geelong on the 9 th October 2019			
Meeting Opened:			
@7.35pm by Byron Willey			
Minuted by:			
Shez Tedford			
Apologies:			
Bill Taft, Beth Rogers, Renee Willey			
Visitors:			
Harry Parkes, Sam Murphy.			
New Members: .			
Previous minutes:			
Previous minutes were presented as correct (P) Tim Neville (S) All	Allie Hamann		
Business arising from the Minutes:			
No Business arising, therefore no need for (p) and (S)			
Correspondence in:			
Track Watch .			
Receipt for cleaning of the club rooms			
Correspondence out:			
Previous minutes and Drive line			
Business arising from the correspondence:			
No Business arising from the correspondence			
Treasurer's report:			
	David Dixon		
Editor:			
If members have high resolution photos from trips, please send them in to	he shown in Driveline		
Public Relations:	be shown in Briveline .		
No Report			
Regional Rep:			
Track Clearing weekend to be held 26 th and 27 th October.2crews will be nee	seded for the weekend. Camping will be at the Rig		
Hill Campground.	eded for the weekend. Camping will be at the big		
Social Co-ordinator:			
No Report			
Association Rep:			
No report			
Trip Co-ordinator:			
Past events: As per Magazine			
Upcoming events: As per magazine			
Web Master:			
Web site is up to date. Please send any photos through of trips			
General business:			
There was no business to discuss.			
Mark thanked the staff at Iron Man for hosting our general meeting and for	or the their denation of products for our raffle		
.Please note .We will have a guest speaker at our November general meet			
snake awareness. There will not be any snakes present at this presentation			
Meeting will begin at 7pm instead of the usual 7.30. BBQ will begin just at			
wineering win begin at 7pm instead of the usual 7.30. DDQ win begin just al	itei opiil.		
Meeting closed:			
8.07 pm .			
Next meeting:			
13th November .			
TOTH MOVEHINE! .			

CLUB NOTICES

MEMBER CONTENT

Members are invited to send through their photos and trip reports for our Driveline magazine and website. Most of us take a few photos whilst on a trip, Please send them through so all members can enjoy.

Send Magazine Content to: editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au
Send Website Content to: webmaster@geelong4wdclub.org.au
Be sure to regularly check the club website for news, upcoming trips, trip

reports, photos and club forms.

www.geelong4wdclub.org.au

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.

editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au



UPCOMING TRIPS

TRIP

1st—5th November Melbourne Cup Weekend Victorian High Country

Trip Leader Dave Purdie

Tail End Charlie TBA

Trip Classification Easy/Medium

Vehicle Limit 10

Meeting Place BP Sevice Centre Avalon

Meeting Time Friday 1st November @ 900am

Basic recovery gear, Rated recovery points, Operational Winch and Sense of Humor

Essentials This is a Traveler trip Swags or tents

TRIP

15th—17th November Christmas Party

Trip Leader Committee

Tail End Charlie TBA

Trip Classification Easy/Medium
Vehicle Limit Unlimited

Meeting Place Gellibrand Caravan Park
Meeting Time Friday 15th November

Powered Site \$38 / Night Unpowered Site \$34 / Night Cabins Available

Essentials Book Your Own Site Ph 0352358357

TRIP

28th Nov—1st Dec Kelly's Hut Rebuild

Trip Leader Warren Tedford

Tail End Charlie TBA

Trip Classification Easy/Medium Vehicle Limit Unlimited

Meeting Place TBA
Meeting Time TBA

Essentials All PPE Gear Basic Tools Pillows Bedding & Towels

TRIP

23rd Jan—28th Jan 2020 Kelly's Hut Rebuild

Trip Leader Warren Tedford

Tail End Charlie TBA

Trip Classification Easy/Medium Vehicle Limit Unlimited

Meeting Place TBA
Meeting Time TBA

Essentials All PPE Gear Basic Tools Pillows Bedding & Towels

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



MONTHLY MEMBER AWARDS

Door Prize Winners Ironman Meeting October 2019











Meeting at Geelong 4wd & Camping

Our October general meeting was held at Iron Man in North Geelong with a BBQ pre meeting.

Del and the staff kindly put the ramps out so our members could see and measure how much flex their vehicles had.

It was an enjoyable evening with a good turn out by our members.

A huge thankyou to Del and the staff for hosting our meeting and donating some great prizes for our raffle.





























SPONSORS INFORMATION

If you are thinking of making a purchase for your 4WD then make sure to support the companies who support our club. Like their Facebook pages to keep up to date with deals and sales.

TJM GEELONG	(03) 5277 1444	tjmgeelong.com.au
27 Baldwin Avenue, North Geelong, Victoria 3215		info@tjmgeelong.com.au

KERRS HIRE	(03) 5278 6011	kerrshire.com.au	
Cnr Dunn & Edols Streets, North Geelong, Victoria 3215		admin@kerrshire.com.au	

GEELONG 4WD & CAMPING	(03) 52779697	tyrepowergeelong.com.au	
324 Melbourne Rd North Geelong 3215		ad-	
		min@tyrepowergeelong.com.au	

ARB GEELONG	(03) 5272 2611	arb.com.au/stores/arb-geelong	
304 Thompson Road, North Geelong, Victoria 3215		tpickford@arb.com.au	

BURSON AUTO GROVEDALE	(03) 5244 8100	<u>burson.com.au</u>
143 Marshalltown Road, Grovedale, Victoria 3216		grovedale@burson.com.au



North Geelong - Cnr Dunn & Edols St Ph: 5278 6011

Grovedale - 21 Essington St Ph: 5245 7877 Ocean Grove - 2 Smithton Gr Ph: 5255 1344

www.kerrshire.com.au

HOWS THAT HUT

FRY'S HUT

Elevation approx. 430 m above sea level.

Fry's Hut sits in the shadow of one of the oldest Manna Gums in Victoria.

Located on Fry's Flat beside the beautiful Howqua river in the Howqua Historic area.

The hut was built by Fred Fry, a Mansfield local. Fred had a unique style of building and his work can been seen on other huts in the area that he built.

Fry's hut is on 7 acres of ground offering great camping.

From this location there are many 4x4 tracks to explore.

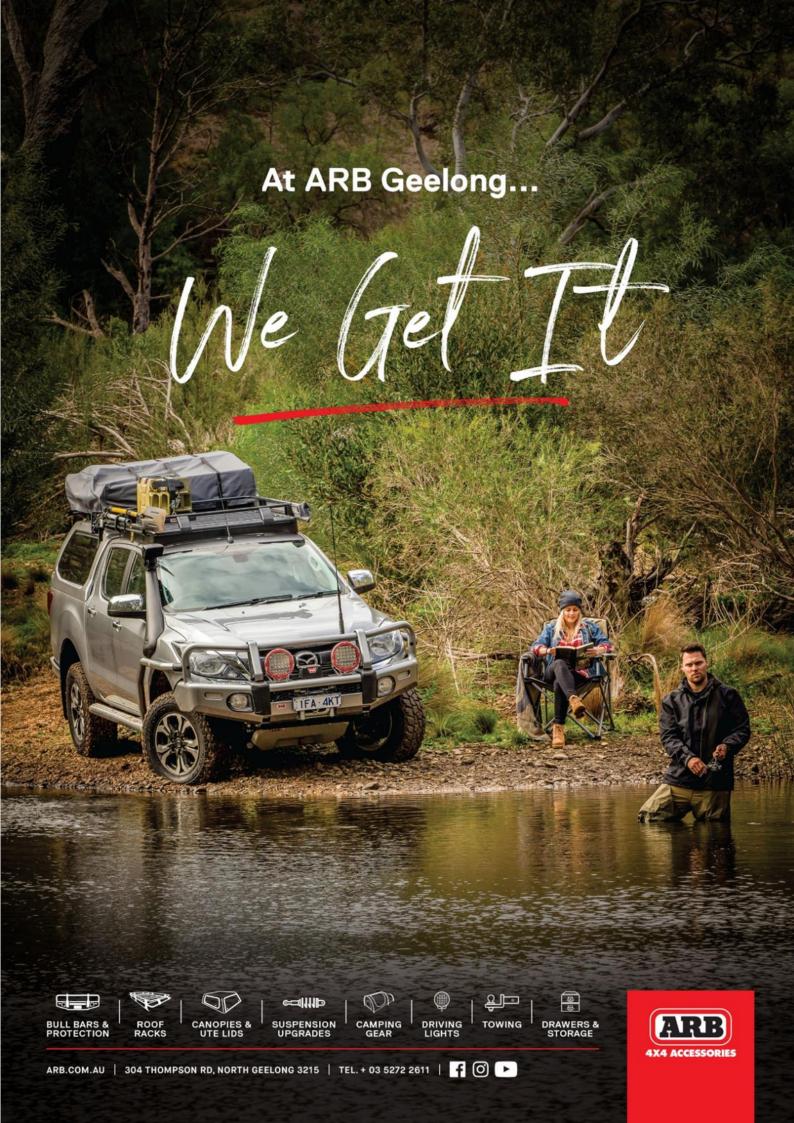
There are also horse yards here as this is a popular area for horse riding enthusiasts to base.

Fry's Flat is closed during winter as part of Parks Victoria seasonal closures.

Cheers Shez







TRIP REPORTS

Big Desert and Border Track

Trip leader: Tim Neville

Date: 26th to 29th September 2019

Participants: Tim Neville and Sam Murphy, Dave and Allie Hamann, Harrison Parke, Hugo Rugge, Shez

and Warren Tedford, Rory Tedford, Johnny Atanasov, Geoff Davey and Rod Wright

After meeting at the clubhouse at 8am on Thursday, 3 cars (Tim and Sam, Hugo and Geoff and Rod) set off for the six hour trip to Big Billy Bore campground on the Nhill-Murrayville track. We didn't get far before our first technical glitch when Geoff's 200 would not change out of 4th gear. After a quick stop, this was rectified with a "Japanese reset" by disconnecting the battery for 5 minutes. We stopped for lunch at Horsham where we were overtaken by Harry, but met him in Nhill. On the way up the Murrayville Track we found an interesting side track and hill. Tim had a quick run at it but it was clear we would need lower tyre pressures for this one, so we left it for the next day. Rory was already in camp at Big Billy Bore when we arrived at about 3pm. He had the campsite organized including firewood which was great.

Five of us drove up to Murrayville (one car) to explore the pub as we had heard that Grand Final day was going to be huge in Murrayville!? We met Dave and Allie towing their van south from Murrayville, so that made 6 vehicles so far. During the obligatory beer at the pub, we explored the possibility of organizing a minibus or some other form of transport from the campground to the pub and back on Saturday for the Grand Final but the publican thought we were deluded! He later came up with some suggestions, but ultimately this did not work out. After collecting some more firewood on the way back to camp, we settled in for our first evening of socialization and overtraining! Warren and Shez and Johnny rolled into camp at about 11pm to complete the group of 8 vehicles.

Friday morning, we set out at 8.30 for the Border Track. This was going to be a fair bit of ground to cover in one day. After heading north to Murrayville, we detoured to Pinnaroo across the South Australian Border to refuel before cutting back to the Border Track along the East edge of the Ngarkat Conservation Park (which requires permits). As we entered the park through a gate, Johnny spotted a bog hole and the lure was too much to resist! Needless to say, after the obligatory covering of the vehicle with mud, Johnny then proceeds to roll the font right tyre off the rim. The actual mechanism cannot be described here in the interest of political correctness. The tyre was returned to the bead in quick order but this had the hallmarks of a long day as we had not yet even started the Border Track proper!

The Border track was quite rough with many side to side excavations in the track which made progress slow, however there was still some moisture in the sand after recent rain, so the dunes were not particularly difficult. We made a brief detour at Doggers Hut Camp, but there is no longer a hut there, so we continued. Harry "parked" his car on the way out and removed his sand flag, and we'll leave it at that! After lunch at the lower end of Ngarkat, we had a brief play in some dunes. Coincidentally (or was it?), Johnny was the only one to get bogged there. Then it was on to the Red Bluff track. This was generally without incident, although Rory took a deviation to explore the flora. After reaching the Murrayville track, we found the hill from the day before. 4 of us made it up with low tyre pressures while others continued back to camp without dropping pressures.

Saturday we again set off at 8.30 and had a play on the dune near the start of the Delisio track before heading to Big Dune. Once at big Dune we dropped tyre pressures to as low as we dared. Most had between 6 and 12 PSI depending on the vehicle. All made it up Big Dune on the first attempt including Hugo who was a relative novice and was quite anxious in anticipation, but with a little encouragement from Tim in the passenger seat made it up with no problems

There are 3 main tracks up the dune and between us we drove them all. After conquering Big Dune, we continued to the lookout above it and then down the very steep descent on the other side of this. We then turned around to climb this hill in the other direction, but that proved difficult. After some shovel work on the run up, Tim managed to make the climb only after dropping his pressures to 6 PSI. Dave was next but hadn't dropped his pressures as low and didn't get up on the first attempt. Unfortunately, that was the last attempt as is engine was making horrible noises, particularly from the exhaust. The working theory at the time was a blown head gasket between 2 cylinders. Dave was able to limp his car back to camp unassisted however.

We then settled into grand final celebrations at the camp as we had abandoned the idea of the Murrayville pub. This consisted of listening to the radio at Chateau Hamann. Thanks to Allie and Shez for laying on party pies and yummy nibbles. Well as we all know; the grand final was a one sided debacle so there was not a lot of concentration on the radio after a while. Rodney went for a kip at half time but claims he didn't go to sleep (or snore through most of the 3rd quarter)! The young boys were distracted by their ping pong drinking game and overall it was a very convivial afternoon. Sam was voted man of the match on Saturday, but unfortunately pulled up with "general soreness" on Sunday.

Sunday morning there were a few sore heads, but after a little recovery it was time to pack up and head back home. Tim towed Dave's car to avoid any further damage and Rory towed the van in the Ranger. Geoff and Rod explored a few more tracks at the north end of the park on the way out.

The weekend was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks to Tim and all who participated.

Report by Geoff Davey

























Track Clearing 2019

We had a good day down in the Otways doing some track clearing on Saturday the 26th October. We had 7 vehicles with 15 club members to help out.

We were met in Beech Forest by a Parks Ranger from Forestry Fire management who briefed our group on safety and allocated the tracks for our group to check. From here our group split into two convoys and headed off to check the tracks.

The tracks and forest seemed to have fared well over the winter months as we did not have any large trees to remove, just a few small branches.

Track clearing is a good way to help out and strengthen our relationships with Parks Vic and Forestry and Fire Management. We checked the tracks allotted to us, opened the gates so everyone can go out and enjoy the awesome Great Otway National Park.

Everyone enjoyed the day. Thanks to everyone who came out to help out and Dave for organising the day.

Shez





















This ENews is a new format that Four Wheel Drive Victoria will be sending on a monthly basis or as needed, directly to your Inbox. As a member of Four Wheel Drive Victoria you will have the option to OPT OUT if you do not want this communication from us. If you do not opt out you will continue to receive these emails. You can opt out at any time.

The latest news from Four Wheel Drive Victoria

NEW - Direct To Member ENEWS

As a result of our members survey earlier this year it was very clear from members feedback that they would like to see direct communication from the association via email. This ENEWS is the new direct to members format which enables members to opt in or opt out. You only need to opt in if you have received this email from your club committee.

To Opt In click HERE

If you have received this email directly from Four Wheel Drive Victoria you do not need to do anything unless you decide you no longer wish to receive ENEWS direct to your inbox. You will continue to receive ENews Direct until you decide to Opt Out at bottom of page.

Four Wheel Drive Victoria Wins Regional Achievement Award

Congratulations to all our club members and families who participated in the wide array of volunteer work over the last year or so. Your hard work has been recognised at the recent Victorian Regional Achievement and Community Awards held in early October at a gala evening at the Flemington Racecourse. We have been finalists now three out of the last four years and this year brought home the trophy!

The award we achieved was the Parks Victoria Environmental and Sustainability Award. This award recognised all the volunteer work performed by our many club volunteers working on activities such as Camp Host, Clean Up the Bush, Track Clearing, specialized community support, high country hut maintenance along with many other volunteer activities including educating the general public about Driving in a Sustainable Environment and Treading Lightly at the many shows attended across the state.

It was a delightful evening of recognition made possible by the tireless effort put in by Geoff Kenafacke of the Midweek 4WD Club, in collecting and documenting the enormous hours from all our wonderful clubs. The award presentation and winners were broadcast across many media channels including social media, The Weekly Times and Prime 7 regional TV network giving Four Wheel Drive Victoria's achievement wide exposure. You can check out the stories on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/VICRACA/ and The Weekly Times https://www.weeklytimesnow.com.au

Have You Got a Story To Tell?

The next Trackwatch Magazine is coming in December and we need some great articles about your 4WD club activities. If you have an article or trip report that is worth sharing we would love to see it. Also any photos of club activities would be great too. For further information just contact the office on 98747222 or email to projects@fwdvictoria.org.au

Annual General Meeting of Four Wheel Drive Victoria

The Annual General Meeting for the Victoria Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc T/as Four Wheel Drive Victoria is to be held on **Monday 11th November, 2019** in the Springbank Room of the Manningham Hotel, 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen commencing at 7:30pm.

We strongly urge your Club to consider the importance of the AGM and have your Delegate(s) present or represented by Proxy at the meeting to achieve a quorum. All details have been sent to all your club committees. This meeting is open to all Club members. Dinner and drinks will be available at hotel prices from 6:00pm.

To assist us with AGM seating arrangements please RSVP by Thursday 7th November, 2019. Email office@fwdvictoria.org.au or phone 03 9874-7222.

Closed Facebook Group

Just a reminder that we have a great members only Facebook Group.

To keep up with what your Association, Clubs and Members are up to just find us on Facebook and submit your request, make sure you answer the questions and you will be easily accepted. https://www.facebook.com/groups/193808978161976/?ref=bookmarks

Don't Forget Those Volunteer Hours

To ensure we meet our volunteer KPI's with the Government we need to make sure that clubs and members record any volunteer work that you are involved with. Volunteer work includes simple things like clearing fallen trees as well as track clearing, camp host, clean up the bush and any other charity or volunteer work your club does. You can easily download the volunteer data collection forms from our website of from our Closed Facebook Group page.

Have You Logged In Yet?

Our website has a members log in area that many members will be familiar with. In this area you will find all sorts of member resources such as access to Members Calendar, MVO Track Access packs, Track Permits, Trip Leader Guidelines, Temporary Membership Forms, Personal Details forms, Liability Waiver Forms, Instructor applications etc. To log in we will need to have your email address that your club has provided. You will then need to set up a password, your user name is automatically generated and is usually your name as one word in lower case e.g. johnsmith. Your username is linked to the email address we have on record. You then follow the process for forgotten password and set up your new preferred password. If you have a problem with this just email the office for assistance at office@fwdvictoria.org.au

www.fwdvictoria.org.au

To OPT OUT just click here or reply

Four Wheel Drive Victoria is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO21605)

Our privacy policy is available for viewing HERE

CONVOY PROCEDURES

At the commencement of the trip, the Trip Leader shall arrange the convoy order and nominate a vehicle to be last in the convoy (Tail End Charlie). All vehicle shall stay in the convoy order unless directed otherwise by the Trip Leader.

COMMUNICATIONS

Convoy communication shall be by the designated CB Radio or UHF Radio channel selected. The nationally recognized 4WD convoy channel is Channel 10 on both AM and UHF frequencies.

Our club uses channel 12 UHF.

If you are unable to make radio contact, flash your headlights onto the vehicle ahead. This is a signal for the rest of the convoy to stop.

Keep unnecessary chatter on the radio to a minimum when navigating difficult areas.

If in doubt of the best / safest way to proceed through hazards / obstacles, ask the Trip Leader or more experienced driver for advice. Remember you probably won't be the only one experiencing difficulty.

Acknowledge all radio calls from the Trip Leader.

TRAVELLING

Keep the vehicle behind you in view at all times and at any decision point (corner, deviation, and obstacle):

Wait for the following vehicle.

Indicate where to go (use indicators if appropriate).

When acknowledgment is received, then proceed

Drive at your COMFORTABLE and SAFE speed. Generally, keep 4-6 vehicle lengths distance between vehicles and keep the convoy moving.

On steep inclines / obstacles:

Proceed one vehicle at a time. on very steep or difficult terrain:

Call the next vehicle through when you are clear.

All gates are to be left as they were found. The Trip Leader is responsible to ensure that the last vehicle knows to leave the gate open or closed.

Vehicles should not leave the convoy other than in exceptional circumstances and before doing so must obtain approval from the Trip Leader.

REMEMBER YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VEHICLE BEHIND YOU

Geelong 4WD Christmas Party





Friday 15th November To Sunday 17th

November 2019 Come along for a great Weekend

This year we are going to have our annual xmas party in a different location. we will be having it at the Gellibrand Caravan Park. The park fees are; powered \$38.00 per night, unpowered \$34.00 per night. There are also cabins available for anyone wishing to book one of those.

We will be running trips out from the park on Saturday morning/early afternoon and possibly Sunday. We will have a visit from the man in the red suit late Saturday afternoon.

There will be a BBQ tea Saturday night and we ask members who are coming, to bring a salad or sweet. The club will provide the meat.

Anyone wishing to come to the party is encouraged phone the caravan park and make their own bookings as early as possible. ph 52358357

If you have children 15 years and under and you want them to receive a gift from Santa, you need to tell me their age and boy or girl?

You will need to pay 10.00 per child and the club will subsidise the remaining amount up to 30.00.per child.

The cut off date will be October 31st. There is a form in the mag to fill out or you can just email me with your details. Secretary@geelong4wdclub.org.au

Please note if you haven't paid the annual club fees you will not be eligible for the gift at the reduce rate, the entire cost will be at your own expense.

I also need to know if you will be attending and do not have children, for catering purposes for the dinner.

2019 Christmas Party

Please complete the form below and return it with money (\$10 per child) to a Committee Member by the October General Meeting so that Santa's helpers can organise the gifts.

If you wish to pay via Direct Debit, the club account is -

Account name: Driveline Geelong Inc: T/as Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club

Please make sure you put your Family Name in the reference section otherwise we won't know who is paying for gifts. & email details to secretary@geelong4wdclub.org.au.

RSVP 31st October 2019

• • • • • • • • • •	•••••••	9.40	Please return this
Name:	No. of Adults:		
We will be attending the Christmas Party: Yes No			
We will bring along:	Salad Sweet		
Please Print			
SURNAME	CHILD'S NAME	M/F	DATE OF BIRTH

If you can possibly help out either on the day or in preparation please let Shez or Committee know, the more that help the easier it is for everyone involved



