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What's happening?

11th March BBQ @6.30pm Meeting Starts @ 7.30 pm	General Meeting to be held ARB Geelong
25th March @ 7.30pm	Committee Meeting
6th—9th March 2020	Murray River Track
10th—13th April 2020	Beachport Easter Trip
1st—3rd May 2020	Little Desert
5th—8th June 2020	Moonambel Muster
8th July 2020	Annual General Meeting
24th—26th July 2020	Mt Skene Snow Trip
<p>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.</p> <p>Please: If you have any trip reports (past or present) send them through for inclusion in the magazine.</p>	
<p>For further info about upcoming Club Trips check the website: www.geelong4wdclub.org.au</p>	

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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.

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THE PRES SAYS



G'day to all,

The year is now in full swing with trips to the Coorong, a day trip to the Otways and a trip to the High Country already. Further trips are also planned to the Murray River and to Beachport at Easter.

The committee is currently working on a review of the Clubs "Rules of Association" which is essentially our operating rules or Constitution. When these are complete they will be circulated to the members for comment with the aim of final approval at the Annual General Meeting.

It is also time to begin planning for the Moonambel event on the Queen's Birthday weekend on 6th-8th of June. This is the clubs biggest event of the year and I would encourage all members to

attend. For those who are new to the club, or have not attended before, there are multiple trips on Saturday and Sunday to accommodate all levels of experience. For the inexperienced this is a great place to learn; it is also a great social weekend. If you are unsure or need more information, feel free to talk to a committee member who will be happy to help. This year is also the Clubs tenth anniversary at Moonambel, so let's make it the best ever with a great attendance.

See you on the tracks,

Geoff Davey
Vice President

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of General Meeting Geelong 4WDClub

Location: Abe Wood Reserve Edgerton Road, Lovely Banks

Date and Time: Wednesday February 12th, 2020 at 7.34pm.

1. Meeting opening:

- a) Welcome to members.
- b) Visitors: Dale Robinson
- c) Welcome to new members: Harry Parkes

2. Apologies:

Warren and Sheryl Tedford, Jake Cook, Matthew Mountjoy, Bill Taft, Ken Melrose, Beth Rogers,

3. Acceptance of the minutes of meeting on 11th December, 2019:

Moved: Dave Hamann

Seconded: Tim Neville

4. Business arising from the Minutes:

None

5. Correspondence in:

Receipt for cleaning

Email from Wayne Hevey / FWDV

Email from FWDV Members update day

Email from Leanne Mckiernan (dance School) re Lease agreement

Certificate of currency from Leanne Mckiernan school of dancing

6. Correspondence out:

Driveline

Email from Geoff Davey to FWDV seeking clarification on indemnity insurance.

Email from Geoff Davey to Dance School re lease review

7. Business arising from the correspondence

None

8. Treasurers report

Report of finances to end of January. As per Report

Moved: Dave Hamann

Seconded: Kelvin Rogers

9. Other Reports:

a) Editor:

Funny captions. David Hamann

Can you please give me a hand?

Okay what are you looking for?

My Marbles

Where did you last see them?

They rolled under here.

b) Trip Co-ordinator / Regional Rep

-Coorong trip report by Geoff Davey.

-Cam Hamann cancelled Mt Cole trip due to lack of numbers and is now running a Medium day trip to Anglesea-Otways area on Saturday 15th Feb. Contact Cam for more information.

-Warren & Shez Tedford are running a High Country Weekend in the Mansfield region leaving Geelong on Friday 21st Feb meeting at Corio Road house at 9am. Contact Shez for more information.

-Dave Hamann is running a Murray River Track trip. This is full but taking a waiting list. Leaving after work Friday or make your own way up. Contact Dave for more information.

-Matt & Juanita Mountjoy are running a Beachport trip at Easter 10-13th April. Contact Juanita for more details.

Regional Rep: Still in fire recovery mode so not much happening. Anyone interested in helping with Blazeaid give Dave your info and he will let FWDV know. Blazeaid look after you with food and training and accomodation.

c) Pist n Broke award

Mark Mensch

d) PRO

ARB next meeting on March 11. BBQ before meeting 6.30pm.

e) FWDV Association Rep.

Nothing that hasn't already been reported.

f) Social

Go Karts cancelled due to people pulling out.

g) Web Master

General updates

h) Members Award

Geoff Davey

10. Notice of motion: Amendment to club membership fees.

Background:

The committee made a decision earlier this year this year to increase the club membership fees from \$110 to \$115. This was because the fees had not risen for several years but the 4WD Association of Victoria affiliation fees has risen during this time. The committee has now realised that this membership increase is not in strict compliance with our Model Rules of Association. This was an error made in good faith, however it requires rectification should the club be audited.

One option would be to return the \$5 to each member who has paid this year's membership.

This while possible would be a tedious and very time consuming process. Alternatively we could deduct the \$5 from the memberships already paid and donate that sum to a worthy charity of the clubs choosing. The committee proposes the latter.

Proposed motion:

That the club reconcile an error in membership fees for 2019-2020 (where \$115 was paid instead of \$110) by donating the additional \$5 per member to a charity chosen by the membership. This amounts to \$325.

Proposed by: Geoff Davey

Seconded by: Byron Willey

Carried unanimously

Motion: That the additional money from membership fees paid in excess be donated to the Royal Flying Doctors Service.

Moved by: Stephen Fagan

Seconded By: Tim Neville

Carried Unanimously

11. General Business

Committee is reviewing the Rules of Association / Constitution and Club By Laws. Geoff gave the members details of what is happening with the Rules of Association.

b) Warren and Sheryl will both be standing down next year.

May have found an editor but if anyone is interested in secretary position talk to committee.

c) Emergency App; Emergency+.

Gives list of emergency numbers and location; Latitude & Longitude.

Stephen Fagan reminded us that you can dial 112 in an emergency from anywhere in the world.

d) Suggestions for Topics / Presentations at meetings.

If anyone has suggestions about potential speakers for our meetings, or is willing to do a short presentation themselves, or has ideas for trips to present, please talk to a committee member. This would help to make the meetings more interesting.

12 Date of next meeting:

11th March 2020 at ARB, 304 Thompsons Rd, North Geelong.

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm

UPCOMING TRIPS

TRIP

6th—9th March 2020

Murray River Track

Trip Leader

Dave Hamann

Tail End Charlie

TBA

Trip Classification

Easy/Medium

Vehicle Limit

Unlimited

Meeting Place

TBA

Meeting Time

Leaving after work Friday

Essentials

Standard Recovery Gear, and fishing gear as required

Contact Dave 0407354818

TRIP

10th—13th April 2020

Easter Weekend Beachport

Trip Leader

Matt & Juanita Mountjoy

Tail End Charlie

TBA

Trip Classification

Medium

Vehicle Limit

6

Meeting Place

Southern Ocean Tourist Park , Beachport SA

Meeting Time

TBA

Trips will be going out on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We will run the beaches from Beachport to Carpenters Rocks and Beachport to required as well as a sand flag and Maxtrax.

There are only 6 places available. Please contact Juanita on 0467809040 if you are wanting to come. You will be given a site number at the caravan park and a deposit will need to be paid to the park immediately.

TRIP

1st –3rd May 2020

Little Desert

Trip Leader

Geoff Davey

Tail End Charlie

TBA

Trip Classification

Easy

Vehicle Limit

10

Meeting Place

Clubrooms

Meeting Time

9.00am

Essentials

Std recovery gear, Good a/t tyres working winch, sand flags and max tracks if you have them

TRIP

24th—26th July 2020

Mt Skene Snow Trip

Trip Leader

Tim Neville

Tail End Charlie

TBA

Trip Classification

Medium / Hard

Vehicle Limit

10

Meeting Place

BP Service Centre Little River

Meeting Time

9.00 AM

Essentials

Std recovery gear, Good a/t tyres working winch max tracks and snow chains if you have them



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



Funny Caption Award
February 2020 Dave Hamann



MONTHLY MEMBER AWARDS

Door Prize Winner
February 2020 Geoff Davey



PYST N BROKE AWARD
February 2020 Mark Mensch



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HOWS THAT HUT

Wheelers Creek Hut

(Now site only)

Wheelers Creek Hut was built in 1976 by the Forests Commission of Victoria as a camp for forestry workers.

Forests commission huts of the era were typically known as the Stanley hut type.

John Morrow as district Forester provided instructions that a hut be built at that location using old Stanley huts.

In recent times the hut became a popular destination for 4WD trips, bikers and fishers.

DWELP recently upgraded the campground facilities.

The hut was located approx. 65 kms South of Corryong and was accessed by following the Benambra / Corryong road and then turning onto the narrow and windy Wheelers Creek logging road for approx. 21 kms

In January 2020 this beautiful hut and all of its history was destroyed by the out of control bush fires that ravaged this very pretty region.

Planning is under way to rebuild a hut in the same location.

Shez



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TRIP REPORTS

The Coorong SA

Australia Day Weekend 2020

Trip Leader: Warren and Shez Tedford

Tail End Charlie: Geoff Davey

Peter and Allison Searle, Mark Mensch, Mick and Jade Riley and their children Lucas, Piper and Xav. Andrew Smith and Tyler

This weekend we had planned a trip up into the High Country to continue our work on Kelly's Hut. Unfortunately, the recent fire activity in the High country prevented us from getting up there. We still wanted to run a trip and decided on the Coorong for something a bit different.

Our Base camp for this weekend was 42 Mile Crossing campground within the Coorong National Park. This is a great campground, grassy and with amenities. It also has access to the beach.

Friday

Some of the members left early on Friday and made their way to camp. Warren and I arrived early Friday evening. Mick and Jade and family arrived early Saturday morning.

Geoff had brought a mate with him, Peter, who was delightfully entertaining throughout the weekend.

Campfires are not permitted in the NP over summer; however, we were still able to enjoy a relaxing evening.

Saturday

We headed onto the beach reasonably early to begin our beach journey up to the Mouth of the Murray River. This is an iconic drive and loads of fun. It is approx. 100ks from our camp up to the mouth. It is a good idea to do this drive on an outgoing tide, just for safety. The sand was soft and so lowered tyre pressures were needed to make the trip.

As we were heading along the beach Peter Searle called out to Mark that he needed his pies put in Marks oven. So, Mark just stopped, and this caused his vehicle to just sink into the sand. A recovery was needed to get him out. It was quite funny to watch.

We had one more recovery along the way. A tourist had got into trouble and we winched him to safer ground.

We arrived at the Murray mouth around 1pm. Time for lunch and a walk round. The day was perfect and there were plenty of people about in their 4bys.

The locals told us that around this time of year is one of the better times to do this run as historically, the sand is slightly firmer due to very few high spring tides.

We drove back down the beach stopping to watch two fisherman who were commercially harvesting Pipis. It was very interesting to watch their process. They showed us how to dig the pipis with our feet. This delighted the children and adults and we all had a go at it.

Tyler bought some pipis back with him.

We continued and turned off the beach onto T Tree Crossing. We had a nice dune and the water crossing to do on this track before reaching the main road.

At the end of the crossing just off the main road was a servo and we had planned to refuel there, however the servo as closed and looked like it had been for some time.

With fuel low for a couple of members we headed back to camp via the main road about 20ks).

Tyler cooked up the pipis he had dug, and everyone got a taste. They are pretty good too. Good job Tyler.

We again enjoyed a pleasant evening and created our own ambience. The social side of any trip is one of the things that really make a club weekend away.

Sunday

We headed onto the beach around 9am, with the tide still on the way out.

Our plan for today was to head to Cape Jaffa.

As we began our drive Mark noticed that he Alternator problems.

We drove the beach as far as Kingston. It is another good drive and the sand is still soft, but the beach does have some wide sections.

We decided to have an early lunch at the Pub .Mark called RACV, but they were unable to help on that day, so the decision was made to not continue on, choosing instead to get back to camp while Marks 4by was still going.

We drove back up the beach and made it back to our camp.

Back at camp the guys rigged a charging system to charge the batteries in Marks Vehicle.

To keep the batteries charged for the trip home on Monday they attached a solar panel to the roof of Marks car. It was all tied down with cable ties.

This bush mechanics worked, and Mark was able to get home without a tow.

Monday

It was time to pack up and head for home.

We had a great weekend. It was awesome to see all the children playing, discovering new things and having a good time.

Thank you to everyone who came. It is the people who make the trip. It was a fun weekend.

Cheers

Warren and Shez



High Country Weekend.

21st Feb -23rd Feb 2020

Trip Leader: Warren and Shez Tedford

Tail end Charlie: Geoff Davey

Geoff Davey and Rick, Byron and Renee Willey, Andrew Smith and Tyler, Jake Cook and Tim Neville, Damo and Danni Miller and Greg Cook and Ash (temp member)

Friday

We left Geelong on the Friday morning and headed to the Beautiful High Country Town of Mansfield. We stopped for lunch at the Merrijig Motor Inn. They do good meals and the staff are very friendly.

While we were there, we had a visit from a very good friend of mine, Charlie Lovick. Charlie is a true gentleman and legend. He was master of horse in the Man from Snowy River Movies and is Mansfield local cattleman. We had a yarn and a beer with him before heading off.

Before camp we drove along Buttercup Jeep track and found wood for the first night fire.

Our camp for the first night was Buttercup camp no 4. A very nice campground with plenty of grass and nestled beside Buttercup Creek.

We got our fire going and settled in. The serenity and peacefulness of this region is just fabulous.

Jake and Tim, Andrew and Tyler arrived later that evening.

Geoff had a good friend of his Rick, along for the weekend. It was nice to meet him.

We enjoyed sitting round the campfire, chatting and enjoying the solitude. Warren made a bacon and cheese damper that was simply delicious.

Saturday

Danni and Damo arrived at camp early Saturday morning.

We packed up and headed for the mountains. We had a brief stop at Tomahawk Hut before heading up Mt No 3 Road. This is a rocky track with a few switch backs, but it isn't a difficult track. The views from the top are simply breath taking.

We had a quick stop at Mt No 3 Hut.

We continued down this road, stopping for a look at the Razor Back Huts on Razor Back Track.

We followed the Circuit Road around past TBJ and up to Howqua Gap Track. This is a steep climb up to the summit of Mount Stirling. From here the views out over Mt Buller and the alps are just amazing.

We continued across the top on Clear Hills Track to our lunch stop at Craig's Hut.

We took the obligatory photos and soaked up the pure magic of the mountains. Serenity.

Time to leave and we backtracked across Clear Hills Track to The Monument Track. A nice steep track but solid base, so it's not too difficult. This track finishes at the circuit Road. We crossed the road and headed down Bindaree Road to our camp for the night at Bindaree Flat.

Bindaree Flat is a nice secluded campground with plenty of grass and room. We arrived in camp quite early in the afternoon. This gave us a chance to set up leisurely and enjoy a very peaceful and relaxing afternoon.

The guys went and found firewood for our campfire.

We relaxed around the fire and enjoyed the ambience. Two of us cooked roasts in camp ovens. It doesn't get much better than that.

Sometimes it is nice to get into camp early and truly relax and immerse in the surroundings, whether it be our beautiful High Country or any other region.

Geoff's mate Rick was enjoying the beauty of the High Country as well.

Sunday

We had a leisurely morning packing up.

We then lead the group up 16 Mile Jeep Track. This is quite a steep track and would prove challenging in the wet.

We followed this track past the bluff Link Road and then joined up with brocks Road to head down into the Howqua Historic area. We drove through Sheep yard Flat and continued to Fry's Flat and Fry's Hut. Everyone had a look around this beautiful hut and checked out the Howqua River.

We still had plenty of time left so instead of driving out to the main road we opted for a more scenic route. We came out of Fry's Flat and turned up Howqua Hills Track. This track takes you over the slate mine and eventually to the Jamieson /Mansfield road. It is a very steep climb, heaps of fun and much more interesting than a dusty gravel road.

We headed into Mansfield and enjoyed a meal at the Delatite pub.

Regrettably it was time to say goodbye to this region and make our way home

By this time the clutch in our car was slipping badly and Byron was having alternator problems.

Jake blew a turbo hose, so we stopped while he fixed that. We all got home safely.

Our Temp Member Greg and his son are hooked, they loved the High Country and I suspect they will join our club very soon.

We had fabulous weekend in arguably one of the best regions of our Victorian High Country. Got to love 4-wheel driving with a fabulous group of people in such a picturesque region.

Thankyou to everyone who came along and made this trip so memorable.

Warren and Shez







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.

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