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## APRIL

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### GENERAL MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

10-13

### EASTER AT BEACHPORT

Beachport, SA

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### COMMITTEE MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

## MAY

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### LITTLE DESERT ADVENTURE

Little Desert, VIC

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### COMMITTEE MEETING

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Moonambel, VIC

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### COMMITTEE MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

## JULY

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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### COMMITTEE MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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### MT SKENE SNOW TRIP 1

Jamieson, VIC

31—2 AUGUST

### MT SKENE SNOW TRIP 2

Jamieson, VIC

**MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS** are held at the clubrooms 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 savings a BBQ precedes the meeting at 6.30 pm.

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

If you have any trip reports (past or present) please send them through to the Editor 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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## THE PRES SAYS

G'day to all,

This is a difficult time due to the coronavirus and the restrictions it has required. Members will be affected in many different ways, including loss of jobs and loss of income. Our thoughts go out to all.

From a Club perspective it is frustrating not to be able to meet and socialize, or conduct any trips. The Victorian government has imposed tighter restrictions than some states, but it looks like they are having a good effect on reducing infection numbers. We are hopeful that there will be an easing of restrictions in May, but only time will tell.

The committee met again by Zoom video link on Wednesday 22nd April 2020.

Trips are still on hold.

There will be no general meeting in May, but the Committee will continue to meet by video link.

Moonambel is still on hold for now. We are considering postponing the event until later in the year, possibly Melbourne Cup weekend, but we are still exploring options.

The AGM will be deferred. No date yet.

Membership renewals - deferred for now. Please see the notice in the magazine.

As noted in our last update (posted on Facebook and the website), the Revised Rules of Association have been completed and endorsed by the committee. These are now available on the website for review and comment by members prior to final approval at the AGM, whenever that occurs. The next committee activity is a review of the Club By-Laws, which are in need of updating. While the Rules of Association provide an overarching governance structure, the by-laws provide more information on day to day procedures and process, e.g. convoy procedure, running of trips and members rights and responsibilities. This is a significant project that the committee can progress, while we are "off the road"

Hope to see you all soon,

Geoff Davey (Vice President)

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting:** General Meeting  
**Location:** ARB, Thompson Road, North Geelong  
**Date:** 11th March 2020

## Minutes

### 1. Meeting opened @7.36 pm by Geoff Davey

- a) Welcome to everyone present
- b) Welcome to visitors: Dale Robinson, Tim Van Backen
- c) Welcome to any new members – no new members

### 2. Apologies

Byron Willey, Renee Willey, Ron Bastin and Beth Rogers

### 3. Acceptance of the last General Meeting Minutes

Moved: Ken Mellross  
Seconded: Rylan Bird

**Business arising from the Previous General Meeting Minutes:**  
Nil

### 4. Correspondence in:

- a) Email from FWDV
- b) Correspondence from COGG
- c) Tax invoice from Australia Post
- d) Liquor licence renewal

### Correspondence out:

- a) Previous minutes
- b) Driveline

### Business Arising from the Correspondence:

No Business arising.

### 5. Treasurer's report:

Tabled by Juanita Mountjoy.

### 6. Regular Reports:

Editor: Funny caption winner is Juanita Mountjoy. Allie has kindly agreed to take over Editor Role.

Regional Rep: Meeting on 1st April in Colac. Dave will have a report

PRO: Mark thanked ARB the use of their premises for our meeting

Association Rep: No report

Social Co-ordinator: No report

Trip Co-ordinator: As per Magazine

Web Master: Trip reports, calendar all up to date. If any members have photos please send through to Danny.

### Members Awards:

Mitch Lever and Nathan Hawkins, Rylan Bird.

### Pyst 'n' Broke Award:

Geoff Connors

## General Business:

1. AGM date set for 8th July 2020.

2. FWDV, Affiliation fees and associated insurance.  
Each year, part of our membership fee the club pays an Affiliation fee to 4WD Victoria. This is currently \$52 which consists of \$39 for Affiliation and \$13 for insurance. Geoff will explain what this insurance covers at the next General Meeting.

3. Membership invoices will be issued on 1st April.  
The fees are payable and due by the end of April. However if individuals have not paid their fees by the end of May, a reminder notice will be issued. If fees have not been paid by 30th of June, the membership will be terminated. This will ensure that all active members are insured at the beginning of the financial year (1st July) which corresponds to the insurance.

4. Rules of Association progress report.  
The revised rules are almost complete and will be reviewed for approval at the next committee meeting. After that, The Rules will be published on the website for all members to look at and comment on. It is hoped that these can be finally approved by the club at the AGM.

5. Moonambel.  
Queen's Birthday Weekend. 6th-8th June 2020. Dave will be putting together a subcommittee and welcomes anyone who would like to be a part of the setting up process.

6. Club permit Scheme.  
Danny has put together a document for members to look at. The permit is in compliance with VicRoads system and has been approved by the Committee. If anyone has any questions, they can contact Danny Spark -Cousins.

7. Posting of our Magazine.  
The magazine will only be posted out to those members who do not have access to electronic email or FB to reduce the cost and the workload on the editor.

8. Secretary and Editor positions  
Warren and Shez will be resigning at the end of March. Allie Hamann has kindly agreed to take on the role of Editor. Thankyou Allie.  
The role of Secretary now needs to be filled. If anyone would like to take up this position or know more about the role, please contact Shez or Geoff.

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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### General Business:

9. Topics for presentation.  
If anyone would like to do a presentation on a topic they're familiar with, or have something they would like to see presented please contact Geoff. At the next meeting Geoff will explain the Insurance component of the FWD Victoria Affiliation fee.

10. Geoff thanked the staff at ARB for allowing us to hold our meeting on their premises.

**Meeting closed: 8.05pm**

Next General Meeting:  
8th April 2020 @ our Clubrooms

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

Dear Members,

The coronavirus restrictions have had a profound impact of many facets of life, which includes camping and four wheel driving and therefore the functioning of the Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club.

Four Wheel Drive Victoria has contacted the Club with "Preliminary Advice - FWDV Membership Renewal 2020-2021". FWDV has deferred the requirement to pay their affiliation fees and insurance until the 30th of November 2020. The affiliation fee for the remainder of the year has been reduced to \$20 (previously \$39). The insurance component has also been deferred and the cost is to be advised.

Membership renewals for the Geelong 4WD Club were issued on the 1st of April with a due date of 31st May.

In view of the advice from FWDV, the committee has deferred the requirement to pay membership until further notice.

A reduced membership invoice will be sent at a later date, when the situation is clearer.

For those who have already paid their membership, the club will refund this on request. Please contact me if you require this. For those who have already paid, but do not currently require a refund, next year's membership will be reduced to reflect any reduction in this year's fees.

If any members are suffering financial stress and are unable to pay their fees, please contact Byron Willey, Geoff Davey or myself. Any such approach will be treated confidentially.

We will provide further updates as the situation becomes clearer.

Sincerely,

Juanita Mountjoy

Treasurer, Geelong 4wd Club  
treasurer@geelong4wdclub.org.au







## EASTER AT BEACHPORT

Friday 10th to Monday 13th April 2020

**Trip Leader:** Matthew & Juanita Mountjoy | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

**Trip Classification:** Medium | **Vehicle Limit:** 6

**Departing:** Southern Ocean Tourist Park, Beachport SA

**Essentials:** Standard recovery equipment required as well as a sand flag and recovery boards.

**Notes:** Trips will be going out on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We will run the beaches from Beachport to Carpenters Rocks and Beachport to Robe. There are only 6 places available. You will be given a site number at the caravan park and a deposit will need to be paid to the park immediately.

Contact Juanita—0467 809 040



## LITTLE DESERT ADVENTURE

Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd May 2020

**Trip Leader:** Geoff Davey | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

**Trip Classification:** Easy | **Vehicle Limit:** 10

**Departing:** Clubrooms @ 9:00am

**Essentials:** Standard recovery gear, good all-terrain tyres, Working winch, sand flag and recovery boards if you have them.

**Notes:** A great easy trip to get some experience in sand and desert driving. Close to home but still feels like you are in the middle of the outback. Join us for a fun adventure and a great social time away.

Contact Geoff—0499 905 975



If you would like to go on a trip that hasn't been listed, simply contact the Trip Coordinator with details on where you would like to go, what you would like to do, and if any other people you know are interested in going.

If there is enough interest in the trip then it will go ahead. Running a trip is easy to do, and lots of fun.



## MOONAMBEL MUSTER 2020

Friday 5th to Monday 8th June 2020

**Trip Leader:** Various | **Tail End Charlie:** Various

**Trip Classification:** Various | **Vehicle Limit:** N/A

**Departing:** Moonambel Reserve—Queens Birthday Weekend

**Essentials:** Standard recovery gear, rated recovery hooks.



**Notes:** We will be running all types of 4wd trips from easy to hard from Friday night through to Sunday. Camping is on site at the Moonambel Reserve which has toilet and shower facilities and if the weather turns for the worse, we will have full access to the hall for shelter. The camp sites have very easy access for all types of camping so no problems with vans campers etc. A limited number of powered sites with some restrictions on power consumption are available so first in best dressed, otherwise there are unlimited non-powered sites available.

Contact Trip Co-Ordinator

## MOUNT SKENE SNOW TRIP 1

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th July 2020

**Trip Leader:** Tim Neville | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

**Trip Classification:** Medium / Hard | **Vehicle Limit:** 10

**Departing:** BP Service Centre Little River @ 9:00am

**Essentials:** Standard recovery gear, rated recovery points, good all-terrain tyres.

Working winch, snow chains and recovery boards if you have them.



**Notes:** Base camping Jamieson caravan park. Please note it is a first in best dressed to get on the trip. Once the trip is full I will take a waiting list. There is a possibility of more people being able to come however they will not be able to take their car over Mount Skene on the Saturday, I'm only getting one permit this year not two like last year. They will have to jump in a car with one of the 10 cars listed with the permit. More details will follow.

Contact Tim—0478 065 716

## MOUNT SKENE SNOW TRIP 2

Friday 31st July to Sunday 2nd August 2020

**Trip Leader:** Matthew & Juanita Mountjoy | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

**Trip Classification:** Easy / Medium | **Vehicle Limit:** 10

**Departing:** Clubrooms @ 9:00am

**Essentials:** Standard recovery gear, rated recovery points, good all-terrain tyres.

Working winch and recovery boards if you have them.



**Notes:** Base camping Jamieson caravan park. All cabins have been booked, as well as a few powered sites. Please contact Matthew or Juanita as soon as possible if you are attending so we can arrange the correct permits. The trip is classified as medium, to make it a bit more family friendly. First in best dressed.

Contact Juanita—0467 809 040

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Make sure you keep an eye on the website and our Facebook page for more information on upcoming trips and social events.



# GENERAL MEETING



The March general meeting once again saw ARB open their showroom doors to our club. The evening started with a generous BBQ cooked by Geoff and Tim (from ARB) before members were given the chance to browse the store, nab a few bargains and grab some advice from the knowledgeable staff on hand for the night.



Piston Broke Award—Geoff Connors

The lucky 'Member Award' winners for the month were—Mitch Lever, Nathan Hawkins and Rylan Bird. Remember that just by turning up and grabbing a raffle ticket on your way in to our general meetings, you could be one of the lucky monthly winners.

Winning the prestigious 'Piston Broke' award this month is Geoff Connors—for a few bumps and bruises to his rig on the last trip out.

Thank you to all that attended and thank you to ARB Geelong for hosting us.



Member Award—Mitch Lever



Member Award—Nathan Hawkins



Member Award—Rylan Bird



# NOW THAT'S FUNNY!

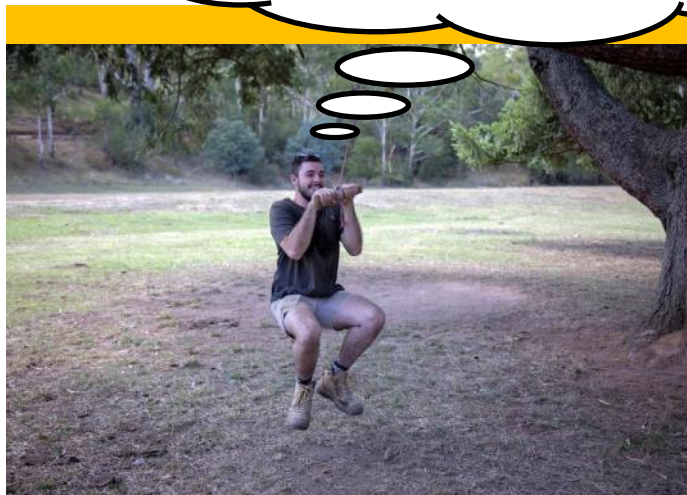


## FUNNY CAPTION CONTEST

WIN a club voucher for use at the bar simply by coming up with the funniest caption for the photo above.

Email your entry to [editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au](mailto:editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au) to be in the running.

I'm not saying I'm Wonder Woman, I'm just saying I can drive this thing!



Last Month's Winning Entry



March Funny Caption Winner—Juanita Mountjoy



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# MURRAY RIVER ICONS

**W**ith those lucky enough to have Friday off, we gathered at 8.30am at the Batesford Roadhouse. It was a good run up to Echuca area and our first night camp which we were lucky enough to have Pete & Allison Searle already up at camp the night before.

We arrived at camp around lunchtime with Geoff and Kaye and Fozzie coming in not long after us. It

was an enjoyable afternoon of fishing in the beautiful Murray River and catching up with our members. Later in the afternoon Hayden arrived and in the evening Mick and Lucas arrived. We had a relaxing night around the campfire.

Saturday morning was a casual start with some heading for a swim and others having a try at fishing once again. We headed out of camp around 9.30 leaving Geoff and Pete to enjoy their weekend.

We headed for Torrumbarry Weir (aka Toorumburry Weir). We had a wander around the weir and the information area, some of us heading for the shop to stock up on drinks (last bottle shop for a while apparently) and a coffee.

There was a complaint from our littlest member that we are a "4wd club not a 2wd pavement club" Lucky for Dave the track was quite wet and after a few minutes we had a happy Lucas.



We managed to find the Masters Hut, which we spent a little while exploring. We then headed off, having a lovely time on the wet tracks and looking for a camp for the night. It wasn't long before Mick had found a nice bog hole and managed to need a snatch out of, Lucas was one very happy boy.

Sunday was another casual start to the day with more fishing while everyone packed up. We headed for Barham and stocked up at the bakery and supermarket and enjoyed an hour in the beautiful park. We then headed out to look for a camp, which we marked on our Hema because from the other side we noticed that it had a sandbar and looked perfect.

After everyone helping scout out tracks off the main River Track we found the perfect spot which had just been vacated. We all managed to have river views from camp and great spot along the bank, this was to be the site for the nights fire so

the kids dug a hole for a fire on the beach, then gathered firewood. We had a rope swing that Lucas spend a lot of time on and with the help of Jayden they had it perfected.

There was more fishing and swimming for the afternoon and a very enjoyable night. Monday morning, we packed up and Lucas got straight out of bed and made his way to the rope swing, Mick was heard saying "breakfast first Lucas while it is hot, the swing isn't going anyway" that was until Stacey decided to have a little swing and next minute she was on the ground. With Mitch in charge of building a new swing, Lucas finished his breakfast in time for a few swings before we headed back to Barham for a coffee and snack at the bakery.

Hamann's Backroad Adventures might be a good way to describe our travels back to Geelong, with Google Maps taking us on an adventure which was traffic free.



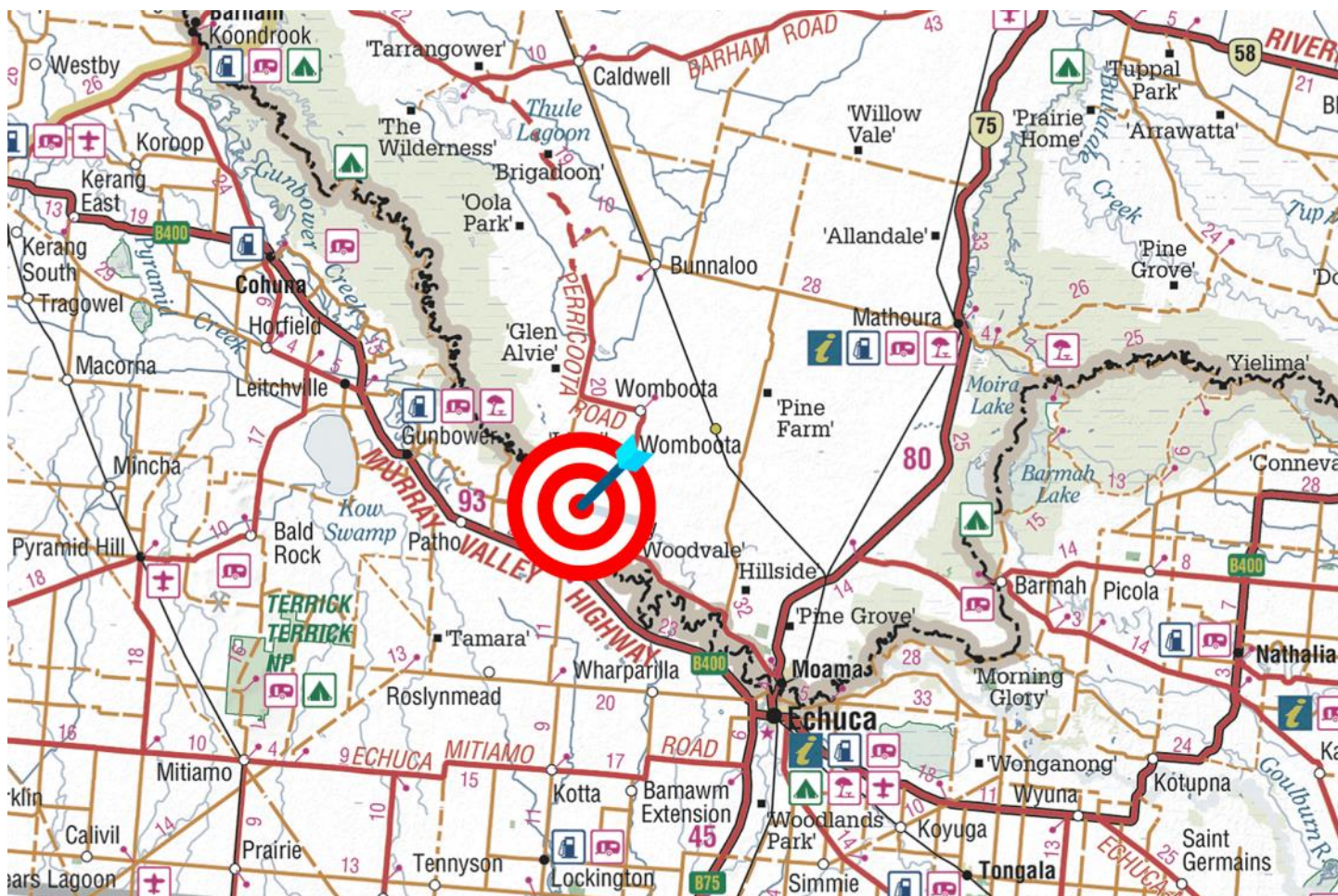


Thank you to all that joined us, I hope you had as much fun as we did. Thank you to Bill & Fiona for being our tail end and thank you Warren & Shez for spending your last 4wd club adventure with us.

Cheers Allie & Dave Hamann

#### TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Dave & Allie Hamann  
Mitch Lever & Stacey  
Hayden Lever  
Warren & Shez Tedford  
Rob & Jayden Gunn  
Mick & Lucas Riley  
Damien & Danni Miller  
Stephen Foster  
Bill Taft & Fiona (tail end)  
Geoff & Kaye Davey (1 night)





# HORSEHAIR HUT



The history of Victoria's alpine regions has been historically linked with the way of life of the cattlemen who last century established grazing properties there. Moving their stock in the summer months to the lush high plains pastures. The bushman's huts were part of that way of life.

The Cobungra region where gold was discovered in 1851 was one such place, where a stockman's hut, **The Horsehair Hut** was reputedly built in the 1880s.

The hut was built right near the now Hotham airport on Horsehair Plain and was destroyed in the 2003 fires. It was the loss of this hut believed to be one of the oldest in the alpine

region that inspired a woman named Dianne Carroll to form the Victorian High Country Huts Association. (VHCHA)

3 months after this hut was destroyed the VHCHA, free masons task force and the Range Rover club built a replica hut, not in the same location but still on Horsehair Plain.

The hut can be accessed but permission must be obtained from Hotham Airport and the owners of Cobungra Station. The day we walked into the hut we were lucky that snow had recently fallen.

Reference. Alpine Survey report Shez





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