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## JULY

**8**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm  
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**22**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Online @ 7:30pm

**24—26**  
**MT SKENE SNOW TRIP 1**  
Jamieson, VIC  
**UNDER REVIEW**

**31—2 AUGUST**  
**MT SKENE SNOW TRIP 2**  
Jamieson, VIC  
**UNDER REVIEW**

## AUGUST

**12**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**26**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

## SEPTEMBER

**9**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**23**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**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,

Last month I was hoping for a return towards normality, but with the recent spike in Coronavirus cases in Victoria this looks like being delayed.

At the time of writing we have been restricted to outdoor meetings of 10 people. This means trips can still proceed but will be limited to a total of 10 people in the convoy. It is a fluid situation, but this rule will apply until at least the 12th July.

In addition, there has been no easing of restrictions applying to indoor meetings which means we will also have to wait before we can hold a General Meeting in the Clubrooms or our Annual General Meeting.

There are still some activities going on in the background:

- The committee continues to meet by Zoom.
- We are progressing with our By Laws update.
- Further General Meetings are on hold.
- Trips are possible in groups of 10 or less.
- The snow trips are currently restricted to 10 people per Mt Skene permit, and no further permits for Mt Skene are being issued for now. The trips will need to be modified unless there is an easing of restrictions after 12th July.
- Options to reschedule Moonambel are under review.
- Options for the Christmas Party are also being considered.

Unfortunately at the moment, as with many other aspects of life, we remain dependent on the restrictions relating to the Coronavirus. It would be nice to believe we could run a modified form of Moonambel and a Christmas party before the end of the year, but I guess even this is not guaranteed.

In the meantime stay well,

*Geoff*

Geoff Davey (Vice President)

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

No General Meeting was held in June 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

We are hoping to hold General Meetings again as soon as practicable.

The committee is exploring the possibility of a virtual meeting by Zoom if required.

## 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  
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# UPCOMING TRIPS

## 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 (max 10 people)

**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 (max 10 people)

**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



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

# UPCOMING TRIPS



## CHRISTMAS PARTY 2020

Date TBA

Trip Leader: Various | Tail End Charlie: Various

Trip Classification: Easy | Vehicle Limit: N/A

Departing: TBA

Essentials: Festive spirit.



**Notes:** We are reviewing options and hoping we will be able to hold our 2020 Christmas Party in one way or another. Updates will be provided over the coming months.

## MOONAMBEL MUSTER 2020

Date TBA

Trip Leader: Various | Tail End Charlie: Various

Trip Classification: Various | Vehicle Limit: N/A

Departing: TBA

Essentials: Standard recovery gear, rated recovery hooks.



**Notes:** We are reviewing options and hoping we will be able to hold a Moonambel Muster in 2020. Updates will be provided over the coming months.

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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.



# 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.

How many men does it take  
to figure out how to close  
the bonnet?



Last Month's Winning Entry



June Funny Caption Winner—Juanita Mountjoy

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# LOOKING BACK TO LOOKING FORWARD

## “LETS SUCK IT AND SEE” IN CAPE YORK

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Nope ... we can't quite travel yet, but we can take time to reflect on the incredible adventures we have shared and perhaps begin planning the ultimate trip we will do once we get the green light. Going over old trip reports and perusing photos has been a blast from the past.

Oh how some of us have aged!

I can't wait to warm my bones somewhere up North.

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### **BE PREPARED**

Sometimes it doesn't matter how much preparation and research you put into a trip because there will always be the unexpected. We have all been caught out at some time or another in our travels, but this trip had many

unexpected moments – plus some. If it wasn't a tricky mechanical issue that popped up, then it was a health issue, but in between all the downfalls, there were so many uplifting and memorable events to behold.

### **Q & A**

To try and relate the numerous mechanical issues that plagued our convoy would be a long and torturous read. I figured the easiest way to relate our saga would be in picture form. This way you can peruse, and then enjoy conversing with us to find out the 'nitty gritty's'. So below I have marked our route and flagged the points of interest. "Lets suck it and see" was a term the boys used on a few occasions when things went wrong, so I thought it an appropriate title for this report.



## **BEAUTIFUL CAPE YORK**

I would rather write briefly about the wonderful and fun side of our adventure. The magical sunsets, pristine beaches, raging waterfalls and rivers, evening campfires, abundant wildlife, vivid wildflowers and butterflies, not to forget the fun, laughter and friendships (oh yea ... and Wayne had **another** birthday) that made it a truly memorable time. For a start, the weather was WARM. It was wonderful to leave the cold of Geelong behind us. The longer we drove, the warmer it got. What a wonderful feeling to be in shorts and t-shirts and to get the shoes and socks off - you then feel like you're on holidays. We swam in and behind Fruit Bat falls, we dined and socialized at the pubs, we set up our deck chairs on the sand and watched the sun set on the beaches, we watched a pod of dolphins play only 5 metres from shore, and we drank our remaining grog so we didn't have to tip it out before crossing the Jardine – what an evening! There were some hilarious moments such as being pulled up by a breathalyzer in the middle of nowhere and being told

we couldn't take alcohol through the town we were about to pass through. After drinking heavily on the side of the road for an hour or two (in a lame attempt to dispose of it), we decided to turn around and try an alternate route. The story is a little longer than that, but one of the many memorable moments.

## **FISHING**

Sadly Ken couldn't finish the trip due to car trouble, but Alistair (Kens brother) was invited to continue with us and we were all warmed by his company. He enjoyed his very first fishing lesson on shore and graduated by joining a fishing charter with Dave, Wayne and Yvonne, and together they caught barramundi, giant trevally, mud crabs and bream. We then spent many nights enjoying the delicate flavours with a glass of champagne or two. One evening on the beach was spent roasting oysters over the coals and opening them with a hammer and screwdriver and topping off the oyster with cheese, bacon and Worcestershire sauce (all by torchlight). How can you top that? Mind you, the

oysters were caught that day by our 'in house fishermen' on the rocks at Bathurst Head.

## **SIGHTS AND FUN**

An afternoon was spent shopping on Thursday Island which was accessed by ferry and another arvo was spent touring the tip, the mouth of the Jardine and all points of interest in between. We visited the ruins of various mines, plane wrecks, ship wrecks, graves and historic buildings and enjoyed paddling in the rivers and creeks to cool our feet. We viewed many waterfalls, both large and small, and all had fresh, raging water – unlike our sad local ones. A tummy full of laughter was had as we played chasey and tag along Frenchmans Track and we delighted in wading through deep river crossings looking for snags before driving the vehicles through. A fun afternoon of four wheel driving was had on Old Coach Road followed by swimming in the river for our evening refresh. Many nights were spent socializing by a small camp fire and hashing over the days' events.



## **ITINERARY**

We didn't get to spend the entire four weeks together as a convoy, but it was made up of three vehicles here and three vehicles there today, and two here and two there tomorrow etc. dependant on who was out of action with the dilemma of the day. We did manage to complete the itinerary as planned, but not everyone got to do everything. Sadly Ken had to pull out of the trip at Bramwell Station due to car trouble, and Rory and Sueanne only made it as far as Seisia due to Rory becoming ill. Such a bummer they didn't get to the tip – it was so close!

## **HEADING HOME**

Ken & Renee were absolutely welcoming when we all lobbed on their doorstep in Cairns. They went out of their way to make beds for us all for two overnight stays and one night we relished in a magnificent dinner on the deck at the yacht club at Yorkys Knob. The next morning we leisurely munched on bacon and eggs cooked on the barbie by the pool before setting out for our individual days activities. The next night Renee cooked us a beautiful meal which was followed by delicious sweets prepared by Alistair and Ken. A big thank you to Ken and Renee for their wonderful hospitality and also for lending Alistair to us for the remainder of the trip. He did delight us with his energetic personality!

## **PROLOGUE**

All- in- all, Dave and I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and team work on such an unexpectedly eventful trip. Without the patience and knowledge combined, things could have been much tougher. We do hope you remember the **MANY** wonderful times we had between the chaos.

We look forward to enjoying many more adventures with you all—Laureena.

## **TRIP PARTICIPANTS**

Dave & Laureena  
Russell, Deb, Zac & Ed  
Ken, Callum & Alistair  
Gary & Robyn  
Rory, Sueanne, Tim & Caitlyn  
Wayne & Yvonne





**THE TIP**  
Only half the convoy makes it here.

**SEISIA**  
Rory get blood poisoning and spends 6 nights in Bamaga Hospital before checking himself out and heading home. He doesn't make the visit to 'The Tip'.

**TELEGRAPH LINE**  
Dave has a 2 litres milk container split and pour onto carpets.

**COEN**  
Rain, rain plus more rain. Has been fairly constant for 5 days.

**CAPE FLATTERY**  
Dave received panel damage backing into driftwood.

**KOWANYAMA**  
Breathalyser. Unable to cross ford. Decide to head back to Maytown through Dunbar.

**OLD COACH ROAD**  
Dave's swaybar snaps and mud flap breaks off. Rory has a flat tyre. Wayne's CB dies.

**CAIRNS**  
Dave & Ken spend the night whilst repairing radiator and meet convoy in Maytown next arvo. Russell's clutch dies on the way home.

**MAYTOWN**  
Road is manned by crazy local who won't let us through so have to go long way through Laura and down Old Coach Road.

**DUNBAR**  
Unable to cross Mitchell River so we head for Kowanyama. Dave floods carpets in car due to being stuck in river waiting for snatch. Wayne gets bogged snatching Dave out and has to be snatched out too.

**NORMANTON**  
Our meeting place.

**BURKE DEVELOPMENT ROAD**  
Dave's radiator dies and we head for Cairns with Ken whilst the rest of convoy cut up to Maytown.

# "LET'S SUCK IT AND SEE" CAPE YORK 2010

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## DAVE, ALLIE, NICK & CAM

We joined the club in 2004 after our neighbour Mark Laupert took Dave out on a night run in his Nissan. At the time we didn't really know what type of 4wd we wanted. After that night Dave came home and decided it was going to be a Patrol. We bought our first GQ Patrol and joined the Geelong 4wd Club, since then we have owned 3 GQ's (2 have since been turned into utes) 2 GU's, 1 Landcruiser 100 and a Prado. At the time of our family joining, Nick was in Prep and Cam was in Kinder, move forward to today and Cam is now a member of the club with his own GQ.

Our first outing was tree planting in Eastern Gardens and our first trip was up to Woods Point on one of Daryl & Rosemary Marsland's trips, staying in the pub for the weekend and celebrating Dave & Laureena's Wedding Anniversary. We then attended many day trips and weekends away since. Some of our memorable trips have been every second year going to Beachport with Trevor and Julie Brocks, Central Australia with Bill & Helga Taft, Googs Track with Bill & Helga. We have run weekend trips to Rocklands Reservoir, a memorable time from one of these trips was when Dave Purdie was teaching the kids how to cook damper on sticks in the fire, they all had so much fun, including Dave. We have also run trips to the High Country visiting many of the Huts and several day trips down Anglesea, the Otway's and one of our favourites is touring the Murray River Regions. In the past we attended Boho Bounce, Gippsland Go Down and joined Bendigo 4X4 Club at Moonambel one weekend a year, and not to forget our own club events Otway Antics, Sokil Scramble and Moonambel.

We have both been on committee several times, Dave has been Trip Coordinator, Secretary, President and now back to Trip Coordinator. I have been Social Coordinator many times and this year being Assistant Secretary, which has now turned out to be Secretary. I have also taken on the role of Editor,



although our club is very fortunate to have Danny Sparks-Cousins who is currently updating our magazine, which going by the last magazine he is doing an amazing job and when he is finished I will continue with that role.

A couple of years ago we went on a bucket list trip with our beautiful friends Bill & Helga Taft, to Cape York. We spent 2 months in Far North Queensland which included 3 weeks doing Old Telegraph Track and going to the Tip. This is a trip we would love to do again with our boys in the near future. In the meantime, we will be getting back out for day trips and weekends away.

*Allie*

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