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AUGUST

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DAY TRIP—ANGLESEA HEATH

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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GENERAL MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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COMMITTEE MEETING

Online @ 7:30pm

SEPTEMBER

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GENERAL MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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COMMITTEE MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

OCTOBER

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GENERAL MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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COMMITTEE MEETING

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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

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.



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THE PRES SAYS

G'day to all,

Well the COVID situation is still looking gloomy with a return to "normality" looking a long way off at this stage.

As things stand in Geelong, small trips of up to 10 people are possible. Thanks to Keith Murdoch for leading the Anglesea trip, the first club trip for quite a while. Good to see!

Unfortunately the rest of the year remains highly uncertain and it is very much a "wait and see" situation. Given the uncertainty as to when we can return to the track with any sense of normality, the committee has again deferred a decision about membership fees. Similarly the AGM and events such as Moonambel and the Christmas Party remain on hold.

I look forward to the day we can all interact together in person. In the meantime, stay well.

Things will eventually return to normal, won't they??

Cheers

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoff".

Geoff Davey (Vice President)

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

No General Meeting was held in July 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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A line of off-road vehicles, including a white Land Rover Defender and a silver Toyota Land Cruiser, are crossing a shallow, rocky river. The vehicles are parked in a line, and the water is shallow enough to see the rocks. The background is a dense forest.

UPCOMING TRIPS

DAY TRIP—ANGLESEA HEATH

Sunday 2nd August 2020

Trip Leader: Keith Murdoch | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

Trip Classification: Easy / Medium | **Vehicle Limit:** 10 (max 10 people)

Departing: TBA

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

Notes: Must contact Keith Murdoch 0407 310 931 to book your place as numbers are limited to 10 people.



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.



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

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 to be in the running.

How do like you like your
boots, medium or well
done ?



Last Month's Winning Entry



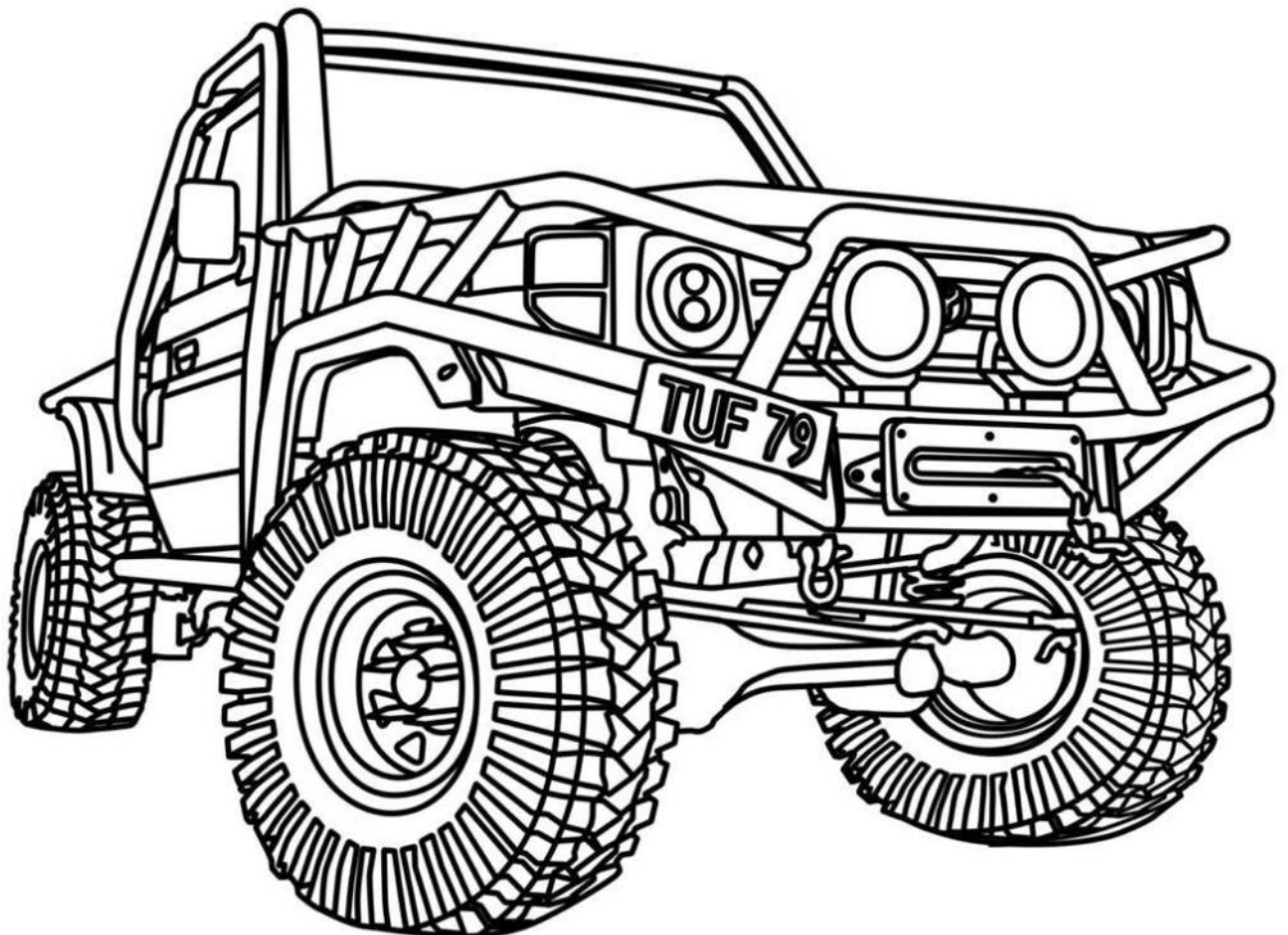
July Funny Caption Winner—Bruce Whitten

COLOURING COMP

For our JUNIOR members. Simply colour in one of the drawings below then get mum or dad to email your entry to editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au

All entries will be posted on our Facebook group for members to vote. The winning drawing will win a G4WDC beanie.

Get your entries in by Wednesday 26th August to be in the running.



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ANGLESEA RECCY RUN

12TH JULY 2020
WORDS & PHOTOS: KEITH MURDOCH

Hi everyone,

I've been thinking of doing a trip for the club for ages now, and have finally got the courage up to give it a go.

So, I have Dave a call and organised to do a reccy run to show him what I was thinking.

We met at Moriac at about 9am, and funnily enough the participant numbers grew - as they always seem to do.

We headed off to Tanners Road to air down. A log of tracks are closed, so it is pretty hard to loop tracks together without some doubling back.

We did the usual easy / medium tracks around the Anglesea Heath area - and boy, a few of them have been well used recently. After a few hours of adventure, checking our route and the track conditions, we aired up and headed home.

Big thanks to Rob, Dan, Dave & Allie, Cam & Donna, Mitch & Stacey for coming along.

With the current restrictions on numbers and outdoor gatherings, the trip itself booked out in less than 2 hours. If there is enough interest I am happy to organise another trip in the coming weeks.

Cheers,
Keith Murdoch



THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE OUTBACK EXPERIENCE BROKEN HILL WORDS & PHOTOS: SHEZ TEDFORD

As you all know, our 4WD club donates money each year to the RFDS, our nominated charity. So it seemed fitting that when we were in Broken Hill recently that we visit the RFDS base there.

Myself, Warren and Geoff joined a tour of the base which included a comprehensive talk on the origins of the RFDS, a short film, and a visit out to a hangar where we were able to look at some earlier model aircraft, plus a peek into an aircraft that is currently in use.

The tour was very informative and should be on your “list of things to do in Broken Hill”.

A Brief History

The RFDS was established in 1928 by the Reverend John Flynn, who witnessed the daily struggle of pioneers

living in remote areas and had a vision to provide a “Mantle of Safety” for people of the bush.

Before there was a Flying Doctor there was little medical help for people who lived in places far from the cities. If they were seriously injured, they had to travel hundreds of kilometres by horse, cart or camel to reach a doctor. They often died before they got there.

The RFDS is the largest and most comprehensive aeromedical organisation in the world, providing extensive primary health care and 24-hour emergency service to people over an area of 7.69 million square kilometres.

There is a fleet of 77 aircraft and 23 bases across Australia. 44 clinics are held every day Australia wide.

Services include:

Telehealth consultations
Fly in—fly out GP and nurse clinics
Mobile dental services
Patient transfers
Mental health services
Health education
Plus a myriad of other health services.

The RFDS is constantly working to see that those living in rural and remote areas can enjoy the same outcomes as those living in city areas.

The RFDS is a not for profit organisation. While supported by Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments, the RFDS depends on bequests, fundraising and donations to bridge the gap in operational funding and to finance its capital raising program for the replacement of aircraft, medical equipment and other major initiatives.



Queen Elizabeth II visited the Broken Hill Flying Doctor base in 1955. She had heard so much of the work of the Flying Doctor Services and the security and comfort it brought to every part of the outback.

She expressed her admiration to all those past and present, who contributed to its splendid work. Giving the organisation the “Royal seal of Approval.”

It was after the Queens visit, The Flying Doctor Service became the “Royal Flying Doctor Service”

Warren and myself also have a personal understanding of the amazing and essential work of the RFDS.

We were in Dunsborough WA in 2006 (approximately 2.5 hours from Perth) and Warren suffered a heart attack. Warren was stabilised in Busselton and then flown by RFDS to the Charles Gardiner Hospital in Perth. They took such great care of him and got him quickly to where he could receive the care he needed.

Shez & Warren



KNOW THE COMMITTEE

BYRON WILLEY

PRESIDENT

I bought my GU Nissan Patrol in about 2008 and wanted to learn to use it properly so I could go 4WDing with confidence. I decided to do the course at the Werribee driver training centre with a couple of mates and that was it. I was hooked.

I then looked at joining the club when it was still at Wood St, South Geelong. I found that there were a few old friends I had lost contact with over the years that were members of the club so I joined up after talking to them and that is how I started in the club.

Among my first trips were Paddy's and the Anglesea area and Wombat. I then did my first trip to the High Country and that sealed it, I absolutely loved the tracks and driving up there. My love for the High Country has grown and keeps growing every time I go up there. The camping, the views, the peacefulness and the history of the huts, I just love it.

I did many trips in the early years with my son Josh in my passenger seat and we had some awesome times away. Now having Renee to share all these experiences with just makes it even more of a passion. Renee has also developed a love for

4WDing and the awesome High Country. Renee has done the Ballarat driving course and I now have trouble at times getting her out of the drivers seat.

I have been on committee now for quite a few years. Starting off as a Ordinary member for a few years organising the clothing and the taking on the Bar and running that for a few more. I then took on the Vice President under Adam Can and then felt I had the confidence to move on to become President. I have now been President for three years.

I have run many trips including High Country, Snow Trip and several at Moonambel over the years.

We have made many friends while being in our great club and the times spent around a camp fire at the end of a days driving is what it is all about. The mateship while out on the tracks and the support and advice while driving is awesome.

I have recently bought a GQ patrol which I now have on the club permit scheme and I'm looking forward to getting that out and about.

Byron



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