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GENERAL MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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COMMITTEE MEETING

Online @ 7:30pm

30 OCT—3 NOV

HIGH COUNTRY MELBOURNE

CUP WEEKEND

Contact: Ross Barry

NOVEMBER

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Online @ 7:30pm

20—22

LITTLE DESERT NATIONAL PARK

Contact: Geoff Davey

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COMMITTEE MEETING

TBA @ 7:30pm

DECEMBER

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GENERAL MEETING

TBA @ 7:30pm

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TBA @ 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

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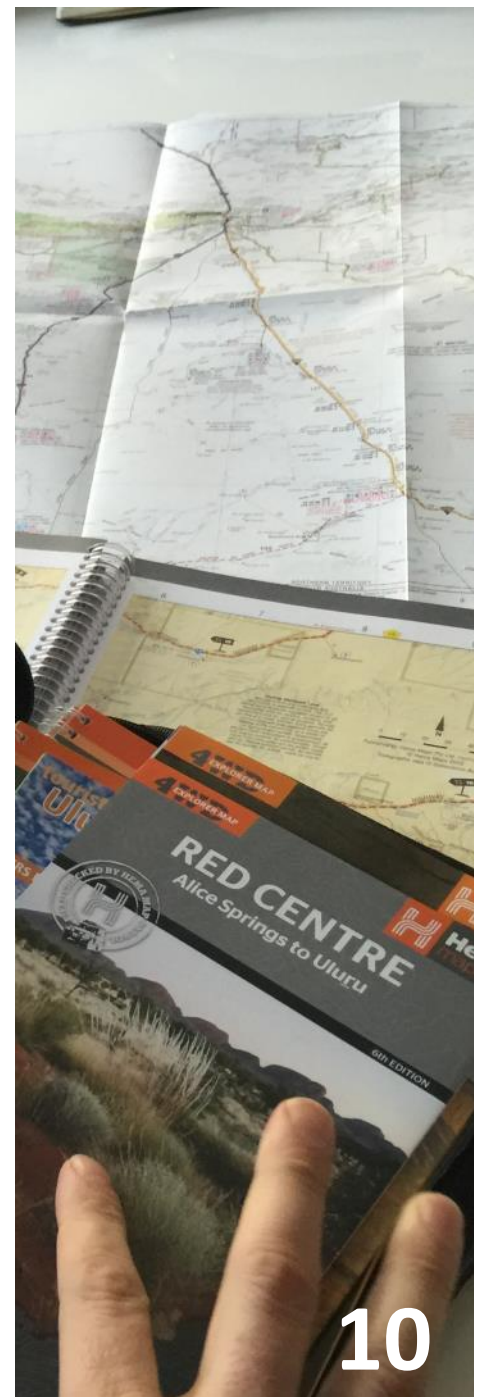
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THE PRES SAYS

G'day to all,

I have now returned from my northern sojourns to Victoria. Things are beginning to look a little bit better here with positive signs of further easing of the COVID restrictions. As mentioned last month, the Committee has decided that our only option to hold an Annual General Meeting this year is by videoconference / "Zoom". Therefore, the AGM will be held on Wednesday, 18th November at 7.30pm. More information is provided in the Notice of Meeting in the magazine.

The AGM is important to the functioning of the Club and I would encourage you all to attend, in a "virtual" sense. The Committee for this year will be elected at the meeting. I can assure you all that nobody will be coerced into joining the Committee, but if anyone is interested in a Committee position or feels they want to contribute to the running of the Club in any way, please contact myself or any one of the Committee members, or feel free to nominate prior to the meeting.

We have now deferred our fee invoices for as long as we think we can. They will be reissued shortly at the reduced rate of \$65. Further detail and background is provided by Juanita in the magazine.

In regional Victoria it is now possible to run a trip, albeit with restrictions: There is a limit of 10 people who can meet outdoors and appropriate hygiene, use of masks and social distancing must be observed. However it is possible to travel and camp, including in State and National Parks with some restrictions. It might be time to dip our toes back in the water!

If anyone is interested in running (or participating in) a trip at any level, Dave Hamann would be pleased to assist. In the first instance this could be as simple as a social run with lunch or a simple overnight camp. Anything to reinitiate a bit of social interaction!

As I keep saying it will be nice when we can all get together in person again. On that note, there is still a glimmer of hope for a Christmas function of some sort, but we will have to wait on that one.

Cheers
Geoff Davey (Vice President)

Geoff

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

No General Meeting was held in September 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 UPDATE

Dear Members,

As notified previously Four Wheel Drive Victoria (FWDV) has deferred the payment of their affiliation fees (including the insurance component) until the 30th of November 2020. The combined fee has also been reduced to \$30.

Membership renewals for the Geelong 4WD Club were previously issued on the 1st of April with a due date of 31st May. In view of the advice from FWDV, the committee deferred payment of membership fees until further notice.

With the prospects of reduced COVID restrictions in the next couple of months, the committee has decided to re-issue membership invoices at a reduced rate of \$65.

Normally the fee would be \$120 with about \$50 going to FWDV and \$70 going to the Club. The Club has reduced its

component by 50% (to \$35), with the FWDV component now reduced to \$30, hence a total of \$65.

Invoices will be issued shortly with a due date of 30th November 2020.

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.

Sincerely,
Juanita Mountjoy

Treasurer, Geelong 4wd Club
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Notice of Annual General Meeting Geelong 4 Wheel Drive Club (Driveline Geelong Inc)

**Wednesday 18th November 2020, 7:30pm
via videoconference / Zoom**

We hereby advise that the 2020 AGM will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2020 via online videoconference, commencing at 7:30pm.

The AGM is an important procedural meeting for the ongoing functioning of the Club. All members are invited to attend.

This year is unusual due to COVID restrictions however we encourage all members to attend / join the videoconference even if you are unfamiliar with "Zoom"

- Clear instructions will be sent prior to the meeting and committee members will be available to assist as required.
- It is critical that we have a quorum of members.
- There will be no coercion to join the committee however anyone who might be interested in a position is encouraged to nominate or discuss the options with one of the existing committee members.

Due to delays in sending membership invoices this year, all financial members from 2019-2020 (and those who have already paid this years' membership) are considered financial members for the purposes of attending and voting. The Agenda and associated documents will be posted at a later time.

APPOINTMENT OF PROXIES

Members who cannot attend the meeting may appoint a proxy to represent them. Proxy forms will be sent with the agenda and are also available on the club website. Proxy notice must be received by the Secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting.

VIDEOCONFERENCE INFO

Details of how to participate will be emailed to all members and posted on Facebook and the club website. In brief the "Zoom" application (which is free) will need to be downloaded and installed on your device – Apple / Android / Windows PC / Mac.

Prior to the meeting, a link will be sent via email and Facebook which will allow you to click and automatically connect to the meeting.

Committee members will be available to help if required.

UPCOMING TRIPS



HIGH COUNTRY MELBOURNE CUP LONG WEEKEND

Date: Friday 30th October to Tuesday 3rd November 2020

Trip Leader: Ross Barry | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

Trip Classification: Medium | **Vehicle Limit:** 10 people

Departing: TBA



Notes: Expressions of interest sought for this year's Melbourne Cup weekend. Trip will be a traveller so you would be breaking camp each day which is a great way to see the High Country and what it has to offer. We would need to meet the COVID restrictions of the time. Please get in touch with Ross Barry on 0409 253909 if you have any questions or want to book your spot.

LITTLE DESERT NATIONAL PARK

Date: Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd November 2020

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

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

Departing: TBA



Notes: Expressions of interest sought for a trip to Little Desert National Park.

This will be a fairly social weekend away, base camping at Horseshoe Bend Campground which is accessible to caravans and Camper Trailers.

Will need to book early as Parks have reduced camping capacity to 60%. The camp is easy to find and has mobile reception if anyone wants to travel Friday evening. Camps are available but may fill up quickly. Limit of 10 people at this stage. If we get 3 definite starters with booked campsites we will go.

Please get in touch with Geoff Davey on 0499 905 975 if you have any questions or want to book your spot.

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.

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

LET'S GET PLANNING

With regional travel restrictions easing, now's the time to get planning for our next adventures. If you want to get back out on the tracks - perhaps you could run a trip!

We can now run smaller trips with up to 10 participants in accordance with current COVID safety guidelines.

If you'd like to get back on the tracks, catch up with friends, and spend some time outside - then please consider running a trip. It could be a ...

- ☐ Simple 4WD day trip
- ☐ Social 2WD day and a BBQ
- ☐ Overnight camping trip
- ☐ Visit to a new destination
- ☐ Return to your favourite destination
- ☐ Mystery trip
- ☐ Plan for the next remote area trip

We can help with trip ideas and planning — contact Dave Hamann or any of the club committee for assistance.

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 adjacent.

Email your entry to
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to be in the running.

Ah well might as well 'starter motor'
my fitness campaign seeing we are
stuck in Cooktown hey Waz ... Wazzzz!



Last Month's Winning Entry



September Funny Caption Winner—Mark Mensch

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KNOW THE COMMITTEE

ADAM CAMERON

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

I joined the club in March 2004 as a 21yr old, after recommendations from my uncle who had been a past president of the Club and a position I would also hold later on in the future.

My first 4wd drive was a 1993 Holden Jackaroo. I was surprised how quickly I was accepted into the club community, my first trip was to Woods Point where we celebrated Dave and Laureena Purdie's wedding anniversary! From then I participated in many daily and overnight trips - quite often carrying other member's children as passengers.

As my driving skills developed and interest in trips changed, the Jackaroo was quickly replaced with a 1993 80 series LandCruiser, much to the disgust of some members who were very Patrol minded. Slowly the LandCruiser changed from a standard 4x4 to the 4x4 it is now - collecting dust in the shed.

Over the years I spent many a weekend driving the Otways, around Enfield, Wombat and the High Country. Trips to Wood Point would become a yearly occasion often following Daryl & Rosemary Marsland. Trips that myself and Mick Riley would later lead and organise until the hotel changed owners and weren't as welcoming to families as they had been in the past. A random weekend to Beachport that still gets spoken about today and plenty of other night runs and swag trips around the state. Over these trips I was able to meet many wonderful families and make plenty of lifelong friends.

Great club events like Otway Antics, Sokil Scramble and Moonambel Muster have always been wonderful socialising weekends. The club has also been a great place of support during times the community or members have been in need, with fundraising or donations.

In the time of being a member I have been active on the committee and sub

committees, from ordinary member, vice president and club president for 2 terms.

In 2011 I introduced Kristi to my extended club family, where she was accepted into the club as quickly as I was. My driving must not have scared her off as she has also spent many days and weekends in the passenger seat, and even driving the Cruiser.

In 2014 we purchased our 2010 Prado with the intention of a more comfortable and reliable 4x4 set up for longer

travelling trips. We had also put our name on the list for a Simpson Desert trip with Daryl and Jan Napper.

Anyone who has ever done a long distance trip with the Napper family knows the details and effort they put into their trips. On this trip they were the oldest members and Kristi and I the youngest. We spent many nights talking around the fire enjoying the outback skyline, our love for the outback was developing, and the plans of future trips started to be planned.



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ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

In 2015 we purchased our camper trailer from the Nappers as their camping needs were changing. We welcomed into our lives Boh a week later. Boh's first club trip away was to McAdams gap out of Woods Point with the Tedfords in August 2016.

During 2017 we headed off for 7-8 weeks across to Western Australia up to Derby, across the Tanami, through the Northern Territory and down the Oodnadatta Track. Trip of a lifetime so far with a pregnant wife and Boh in tow, confidence and knowledge gained from the club and members helped us take on such a trip.

Future trip ideas are for more long distance trips including Tassie, Cape York, The Kimberly and more outback travels. Unfortunately due to busy work and family life I'm not as active on trips or club meetings as possible, but I'm hoping in 2021 we will be able to have better balance and be able to attend more trips and possibly run a couple.

Adam



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