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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](http://www.geelong4wdclub.org.au)

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## THE PRES SAYS

G'day to all,

I'm pleased to report, we were finally able to successfully hold our Annual General Meeting this year. This was held by "Zoom" videoconference which went smoothly thanks to the efforts and skills of our Webmaster Danny Sparks-Cousins. Thank you to all who logged it to the meeting, we had a reasonably healthy quorum of attendees despite our relative unfamiliarity with the videoconferencing medium. The minutes are included elsewhere in the magazine.

As incoming President, I would like to thank Byron Willey for his outstanding services to the Club for the last three years as President. I also thank the outgoing committee for their work. The committee has continued to meet and progress our Rules of Association and By Laws through our period of "inactivity" necessitated by COVID and to some extent the fires before that.

Thank you also to those who are continuing as committee members for the coming year and welcome to Keith Murdoch and Ross Barry as new committee members. I believe we have an excellent group of people in what is a slightly trimmed down committee this year. We the committee, will continue to work to maintain and improve what I believe is already a strong, active, and social Club which is the focus of many friendships. However, the Club is not the committee, it is the entire membership, and it is up to all of us to create the character and culture that we all want to be part of.

As we emerge from the COVID slowdown, it is up to all of us to make an effort to attend trips, meetings and events. That is what we are here for. The next opportunity for this will be at our upcoming Christmas Party. This will be a low key get together at the club rooms on December 6th. I encourage you all to contact Allie Hamann if you can attend, even if it is a quick drop in through the afternoon to say hello. At this stage we are limited to 50 people outside, but this may change and, in any case, if people come and go I'm sure we can manage this. Please see the additional information in the magazine.

I would love to see you all at the Christmas party, otherwise in the new year when we all look forward to a better 2021.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.  
Regards  
Geoff

A handwritten signature of Geoff Davey in black ink.



# AGM MINUTES

Meeting	Annual General Meeting 2020
Location	Via Teleconference - Zoom
Date	18 November 2020
Chair	Byron Willey / Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Allie Hamann

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.35pm
Welcome to everyone present	Troy Oman, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Ken Melrose, Keith Murdoch, Geoff Davey, Allie Hamann, Dave Hamann, Mark Mensch, Peter Barrett, Juanita Mountjoy, Peter Searle, Alison Searle, Kaye Witham, Tim Neville, Jimmy Halikias, Kelvin Rogers, Beth Rogers, Adam Cameron, Dale Robertson, Bruce Whitten, Matthew Mountjoy, Kelli Dawber, Aaron Dawber and Byron Willey. Proxies: Warren Tedford, Shez Tedford, Cameron Hamann
Apologies	Cam Hamann, Adam Mountjoy, Rob Priddle, Rick Neville
Confirmation of quorum	A quorum was confirmed

Acceptance of the last AGM Minutes – Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 held at ABE Wood Reserve.	<b>Moved:</b> Ken Melrose <b>Seconded:</b> Juanita Mountjoy Carried by the meeting
Business arising from the previous AGM	Nil

Correspondence	
In:	Proxy from Cameron Hamann, Shez Tedford, Warren Tedford.
Out:	Nil

Annual Report of the Committee	<p><b>Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club Annual Report from the Committee for 2019 - 2020</b></p> <p>This was a year of two halves.</p> <p>The 2019 component was very positive with a number of new members joining the club and participating in Club trips and activities.</p> <p>The Moonambel weekend was held over the Queen's Birthday weekend and was again a great success. There were trips being run on a regular basis, which were well attended by members. There was a successful awards night and our Christmas party was held at the Gellibrand Caravan Park, being enjoyed all who attended.</p> <p>In order to make the monthly meetings more interesting, regular brief talks or information sections were introduced.</p> <p>This was a particularly positive period which gave the sense of momentum and progress within the Club.</p> <p>Unfortunately 2020 was associated with terrible fires in much of the State, only to be followed shortly thereafter by the COVID 19 outbreak which, in combination, essentially putting a stop to the Clubs activities.</p> <p>However through this period, the Committee has continued to work on our "Rules" or "Articles of Association". These were quite out of date and in need of review. The new Rules are presented for approval by Special Resolution at the Annual General Meeting. The Rules are essentially our overarching guide to manage the Club. Perhaps more important to the routine activities of the Club members are our "By Laws". The By Laws sit below the Rules in a hierarchical sense and are more operational on a day to day basis. The By Laws also require updating. The committee has completed much of this review and will present them for comment by members when complete.</p>
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Annual Report of the Committee (continued)	<p>As the COVID restrictions begin to lift, the challenge for all of us will be to rekindle the enthusiasm and momentum that was building in late 2019. The best way to do this will be to participate in our core activity, which is 4WD trips. These can be as simple as an easy day run with a social lunch stop. If some of our more experienced members ran just one trip for the year, the problem would be solved. Similarly, if less experienced members feel they are interested in running an easy, social trip, please speak to a member of the committee. We are there to help.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> To accept the Committee Report.  <b>Moved:</b> Beth Rogers    <b>Seconded:</b> Juanita Mountjoy  Carried by the meeting</p>
Treasurers report	<p><b><u>Treasurers Report 2019/2020 Financial Year</u></b>  The treasurers report as previously circulated with the agenda was presented by Juanita Mountjoy</p> <p><b>Motion: To accept treasurer's report.</b>  <b>Moved:</b> Dave Hamann    <b>Seconded:</b> Adam Cameron  Carried unanimously</p>
<b>General Business</b>	
Notice of motion – Ordinary Committee members	<p><b>Motion:</b> That the club appoint five (5) ordinary committee members for the 2020-2021 financial year.  <b>Moved:</b> Dave Hamann    <b>Seconded:</b> Danny Sparks-Cousins  Motion carried</p>
Committee Nominations	<p>President – Geoff Davey N: Tim Neville S: Juanita Mountjoy  Vice President – Adam Cameron N: Juanita Mountjoy S: Allie Hamann  Secretary – Allie Hamann N: Geoff Davey S: Byron Willey  Treasurer – Juanita Mountjoy N: Dave Hamann S: Danny Sparks-Cousins  Trip Coordinator – Dave Hamann N: Byron Willey S: Beth Rogers  Editor – Danny Sparks-Cousins N: Juanita Mountjoy S: Byron Willey  Web Master – Danny Sparks-Cousins N: Allie Hamann S: Tim Neville  Ordinary members (5)  Keith Murdoch N: Geoff Davey S: Dave Hamann  Byron Willey N: Geoff Davey S: Kelvin Rogers  Mark Mensch N: Geoff Davey S: Tim Neville  Kelvin Rogers N: Juanita Mountjoy S: Dave Hamann  Ross Barry N: Geoff Davey S: Mark Mensch</p> <p>There was a single nomination each of the committee positions 1-7, therefore no election was necessary and the positions were confirmed.  The number of nominations for ordinary members was equal to the positions available so there here was no requirement for a vote and the positions were confirmed.</p> <p>Geoff Davey as incoming President took over as Chair.  Geoff thanked Byron for his service to the club for the past 3 years. Byron's term was extended by COVID and he has done a fantastic job as president.  Thank you to the outgoing committee.  Welcome to Keith Murdoch and Ross Barry as new committee members.</p>
Revised Rules of Driveline Geelong Incorporated, 2020	<p><b>Motion by Special Resolution:</b> The Rules of Driveline Geelong Incorporated, 2020 have been updated and approved by the Committee. These revised Rules have been previously posted on the Club website with notification through the Club Magazine and by email. The committee recommends that these rules are approved by special resolution.  <b>Moved:</b> Byron Willey    <b>Seconded:</b> Geoff Davey  Carried unanimously</p>
Fees for 2021/2022	<p><b>Motion:</b> That the annual membership fee for 2021-2022 be set at \$120; the family joining fee - \$40 and the single joining fee - \$25.  <b>Moved:</b> Mark Mensch    <b>Seconded:</b> Adam Cameron  Carried unanimously</p>
Fines	Fines will be carried over till next year due to COVID
Meeting closed at	8.00pm



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# MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE

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# UPCOMING TRIPS



## CHRISTMAS PARTY 2020

**Date:** Sunday 6th December @ Clubrooms

**Notes:** Our annual Christmas Party and Presentation Awards will be held at the clubrooms from 11am. We will have Country Baked Potatoes on-site for catering at no charge to members. The bar will be open and well stocked to purchase refreshments. Santa will make an appearance just after lunch.

If you would like to attend please let Allie know on 0427 997 796 with numbers for catering and how many children 15 and under so Santa can supply a small gift to them.

**\*\* Please ensure your membership is paid in full before booking \*\***



## AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND TRIP

**Date:** Friday 22nd to Tuesday 25th January 2021

**Trip Leader:** Ross Barry | **Tail End Charlie:** Geoff Davey

**Trip Classification:** Easy with sightseeing | **Vehicle Limit:** TBA

**Departing:** TBA



**Notes:** Smoko Campground. Between Bright and Harrietville

The trip will be base camping with easy access for camper trailers and caravans. The emphasis will be on socialisation rather than four wheel driving. The camp is on the Ovens River and is easy to find, so anyone who can't make it Friday morning could travel Friday night or Saturday morning. This trip will be a bit different to our normal trip and hopefully will have some appeal to couples, family groups and less experienced four wheel drivers. The precise itinerary can be adapted, depending on what the group wants to do. Options include swimming if it is hot, wineries, sightseeing tours and easy four wheel driving with an emphasis on the scenery, rather than the technical aspects of driving.

If you are interested or have suggestions for the trip contact Ross 0409 253 909 or Geoff 0499 905 975

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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.



# THE LITTLE DESERT TRIP TO BIG DESERT

20-22 NOVEMBER 2020

WORDS: GEOFF DAVEY PHOTOS: GEOFF DAVEY & TYLER SMITH

This is the trip that turned out nothing like it was planned. The aim was for a social weekend suitable for caravans and couples and a relatively easy sand drive in the Little Desert. A constellation of factors changed all that relatively quickly. This included a motorbike accident, social and work factors for some of the participants, a hot weather forecast and a fire in the Little Desert National Park also resulting in the closure of the Horseshoe Bend campground where we intended to camp. Nevertheless, after a quick change of venue to Big Desert State Park, we still ended up with 8 vehicles, but the character of the trip had changed somewhat.

Six vehicles set off on Friday morning as planned. After a lunch stop in Nhill we

headed up the Nhill Murrayville Rd, stopping for wood along the way. We arrived at Big Billy Bore Campsite mid afternoon and set up camp. As Dale, Tim V and Aaron were new to sand driving, we headed up to a "practice dune" just north of the camp, adjacent to the Delisio Track. Tim was a bit uncertain so went as passenger with Ross. We played there for about an hour and a half which was a good learning experience for those new to it. Everyone made it to the top of the hill on each of the two track options. With that it was back to camp to settle in for the evening. Tyler lit the fire as he wanted to do some camp oven cooking. The evening was pretty warm, so we definitely didn't need the fire for heat, just cooking and ambiance. Tyler produced a terrific olive damper which was enjoyed by all. Johnny, Tim and

Jimmy arrived later in the evening to complete the group. Through the evening the temperature had dropped which made for a comfortable night's sleep.

The forecast for Saturday was for a hot day in the mid 30's so we set off just before 8.30am to have a crack at Big Dune while it was still cool. We played on Big Dune for a couple of hours until it started to get hot. Low tyre pressure was the order of the day. There are four or five different track options on the hill and we had a go at all of them, or at least Tim N did! Three of us successfully drove the far right hand track, which we hadn't attempted before. Dale drove Big Dune and was very happy with himself, and yes there is video evidence! Tim V was so close and came within a couple of





car lengths of the top and Aaron gave it a good crack, but he was a bit light on the rear wheels and couldn't quite get the required traction. Everyone had great fun as this is a cracking hill. We stayed at Big Dune until just after 11 am when it was getting quite hot and a bit hard on the vehicles.

From Big Dune we headed north up Big Dune Track to White Springs for a brief stop. There was some water there, but it was drying out. From there it was west on White Springs Track and then on Johns Bore Track where we again stopped to inspect the old "Johns Bore". This was nowhere near as impressive as Cactus Bore was to prove later in the day. Johnny was particularly taken by the latter. Geoff thought he was bogged when he stopped on soft sand at one intersection, but Tim N suggested he should put it in low range as he wasn't actually bogged. That worked, good suggestion Tim! We then headed along Fire Break Track which is the northern boundary of the park. There were some sandy rises along the track which were a good test of our driving skills. By this time it was getting hot so we stopped in a shady area for lunch which was close to the Murrayville Rd. Two members of the crew (who shall remain nameless) then made an emergency dash to the now nearby Murrayville pub as they realised they had "under catered". Rookie error boys!

After lunch we continued along Fire Break track west of the Murrayville Rd, then south on Coburns Track. This was a great drive with numerous soft sandy rises to keep everyone concentrating. Along the track is a picnic / camp area called "Red Gums" where there is a large stand of gums over about an acre. This is completely different to the surrounding low scrubby vegetation and a nice spot to stop. From there the plan was to wind our way back to camp and arrive relatively early in the afternoon. However along Cactus Bore track we found another challenging dune on a side track. This turned out to be the icing on the cake for the afternoon. It was a track which produced a couple of boggings, and a lot of entertainment. At the top of this climb was a sandy ridge with spectacular views of the park, including another track leading south to





another steep and challenging hill. Long story short, five of us ran that hill before joining the other three vehicles who stayed on the main track. From there it was again home to camp. We made one last stop at the aforementioned Cactus Bore, which Johnny felt was the highlight of the entire weekend! Glad we didn't miss that Johnny!

The afternoon and evening were very hot, so much so that, despite having plenty of wood, the campfire was never lit. Most unusual for us! Apologies to Don Bird! The next group in will be very happy with the wood find. In the evening, Geoff put up the shower tent, which provided a pleasant cool off for those who partook as cold water was the order of the day. Later the older generation retired for the evening leaving the younger generation playing their version of what could be regarded as cards.

The game plan for Sunday morning was to have a slow start, a leisurely breakfast and roll out of camp around 10am. At

approximately (or even exactly) 6.40am, there was an extremely loud, ongoing episode of rolling thunder. It went so long I thought it must be something else, but no it was thunder! Well, on further investigation (opening eyes) there was some very black cloud rolling in over the hill to the west. The game plan immediately changed. The entire camp had come to attention and began packing up. Shortly after there was about 10 minutes of rain, but fortunately that was about it. Unfortunately, it was just enough to produce damp camping equipment which would require drying out at a later time. In the end it was just after 8am when we left camp without any breakfast.

After refueling at Nhill we headed for Dimboola to have brunch at the local cafe. The egg and bacon rolls there are excellent and huge. Those who had one definitely didn't need anything else for the day. Afterwards we deviated into the Little Desert National Park to see if the Horseshoe Bend Campground was open. The campground was actually open

(although the Parks website said it was closed) so we checked it out. It was agreed that this was a great spot on the Wimmera River and that we should plan to go there again, despite 2 previous failed attempts due to COVID and this fire. Third time lucky?

Thanks to all who attended it was a great social weekend with lots of some good sand driving and the exploration of some tracks we had not seen before.

#### TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Geoff Davey (Trip Leader)  
Ross Barry (Tail End Charlie)  
Andrew Smith and Tyler  
Aaron Dauber with Kelvin Rogers  
Dale and Jamie Robertson (visitor)  
Tim Van Bakkun (visitor),  
Johnny Atanasov  
Tim Neville with sidekick Jimmy Halikias

Geoff





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## MAURIE AND KATE THOMAS

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Our club is deeply saddened to inform you of the passing of both Maurie and Kate Thomas from the Bendigo 4WD Club.

For over 35 years, both Maurie and Kate had a close and long association with our club. They were once members of the Geelong 4WD Club and after relocating to the Bendigo area, they joined the Bendigo 4WD Club. It was at this point Maurie chatted with our founding member, Werner Brocks about the possibility of the two clubs getting together and sharing some driving in his “new backyard”- Avoca and the Pyrenees.

For a few years this union was successfully held from a base camp at the Avoca Caravan Park before moving to the Moonambel Recreation Reserve where it became even bigger and better. To this day it continues each year on the Queen’s Birthday weekend. The Bendigo Club has had many adventures with our club over the years not only in Avoca but in “our backyard” - The Otways. These included Forest Frolics, and Otway Antics.

Maurie, a gifted and experienced 4WD trip leader was a warm, welcoming, calm, laid back gentleman with the most beautiful smiling eyes. Nothing was a bother for him. Some of us affectionately referred to him as “Uncle Arthur”. His adorable wife Kate was the stunning redhead who was his quiet sidekick and pal. She always donned her big smile and opened her huge heart.

The Geelong 4WD Club is today grieving their loss. Our deepest condolences to all those that have been touched by this wonderful couple, to the Bendigo Club and the wider community.



# LET'S GET PLANNING

The COVID rules related to camping and four wheel driving now pose few restrictions to our trips. Let's all make 2021 our best yet!

## Some trip ideas to get you started

- Run your first Mystery trip
- Organise a simple 4WD day trip
- Plan for the next remote area trip
- Return to your favourite destination
- Get away on an overnight camping trip
- Be social and have a 2WD day and a BBQ
- Try your luck and visit to a new destination

## There has also been some interest in a 'weekend with more comfort'

- Greater emphasis on comfortable camping – caravan parks, campsites with good facilities
- Nearby points of interest—visit the town, winery, café, restaurants & historic areas
- Accommodation in caravans, campers, cabins or camping
- Access to a tourist drive with great scenery & places of interest—this could include an easy 4WD track but this might not be the highlight

If you have ideas for a location, venue, or a trip you would like to see, contact Dave Hamann, Geoff Davey or a member of the committee.



# 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.

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I hate bitumen,  
I'm flying  
home!



Last Month's Winning Entry



November Funny Caption Winner — Rob Priddle





GEELONG 4WD CLUB

# CHRISTMAS PARTY


Come and join us for our annual Christmas Party and  
Presentation Awards!

**DECEMBER 6, 2020  
FROM 11:00AM  
AT THE CLUBROOMS**

Country Baked Potatoes on-site with no charge to  
members, and the bar will be open and well stocked for  
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