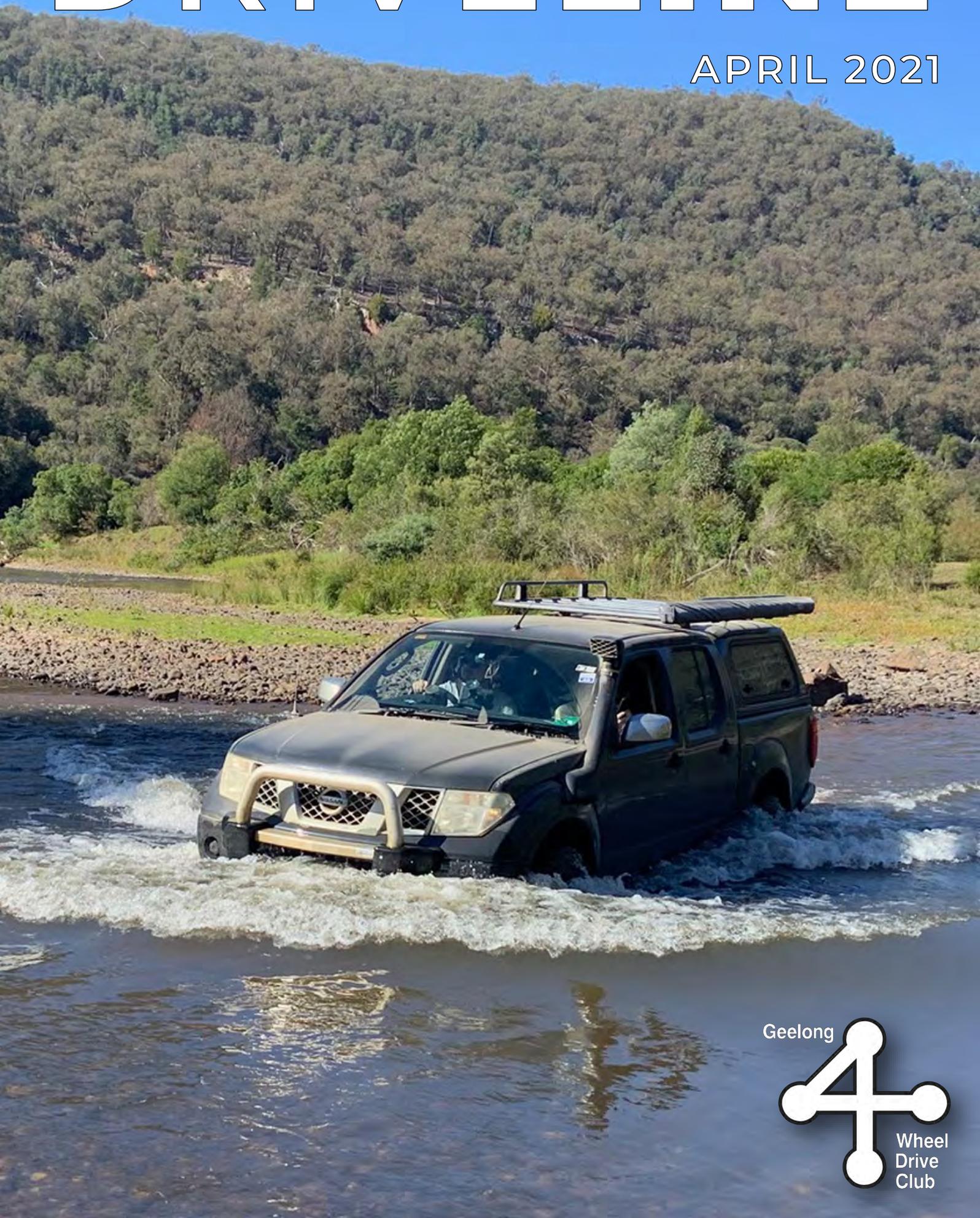


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MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS are held at the clubrooms on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

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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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THE PRES SAYS

G'day all,

It feels like the Club is back to full activity post COVID. Fingers crossed this continues. These are regular trips going out with more to come at Easter and through April.

The general meeting on 10th March was well attended. Special thanks to Leigh Smith from All Terrain Auto Elec for coming along and giving us an informative and practical demonstration on alternators. Thanks also to Keith Murdoch for arranging this.

Dave and Allie Hamann have decided to step down from the committee for a while, Dave as Trip Co-ordinator and Allie as Secretary. They have been members of the club for 17 years with both holding a number of positions over the years; Dave has been President, Secretary and Trip Co-ordinator and Allie has served as Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Social Co-ordinator. Both have been stalwarts of the Club and in addition to their formal roles have always helped out in many of behind the scenes activities that often go unnoticed. Dave and Allie will remain as Club Members so we will still see them around. I thank them both for their outstanding service to our Club to date.

Ross Barry has kindly offered to take over as Trip Co-ordinator, but we are still looking for someone to fill the vacant Secretary position. If anyone is interested in the Secretary position or would like more information, please contact myself or a member of the Committee.

The 10th anniversary of the Moonambel Muster is approaching on Queen's birthday weekend, Friday 11th - Monday 14th June. More information in the magazine. Hope to see you all there, this is always a great event.

Cheers
Geoff

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve
Date	10th March 2021
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Geoff Davey

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.33 pm
Welcome to everyone present	
New Members	Nil
Visitors	Leigh Smith (speaker), Jai Sebastian, Hugh Stocks, Brenden Macauley
Present	Ross Barry, Don Bird, Rylan Bird, Geoff Connors, Geoff Davey, Rob Gunn, Jimmy Halikias, Dave Hamann, Lachlan Hill, Ken Mellross, Juanita Mountjoy, Daniel Murdoch, Keith Murdock, Tim Neville, Troy Oman, Dale Robertson, Kelvin Rogers, Peter Searle, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Norm Spitty, Ada Spitty
Apologies	Allie Hamann, Adam Cameron, Byron Willie, Josh Willey, Mathew Mountjoy, Jamie Robertson, Beth Rogers, Ric Neville, Martin Brayshaw

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting minutes 11 March 2020	
Moved	Tim Neville
Seconded	Dale Robertson
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	a) Ken Mellross was present.

Correspondence	
In	a) FWDV – AGM Postponed b) FWDV – Nominations for Board Members c) FWDV – eNews letter d) FWDV – re Labour Day Gippsland Camp Host e) COGG ComRec – Stage 4 Lockdown f) COGG ComRec – Facemask rules g) Invoice from Mid-City Trophies for Badges h) Liquor Licence for 2021 i) Email from Bendigo Club re Moonambel weekend for Maurie and Kate Thomas
Out	a) Driveline Magazine

Treasurer's Report	
Presented By:	Juanita Mountjoy
Moved:	Dave Hamann
Seconded:	Danny Sparks-Cousins

Regular Reports	
Association Rep	4WD Victoria AGM held 4th March
Trip Coordinator	Trips that have gone out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geoff Davey - Mitchell River National Park. Geoff reported.

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Regular Reports (continued)

Trip Coordinator (continued)	<p>Upcoming trips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Beachport – Mountjoy’s (see magazine for further details) • There is one spot left. Contact Juanita before the weekend. • Easter in the high country – Byron Willey (see magazine for further details) • Easter Little Desert National Park – Geoff Davey (see magazine for further details) • Driver Training booked for 8th-9th May • We will need a minimum of 5 people for this. You can share cars, eg spouse. • Please contact Dave Hamann Mob 0407 358 818 if interested.
Regional Rep	FWDV invite for Labour Day Gippsland Camp Host
Editor	Nil
Webmaster	Nil
Social	The pub night at the Valley Inn Hotel was well attended. Thanks Keith Murdoch.
Members Draw	Juanita Mountjoy
Meat Hamper—Goodall’s Quality Meats	Tim Neville
Fines	
Piston Broke	Lachlan Hill

New Business

By Laws Update	Progress continues
Moonambel Muster	June 12th – 14th (Queens Birthday Weekend). Keep the date aside.
Club Clothing	Currently available through Hip Pocket. Now relocated to 2 / 170 Torquay Rd Grovedale.
Bendigo Moonambel weekend in memory of Maurie and Kate Thomas	This will be held April 16 – 18. Details to follow.
Driver Training Course	8th – 9th May Ballarat see Driveline Magazine. Contact Dave Hamann.
Chainsaw Course	Nothing arranged yet.
Other Business	Nil
Practical Demonstration of Alternators	After the meeting Leigh Smith from All Terrain Auto Elec provided an informative and practical demonstration on alternators. Thanks to Leigh and to Keith Murdoch for arranging this.

Meeting closed at	8.07 pm
Next General Meeting	14th April 2021 @ Clubrooms

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 14th April 2021

	Resignation of Dave & Allie Hamann from committee
	Moonambel Muster
	Club clothing
	Driver Training course
	Chainsaw course
	Membership renewals
	Dale Vaughan

Moonambel Muster



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BEACHPORT 2021

Date: Thursday 1st to Monday 5th April

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

Trip Classification: Medium with the chance of harder tracks | **Vehicle Limit:** 6

Meeting Place: Southern Ocean Tourist Park, Beachport SA.



Requirements: Arrive on Thursday, first trip going out on Friday. Matthew and I will run a variety of day trips on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, all leaving from the caravan park where we will be base camped. The trips will predominately be medium, however the beaches can be unpredictable and a medium trip can quickly turn into a hard trip depending on the tides and how soft the sand is. We are hoping this year to tackle some of the beaches closer to Kingston, as well as some of the old favourites around Robe, South End and Carpenters Rocks.

If you are interested in attending this trip you will need to contact Juanita on 0467 809 040. You will be given a site number for the caravan park and you will need to contact them directly to organise a deposit.

EASTER IN THE HIGH COUNTRY

Date: Thursday 1st to Tuesday 6th April

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

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

Meeting Place: TBC



Requirements: Base camping at King Hut, so camper trailers, tents, swags etc... are welcome. We are going from Thursday till Tuesday, but people can just do the main days if they like.

Please contact Tim Neville on 0478 065 716 if you would like to attend.

MEMORIAL @ MOONAMBEL

Date: Friday 16th to Sunday 18th April

Notes: The Bendigo 4WD Club invites all members past and present to celebrate the lives of Maurice & Kate Thomas who passed away in November 2020 in memory of their commitment to the 4WD community.

Camping on the recreation reserve available - powered sites \$15/night, unpowered \$10/night. Numbers limited top 100 people and Covid safety rules enforced.

Please contact Ross Barry on 0409 253 909 if you would like to attend.



UPCOMING TRIPS



LITTLE DESERT NATIONAL PARK—TAKE 3

Date: Friday 23rd to Sunday 26th April

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

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

Departing: Batesford Roadhouse @ 9:00am

Requirements: Basic recovery gear, Rated recovery points and shovel. Bring sand flags and recovery boards if you have them.

Notes: The first two attempts were cancelled due to COVID and fires. This will be an easy social weekend away, base camping at Horseshoe Bend Campground which is accessible to caravans and camper trailers if you want to take them. There are flushing toilets. The camp is easy to find and has mobile reception if anyone wants to travel Friday evening.

Need to book campsites with Parks Victoria. Fees are \$15.30 per day with up to 6 people per site.

<https://www.parkstay.vic.gov.au/book-your-stay/little-desert-national-park>

Please contact Geoff Davey on 0499 905 975 if you would like to attend.



DRIVER TRAINING

Date: Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th May

Notes: In association with the Ballarat 4wd Club there is an opportunity for to undertake the 2 day Driver Training package on the weekend of May 8th – 9th.

Day 1 Saturday, is at their Ballarat Clubrooms starting 9am sharp then in the afternoon you convoy to their Smythesdale training centre where you are welcome to camp the night.

Day 2 Sunday, training begins at the Smythesdale training centre. Anything from caravans to swags welcome, toilets and showers are on site as well as a large rotunda with fire place.

Cost for the 2 day training and overnight camping is all inclusive and if we can get 10 members to attend it will be \$170. If we are unable to get 10 members to attend the price could go up to \$220. You can share a 4wd for the training so your partner can do the training with you.

If you would like to book your place or require any more information please contact Ross Barry on 0409 253 909.



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

UPCOMING TRIPS



MOONAMBEL MUSTER 2021

Date: Friday 11th July to Monday 14th June

Notes: Come and join us at the club's biggest event of the year - celebrating our 10th anniversary of the Moonambel Muster.

Held at the Moonambel Recreation Reserve, camping is available onsite - \$10/night unpowered, \$15/night powered. Powered sites are limited and are available on a first in basis. Camping can be booked through Juanita Mountjoy on 0467 809 040.

We will again be running our Monster Raffle this year, so you might come home with some great prizes. The Baked Spud Van will be onsite to keep the hunger pains away.

Clothing is available - Moonambel hoodies and polo shirts in either black or dark red, including 10th anniversary logo graphics. Polos \$35. Hoodies \$55. Order and payment is direct through Hip Pocket Workwear - 2/170 Torquay Rd, Grovedale. Phone (03) 5222 4744. Orders must be placed by Monday 24th May and will be available for pickup from Monday 7th June.

Please come along and support your club in what is always a fun social weekend with a variety of 4WD trip & track options to suit everyone.



MT SKENE SNOW TRIP

Date: Friday 30th July to Sunday 1st August

Trip Leader: Dave & Cam Hamann | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

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

Departing: TBA

Requirements: Basic recovery gear, rated recovery points, long handled shovel and sand tracks if you have them .

Notes: Snow trip based out of Jamieson Caravan park. Trip is limited to 10 vehicles as that's what a Mt Skene permit will allow, trip will be family friendly so snow play will be on the list. 7 Cabins have been allocated to the Geelong 4wd club and bookings should be made prior to adding yourself to the event. Please call +61 3 5777 0567 to reserve your cabin.



Please contact Dave Hamann on 0407 354 818 if you would like to attend.

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MITCHELL RIVER NP

5TH TO 8TH MARCH 2021 - WORDS & PHOTOS: GEOFF DAVEY



This ended up as a small but select group of three vehicles, with Geoff, Mark and Greg heading off on Friday morning in two vehicles.

After a lunch stop in Stratford, it was onto the Bairnsdale - Dargo Road and then onto the Angusvale Track which leads to the Angusvale Campground. We took the opportunity to do a bit of touring on the way in, deviating down Treasure Track, Tabberabbera Track and Bull Point Track—which is quite steep in places and a fun drive. Bull Point is a quiet and pretty corner of the Mitchell river and looks like a good spot to fish and relax. From there we headed into camp, after collecting some firewood.

Michael and Sam were leaving Geelong after work with the aim of meeting up at the campground. The camp is spread

over a large area and was quite busy for the start of the long weekend. Geoff and Mark waited up for the boys, but they were delayed and did not reach camp until about midnight. They made an unsuccessful attempt to locate our camp so set up camp independently. We were united in the morning, having made radio contact.

Saturday morning we set off up the hill out of camp, then south down Mitchell Road and back into the river valley on Hortons Track. There is a river crossing which can be tricky if the river is up, but on this occasion it was only half wheel depth. The track out of the river is a long steep grind including some quite difficult sections with loose rocks and rock steps but everyone made it up without any trouble. From there we drove through the Tabberabbera district

along the river and headed west. There were some good tracks with fabulous views.

After stopping for lunch we went south down Baldhead Road, then cut east towards Nicholson Track. There are a number of old mining ruins along the Nicholson River. The plan was to head north along Nicholson Track and into camp, however the track was blocked by two large trees. We doubled back down the track and entered the Marthavale Camp via Purtle Spur and Camms Tracks. Marthavale is a pleasant, grassy camp on the river. The Marthavale Hut was burned in previous fires, but there are signs of a rebuild with a recently poured concrete base at the site.

After a leisurely breakfast we headed up Chester Road and south down Engineers

Road. The initial plan was to run Haunted Stream Track which has 54 water crossings, but we had learned from Parks Victoria that the track was still closed since last year's fires. However another group we had met along the way had heard the southern section of the track was open. We wanted to cross to the east of Haunted Stream Track on Dawson City Track but it turned out that this and a number of other tracks to the west of Haunted Stream were also closed. We eventually found the southern entrance to Haunted Stream Track to find this too was closed so our information had been wrong.

After lunch the day was largely salvaged when we found some good tracks with steep climbs into an out of the river valley. These included Spur Track and Sugarloaf No 1 which led back to part of the Nicholson Track and then south to the evenings camp at Deptford. Deptford is also on the Nicholson River and is the site of an old mining town.

Michael and Sam went for a walk through the ruins that evening. Monday morning after breaking camp the young boys headed home while the "old boys" went for a walk to the ruins. We then split up as Geoff was staying in Paynesville while Mark and Greg headed home.

Overall it was a successful weekend with good company and good tracks in an area that we have not explored much before. There is still scope for more trips in the area, including a return to Haunted Stream Track when it reopens.

Thanks to those who participated.

Geoff

TRIP PARTICIPANTS

- Geoff Davey
- Mark Mensch
- Greg Earl
- Michael Barry
- Sam Grundell





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If you have any photos or maybe a story about Maurice and Kate
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Please contact Ross Barry on 0409 253 909 if you would like to attend.

CLUB MEETING, BBQ & DEMONSTRATION



Wednesday 10th March 2021

It was great to see another good turnout for our second club meeting back at the clubrooms.

All those who attended enjoyed a BBQ and catch up before the meeting got underway.

Keith had arranged Leigh Smith from All Terrain Auto Elec to come along and give us an informative and practical demonstration on alternators., including tips on some bush repairs to keep things charging.

Juanita Mountjoy was the winner of the Members Draw, with Tim Neville winning the meat tray supplied by Goodall's Quality Meats. Limited fines saw Lachlan Hill take away the Piston Broke award for this month.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Danny



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KNOW THE COMMITTEE

KEITH MURDOCH

ORDINARY MEMBER / SOCIAL

I joined this club in 2017 with my wife Belinda after answering an ad on Facebook for car parts, which resulted in me meeting Allie Hamann.

I am a self-employed cabinet maker and have been since I was 21, with a couple of detours in other employment along the way. I enjoy boating, fishing, camping and of course four wheel driving.

I have previously owned a variety of motor bikes over a period of 30 odd years. I have ridden motorbikes in the bush since I was 16 years old, my last road bike was a Harley Davidson Shovelhead.

I got my first and only four wheel drive in 2015. It's a 1989 Ford Maverick. I joined the club to meet people with similar interests. My first trip with the club was a Mystery Trip ran by Dave Hamann. After that trip I was hooked on the club because everyone on that trip was very friendly and welcoming.

This year I was lucky enough to have an opportunity to join the committee. I am a firm believer that it can't be left up to the same people all the time. I also wanted to help ease the workload of the other committee members.

I would like the club to continue to make everyone welcome and find ways to get the not so active members active again, especially in the social side of the club.

I look forward to seeing everyone during the year.

Keith



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