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## JULY

**2 — 5**  
**MOONAMBEL MUSTER**

**14**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**28**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**30 JULY — 1 AUGUST**  
**MT SKENE SNOW TRIP**

## AUGUST

**11**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**14**  
**MT SKENE SNOW DAY TRIP**

**25**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

## SEPTEMBER

**5 — 16**  
**DARLING RIVER / PRE SIMPSON**

**8**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**16 — 29**  
**SIMPSON DESERT /**  
**MACDONNELL RANGES**

**22**  
**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 all,

The end of the financial year has arrived and we will soon hold our Annual General Meeting which has been scheduled for Wednesday, 11th August.

2020-21 has been a difficult year for the Club, largely due to COVID restrictions. This has restricted trips in the first half of the year and has prevented us from getting together to meet and socialize. The committee in particular has been able to function by holding its meetings by Zoom teleconference, but we have had to cancel a number of general meetings, sometimes at short notice.

Despite these difficulties we have been able to run regular trips from November onwards which has been pleasing. The trips have been varied in structure and degree of difficulty with a recent emphasis on easier base camp trips. These have been well supported and popular with couples. Additionally we have been able to run a limited number of social functions including the family Christmas party in December which was reasonably well attended given the short notice and COVID restrictions. Keith Murdoch also arranged a social night at the Valley Inn Pub which was also well attended. Keith has a number of other ideas for social functions in the near future.

I remind all members that the Club is what we all make it. The committee has put in a lot of effort to keeping things rolling along over this disrupted period but the strength of the Club lies within its members. As I have previously indicated, any suggestions on how to improve the Club, its social activities or trips are always welcome. Any member can lead a trip themselves or alternatively, provide ideas about a destination or style of trip they would like to see.

At the AGM, all committee positions are open for election. Anyone who feels they can contribute to the running of the club is encouraged to nominate for a committee position or discuss the options with myself or another committee member. Nomination forms will be included with the AGM Agenda which will be circulated shortly.

The AGM is an important procedural event for the Club and I encourage you all to attend. Nobody will be pressured into a committee position at the meeting, so please don't allow that to discourage you from attending.

Cheers,  
Geoff

Geoff





## **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

### **Geelong 4 Wheel Drive Club (Driveline Geelong Inc)**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021, 7:30pm

Held at Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve  
70 Edgerton Road, Lovely Banks

We hereby advise that the 2021 AGM will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at the clubrooms, commencing at 7:30pm.

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

- 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.
- 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.

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve
Date	Wednesday 12th May 2021
Chair	Juanita Mountjoy
Minutes taken by	Danny Sparks-Cousins

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.40 pm
Welcome to everyone present	
New Members	Oakli Bird
Visitors	Darcy Brocks & Ella Johnson
Present	Geoff Baker, Ross Barry, Trevor & Julie Brocks, Werner Brocks, Geoffrey Conners, Ken Melrose, Mark Mensch, Matthew & Juanita Mountjoy, Daniel Murdoch, Keith Murdoch, Troy Omen, Kelvin Rogers, Peter Searle, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Geoff & Sharon Van Ingen, Wayne Willis
Apologies	Dave Hamann, Allie Hamann, Cam Hamann, Geoff Davey, Dale Robertson, Martin Brayshaw, Ronnie Bastin, Beth Rogers

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting minutes	
Moved	Daniel Murdoch
Seconded	Peter Searle
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	Nil

Correspondence	
In	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) FWDV re participation in National 4x4 Show at Showgrounds in August.</li> <li>b) FWDV invitation to participate in their Strategic Plan.</li> <li>c) COGG re COVID QR Check-in.</li> <li>d) COGG 2020-21 COVID-19 Quick Response Community Grants Round 4 – Outcome Notification.</li> <li>e) Response from hip pocket re problems ordering clothing.</li> <li>f) FWDV Member Feedback Survey.</li> </ul>
Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Response to FWDV Strategic Plan.</li> <li>b) Email to Hip Pocket re problems with ordering clothing.</li> <li>c) FWDV Member Feedback Survey.</li> <li>d) Driveline Magazine.</li> </ul>

Treasurer's Report	
Presented By:	Juanita Mountjoy
Moved:	Danny Sparks-Cousins
Seconded:	Keith Murdoch

Regular Reports	
Association Rep	Nil
Regional Rep	Currently no regional representative. Matthew Mountjoy explained the role for any interested persons. Usually two meetings in Colac per year, plus correspondence regarding tracks, closures etc. Liaison with Parks / DELWP. Also two optional state meetings within Victoria – a weekend trip, day track drive, dinner & meeting. It is a good opportunity for the club to be represented with DELWP & Parks. Concerns can be voiced. Anyone interested please talk to any member of the committee.

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Regular Reports (continued)	
Trip Co-Ordinator	<p>Trips that have gone out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moonambel Memorial 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>• Little Desert 23<sup>rd</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> April. Geoff Davey</li> <li>• Blackwood Day Trip Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Matthew &amp; Juanita Mountjoy</li> <li>• Driver Training 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> May</li> </ul> <p>Upcoming trips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enfield Sunday 16th May. Keith Murdoch</li> <li>• Moonambel Muster. 11th – 14th June</li> <li>• Mt Skene Snow Trip 30th July – 1st August. Geoff Davey</li> <li>• Pre Simpson Darling River 5th – 16th September. Geoff Davey</li> <li>• Simpson / Hay River Track / MacDonnell Ranges. 16th – 29th September. Matthew &amp; Juanita Mountjoy</li> </ul>
Editor	Thanks to those taking photos and writing trip reports. Remember anyone on a trip can do it, and it gives a great perspective of trips from different members point of view. Thanks to Bursons Grovedale for this month's trade catalogues. Remember to mention you are from the club when visiting our sponsors.
Webmaster	General updates.
Social	Ten pin bowling probably late June / early July – possibly a Sunday.
Fines	Geoff & Sharon Van Ingen, Adam Mountjoy, Rob Gunn
Piston Broke	Rob Gunn
Members Draw	Ella Johnson won the door prize & opted for a club beanie.
Funny Caption	Currently very little interest – might come back in future magazines.

New Business	
QR scanning is now compulsory	QR sign-in is now compulsory – please sign in using the Services Victoria app or similar when entering the clubrooms.
Secretary Position	Sharon Van Ingen nominated for the position – carried by unanimous vote.
Regional Rep Position	Mark Mensch nominated for the position – carried by unanimous vote.
Moonambel Muster	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Registration for the event / camping – please let Juanita know.</li> <li>2. Spuds Orders – please let Juanita know.</li> <li>3. Clothing – Hip Pocket – Get your order in ASAP – ask for Brett</li> </ol>
Membership Fee Reminder	Fees are now overdue. Please pay by end of month otherwise you will be unfinancial & removed from Facebook group and mailing lists.
COGG Telstra amplifier grant approved	City of Greater Geelong has approved a grant for us to purchase and install a Telstra 4G amplifier for the clubrooms. With this installed we should get adequate Telstra 4G service within the clubrooms.
Other Business	Nil

Meeting closed at	8.05 pm
Next General Meeting	14th July 2021 @ Clubrooms

# AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 14th July 2021	
	AGM—Wednesday 11th August.
	Membership fee reminder
	Other General Business



# Moonambel Muster



**10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY 2021**

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# UPCOMING TRIPS



## MOONAMBEL MUSTER 2021

**Date:** Friday 2nd to Monday 5th July

**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 - \$15/night unpowered, \$30/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. Fresh local pizza will be available 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.

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 WEEKEND TRIP

**Date:** Friday 30th July to Sunday 1st August

**Trip Leader:** Geoff Davey | **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 Geoff Davey on 0499 905 975 if you would like to attend.



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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.

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# UPCOMING TRIPS



## MT SKENE SNOW DAY TRIP

**Date:** Saturday 14th August

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

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

**Departing:** TBA

**Requirements:** Basic recovery gear, rated recovery points, long handled shovel, warm clothing.

**Notes:** This will be a Medium Plus trip, depending on the conditions. It's a great day out – but due to the Mt Skene permit, limited to 10 vehicles.

Contact Tim on 0478 065 716 to get your name down so you don't miss out.



## DARLING RIVER—PRE SIMPSON TRIP

**Date:** Sunday 5th to Thursday 16th September

**Trip Leader:** Geoff Davey | **Tail End Charlie:** Mark Mensch

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

**Departing:** TBA

**Requirements:** Basic recovery gear, rated recovery points, UHF.

**Notes:** This will be an easy tour of Darling River between Wentworth and Bourke, and will meet up with the Mountjoy's Simpson Desert Trip at Broken Hill.

Some of the roads can be badly corrugated, but with this proviso the trip is suitable for camper trailers or off road caravans. However the Simpson trip is no trailers so anyone wanting to join that trip should be vehicle based. We will be camping along the banks of the Darling River.

The camps may include free camps, stations or caravan parks. It is anticipated that one of the stays will be at Dunlop Station near Louth.

If anyone wants to continue on the Simpson Desert trip, you will need to register directly with Juanita Mountjoy.

Contact Geoff Davey on 0419 905 975 if you would like to attend.



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# UPCOMING TRIPS



## SIMPSON DESERT—MACDONNELL RANGES TRIP

**Date:** Thursday 16th to Wednesday 29th September

**Trip Leader:** Matthew & Juanita Mountjoy **Tail End Charlie:** Kelvin & Beth Rogers

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

**Departing:** Broken Hill

**Requirements:** Basic recovery gear, rated recovery points, UHF.

**Notes:** This trip will be run in two parts, with the option for members to leave or join us at the conclusion of part 1.



**Part 1** will be the 4WDing part of the trip. We will meet at Broken Hill on Thursday 16th September, heading out from Broken Hill Friday morning. We will travel to Cameron Corner, Innamincka, then on to Birdsville. From Birdsville we will travel along the Hay River Track, coming out of the desert at Jervois Station. From there we will head to Alice Springs, expecting to arrive in Alice on Friday 24th September. We are planning on having a rest day at Alice Springs before embarking on the second half of the trip.

**Part 2** of the trip will be more touring as we head into the MacDonnell Ranges. We plan on doing lots of the walks in this area, as well as swimming in the gorges. We'll be visiting Kings Canyon, where those who choose to, can complete the 4 hour rim walk. Our final destination will be Uluru and Kata Tjuta National Park where we will conclude the second part of this trip. From there, everyone is free to make their own way back to Geelong, taking whatever time they need.

Please note, we will be travelling with children and this trip will be classified as a family trip.

Anyone interested in attending can contact Juanita on 0467 809 040

## MELBOURNE CUP HIGH COUNTRY WEEKEND

**Date:** Friday 29th October to Tuesday 2nd November

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

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

**Departing:** TBA

**Requirements:** UHF radio, standard recovery gear, rated recovery points, good all terrains or better.



**Notes:** Starting at 8 mile camp ground in the Howqua area for the first night, then traveling to Craig's Hut and onto Lake Cobbler, Wonnangatta, Dargo and if time permits across to Licola before heading home. Will be trying to keep this to a medium trip so it will involve some dirt road driving. It will be a traveller trip not suited to caravans or camper trailers. Must have rated recovery points and good all terrains or better.

Contact Ross on 0409 253 909 if you are interested in this trip.



# QUEENS BIRTHDAY GLENPATRICK WEEKEND

11th to 14th JUNE 2021 -- Words & Photos: GEOFF DAVEY



With the cancellation and rescheduling of the Moonambel Muster, the COVID regulations still allowed trips of up to 10 people and as it turned out, 20 people for the long weekend. With this in mind, we finally decided to run a trip to the Glenpatrick Reserve Campsite. This turned out to be a really nice change from the normal Moonambel site and still provided access to the normal Pyrenees tracks.

Glenpatrick is on the southern side of the Pyrenees State Forrest and about 25km south of Moonambel. The campsite is a large grassy area with flushing (well with help from a bucket of water) toilets and fire pits. There is also a shelter with a covered fireplace but this was closed for repair. The camp is

managed by caretaker Col who dropped in each day to keep an eye on things. He was happy to provide information on the district or just chat.

Over the weekend we had a total of 14 vehicles participate for part or all of the weekend, and in various states of repair.

Friday afternoon after the first arrivals had made camp, Keith with Daniel as passenger and Rob decided to go for a short exploratory drive up Glenpatrick Track. They only made it 100 meters up the track but did not return for 2 hours. Rob got stuck on a rocky step and ruptured a brake line and the rest of the time was spent securing the car and winching it backwards down the track. During the process, Keith attempted to

drive around an approach from the top of the hill, but couldn't get there due to a fallen tree. By the time they made it back to camp, the rest of us had the fire going and were relaxing into the afternoon. It felt like a good decision not to join the boys for their "short" afternoon drive.

Saturday morning Keith and Rob headed back to Ballarat to pick up a replacement brake line. Geoff led the remaining functional vehicles up Point Patrick Track and on a loop in the south western part of the range. As we were about to climb Gollop track, Nick Jones made broken radio contact and was waiting to meet up at the top of the hill. He then lost radio contact and couldn't work out why it took so long for the group to arrive.



Well, half way up the hill, Jimmy's front left wheel fell off! The wheel then ran back down the hill and into the bush, narrowly missing Ross's car on the way down. The next hour was spent getting the wheel back on the car, well in a fashion. The studs had worked loose and the threads were all damaged. Eventually Tim and Jimmy managed to get 3 or 4 cross threaded wheel nuts back on which were holding in a fashion. They then managed to nurse the car back to camp but by the time they arrived, the wheel was wobbling badly and there was only one wheel nut left on the wheel!

The remaining group had lunch at Mount Avoca. We then went back to camp to meet the others, collecting some wood on the way. Keith and Rob had finished repairing Rob's car. We then decided to have a go at Glenpatrick Track where the boys got stuck the day before. Tim went first and was stopped at the same spot as Robb. However with some track building and perseverance, made it up the hill. The track building (filling in a big hole with rocks) made the difference and Trevor, Ross and Geoff were all able to drive the hill after that. This entertained the rest of the group, many of whom had walked up to observe. With no one else wanting to try, we returned to camp.

Soon after Werner and Barb dropped in for a catch up and drink before heading back to their accommodation at Moonambel. Julie had noticed a short unnamed track on the Newtracs GPS which was near Glenpatrick track and marked as difficult. Geoff found this on the way back to camp. Late in the afternoon four vehicles went out to drive the unnamed track which was indeed steep and rocky and good fun. After some further exploration Geoff returned to a nice warm campfire (thanks Andrew) while Tim, Ross and the Brocks continued in the dark to find some more hard tracks!

Sunday morning some of the crew returned home due to other commitments. Jimmy's car was picked up by the RACV tray truck to be returned to Geelong. Tim with Jim and the Brocks had to return to Geelong in





the afternoon, so split from the main group to find some harder tracks for the morning. Julie claimed Trevor wanted to test his winch; hard to believe as that Jeep goes anywhere!

During the morning the rest of the group wound their way towards Landsborough where we stopped for lunch at the sports ground. We were joined there by Werner and Barb and Nick Jones and his girls who were camped at Moonambel. The day was designed to be easy medium but we did manage to find a couple of more difficult sections with "bail out options" for those who did not want to attempt them. On the way back to camp, Nick parted company to return to Moonambel and Werner and Barb returned to Glenpatrick to join in for dinner around the fire.

Monday morning was a leisurely pack up and return to Geelong.

The weekend included tracks with a range of difficulty to accommodate all drivers' requirements. We were also able to explore and clear some tracks prior to the Moonambel Muster which should help when we finally get there!

Overall it was a fun social weekend with a great group of people. Thanks to everyone who attended.

#### **Participants:**

Geoff Davey (Trip leader)  
Ross Barry (Tail end Sunday)  
Trevor and Julie Brocks (Tail end Saturday)  
Keith Murdoch  
Daniel Murdoch  
Rob Gunn  
Geoff Connors  
Michael Barry  
Andrew and Tyler Smith  
Geoff and Sharon Van Ingen  
Tim Neville  
Jimmy Halikias  
Werner Brocks and Barb Fewings  
Nick Jones and his two girls



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# Membership fee reminder

The following is an excerpt from the Clubs Rules of Association which were approved at our last AGM. The Club and Committee are bound by these Rules.

Membership invoices were issued on 06/04/21 with a due date of 06/05/21. A number of reminders have been issued since, however there are still some unpaid membership accounts.

As prescribed by the Rules, if fees remain unpaid after 3 months, membership privileges will be removed, including access to the Club Facebook page.

It is assumed that if your membership is not paid within 3 months, that it is no longer required.

Note that membership can be reinstated at the discretion of the committee if all arrears are paid.

## **17 RESIGNING AS A MEMBER**

(1) A member may resign by notice in writing given to the Association.

### **Note**

Rule 74 (3) sets out how notice may be given to the association. It includes by post or by handing the notice to a member of the committee.

(2) A member is taken to have resigned if—

(a) the subscription of a member shall remain unpaid for a period of 3 months from the date of the membership invoice then the member may after notice of the default sent to him or her by the Secretary or treasurer be debarred by resolution of the Committee from all privileges of membership, provided that the Committee may reinstate the member on payment of all arrears if the Committee thinks fit to do so.

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