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29 OCT — 2 NOV
MELBOURNE CUP
HIGH COUNTRY WEEKEND

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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THE PRES SAYS

G'day all,

The Annual General meeting is upon us again. The last year has had its challenges but the Club has remained active through regular trips with good participation. The Moonambel Muster has come and gone and also had its challenges, requiring rescheduling due to an unexpected renewal of COVID restrictions. We need to give some thought towards how we will structure next year's "Muster".

It is up to all of us to build on the momentum of regular trips and perhaps increase our social functions, hopefully with continued easing of COVID restrictions, although Sydney is a concern at the moment.

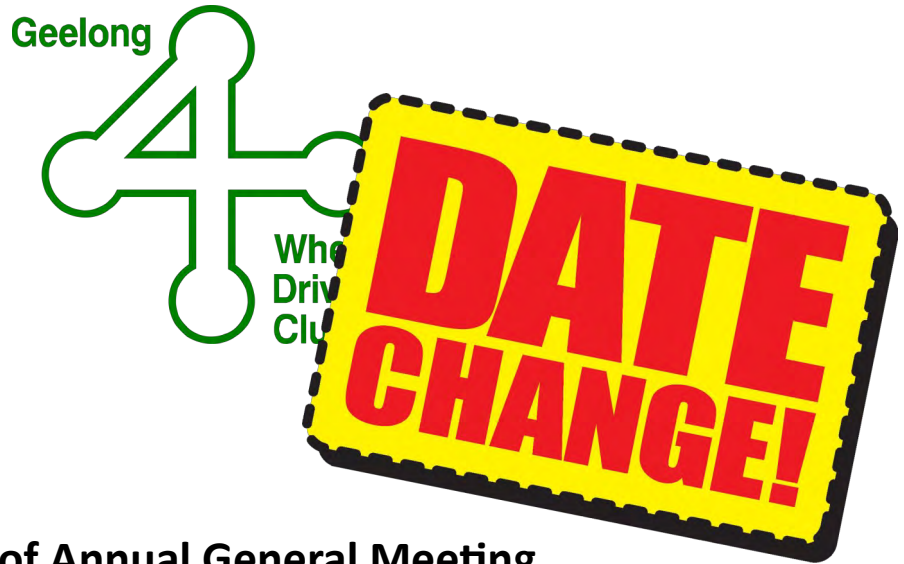
All positions become vacant at the AGM, so if anyone is considering a Committee position, feel free to talk to myself or any of the existing Committee Members. If you are looking to make a contribution towards your Club, membership on the Committee is a great way to do that. Some Committee members have already indicated that they will not be re-nominating, so there will be vacancies if you are interested.

Having said all of this, the COVID situation has been changing rapidly, not just in Victoria, but across the nation. This is now threatening not only trips that have already been planned, but the timing of the AGM.

All we can do is monitor the situation and notify any changes to these plans as necessary.

Best wishes,
Geoff

A handwritten signature of Geoff Davey in black ink.



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Geelong 4 Wheel Drive Club (Driveline Geelong Inc)

Wednesday 13th October 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 13th October 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 14th July 2021
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Sharon Van Ingen

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.35 pm
Welcome to everyone present	
New Members	Nick Jones, Darcy Brocks and Ella Johnson, Ryan Rhodes and Kate Jenna Grinter
Visitors	Graeme Jefferies, John Prowse, James O’Hea
Present	Darcy Brocks, Ella Johnson, Levi Brocks, Matt Brocks, Trevor Brocks, Werner Brocks and Barb Fewings, Geoff Connors, Jake Cook, Geoff Davey, John Goodall, Karen Griffen, Jimmy Halikias, Mark Mensch, Juanita Mountjoy, Daniel Murdoch, Keith Murdoch, Tim Neville, Troy Oman, Harry Parke, Kelvin Rogers, Peter Searle, Norm and Ada Spitty, Geoff and Sharon Van Ingen, Ryan Rhodes.
Apologies	Ross Barry, Geoff Hamilton, Ken Melrose, Warren and Sheryl Telford, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Dale Robinson

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting minutes	
Moved	NIL
Seconded	Last month’s meeting cancelled.
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	a) Telstra Amplifier Update –has been purchased and will be installed shortly.

Correspondence	
In	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Geelong Community Update Winter 21 b) Cleaning Receipt – Alana Murray c) FWDV – First Aid Course d) FWDV Vehicle stickers 21-22 e) FWDV July eNews f) FWDV Club Member Survey
Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Annual General Meeting Agenda and documents b) Driveline Magazine

Treasurer’s Report	
Presented By:	Juanita Mountjoy
Moved:	Tim Neville
Seconded:	Keith Murdoch

Regular Reports	
Association Rep	Geoff Davey and Danny Sparks Cousins participated in a phone interview to provide input for the FWDV strategic plan
Regional Rep	Mark, Danny and Keith attended an online meeting. The Otway Iconic Drive was discussed in addition to general business.

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Regular Reports (continued)	
Trip Co-Ordinator	<p>Trips out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enfield Day Trip Sunday 16th May 2021. Keith Murdoch Glenpatrick trip 11th – 14th June 2021. Geoff Davey Moonambel Muster 2nd – 5th July 2021 <p>Upcoming trips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mount Skene Snow Trip. Jamieson Caravan Park. 30th July – 1st August 2021. Geoff Davey Mount Skene Snow Day Trip. Saturday 14th August 2021. Tim Neville Darling River/Pre Simpson-Trip. 5th – 16th September 2021. Geoff Davey Simpson Desert/Macdonald Ranges Trip. 16th – 29th September 2021. Mathew and Juanita Mountjoy Melbourne Cup Weekend High Country Trip. 29th October – 2nd November 2021. Ross Barry
Editor	Danny has enough material for this month's Driveline Magazine.
Webmaster	Nil
Social	<p>Keith has organised a tenpin bowling social event on Sunday July 25th, 2021. 3pm. Oz Tenpin Bowling 49 Reynolds Road Belmont. Adults \$18 first game and \$7 for the second game. Kids first game will be subsidised by the club and their second game is \$7. Final numbers need to be in by Tuesday 20th July, 2021. All members are welcome.</p> <p>Discussed options for another social night and to include awards night at this event. Committee to discuss further.</p>
Fines	<p>Jimmy Halikias, Jake Cook, Mark Mensch, Geoff Connors, Tim Neville, and Geoff Davey.</p> <p>Motion: That all fines collected to the nearest \$100 be donated to the Flying Doctors at the end of financial year.</p> <p>Moved: Geoff Davey</p> <p>Seconded: Tim Neville</p>
Pist'n Broke	Jimmy Halikias
Members Draw	Daniel Murdoch
Moonambel Massacre	Mark Mensch

New Business	
AGM	August 11, 2021. All committee positions will become open to all. Pizza, prizes and bar open on the night. Committee hopes the AGM will be well supported.
FWDV Strategic Plan	Geoff and Danny had an interview with consultants.
Moonambel Muster	18 vehicles attended. Great social weekend. Cold and rainy and oval was sodden. Geoff was to the rescue when the wood truck got bogged while delivering the wood. Kids had a wonderful time together playing in puddles.
Club By-Laws—Code of Conduct	<p>Geoff emailed and sent via social media the Code of Conduct. Club has never had a Code of Conduct document previously. It is a one-page document. Geoff read two sections of the document to members in attendance.</p> <p>There was general agreement with the form structure and content of the document.</p>
Membership Fees	Reminder that members who have not paid their fees by the end of the month will no longer be considered members and they will be removed from Facebook groups and mailing list.
General Business	<p>Werner Brocks put forward a suggestion of adding the year the club was established (1973) to our logo. Many thought it to be a great idea. Take to committee.</p> <p>50 years anniversary will be in 2023. Need to consider collecting information regarding the history of the club.</p>

Meeting closed at	8.35 pm
Next General Meeting	Annual General Meeting—11th August 2021 @ Clubrooms. 7.00pm for 7.30pm meeting.

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 11th August 2021

	AGM—update.
	Telstra amplifier update
	By-laws update
	Club logos
	Club awards night
	Other General Business

LIFE MEMBER NOMINATIONS

The Geelong 4WD Club Committee after due consideration has voted that the nomination received from Mr Danny Sparks-Cousins for Mr David Hamann for Life Membership meets the Club criteria as written in Club Bylaws page 11 section Q & will be presented to the Annual General meeting for General Member vote.

The Geelong 4WD Club Committee after due consideration has voted that the nomination received from Mr Danny Sparks-Cousins for Mrs Allie Hamann for Life Membership meets the Club criteria as written in Club Bylaws page 11 section Q & will be presented to the Annual General meeting for General Member vote.

Nomination ratification / approval to be included in a future edition of the Geelong 4WD Club Driveline magazine after the Annual General Meeting.

TELSTRA AMPLIFIER

In conjunction with the City of Greater Geelong council, we have installed a Telstra amplifier in the clubrooms to improve the limited Telstra 4G phone reception inside the clubrooms.

The installation and tuning have been completed, and the system is working well. Please note this is only for Telstra services.



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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.



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

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.



MOONAMBEL MUSTER

10th ANNIVERSARY

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



This year was both a special and different Moonambel Muster for a variety of reasons. It was the 10th Moonambel Muster, but held in the 11th year due to last year's COVID related cancellation. The event was deferred from the normal Queens Birthday long weekend also due to COVID restrictions, which were unforeseen.

The oval was wetter than anyone can remember and while there was some rain over the weekend, particularly on Friday and Saturday, it was nothing out of the ordinary for that time of the year. The difference was the fact that the ground was already sodden prior to our arrival.

It was also a Geelong 4WD Club only

event. Some time ago the Committee decided to trial this format as there has been good club representation in previous years which would enable sufficient numbers without the other Clubs. The thinking was that this would facilitate our own members to mix and get to know each other better. As it turned out the turnout from our Club was less than previously with a total of 19 vehicles. Presumably COVID, the deferral from Queens Birthday weekend and the weather all had an effect on numbers, but a number of "regular attendees" were also away for a variety of reasons.

Friday was arrival and setup day. The TJM marquee and reception tent were erected and later the fire was duly lit.

There was rain in the late afternoon which deterred a few. Fortunately the rain cleared in the evening and most braved the cold around the campfire for a cheerful social evening. It was good to catch up with Graeme Jeffreys and Dave Purdie, each having been away from the Club for some time.

Saturday morning Daryl the wood man delivered a second load of wood to the oval. Due to the softness of the ground, he promptly became bogged. Geoff snatched his truck out of the bog, creating our first recovery before we had even left camp!

3 trips went out on Saturday, Geoff led an easy-medium trip to Redbank and Kara Kara, Kelvin's group headed

towards Landsborough and the Mountjoy's group south into the central Pyrenees.

All returned safely to camp where Beth, Noah and Harry had the fire well established for our arrival. Juanita picked up the pizzas from the Moonambel Pub as arranged and we then settled into pizzas around a roaring campfire which was definitely required for warmth. The pizzas were a great success and our support for the local business was appreciated by the publican.

Then there was a break for the raffle draw. The sponsor donations for this were once again extremely generous. Thanks go to TJM, ARB, Ironman, Bursons, Anaconda, Repco and Jax Tyres.

The first three prize winners were Tyler Smith, Michael Barry and Tim Neville. The ticket purchases were well supported by the group resulting in another successful raffle. After the raffle the entire group returned to the fire to continue the convivial evening.

Sunday we decided to run a single large trip as a few had to return home due to work and family commitments. Geoff led the trip **with support** with his more than able wingman Dave Purdy in second spot.

Essentially we ran one track before lunch, namely Jacksons Track which had a couple of difficult sections, particularly given the amount of prior rain. The combination of the large convoy, slippery conditions and a couple of recoveries created a good drive but made for slower progress. Kelvin showed us a less conventional way approach a difficult rock step. This is best described visually in Tim's video on the Club Facebook page, which many of you will have already seen. We then made for Cameron's Shelter for a relatively early lunch.

After lunch it was down Cross Track and on to New Tiger Cat Track. We didn't know it at the time, but this was to be a single track for the afternoon too. The track was steep, rocky and slippery;



definitely on the difficult end of the scale. The first few cars made it up uneventfully, but the track was getting more slippery with each vehicle pass. Some then required winching which created both amusement and learning opportunities for the onlookers.

Then it was Menschy's turn. The spectators were assembled towards the top of the steep section. Menschy began the ascent and was not yet in clear view further down the track when there was a loud BANG from his car. The peanut gallery announced "there goes his CV" and sure enough that's what it was. In fact it was the same left hand one he did on last Melbourne Cup weekend ... "not happy Jan!".

We needed to cut and remove the axle to prevent further damage from driving. Fortunately there was telephone coverage and Graeme Jeffreys was able to contact relatives in Avoca who happened to have a battery angle grinder! Graeme and Geoff set off for Avoca. Shortly after it started to rain so the rest of the crew had to shelter in cars or under the awning of Menschy's crippled vehicle. An hour and a half later Graeme and Geoff returned with said angle grinder and Richard Brown efficiently cut and removed the axle.

However the fun was not yet over. There were now rivers of water running down the ruts and we still had to get the car to the bottom of the hill. Initially



Menschy was able to winch himself down backwards, but then the winch line broke! Fortunately Mark was able to stop the car before it broke away. Then it was Dave Purdy to the rescue. Dave had been itching to demonstrate his "lower the car with the winch extension strap round the tree" system. That old chestnut, you may say! Sure enough it worked a treat and Dave had both saved the day and provided a practical demonstration.

The drama was almost over. All that was required was for Mark to get back to camp in some slippery conditions, taking the easiest route available. He almost made it, but required one tow

on the way. The rest of the convoy made their back to camp while Dave and Geoff escorted Menschy down Sardine Track and safely into camp. Mark was a little on edge and required some medicinal beverage before he began to relax around the campfire. Next time we might carry a battery angle grinder?

Monday morning was pack up day and it was good to see plenty of helpers chip in with this as is generally the case.

Thanks to everyone who attended. Overall it was a great weekend which was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants.



It is always dangerous to single out individuals for thanks as many people helped make this a successful weekend. Nevertheless special thanks go to Ross Barry for his planning and work over the weekend. Thanks also to Danny Sparks-Cousins for organising sponsors and prizes, he was also ably supported by Keith and Daniel Murdoch. Also Juanita for sorting the bookings and pizzas, amongst other things. However it was a team effort so thanks go to all who attended and helped produce a great weekend.

Geoff

MOONAMBEL 2021

SATURDAY TRIP - REDBANK AND KARA KARA NATIONAL PARK

WORDS AND PHOTOS: GEOFF DAVEY

The aim was for an easy medium trip, particularly in view of potentially greasy conditions. As we wound our way through Redbank the grip was generally good and possibly better than expected.



Lunch was at The Teddington Hut where the kids sold our allocated book of raffle tickets. Afterwards we explored the Teddington Reservoir and related campgrounds, stopping at the spillway for the kids to have a play.

There had been water over the track through the day and Geoff stopped get some photos coming through the water. Geoff and Sharon V were first through creating some spray for a good picture. Geoff D foolishly commented that they had missed him with the spray. Well Nick took that as a challenge and didn't miss the second time, half drowning our intrepid photographer!

Shortly after Nicks alternator warning light came on, possibly Karma? Fortunately we were able to wash it out with some water and the problem appeared to be resolved.

On the way back we came down the southern end of Moonambel track which is clay based and was very greasy. From there we headed east to try the "easy" track to the lookout. There were a couple of more challenging sections there, but all made it safely to the lookout for some great views. We then decided to come down the more difficult eastern track. In retrospect this may not have been the best thing for an "easy medium" trip as it was greasy, rocky and more difficult. There was some ungraceful sliding and the odd "bottom out" on the way down but all made it without damage.

The last few tracks were a bit more testing, particularly for Geoff and Sharon, but they agreed it (i think) that it did extend their boundaries for future trips. In the end it was all home safe and sound with a bit of fun along the way. Thanks to the group for a good day.

Participants:

Geoff Davey (Trip Leader)
Nick Jones with Ash & Ellie
Geoff & Sharon Van Ingen
Andrew Smith & Tyler (Tail end Charlie)

Geoff



MOONAMBEL 2021

SATURDAY TRIP - LANDSBOROUGH TO WARRENMANG

WORDS: KELVIN ROGERS--PHOTO: TIM NEVILLE



On Saturday, I took out a small group of 5 members cars out, starting in the Landsborough area.

With it raining mainly all of Friday, the tracks were going to be unknown as to what conditions we would face! Entering via Main Break Track, then after a long drive on Glenlofty Track we turned onto Dridan Track, continuing straight down Cameron's Track.

Then onto the gravel for some country driving before it was off into the bush

again travelling along Nowhere Creek Road, which joins back up with Main Break Track.

Then we travelled down the north end of Old Tiger Cat Track, down the hill to the creek, and a gentle climb up to Cameron's Track where we stopped for lunch.

After lunch we headed down Cameron's Track, back up Dridan Track onto Black Range Road, which was supposedly a loop back onto Nowhere Creek Road.

Instead, it had a dead end, private property, gated off! So we all turned around and went back into the Warrenmang area of the bush, travelling along tracks like Sardine Track and Turpins Track.

Once we popped out of the bush we made our way back to camp via Glenlofty - Warrenmang Road, turning left back to camp.

I hope everyone that came out on my lead trip enjoyed the drive!



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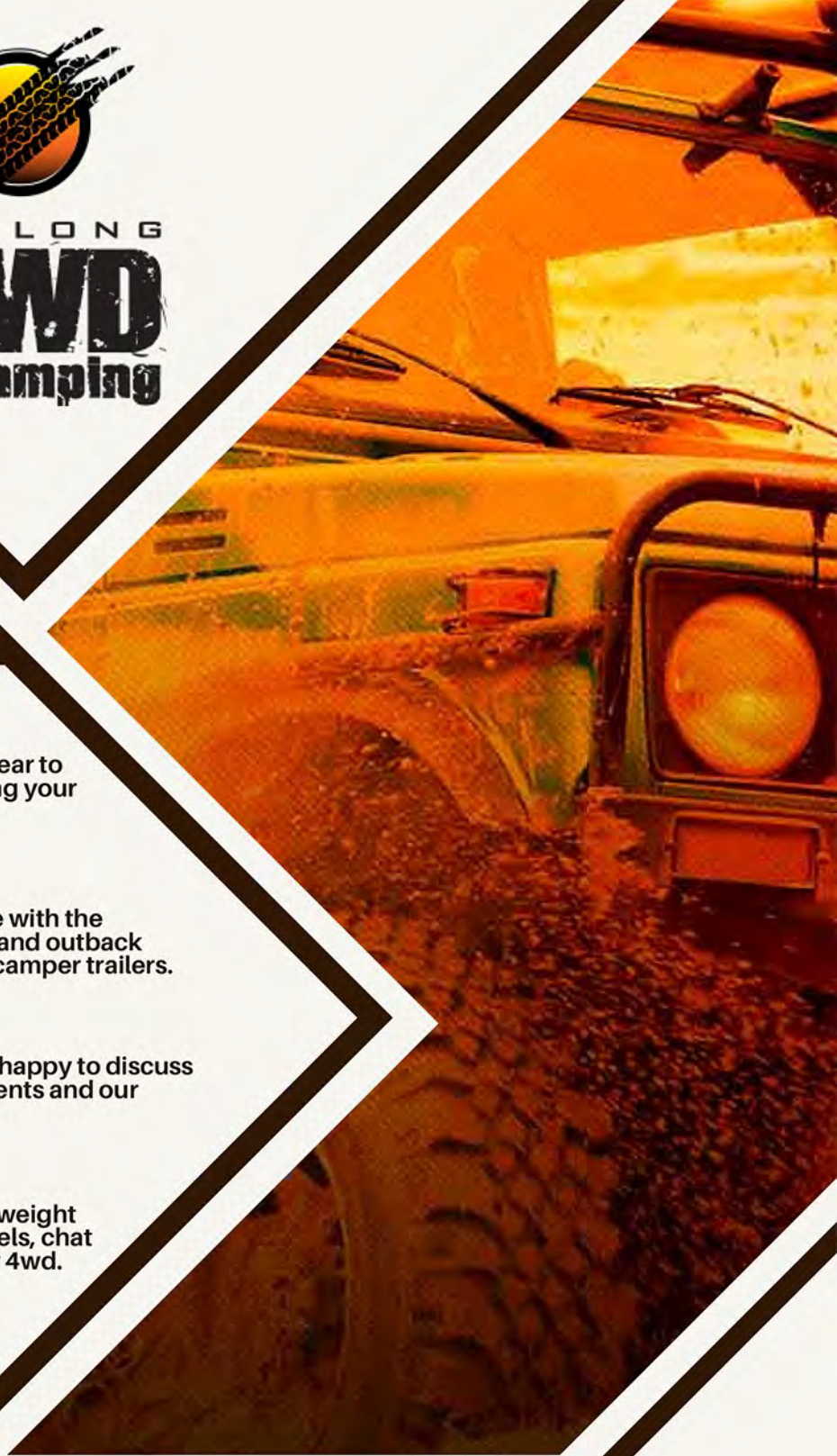
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Membership fee reminder

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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