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**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,

Well once again we find ourselves locked down due to COVID restrictions.

On the positive side we were lucky to run both of the planned snow trips, however just about everything else remains uncertain.

While we are still hopeful that the Simpson Desert Trip can proceed, the fall back may be a tour of North West Victoria if the easing of restrictions allow. More information on this to follow.

The committee continues to meet by zoom and is finalizing the new By Laws which will be posted on the website for comment in the near future.

The AGM is planned for the 13th October. While we remain hopeful this can proceed by meeting in person, the contingency will be a Zoom meeting. Therefore the AGM will proceed either way so please put this on the calendar.

As I have indicated previously the last 2 years have been extremely difficult due to recurring COVID restrictions. In many ways we have been lucky to run as many trips as we have and hold a number of meetings between lockdowns.

The focus of the committee has been to keep the Club afloat and as active as possible so that we can re-establish as we emerge from the pandemic and return to something approximating normality.

I would therefore encourage everyone to attend the AGM in person or by Zoom and to participate in as many Club events as the COVID restrictions allow. In this way we can all build a strong and active and relevant Club for all Members.

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 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 7:30pm

Held at Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve

70 Edgerton Road, Lovely Banks

**(Subject to COVID restrictions—alternatively via Zoom)**

We hereby advise that the 2021 AGM will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at the clubrooms, commencing at 7:30pm. Should COVID restrictions mean we cannot hold the meeting in person at the clubrooms, we will hold the meeting electronically via Zoom.

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.



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

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"> <li>Enfield Day Trip Sunday 16th May 2021. Keith Murdoch</li> <li>Glenpatrick trip 11th – 14th June 2021. Geoff Davey</li> <li>Moonambel Muster 2nd – 5th July 2021</li> </ul> <p>Upcoming trips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mount Skene Snow Trip. Jamieson Caravan Park. 30th July – 1st August 2021. Geoff Davey</li> <li>Mount Skene Snow Day Trip. Saturday 14th August 2021. Tim Neville</li> <li>Darling River/Pre Simpson-Trip. 5th – 16th September 2021. Geoff Davey</li> <li>Simpson Desert/Macdonald Ranges Trip. 16th – 29th September 2021. Mathew and Juanita Mountjoy</li> <li>Melbourne Cup Weekend High Country Trip. 29th October – 2nd November 2021. Ross Barry</li> </ul>
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><b>Motion:</b> That all fines collected to the nearest \$100 be donated to the Flying Doctors at the end of financial year.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Geoff Davey</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> 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	8th September 2021 @ Clubrooms.



# AGENDA

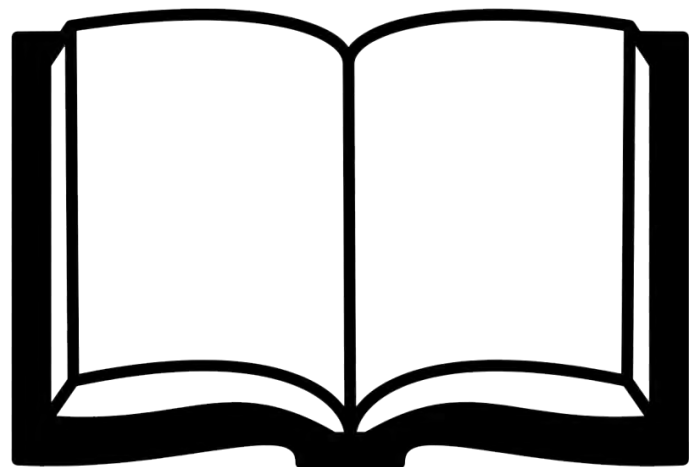
## Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 8th September 2021

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

## BY-LAWS UPDATE

The committee have drafted updated club by-laws, which are now available on the club website for review. These are currently considered for be in draft form for a period of 3 months pending any comments or feedback from members.

Please take the time to review these updated by-laws and feel free to give any feedback to the committee. We will table the updated by-laws for approval at an upcoming general meeting after the review period.



## 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.

This project is supported by the City of Greater Geelong through its 'COVID-19 Quick Response Community Grants Program.





# UPCOMING TRIPS



## LOCKDOWN LIFTER—PRE MOUNTJOYS TRIP

**Date:** After Lockdown Ends 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:** If restrictions lift enough before the Mountjoy's Victorian contingency trip I may run something beforehand in the North West of Victoria and meet up with the Mountjoys. If anyone is desperate to escape once (if) lockdown ends, please keep in touch.

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

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

**UPDATED**



## (NOT) THE SIMPSON DESERT 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:** TBA

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

**Notes:** In the instance that the SA, QLD and NT borders remain closed, an alternative trip to the Simpson Desert will be run by Matthew and Juanita to the Murray Sunset National Park area. This will be an explorative trip.

The plan is to base camp for a number of days, explore the area, then move on. No campers or caravans.

Priority has been given to the participants of the original Simpson trip, leaving 3 places available on this proposed trip. Please contact Juanita directly on 0467 809 040 if you would like to attend.

This trip will run over the school holidays and will only go ahead if Covid rules allow.

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

**UPDATED**



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



# UPCOMING TRIPS

## 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.



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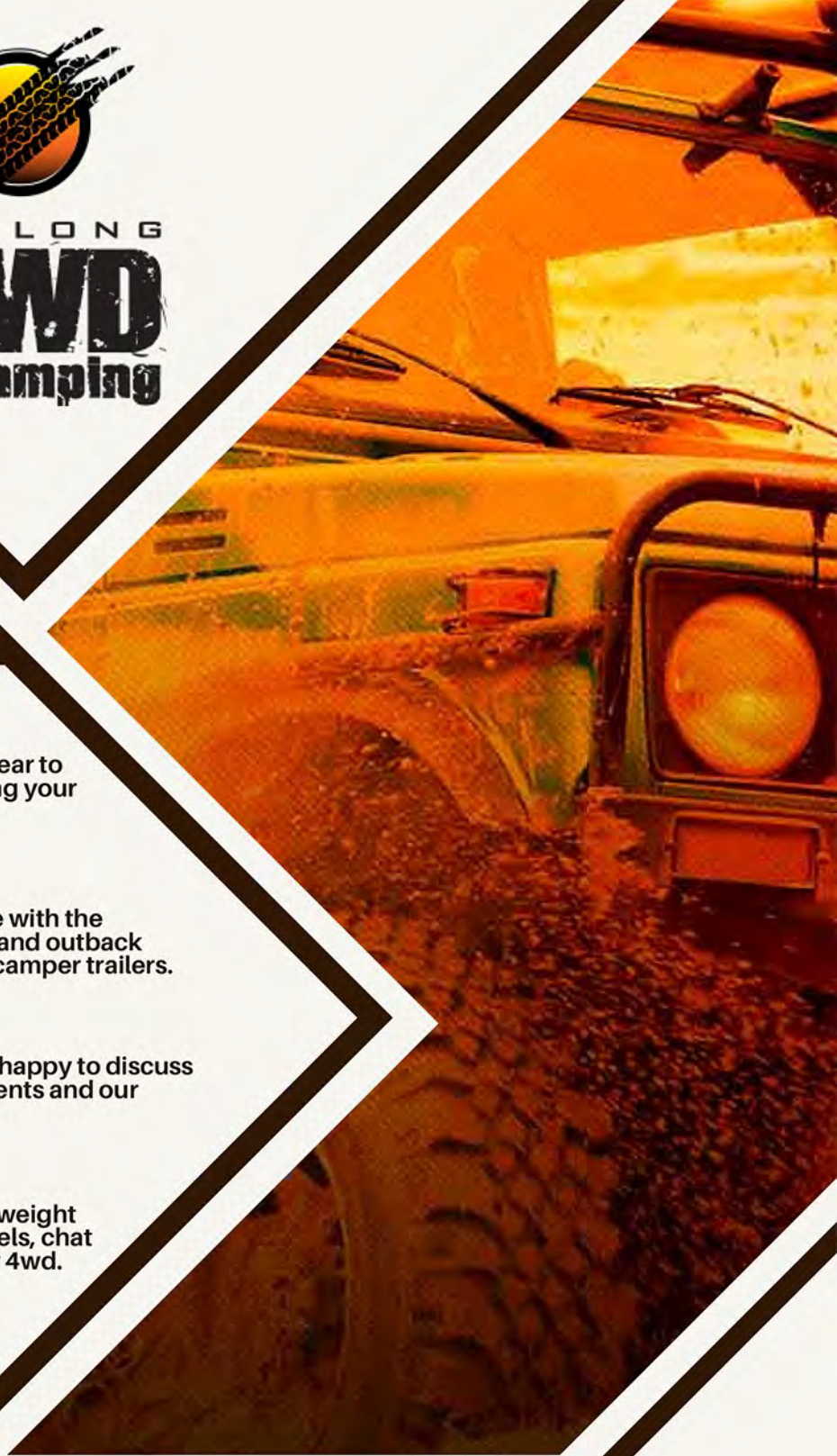
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# JAMIESON SNOW TRIP

30th JULY to 1st AUGUST 2021 -- Words & Photos: GEOFF DAVEY



The running of the snow trip was in doubt until the last few days due to the ongoing COVID restrictions. Fortunately these were lifted, at least enough to run the trip, a few days before we were due to leave. Tim's car was not ready and Peter Wu was a late withdrawal which left us with eight vehicles.

Menschy's car was on a hoist receiving new tyres as the rest of the convoy left the Little River BP at 9am. We stopped at the Yea bakery for a coffee and cake where we were joined by the two Brocks vehicles, having detoured to pick up some snow gear. We then travelled on the winding Eildon - Jamieson road,

stopping for refreshments at the Jamieson Brewery and Grill. From there it was a short run to check in to the Jamieson Caravan Park, where Mark, complete with a fresh set of shoes, joined us just as we were checking in.

Later in the afternoon, having settled into respective cabins, we set off for a short drive up Sappers Track and across Jamieson Lookout Track. There had been a fair bit of rain in the district so we expected the tracks to be greasy which they were, but not as much as expected. This was a good drive with a few steep sections to tune up on including a quick winching episode in case we had

forgotten how. On the way back to camp we collected some firewood for the evening.

We were fortunate to get a booking at the Courthouse Hotel for both Friday and Saturday nights which simplified meals and COVID compliance. The food and the hospitality at the pub were fantastic and made for a great social evening. Then it was a brisk walk back to the Caravan Park where we stoked the fire for some additional ambience.

Saturday morning after a stop at the local coffee shop we set off for Mount Skene uncertain how much snow we





would find and how many trees would be down as there had been little or no traffic on the hill due the COVID lockdown. We were pleasantly surprised that no track clearing was required driving up to the snow line which was relatively high at about 1100 meters. The snow depth quickly increased to about 40-50 cm with a firm base. There was a group of three vehicles in front of us who were making slow progress creating fresh tracks in the snow. The snow was compacting in front of the vehicles bringing them to a halt.



With about 4 km to go to the summit, the first group was unable to progress, so it was time to bring the "big guns" out. Trevor came up from the tail in his red (yes the red adds to the toughness) Rubicon and we fitted chains for maximum traction. This worked well and Trevor was able to make slow but good progress for the next 2 km. Darcy was doing some further "snow plowing" in second position, helping improve the wheel tracks for the rest of the convoy. However even Trevor slowed to a near stop on the last hill, still with 2 km to go to the summit. We were conscious of the fact that we had a pub meal booked at 6pm which would be lost if we were late. Given this we made a decision to stop for lunch and then return down the hill.

Turning the convoy around was a challenge in itself, given the difficulty in creating fresh tracks in the deep snow. We managed to do this in a pull off area at the side of the road. Then the real problems began!



While the Geelong group blazed the trail up the mountain, there were at least 4 or 5 groups following, some of which we suspect did not have permits. The problem was that, despite being asked over the radio by our group and others not to progress over the last downhill section, they continued to come. This created a chaotic situation at the bottom of the hill where there were in excess of 40 vehicles which were then unable to turn around and return towards Jamieson because they had all boxed each other in! Our group was lucky that it had already turned around



before we had lunch and that Trevor's vehicle, with chains on, was capable enough to create fresh "passing lanes" going back on the hill. I might add that this was not easy and not many of the vehicles on the mountain would have been capable of doing it.

We collected some firewood on the way back down the mountain and returned to camp by 4pm to relax before the dinner booking at 6pm. The one complication was Marks car. On reaching the bitumen he routinely disengaged his centre diff. This produced a grinding sound and loss of all drive. This turned out to be a blown front differential. After a number of phone calls to mechanics and the RACV, Marks car was loaded onto a truck in the early evening to be returned home.

Later it was back to the pub for a meal and sedation for Mark, then to the Caravan Park for an appropriately socially distanced warm up around the fire pit. This was cut a little short by the onset of rain at about 11pm.

Sunday morning Mark jumped in with Geoff and we headed up Mt Terrible Track. The track has many side tracks with steep ascents and descents which make for a good drive. There was a little snow at the summit where we stopped for a play and to check out the hut. After the obligatory picture at the Mt Terrible sign, we continued down the Mt Terrible Track and then Hope Track to Big River Road where we stopped for lunch at Vennells Campground. From there it was back home via Marysville and Healesville.

Thanks to all those who came and made this another successful and social snow trip.

#### **Trip Participants:**

Geoff Davey and Tim Neville (Trip Leader)

Mark Mensch

Richard Brown and Amy Oberli

Darcy Brocks and Ella Johnson

George Pawlak and Jake

Daniel Murdoch

Dale Robertson and Maryanne Wilson

Trevor, Julie and Ebony Brocks (Tail End Charlie)

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