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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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COMMITTEE MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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MELBOURNE CUP

HIGH COUNTRY WEEKEND

NOVEMBER

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GENERAL MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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COMMITTEE MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

DECEMBER

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GENERAL 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

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THE PRES SAYS

G'day to all,

I feel like this should be titled the "Déjà Vu" Pres Says report.

Yet again we are restricted by COVID regulations.

Matthew and Juanita had to defer the Simpson Desert / Hay River trip, but fortunately we were able to tour the Victorian Deserts in the three major National Parks in western Victoria, namely Little Desert, Wyperfeld / Big Desert and Murray Sunset. Thanks to Matthew and Juanita for running this rescheduled trip and to all who attended.

Our AGM will be once again held by Zoom on Wednesday October 13 at 7.30 pm. Danny has provided instructions for this and will update everyone with a link as required. Please log in to what should be a fairly brief meeting. It would be nice to see a good representation of members at the AGM in this "virtual format".

Ross will be running the Melbourne Cup Weekend as previously notified, and we still hope to hold a Christmas Party and Presentation Function in some format. More information on these will be published as the situation becomes clearer.

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

via videoconference / Zoom

We hereby advise that the 2021 AGM will be held on Wednesday 13th October 2021 via online videoconference, commencing at 7:30pm.

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

Again this year due to COVID restrictions this will be held electronically. We encourage all members to attend / join the videoconference even if you are unfamiliar with "Zoom" .

- 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.

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.

VIDEOCONFERENCE INFO

Details of how to participate will be emailed to all members and posted on Facebook and the club website. In brief the "Zoom" application (which is free) will need to be downloaded and installed on your device – Apple / Android / Windows PC / Mac.

Prior to the meeting, a link will be sent via email and Facebook which will allow you to click and automatically connect to 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	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	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	8th September 2021 @ Clubrooms.

AGENDA

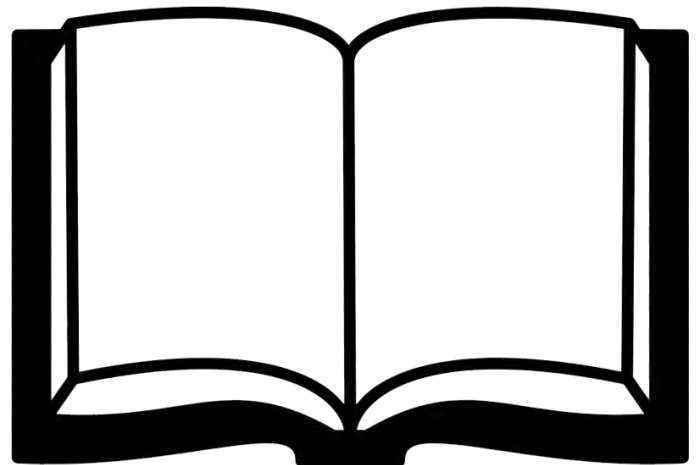
Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 8th September 2021

	Annual report of the Committee
	Treasurer's report
	Ordinary Committee members
	Committee nominations
	Life members
	Fees for 2021/2022

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

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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MT SKENE SNOW TRIP

13th to 15th AUGUST 2021 -- Words & Photos: TIM NEVILLE



We all set our way towards Jamieson—the central point of our weekend—on Friday at various times, with some of us choosing to swag it at the caravan park and some choosing to book a warm room at the local pub.

With a warm meal at the pub for dinner and then a toasty fire at the caravan park in one of the awesome fire pits

provided, it was a relatively quiet night with most of us wanting a good night's rest in preparation for what we knew would be a big day on Saturday trying to get to the summit of Mt Skene.

We all met in the main street of Jamieson at 8.30 ready to make our way up Mt Skene. After about an hour or so of driving we reached the same point as

we had two weeks before on Geoff's trip. Up to this point there was little snow and 4wd was not even needed, however we came to a quick stop with a convoy ahead of us stuck and winching in the exact same hole that had stopped Trevor in the Jeep only two weeks prior.

After a conversation with the convoy ahead of us, they kindly let us in front as



we had "bigger cars" and would have a greater chance of clearing the way. After moving their convoy to the side of the track it was up to me to try and clear a path.

In true Tim form off I went "ON BOPP" to only make it about 20m further than the convoy we were passing. Out came the snow chains, from here was a total of 6 hours of forward and reverse, snatch, winch and Maxtrax recoveries with low pressures (between 8-14 psi run in all cars tires). With a lot of teamwork we made it to the summit of the mountain just on 4pm. Out of the convoy myself, Levi, Ross, Harry, Jake and Geoff all needed assistance to retrieve our cars from the deep snow one way or another.



After a quick photo at the summit of the mountain it was then a quick dash back to Jamieson to get changed and get to the pub for another great meal and a few drinks! It was a relatively quiet night with a few sore bodies and tired people from a big day in the snow.

Sunday morning saw us leave a little later than the previous day, with the aim to cross Mt Terrible and then drop down into Knockwood and head home via Woods Point. Harrison unfortunately had to leave us at this point due to some car troubles. It was a relatively uneventful drive to the summit of Mt Terrible with all of us taking the harder off shoots on offer for a bit more fun (especially Adam in his 79 with some quite large wheel lifts on some of the rock steps). A quick stop at the hut at the summit of Mt Terrible saw us descend to the main reason I wanted to do this track, a steep clay offshoot we had noticed a few weeks before. With all of us descending this hill to the main road a few of us decided to give it a crack going back up.

Trevor in the Jeep flew up with out issue as did I in the Patrol. Then came Ross in the GQ—unfortunately he slid off line and into some deep mud, but after a little back and forwards and some right boot he managed to climb to the top. Ryan came up the easier line without issue. Geoff hit the easier line but unfortunately couldn't quite make it

after a few attempts and so out came more air in the tires. With both lockers in and the tires down to 12 psi, Geoff found the redline of the 200 series tachometer, and made it to the top. Adam decided to hit the harder line in the 79 and after 5 or so attempts, playing with lower pressures and different lines, we unfortunately could not get the 79 up under its own steam so out came the winch. From here Levi had a problem with his fuel pump— Trevor followed him and they shot off to limp home whilst we continued the tracks.

We found some spectacular tracks with steep ascents and descents and nice views before we dropped into a few river crossings. I had been told this was quite deep a few weeks before however the river had dropped and all made it across quite easy. Passing through Woods Point we dropped into the creek just out of town to have a look at the hut, and then followed the main road out of the bush and onto the blacktop.

Thank you to all that came. I hope you had a great weekend. I'm looking forward to doing it again next year.

Tim Neville

Tim

TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Tim Neville—GU Patrol 4.8 petrol (trip leader)

Geoff Davey— 200 series 4.5 diesel

Harrison Parke— Gu Patrol 4.8 petrol

Adam Mountjoy— 79 series 4.5 diesel

Ryan Rhodes— GQ Patrol 4.2 diesel

Jake Cook— Y62 Patrol 5.6 petrol

Ross— GQ Patrol 4.0 Barra petrol

Levi Brocks— GQ Patrol 4.0 Barra petrol

Trevor Brocks— JL Jeep 3.6 petrol



VICTORIAN DESERTS 'PRE-TRIP'

15th to 18th SEPTEMBER 2021 -- Words & Photos: GEOFF DAVEY

Three vehicles, namely myself, Mark Mensch and Geoff and Sharon Van Ingen, set off on Wednesday 15th of September, just 3 days before the Mountjoy's main trip.

There were no fixed plans and we ultimately decided to explore the Grampian Ranges effectively as reconnaissance for a future trip. We stopped at Dunkeld for lunch before heading up the Victoria Valley. Our initial plan was to camp at Smith's Mill Campground, North West of Halls Gap;

however the road was gated at the Boreang Campground so we decided to stop there. This turned out to be fortuitous as this is a fantastic spacious grassy campground.

The weather was cold but we had collected wood outside the Park and gathered around a warm fire after setting up camp.

Thursday morning after a leisurely start we set off to explore some tracks in the Victoria Valley. This was a little

frustrating as many of the tracks were MVO or seasonally closed. We visited the Moora Moora Reservoir and managed to find a couple of tracks on the way to Jimmy Creek campground where we stopped for a break and a short walk. From there we headed into Halls Gap for lunch.

After lunch we checked out our original destination at Smiths Mills Campground. This is near the Wartook Reservoir where we went for a walk along the dam wall. McKenzie Falls, Boroka Lookout



and Reed Lookout are also in this area. From there we returned to camp from the North along Rose Creek Road and Phillip Island Track.

Friday morning we decamped and headed west out of the Grampians National Park heading for Little Desert. We explored a couple of tracks along the way. One in particular was a connecting track between Hines Track and Wallaby Rocks Rd. This was steep and had some big rock steps and slippery sections. There was evidence of another group climbing the track earlier that morning. There was evidence of significant wheel spin, tyre burns on rocks and "track building". Ultimately we decided to leave this for another day but it looks interesting.

None of us had been to Rocklands Reservoir before so we decided to detour to one of the eastern side campgrounds. We stopped at Hynes Campsite for a look. This is a private camp which is mainly targeted at fishermen. The reservoir here is restricted by the many dead trees left from the time it was flooded. We continued to Horsham and then to Dimboola for lunch. After setting up camp we collected wood in the nearby Wail State Forest.

On Saturday, prior to the arrival of the main group, we headed west on the highway. The Little Desert National Park is divided into 3 sections by the Kaniva-Edenhope and the Nhill-Harrow Roads. After a stop in Nhill for coffee we continued to the western end of the middle section of the park. We then travelled east down the McDonald Highway which is definitely not a highway. On the way we visited Broughtons Waterhole and Mt Turner which is more of a pimple than a mountain.

We stopped for lunch at Red Gum Swamp which is nicer than it sounds and then back towards camp. On the way we met some of the others who had arrived and were on a brief drive with their kids.

Thanks to Mark, Geoff and Sharon for a good few days on the "pre trip"

Geoff



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