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DECEMBER

GENERAL MEETING & BBQ

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm BBQ from 6:30pm

11 **DAY TRIP FROM ANGLESEA**

JANUARY

26-30 **AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND TRIP**

FEBRUARY

COMMITTEE MEETING Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

GENERAL MEETING & BBQ Clubrooms @ 7:30pm BBQ from 6:30pm

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



AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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.

For more information email: info@geelong4wdclub.org.au

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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,

Thankfully we were able to hold a successful Christmas party this year. This was well attended and enjoyed by all, including the kids and was highlighted by a visit by Santa. The day also included our annual Club awards. Congratulations to all of our award recipients. More on this in the newsletter.

Thank you to the Committee for their hard work throughout what turned out to be another difficult year.

We look forward to renewed Club activities and participation for 2022. Already we have a number of trips planned with different trip leaders. Special thanks to Andrew Smith, Tyler and Hollie as new trip leaders who have a day trip arranged for Saturday 11th December. They are also planning another trip to Big Desert in April.

If anyone else is interested in leading a trip for the first time, or has ideas for a trip, contact myself or a member of the Committee. We can help you with a plan, it not hard and doesn't need to be difficult or complicated.

Keith Murdoch has some great ideas for social activities for next year as well.

Together, let's make 2022 a year of high participation and social interaction within the Club.

Have a great Xmas and New Year.

Cheers, Geoff



We are saddened to announce the passing of

DARRYL MARSLAND

For almost 40 years Darryl has had a close association with our club.

A life member, former president, mentor to many, and a passionate supporter of the club, Darryl will be sadly missed.

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The Marsland family request that no flowers be sent please.



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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve
Date	Wednesday 10th November 2021
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Sharon Van Ingen

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.30 pm
Welcome to everyone present	
New members	
Visitors	John Prowse, Justin Brocks, Ash Cook, Jack Stratford
Present	Matt Brocks, Trevor Brocks, Julie Brocks, Jake Cook, Geoff Davey, John Goodall, Karen Griffen, Jimmy Halikias, Mark Mensch, Juanita Mountjoy, Daniel Murdoch, Keith Murdoch, Tim Neville, Harry Parkes, Kelvin Rogers, Peter Searle, Sharon Van Ingen, Danny Spark-Cousins, Rylan Bird, Lachie Hill, Rob Gunn, Dale Robertson, Paul Oberli, Bruce Whitten, David Dixon, Michael Barry, Danni Miller, Damian Miller.
Apologies	Geoff Van Ingen, Graeme Jefferies, Rick Neville, Don Bird, Matthew Mountjoy

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes	
Moved	Jimmy Halikias
Seconded	Tim Neville
Business arising from the previous	Telstra amplifier update
General Meeting Minutes	Installed and working. Thanks to Danny.
	Report on AGM
	AGM was held via Zoom.
	2020 - 2021 Committee instated. Geoff Van Ingen is a new member. There are still two
	ordinary member positions available.
	Dave and Allie Hamann were confirmed as life members.
	Club Bylaws
	Updated Bylaws have been posted on the club website and is available for comment.
	These will be in Draft form for 3 months.
	Club Logo
	The Committee is looking into Werner Brocks suggestion of adding the year 1973 to the
	club logo.

Correspondence		
In	a) FWDV Covid guidelines for clubs and activities	
	b) FWDV Annual General Report	
	c) FWDV Trackwatch magazine	
	d) FWDV Member vehicle stickers 21-22	
	e) CoGG Victoria phase C of National Plan	
	f) FWDV Nominations—Colin Oates, Eric Bishop, Fred de Groover, Dave Roberts and	
	David van Zanten	
Out	a) Sponsorship invitations for Driveline	
	b) Driveline magazine	

Treasurer's Report	
Presented By: Moved: Seconded: Juanita Mountjoy Dale Robertson Keith Murdoch	

Regular Reports	
Association Rep	The AGM for 4WD Victoria will be held on Monday 15th November.
Regional Rep	Track clearing was held on 23rd October with 6 vehicles attending.
Trip Co-Ordinator	Trips Out Mount Skene Snow Trip. Jamieson Caravan Park. 30th July – 1st August 2021. Geoff Davey Mount Skene Snow Trip 2. 14th – 15th August 2021. Tim Neville Pre Simpson-Darling River 5th – 16th September 2021. Geoff Davey CANCELLED/ CHANGED Halls Gap to Little Desert 15th – 18th September 2021 Geoff Davey Simpson/ Hay River Track/ MacDonnell Ranges CANCELLED/CHANGED Little Desert/ Big Desert/ Murray Sunset/ Mildura 18th September – 1st October 2021. Mountjoy's Track Clearing Day – Otway's. 23rd October Melbourne Cup High Country weekend 29th October – 2nd November 2021. Ross Barry Upcoming Trips Haunted Stream Track, Australia Day January 26th – 30th. Geoff organising. Base camp at Bright in March Labour Day long weekend. Mountjoy's organising.
Editor	organising. Danny thanked everyone who contributed photos and reports from trips for the Driveline Magazine.
Webmaster	Nil
Social	Pub night at the Valley Inn saw 24 in attendance. Those who attended had a great night catching up with other members. Keith is now looking into a cellar door event.
Fines	Time Neville, Geoff Davey, Peter Searle, Mark Mensch, Rob Gunn, Ross Barry, Juanita Mountjoy, Adam Mountjoy.
Pist 'n' Broke	Geoff Davey
Members Draw	Next meeting

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New Business	
Minor works around the clubrooms	Tennis court has been demolished due to it being deemed unsafe by neighbours and
	COGG. Hand wash and paper towel dispensers have been installed in the toilets. The bin
	has been relocated closer to the building. The floor will be re- polished over the
	Christmas break while the Club and the Dancing school is not using it.
Christmas Party / Awards	Pizza and Ice-cream vans have been confirmed. Harry Parkes has agreed to be Santa.
28 November 2021	Juanita will commence shopping next week. Sharon considering activities for kids such as
	pavement chalk, balls and tug o war.
Moonambel Muster	Geoff has booked Moonambel for the Queens Birthday weekend. Other clubs who have
	previously attended in the past will be invited.
Ideas for trips / activities post	Geoff encouraged members to come forward with any ideas for future trips, activities or
COVID	events. Social events can be discussed to Keith, trips with Ross and any other suggestions
	for activities can with one of the Committee members.
Meeting closed at	7.53 pm
Next General Meeting	9th December 2021 @ Clubrooms. BBQ from 6.30pm, meeting from 7.30pm

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 8th December 2021	
	Christmas Party report
	Club awards
	COVID matters
	Trip Co-Ordinator
	Bereavement—Darryl Marsland
	Other business

SOCIAL NIGHT @ THE VALLEY INN SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2021



It was great to have our second social night for the year (due to covid) at The Valley Inn Hotel for a great social evening with old and new friends.

Once again it didn't take long for the evening to be fully booked, lucky for us that we were able to secure another table allowing all who wanted to attend being able to. The meals were terrific, the drinks flowed and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Thankyou for everyone for attending, it was a great turn out and hopefully we will be able to have regular social nights again next year covid permitting.

Cheers, Keith

CLUB MEETING & BBQ WEDNESDAY 10TH November 2021

Another great for the year was getting back to the clubrooms for an in-person club meeting, and summer sizzle on the BBQ to get things rolling.

The weather might have been a little cool, but that didn't stop a good number

of members coming along for a feed and a chat, and to catch up on trips that have been and gone, and new and upcoming.

The monthly Pist 'n' Broke award was a no brainer, with Geoff losing a wheel on a recent trip!

Thanks to Keith and Mark for sorting the BBQ and keeping everyone fed.

See you next meeting, Danny







DAY TRIP FROM ANGLESEA

Date: Saturday 11th December

Trip Leader(s): Andrew Smith, Tyler & Hollie | Tail End Charlie: TBA

Trip Classification: Easy | Vehicle Limit: 10

Departing: Great Ocean Rd Chocolaterie Carpark in Anglesea. Meet at 9.30am giving enough time for people to grab a coffee chocolate or a present for Xmas, air down and leave about 10am.

Requirements: Basic Recovery gear with recovery points front and rear.

Notes: We will be driving through for lunch at Moggs Creek, please bring a piece of meat to throw on the BBQ and a plate. Andrew will sort the rest. After lunch heading to Lorne for a short walk at Erskine falls then making your way back to Anglesea hopefully before 4pm.

If you want to come or need any more info message Andrew on 0418 503 043.



Date: Wednesday 26th to Sunday 30th January

Trip Leader: Geoff Davey | Tail End Charlie: TBA Trip Classification: Medium | Vehicle Limit: 10

Departing: 9.00am BP Roadhouse on Melbourne Rd, Little River

Requirements: UHF radio, standard recovery gear, rated recovery points front

and rear, good all terrains or better.

Notes: High Country including Haunted Stream Track, Swifts Creek and Dogs Grave Hut. We will travel to Deptford Campground and Old Town Site day 1. Then it will be Haunted Stream Track with about 50 (not difficult) water crossings and staying in Swifts Creek Thursday night. All going well it will be Dogs Grave Hut Friday night and either Marthavale or Angusvale Saturday night and home Sunday. The trip is in individual vehicles and outdoors with ample opportunity for social distancing, therefore checking of COVID vaccination status will not be required.

Contact Geoff on 0499 905 975 if you are interested in this trip.



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



AVALON RACEWAY SPRINTCARS & V8 DIRT MODIFIEDS

Date: Saturday 5th March—Gates open from 3:30pm, racing from 6pm.

Usual cost is \$30 per adult, however support from Avalon Raceway and the Geelong 4WD Club means it's only \$20 per adult (minimum 20 adults).

Bring a blanket or chair and some snacks. We will setup near turn 2 to see all the action. Avalon Raceway has a licensed service area for adult refreshments, and a few food options.

If you are interested please contact Keith on 0407 310 931.

* Avalon Raceway condition of entry all patrons must be fully vaccinated *



BEACHPORT 2022

Date: Thursday 14th - Monday 18th April 2022

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

Trip Classification: Medium | Vehicle Limit: 10

Meeting: Southern Ocean Tourist Park, Beachport SA

Requirements: All terrain tyres, basic recovery gear, sand flag, long handled

shovel, Max Trax, suspension lift.

Notes: We will be staying at the Southern Ocean Tourist Park and running day trips from there, beginning on Friday 15th.

Trips will include Robe, Carpenters Rocks and part of the Coorong. The difficulty of this trip depends entirely on the tides. Beaches are unpredictable, so participants should be aware that there is potential for this trip to move from a medium to a difficult rating quite quickly.

This trip has limited places. If interested, please contact Juanita directly on 0467 809 040.



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2021 CHRISTMAS PARTY

28th NOVEMBER 2021 -- Words & Photos: JUANITA MOUNTJOY







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MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND IN THE VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER TO TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2021 WORDS, RECIPES & PHOTOS: TYLER SMITH

Seven vehicles met on Friday morning at the BP roadhouse at Little River. From there we a headed to Mansfield for lunch and top up of fuel. After lunch it was on to camp at 8 Mile campground on the Howqua River. It was cold and wet, so a good fire was essential. Andrew and Tyler joined the group at about 6pm, with Danielle and Jane arriving about 11pm to complete the group.

Saturday saw us leaving camp at about 9am with an easy drive to Bindaree Falls. There were a number of other groups with the same idea but it was a pleasant walk to the falls with good photo

opportunities. We then followed the Bindaree Road and turned onto Monument Track which proved harder than anticipated.

A section had been chopped up with the help of about 12 preceding vehicles and some rain the night before, and sections were slightly off camber. Brad and Deb were the first to get stuck in the Ranger. Andrew and Tyler winched them back onto the track for a second attempt that was successful. Mark was "distracted" by radio chatter and ended up in the same spot as Brad and Deb, resting near a tree on the edge of the track. Geoff winched Mark backwards back onto the track for

another successful attempt. All the others made it up to continue to Craig's Hut.

Craig's hut was very busy with a packed car park. We stopped there for lunch and a photo opportunity at the hut. Tyler spoilt us with a homemade "Caramilk Rice Bubble Slice".

After lunch we took Speculation Road to Lake Cobbler Track and then to the Lake Cobbler Hut camping area. Geoff Connor had a few issues with his second battery and charging, which had him playing with his car whilst the rest of us enjoyed the fire and banter.





Caramilk Rice Bubble Slice

Ingredients:

- 395g can of sweetened condensed milk
- 100g butter chopped
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2x 180g block of Caramilk chocolate chopped
- 250g Arnotts caramel flavoured scotch finger biscuits
- 1 ½ cups of rice bubbles
- ½ cup desiccated coconut
- 1 ½ tsp vegetable oil

Method:

- 1. Grease a 20x30cm slice pan, line base with baking paper.
- 2. Place condensed milk, butter,

- vanilla and half the chocolate in a small sauce pan over a low heat stirring until melted, then set aside to cool slightly.
- 3. Place the biscuits in a food processor and process to a fine crumb.
- 4. In a large bowl place biscuits, rice bubbles, coconut and stir.
- 5. Pour in condensed milk mixture and stir to combine.
- 6. Press the mixture into slice pan, cover and place into fridge for 2 hours min.
- 7. Place the oil and remaining chocolate in a heat proof bowl over a saucepan of simmering water and melt until smooth.
- 8. Pour over mixture in slice pan and refrigerate, slice when set.

Sunday, after breakfast, we enjoyed a walk to the water fall behind Lake Cobbler. This was a bit slippery along the way, but there are great views from the top of the falls. After leaving camp down Lake Cobbler Road we were able to look back on the water fall we just walked to from the other side of the valley.

We then took Williams Logging Road which led back to Cobbler Lake Track and a climb to a helipad for morning tea. We then turned onto Abbeyard Road and had lunch along the Buffalo River Road. From there we followed the Buffalo River to Harry Sheppard track which included a nice long climb. There was a little confusion as to our directions but we eventually found Riley's Track and then Wonnangatta Track, crossing the Wonnangatta River to the old Wonnangatta Station for camp. A few cars collected some firewood where Tyler amazed us with a Coconut and Jam Drop Damper for everyone for dessert.

After breakfast and packing up on Monday, we looked at the Wonnangatta Valley Homestead Cemetery and Homestead Ruins. After the trip leader took 3 wrong turns to get out of camp, we were on our way along the Wonnangatta Track with 3 river crossings to start the day.

Turning onto Hart Spur Track we began the long climb from 440m to just over 1200m which led to a quick stop at the







helipad for mobile phone reception.
Ross led us along Tee Tree Spur Track
via another wrong turn down to the
Crooked River for a fairly deep and fast
flowing river crossing, then along to
Randells Track with a few climbs then
into Dargo for an obligatory cleansing
ale at pub. After a couple of beers and
a top up of fuel for those who needed
it, we made our way to Collins Hut to
set up camp for the night. At camp Tyler
treated us with some camp fire
"Smores" for dessert.

Tuesday had us packed up early with Daniel leading a small group home to beat the traffic. Ross led the rest of the group for a little more touring down Junction Spur Track to the East Pinnacle Lookout. There is a steep climb from the car park to the fire observation lookout which has fantastic distant views over the ranges. The plan was to head back down Marathon Road and back to the main highway but a deep bog hole prevented this and ultimately led to a longer drive on tracks than anticipated.

We had nearly made it out of the Avon Wilderness Park when Geoff's left rear wheel "fell off". Fortunately Geoff had spare studs and wheel nuts, so with some slick mechanical assistance from Ross we were able to continue with not too much time lost.

Jam Drop Damper

Ingredients:

- 2 cups self raising flour
- ½ cup desiccated coconut
- ½ cup raw sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 2-3 large tablespoons of strawberry jam

Method:

1. Place flour sugar coconut and

- eggs into a bowl and combine.

 2. Add milk and stir, combine until mix becomes a consistency of a soft dough (add more flour if necessary)
- Grease a round cake tin with butter, place dough into tin and make a hollow in the top.

do not over mix.

4. Fill the hollow with strawberry jam, place in camp oven and cook on coals for approx 25-30 minutes depending on heat.



The day by now was quite warm and we were a bit hot and sticky after the "repairs". Fortunately as we exited the park at Valencia Creek we came across a swimming hole on the Avon River where a number of families were already swimming. We took the opportunity to have a wash and cool off although no one was quite brave enough to actually submerge in the "icy" water.

After inflating tyres, Geoff split from the convoy towards Paynesville while Ross led the remaining group back towards Melbourne.

All in all a great weekend away with friends old and new. Thanks to Ross for leading the trip.

Participants:

Ross Barry & David Irvine (trip leaders) Geoff Davey & Rodney Wright (tail end) Geoff & Sharon Van Ingen Mark Mensch Andrew & Tyler Smith Deb & Brad Kershaw Danielle Millar & Jane Marston **Geoff Connor** Daniel Murdoch George Pawlak







CHRISTMAS PARTY & AWARDS PRESENTATION

28th NOVEMBER 2021 -- Words: KEITH MURDOCH Photos: DANNY, SALLY & JUANITA

It was that time of the year again for our annual Christmas Party and Presentation Day. Mother Nature decided to give us one of her finest days this year, it was a beautiful balmy day.

Sharon, Beth, Juanita and Belinda started hanging Christmas decorations in the rooms and the fellas started setting up tables and chairs. Some of the older kids helped out with blowing up the balloons, whilst the younger kids assisted with popping them. This kept the balloon blowers in work (fun all round).

Sharon did a great job of staying composed when the pizza van decided

not to turn up. Sally Sparks-Cousins suggested that Norlane Pizza was the go and Sharon & Juanita got busy organizing the ordering of enough pizzas to feed us all (twice).

Whilst waiting for the pizzas it was decided to proceed with the award presentations.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ZOZI CLUB AWARD WINNERS





CLUBMAN RUNNER UP ROSS BARRY











GEOFF VAN INGEN





This year the committee decided to present an Appreciation Award; which went to Danny Sparks-Cousins. Danny is our Editor, Webmaster and is responsible for our Club Permit Scheme and just about everything else you can think of. He is always in the background doing something for our club even though he doesn't have time to always attend many of our trips. He is always willing to help me with my silly questions about computers (he is a very patient man).

As we finished the award presentation the pizzas turned up and boy were they delicious. Not long after, the ice cream truck turned up on time much to Sharon's relief and all the kids big and small got an ice cream of their choice. Santa paid a visit and handed some presents to some very excited kids.

I would like to especially thank Sharon and Juanita for organizing such a great day for our club. Also, a big thank you to the 50 odd people who attended.

Cheers, Keith





