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SOCIAL DAY TRIP**

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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 all,

It is with great sadness we note the premature passing of Cam Hamann. Cam grew up around the Geelong 4WD Club and was recently our Clubman of the year. His funeral was attended by many current and past members of the Club. Deepest condolences to Dave, Allie and family.

On a brighter note, it's great to see we have a full calendar of trips and social events for the first half of the year. Thanks to everyone who has contributed by leading or helping with the organisation of a trip. Thanks also to Keith and others for arranging the upcoming social events.

2023 will be a significant year for the Club as it marks the 50th anniversary since the Club was founded. The anniversary date is Saturday 6th May 2023. The committee is in the early stages of arranging an event for that weekend. We will be contacting long-standing members and former members with a view to forming an event subcommittee and to receive ideas. Anyone wishing to contribute can contact myself or a member of the committee. We would like to see as many members and former members as possible for this auspicious occasion so mark it down in your calendars now so you don't miss out!

As always, if you have any ideas for trips or social events, contact myself or any committee member. We are always pleased to receive any such input.

Cheers,
Geoff

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoff".

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve
Date	Wednesday 9th February 2022
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Sharon Van Ingen

Agenda

Meeting opened at	7.33 pm
Welcome to everyone present	Geoff informed the meeting of the passing of Cam Hamann. Sympathy and condolences were expressed for the Hamann family. A date and time for the service were not known at the time of the meeting. This will be passed on to members when available.
New members	
Visitors	Philip Lange
Present	Richard Brown, Amy Oberli, Jake Cook, Geoff Davey, Jimmy Halikias, Christopher Korb, Ken Mellross, Matthew Mountjoy, Juanita Mountjoy, Daniel Murdoch, Keith Murdoch, Tim Neville, Paul Oberli, Heather Oberli, Harry Parke, Peter Searle, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Norm Spitty, Ada Spitty, Geoff Van Ingen, Sharon Van Ingen, Byron Willey, Mark Mensch, John Goodall, Karen Griffen
Apologies	Kelvin and Beth Rogers, Graeme Jefferies, Dave and Allie Hamann, Dale Robertson

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes

Moved	Keith Murdoch
Seconded	Byron Willey
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaws Bylaws will be removed from draft status. No feedback was received via comments on the website. • Moonambel Moonambel Muster is planned and booked for June 10th to 13th 2022. President has invited other clubs to attend this year's muster. Clubs invited are Bendigo, Sandhurst, Ballarat, Wimmera, and Overlanders in South Australia. • 50 Year Anniversary The club 50-year anniversary falls on May 6, 2023. Committee is considering venues to hold a sit-down lunch. Committee is looking to long standing members for input. President requested members spread the word in order to get the ball rolling.

Correspondence

In	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Alana Murray Cleaning invoice b) Adroit Renewal Notice c) FWDV Covid Update d) FWDV Board Updates e) FWDV December Enews f) FWDV Trackwatch Magazine g) Mid City Trophies Invoice h) VCGLR Liquor Licence Renewal Notice i) Mid City Trophies Invoice j) Icecream Delights Invoice k) Rachel Hotchin – Adroit Statement of Account l) VCGLR Laws Changes (2) m) FWDV Office -Affiliation Fee Invoice Template n) FWDV March Trackwatch Stories o) FWDV Chainsaw Course March p) Annual Statement
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Correspondence

Out	a) Flowers sent to Rogers family b) Driveline Magazine
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Treasurer's Report

Presented By: Moved: Seconded:	Juanita Mountjoy Harry Parke Danny Sparks-Cousins
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Regular Reports

Association Rep	Nothing to report
Regional Rep	Nothing to report
Trip Co-Ordinator	<p>Trips Out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haunted Stream Track, Australia Day 26-30th January, 2022. Report by Geoff <p>Upcoming Trips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March Labour Day long weekend. Bright and district. Mountjoy's organising. • Easter Trip Beachport to Robe. April 15th – April 18th, 2022, Mountjoy's organising. • Big Desert Trip – End April. Andrew and Tyler Smith Organising • Ken Mellross is considering a day tour in the Camperdown region sometime in May. More information later. • Moonambel June 10th – 13th, 2022 • Simpson Desert Trip. September 2022. Mountjoy's Organising
Editor	<p>Bursons have decided to not renew their sponsorship for 2022, however discounts will still apply to club members.</p> <p>As there is not a trip out prior to next Driveline Magazine publication; Danny has requested members volunteer an article on their personal experience in the club or favourite trip stories.</p>
Webmaster	Nothing to report
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avalon Raceway Sprint cars. Saturday 5th March 2022. To date there are 18 adults plus children committed to this event. The plan is to meet at Avalon Raceway at 5pm for 5.30 entry. Keith will post finer details closer to the date. • Keith is looking into a winery tour/ cellar door experience.
Fines	Richard Brown x 2, Geoff Davey x 2, Sharon Van Ingen, Geoff Van Ingen No badges —Danny Sparks-Cousins, Peter Searle, Harry Parke, Daniel Murdoch
Pist 'n' Broke	Richard Brown
Members Draw	Geoff Davey

New Business

Chainsaw Course	4WD Victoria Chainsaw Course March 4-6. President will forward information to all members
Honour Boards	Committee is looking into having the boards updated.
Tennis Court Fencing	Some members were not aware of the information behind the removal of the tennis court fencing. President briefed members on investigation previously conducted in to this issue.

Meeting closed at	8.15 pm
Next General Meeting	9th March 2022 @ Clubrooms. BBQ from 6.30pm, meeting from 7.30pm

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 9th March 2022

	Moonambel
	50 year anniversary

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HAMANN

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UPCOMING TRIPS

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 **

BRIGHT LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

Date: Friday 11th—Monday 14th March

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

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

Notes: We will be running a tourist trip around the Bright area over the March long weekend. We would like to base camp along the Buckland Valley. If anyone can leave early on Friday and grab a campsite, that would be fantastic! Matthew and I will travel up after work.

On Saturday we will be running a full day trip along the Blue Rag Range, heading home through Harrietville. This trip will be rated medium. Sunday we will run an easy trip along Trappers Gap finishing at Mitta Mitta. After a look around the area, we'll head back to camp, via Mt Beauty if time permits. Monday will be an easy day. After packing up, we will visit a few wineries and the Milawa cheese factory, stop at a pub somewhere for lunch, then head home.

Basic recovery gear required as well as all terrain tyres or above.

A PLEASANT DAY ON THE BELLARINE

Date: Saturday 19th March

Come along for a bus trip around the Bellarine Peninsula where we will be tasting beer, wine and whatever else is on offer. Our club has generously offered to pay for the bus for our fun day out. There will be two or three stops in town to pick people up. These times and places to be announced.

We will be visiting Flying Brick Cider Co, Queenscliff Brew House, Queenscliff Bowls Club, Jack Rabbit Winery, Terindah Estate and Drysdale Hotel to finish off our day.

Most tastings cost between \$15—\$25 or you can just have a glass. Limited to 24 passengers. You must be at least 18 y/o for this trip. If you need anymore info call Keith on 0407 310 931.

** It is a condition of entry that you are fully vaxxed and be able to show proof upon request at most venues **





BEACHPORT TO ROBE 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.



WYPERFELD / BIG DESERT

Date: Friday 22nd—Monday 25th April

Trip Leader: Andrew & Tyler Smith | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

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

Meeting: 9am @ Batesford Roadhouse

Requirements: Basic recovery gear, front & rear recovery points, bring a shovel and Maxtrax if you already have them.

Notes: We will hopefully have access to some MVO tracks - if we can access these tracks we would base camp at O'Sullivan's Pine Plains Lodge in Wyperfeld National Park. Cost is \$20 per site per night - it has shared toilets and showers and a communal fire place area. If we can not access the MVO tracks the camping spot may change but we will still base camp. On one of the nights we are planning dinner as a group with specific details closer to the date.

If you require further details contact Andrew on 0418 503 043



RED ROCK & CAMPERDOWN SOCIAL DAY TRIP

Date: Sunday 15th May

Trip Leader: Ken Mellross | **Tail End Charlie:** Various

Trip Classification: Easy | **Vehicle Limit:** N/A

Meeting: Bunnings Waurin Ponds Carpark at 9.30am

Notes: A social day trip to Red Rock and Camperdown District. 2WD car is OK. Travel to Red Rock lookout then to Mt Laura, Camperdown. After lunch at Lake Bullen Merri a leisurely drive home through the Stoney Rises.

For more information and to confirm participation contact Ken Mellross on 0473 466 636



UPCOMING TRIPS

MOONAMBEL MUSTER

Date: Friday 10th—Monday 13th June

Trip Leader: Various | **Tail End Charlie:** Various

Trip Classification: Varies | **Vehicle Limit:** N/A

Notes: Come and join us at the club's biggest event of the year! Support your club in what is always a fun social weekend with a variety of 4WD trip & track options to suit everyone.



SIMPSON DESERT TRIP

Date: Thursday 15th—Wednesday 28th September

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

Trip Classification: Medium | **Vehicle Limit:** TRIP FULL (WAITING LIST)

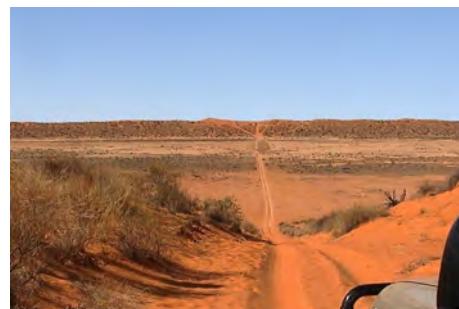
Note: Run in two parts, members can leave or join us at the conclusion of part 1.

Part 1 will be the 4WDing part of the trip. Meeting at Broken Hill before traveling 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. 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. with lots of the walks in this area, as well as swimming in the gorges. We'll be visiting Kings Canyon, with an optional 4 hour rim walk. Our final destination will be Uluru and Kata Tjuta National Park. From there, everyone is free to make their own way back to Geelong.

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.



HOLD THE DATE—50TH ANNIVERSARY

Date: Saturday 6th May 2023

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We would like to see as many members and former members as possible for this auspicious occasion so mark it down in your calendars now so you don't miss out!

More info in the coming months.



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LADIES DRIVE DAY

SUNDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2022

WORDS & PHOTOS: JUANITA MOUNTJOY



Four vehicles met at the Bunnings carpark last Sunday afternoon ready for an easy ladies drive through Anglesea Heath. It was a rocky start when Matthew and I went to turn on our radio, only to discover that it wasn't working. Matthew fiddled around for a bit, without any luck, so we decided to use the handheld and we were off.



We entered Anglesea Heath on Pipeline Track, which we followed for quite a while. We travelled on a number of different tracks throughout the day, including Allardyce and Cecil Tracks. As stated earlier, this was an easy drive so nothing was too difficult to navigate. We did a few small hills, and navigated through some rutted out tracks.

We stopped on top of one hill for afternoon tea, before heading down to Tanners Campground. The campsite now has toilets and would make a great break stop for anyone travelling in the area. We finished the day with the Boundary Track circling the testing track area. This was the most difficult one we had driven for the day. We came across quite a few rutted out sections that required some careful navigation, but everyone was a good sport and gave them all a go.

We aired up late afternoon before heading off the Mt Moriac Pub for dinner.

Thank you to my fellow lady drivers; Liz, Sharon and Beth as well as their passengers Philip, Geoff, Kelvin, Harry and Matthew. It was a very relaxed day spent with wonderful people.

Juanita Mountjoy

Juanita



THE VAN INGEN EXPERIENCE

A LOOK BACK AT OUR FIRST YEAR IN THE CLUB

WORDS & PHOTOS: SHARON VAN INGEN

It all began with Geoff buying a Nissan Navara 4WD. I had no interest in 4wding so I figured this would be his thing. Well actually I told him it was his interest, and I would NOT be getting involved.

Geoff had gone on some day trips with friends, and he decided he would like to join a 4wd club. He Googled 4wd clubs in our area and rang a couple for information. Geoff Davey was the only one to return Geoff's call. Right from day dot Geoff was friendly, informative, supportive, and not at all fazed by a complete novice.



As it turned out the club was running a base camp trip Australia Day weekend 2021. Being a base camp and in an area I loved (Bright) I agreed to go but NO 4wding for me. Well, that trip was so much fun. Everybody was welcoming and friendly. Through fear of missing out I decided to go on the first drive out and that would be the only one! What a surprise I got when I found out I loved it. I wanted to drive, which frightened the hell out of Geoff.

Since that trip we have both attended Driver Training and participated in trips to Glenpatrick, Moonambel Muster, Little Desert, Little and Big Dessert, two High Country trips and our own small trip to Beachport.

Who would ever have thought that I would be driving up dunes, across river crossings and tackling some steep tracks? Geoff and I are both enjoying our 4wd experiences and don't plan to stop anytime soon.

In amongst all of this I have become Club Secretary and Geoff has taken a position on the Committee as an ordinary member. We are strong believers in giving back and we have learnt so much from this club and its fabulous members.

Thanks to everyone for your friendships, laughs and guidance over this last year. We have had a ball and are looking forward to many more great experiences with the Geelong 4WD Club.

Sharon



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