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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

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THE PRES SAYS

G'day all,

The year is now in full swing with a number of trips already complete and a busy couple of months to come.

Thanks to Keith Murdoch in particular for organizing the Bellarine Winery Tour. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all who came. The Sprint Car social night was cancelled due to bad weather which was unfortunate as Keith had put a lot of effort into the organization of the event.

The committee has been working hard to run a number of diverse trips and social events, but I have to say the attendance at some of these and our recent general club meetings has been a little disappointing.

As I have said many times, the Club is about its members and it is up to all of us to ensure its success. There are lots of diverse trips and events in the pipeline so there should be something for everyone; there is an upcoming trip to Beachport at Easter, Andrew Smith has planned an interesting trip to Wyperfeld and Big Desert and as something a little different, Ken Mellross is leading easy social drive in May.

Our largest club event, the Moonambel Muster is also not far away on the Queen's Birthday weekend. If you are going to attend just one club event, this is the one as it is a great social weekend with trips to suit all levels of experience. A lot of effort goes into the planning of the weekend, so come along and make it our best ever.

Also the snow trips or trips will be announced shortly, so watch out for more on these. These are always popular and a great opportunity to drive in the snow.

There is a lot on, so come and participate and help create the kind of Club you want to be part of.

See you on the tracks,
Geoff

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve
Date	Wednesday 9th March 2022
Chair	Mark Mensch
Minutes taken by	Sharon Van Ingen

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.32 pm
Welcome to everyone present	
New members	
Visitors	Philip Lange, Liz Bailey, Jack Strathford, Justin Brocks, Allison Flemming, Glen Cameron.
Present	Ken Mellross, Juanita Mountjoy, Paul Oberli, Heather Oberli, Harry Parke, Danny and Sally Sparks-Cousins, Sharon Van Ingen, Mark Mensch, Werner Brocks, John Prowse, Dave Purdy, Kelvin Rogers.
Apologies	Geoff Davey, Keith Murdoch, Matthew Mountjoy, Byron Willey, Geoff Van Ingen, Beth Rogers

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes	
Moved	Harry Parke
Seconded	Juanita Mountjoy
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moonambel The Annual Moonambel Muster is planned and booked for June 10th to 13th 2022. Should be well attended this year and with the ease of covid restrictions, the event can be properly planned. • 50 Year Anniversary • The club 50-year anniversary falls on Saturday May 6, 2023. Venues are being considered and committee is open to ideas and suggestions. This event will have a subcommittee and members were encouraged to have input and consider sitting on the subcommittee. • Honour Boards Honour boards have been updated. Harry Parke kindly rehung the boards after the meeting.

Correspondence	
In	a) Alana Murray Cleaning invoice b) FWDV -Enews c) COGG Community Update d) Australia Post Invoice e) Blick Invoice f) FWDV – Driving Tips Request
Out	a) Ben Grant, COGG – Water leakage at clubrooms b) Driveline Magazine

Treasurer's Report	
Presented By:	Juanita Mountjoy
Moved:	Ken Mellross
Seconded:	Kelvin Rogers
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Regular Reports	
Association Rep	Nothing to report
Regional Rep	Nothing to report
Trip Co-Ordinator	Trips Out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ladies Drive. Half day drive around the Anglesea Heath area, finishing with dinner at the Mt Moriac Pub. Sunday 20th February 2022. Juanita Mountjoy organised. Upcoming Trips <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 – Anzac Day Weekend. April 22nd – 25th 2022. MVO track approval Andrew and Tyler Smith Organising Social Day Trip to Red Rock and Camperdown. May 15th, 2022. Ken Mellross organising. Annual Moonambel Muster June 10th – 13th, 2022 Simpson Desert Trip. September 2022. Mountjoy's Organising
Editor	As there were a limited number of trips prior to Driveline being published, Danny thanked those who submitted a report/article. Danny also encouraged others to submit an article on their experiences for the next edition of Driveline.
Webmaster	Nothing to report
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avalon Raceway Sprint cars. Saturday 5th March 2022. Cancelled due to flooding. Keith organised an impromptu bowling night followed by dinner at the Waurm Ponds Hotel. Three families attended and had a great time. A Pleasant Day on the Bellarine. Bus trip around the Bellarine enjoying food, tastings and more. March 19, 2022.10am. Venues planned for the day are Flying Brick Cider House, Queenscliff Brewhouse, Queenscliff Bowling Club (lunch), Jack Rabbit, Terindah Estate and finishing at The Drysdale Hotel. Adam Mountjoy has agreed to drive the bus which will be paid for by the club. There will possibly be three pick up points. Geelong, Waurm Ponds and Leopold. Night at the trots Danielle Miller is looking into organising a night at the trots
Fines	Juanita Mountjoy No badges —Sharon Van Ingen
Pist 'n' Broke	Nil
Members Draw	Danny Sparks-Cousins

New Business	
No new business	

Meeting closed at	8.04 pm
Next General Meeting	13th April 2022 @ Clubrooms from 7.30pm

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 13th April 2022	
	Moonambel
	50 year anniversary
	Club Logo
	Member participation within the Club
	Member subscriptions

Moonambel Muster



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UPCOMING TRIPS

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)

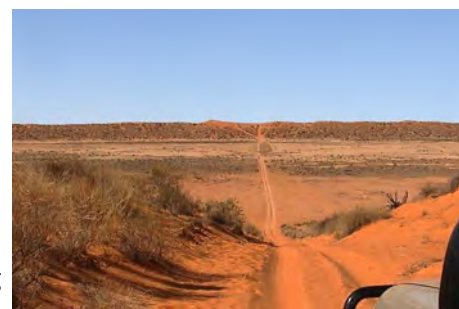
Note: Run in two parts, members can leave or join us at the conclusion of part 1.

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!

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HIGH COUNTRY BRIGHT TRIP

SUNDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2022
WORDS & PHOTOS: JUANITA MOUNTJOY



Most of the group met Friday morning and travelled up to the Bright area together to secure a good campsite along the Buckland Valley. Matthew and I travelled up after work to meet the group.

On Saturday, we spent an easy day driving. We headed off down the Buckland River Track before airing down.

We then headed up (and up, and up) Paddy Hill Track, before turning onto Link Track. From there we went on to West Ovens Track, ending up in Harrietville for lunch.

After lunch we headed along Cemetery Lane, then Mongrel Creek Track. We then turned on to Morses Creek Road which we followed all the way to Bright.

We finished driving mid-afternoon. Some of the group spent some time wandering around Bright while others headed back to camp.

When we arrived back at camp we found some unwelcome visitors. First, let me set the scene. Our group was camped in a semi-circle, with the Geelong 4WD flag at the front of our campsite and our



campfire in the centre. It was very clear we were all camped together. Anyway, when we arrived back at camp we found that a group of about 8 young people had squeezed (and I mean squeezed) their tent between where Ross and the Oberli's were camped. There were plenty of available campsites at the campground we were in, which Ross pointed out to them, but the response was "This is where we always camp". To make matters worse, they set up their campfire directly in front of Ross' car, so close you couldn't have walked between their fire and the car. It was crazy! Anyway, Ross ended up being the bigger person and moving his tent and car.



On Sunday, Gidgette left us. The rest of the group headed off to drive along the Blue Rag Range. From camp, we headed up the Goldie Spur Track to the Yarrabuck Track. This track followed the ridgetop, giving us excellent views. We then travelled on the Buffalo Range Track to Mount Selwyn Road, then continued on to the Mount Selwyn summit. This track was a short, steep scramble with the view at the top being well worth it. So good that we made this our lunch stop.



After lunch we finished the Mount Selwyn Road, The Great Dividing Range Track and Dingo Creek Track. We then turned onto the Selwyn Creek Road and checked out the excellent camping area at Beveridges Station. We took a side excursion along the Mount Murray North Track to drive up to the summit of Mount Murray, for some incredible views. Our final track of the day was



Twins Jeep Track. Unfortunately, and so close to the end, the Oberli's got a puncture which resulted in severe tyre damage. After a big day on the tracks, the nights campfire was very welcome.

On Monday morning we packed up camp, farewelled Ross, then the final three vehicles headed off to the Milawa Cheese Factory. After some yummy cheese tasting plates, we began the trip home, stopping at Euroa Hotel for lunch.

Matthew and I would like to thank everyone who came along on this trip and helped make it a great long weekend.

Juanita

Participants:

Juanita, Matthew and Isabel Mountjoy
(Trip Leaders)

Ross Barry

Paul and Heather Oberli

Sharon and Geoff Van Ingen

Gidgette



~~AVALON RACEWAY~~ 10 PIN BOWLING



Unfortunately, our planned speedway social night was cancelled at the last minute due to rain, rain and more rain. The phone call from Avalon came mid Saturday morning which meant that there was just a little time to organise something else.

But what to do? Maybe the movies? A pub meal? What about Ten Pin Bowling! I quickly put the word out to see if anyone was interested in going bowling.

In the end nine of us went bowling in Belmont at Oz Tenpin Geelong. We had two games each and a whole lot of fun. After a great time bowling we managed to book a table at the Waurnd Ponds Hotel where we all had a lovely meal and a relaxing catchup.

It was a fun night with great people.

Cheers

Keith



A PLEASANT DAY ON THE BELLARINE



Wow, what a day!

Adam did a few stops to pick everyone up and off we went to explore the beautiful Bellarine. First stop was the Flying Brick Cider Co., what a lovely place. Some drinks were had and a few adventurous people had cider and wine tastings.

Next stop was the Queenscliff Brewhouse for some more drinks, a tasting and a spot of lunch. Everyone enjoyed their meals and a few members certainly enjoyed their gin tastings.

Now on to Terindah Estate and you guessed it - more tastings and drinks. A couple of cheese platters were sampled here also. A few members were very interested in how the owners managed to get an 'old Green Tram' on to the property complete with tracks.

Back onto the bus and onward to our final destination, the Drysdale Hotel. A few games of Keno were had along with a couple of drinks whilst watching the footy.

Thanks to Adam Mountjoy for driving the bus everywhere, and a special thanks to Juanita and Sharon for helping me plan this fantastic day.

Cheers, Keith



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