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



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**MOONAMBEL RECCY**

**8**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**10 - 13**  
**MOONAMBEL MUSTER**

**22**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

## JULY

**13**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**27**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**29 - 31**  
**SNOW TRIP 1**

## AUGUST

**10**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**24**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**26 - 28**  
**SNOW TRIP 2**

**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,

It's great to see regular Club trips going out this year. Although we are coming into the flu and cold season, it finally feels that we are emerging from the worst of the COVID restrictions.

Thanks to Ken Mellross for leading his first Club trip to Red Rock and the craters district. This was an enjoyable Sunday drive with a social format and is a good demonstration that not all our events need to involve technical off road driving. Moonambel is fast approaching on the Queen's Birthday long weekend. This is looking like being well attended so please join in and contact Juanita or Sharon to book your spot.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th July. The last two were Zoom meetings due to COVID restrictions but hopefully this one can be in person. All Committee positions become vacant and require re-election. There are currently vacant positions so if anyone is interested in assisting the Club and the current Committee, please talk to myself or one of the other members.

Please come along to this important Club function to elect next year's Committee. There will be no coercion to join the Committee on the night. This is a good opportunity to socialize as the meeting itself should be relatively short.

Cheers,  
Geoff

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## **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

### **Geelong 4 Wheel Drive Club (Driveline Geelong Inc)**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 7:30pm  
at the Clubrooms - Abe Wood Reserve

We hereby advise that the 2022 AGM will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at the Abe Wood Reserve - corner of Edgerton & Evans Roads Lovely Banks, commencing at 7:30pm. The AGM to be followed by the monthly general meeting.

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 separately, prior to the meeting.

#### **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.

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve
Date	Wednesday 11th May 2022
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Sharon Van Ingen

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.42 pm
Welcome to everyone present	
New members	
Visitors	Allison Fleming, Glenn Cameron, Michael Close, Baily Noblett, Dirk Agenbag, Jamie Agenbag
Present	Geoff Davey, Mark Mensch, Keith Murdoch, Tim Neville, Dave Purdie, Jack Stratford, Justin Brocks, Philip Lange, Liz Bailey, John Prowse, Darcy Brocks, Justin Brocks, Trevor Brocks, Werner Brocks, Geoffrey Connors, Christopher Korb, Ken Mellross, Juanita Mountjoy, Matthew Mountjoy, Troy Oman, Kelvin Rogers, Peter Searle, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Sharon Van Ingen.
Apologies	Geoff Van Ingen, Graeme Jefferies, Byron Willey, Adam Mountjoy, John Goodall, Karen Griffen, Jake Cook, Daniel Murdoch, Beth Rogers, Ron Bastin, Dave and Alison Hamann

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes	
Moved	Keith Murdoch
Seconded	Kelvin Rogers
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Moonambel 10th - 13th June</b>  Bookings for food and camping – Juanita Mountjoy or Sharon Van Ingen  Other Clubs attending.  Clothing- Hoodies and Polos available through Hip Pocket  Phone 03 5243 1918. Polo shirts \$35, Hoodies \$55. Grey Marle  Please order by 30/5/22. Arrangements can be made to pick up your orders.  Tim Neville will be Trip Coordinator  Danny reports a positive response from sponsors who support the event and provide prizes for the raffle. </li> <li> <b>50 Year Anniversary</b>  Dinner Saturday evening 6th May 2022  Geelong Yacht Club is looking promising. Geoff Davey is meeting with manager 12/05,2022.  Clothing and memorabilia will be available.  Celebrate the entire year </li> <li> <b>Club Fees Due</b>  Invoices will be sent out this week. Please let Juanita know if you do not receive yours. </li> </ul>

Correspondence	
In	a) FWDV March eNews b) Australia Post Statement c) FWDV Projects – SatPhone Shop Information Evening 26 <sup>th</sup> May d) Cleaning invoice e) FWDV - Volunteer Hours
Out	a) Driveline Magazine

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## Treasurer's Report

<b>Presented By:</b>	Juanita Mountjoy
<b>Moved:</b>	Keith Murdoch
<b>Seconded:</b>	Dave Purdie

## Regular Reports

<b>Association Rep</b>	Nil
<b>Regional Rep</b>	<p>Regional Meeting to be held at Beaufort on 21st – 22nd May. There will be a Tour of Mt Cole area on the Saturday and a meeting on Sunday. Geoff Davey, Mark Mensch and Danny Sparks Cousins will attend.</p> <p>Parks are pushing the requirements for members to have their WWCC. Those wishing to participate in track clearing are advised to obtain a WWCC.</p>
<b>Trip Co-Ordinator</b>	<p><b>Trips Out</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easter Trip Beachport to Robe. April 15th – April 18th 2022 Mountjoys</li> <li>Big Desert Trip – Anzac Day Weekend. April 22nd – 25th 2022. MVO track approval has been obtained. Andrew and Tyler Smith</li> </ul> <p><b>Upcoming Trips</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Day Trip to Red Rock and Camperdown. May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Ken Mellross leading.</li> <li>Moonambel Reccy Run 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June. Tim Neville leading.</li> <li>Annual Moonambel Muster June 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022</li> <li>Snow Trip 1 – 29th- 31st July. Accommodation is at Jaimeson Caravan Park. Tim Neville leading.</li> <li>Snow Trip 2 - 26th -28th August. Family friendly. Accommodation at Jamieson Caravan Park. Mountjoys leading</li> <li>Simpson Desert in September. Mountjoys leading.</li> <li>Melbourne Cup Weekend. High Country. Friday 28th October -Tuesday 1st November. Leader to be determined.</li> </ul>
<b>Editor</b>	Driveline Magazine out.
<b>Webmaster</b>	More photos and trip reports have been added to website.
<b>Social</b>	Keith and Juanita are working on a Crazy Whist(cards) night at the Clubrooms. A pub night is also in the pipeline with a Trots night being looked at for later in the year.
<b>Fines</b>	Tim Neville, Jimmy Halikias, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Mark Mensch x2, Geoff Davey x 2, Matthew Mountjoy.
<b>Pist 'n' Broke</b>	Matthew Mountjoy
<b>Members Draw</b>	Mark Mensch

## New Business

<b>Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>AGM</b> AGM will be held July 13, 2022. A notice of AGM was in the Newsletter. Members are encouraged to consider a position on the committee.</li> <li><b>Covid Update</b> Members will no longer be required to log in or show vaccination status when entering the clubrooms</li> <li>Peter Searle reported that Faggs are opening a Kings 4WD Supercentre outlet</li> <li>Werner Brocks approached ARB for potential sponsorship for 50 year anniversary</li> </ul>
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<b>Meeting closed at</b>	8.25 pm
<b>Next General Meeting</b>	8th June 2022 @ Clubrooms from 7.30pm

# AGENDA

## Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 8th June 2022

	Moonambel
	50 year anniversary celebrations
	Club fees due
	AGM

# **Moonambel Muster**



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IN THE UPCOMING TRIPS SECTION**

# UPCOMING TRIPS

## MOONAMBEL MUSTER RECCY

**Date:** Friday 3rd—Sunday 5th June

**Trip Leader:** Tim Neville | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

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

**Notes:** Staying at the oval, good weekend to check out the tracks and clear them before the Muster the weekend after.

Leaving the Corio area around 5.15pm. For more information contact Tim on 0478 065 716



## 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.



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There are trips in the Pyrenees Ranges to suit all levels of experience including beginners. This is a great social weekend, so let's have a big turnout from members to make it our best ever.

Please contact Juanita Mountjoy on 0467 809 040 or Sharon Van Ingen 0422 993 415 to book your site. Hoodies and Polos available through Hip Pocket - phone 03 5243 1918. Polo shirts \$35, Hoodies \$55. Order by 30/5/22

## SNOW TRIP 1

**Date:** 29th – 31st July

**Trip Leader:** Tim Neville | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

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

**Note:** Have cabins at the caravan park on hold (as many as could be booked). Once you confirm your position with me I would suggest ringing the park to get a cabin ASAP. Minimum decent tires and a snorkel.



This trip does fill quick and so I will be taking a waiting list

Will book the pub both Friday and Saturday nights for dinner. For more information contact Tim on 0478 065 716

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



# UPCOMING TRIPS

## SNOW TRIP 2

**Date:** 26th – 28th August

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

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

**Note:** Family friendly snow trip. We will be base camping at Jamieson Caravan Park. I have 8 cabins booked, first in best dressed.

We will run day trips both Saturday and Sunday, including a trip over Mt Skene. This trip is limited to 10 vehicles due to permit requirements

Anyone interested in attending can contact Juanita on 0467 809 040.



## 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)

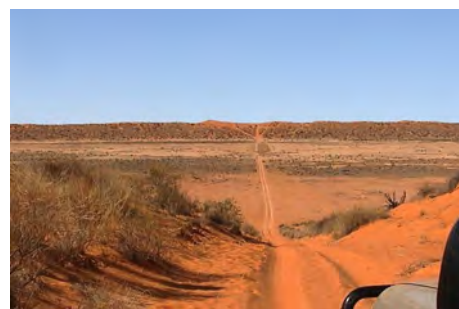
**Note:** Run in two parts, members can leave or join us at the conclusion of part 1.

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 dessert 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

**HOLD THE DATE | HOLD THE DATE | HOLD THE DATE | HOLD THE DATE**

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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# RED ROCK & CAMPERDOWN

SUNDAY 15TH MAY 2022

WORDS: KEN MELLROSS - PHOTOS: SALLY & GEOFF

Five vehicles left Bunnings Wauru Ponds early Sunday morning and travelled to Winchelsea along the Princes Highway, before heading inland to Red Rock via Eurack and Beeac.

We all took a look at the volcanic vents and surrounding countryside from both

lookouts and stopped for morning tea at the Red Rock Reserve.

Our journey then continued on through Dreeite, Cundare North, Foxhow and Leslie Manor before heading into Camperdown and up to the Mt Leura lookout. We all took in the great views of

the many lakes and mounts around the Camperdown districts, even though it was very windy and cold.

After enjoying the view it was a quick drive to Lake Bullen Merri Recreation Reserve for lunch, where we made use of the undercover area protected from





the wind. The reserve includes a huge lawned area between the lake and the shelters, and a great kids playground.

Our return journey home saw us head past Lake Purrumbete, through Koallah to Carpendeit - where I was raised - through the Stoney Rises via Scoullers Road, Craigs Lane and Hawks Nest Road and back onto the Princes Highway to Colac. We stopped for a quick chat and a look around Lake Colac, then headed towards home.

Thanks to everyone who came along for a great day out.

Ken Mellross.



#### TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Ken Mellross & Trent McLure  
 Andrew & Debbie Kovac  
 Peter & Alison Searle  
 Jenny & Adrian Deppler  
 Geoff Davey & Kay Witham  
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Ken



SAVE THE DATE  
FOR THE GEELONG 4WD CLUB'S

50<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary

SATURDAY 5TH MAY 2023



# REGIONAL REPS MEETING

SATURDAY 21ST TO SUNDAY 22ND MAY 2022

WORDS & PHOTOS: GEOFF DAVEY

This meeting is collaboration between Four Wheel Drive Victoria, Parks Victoria and DELWP (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning). It is designed to share information between these groups and from a FWDV perspective, restate the assistance that

Four Wheel Drive Clubs provide to the government agencies. This particularly includes track clearing and track maintenance to help provide fire access but also other voluntary activities such as: education, acting as Camp Hosts, cleanup activities, removal of car bodies

and reporting undesirable activity and faults or damage requiring repair. This relationship is important to preserve our access to 4WD tracks into the future.

Saturday morning we met park rangers Alex and Rory at the DELWP office in



Beaufort. It was a glorious still, sunny autumn day, perfect for the planned drive through the southern part of the Mount Cole area, namely Mount Buangor State Park and Mt Cole State Forest. The tour was led by Alex who took us past Mt Cole up to Lookout Hill and then on to Nando's Hut for lunch. From there we had a look at Mt Cole Reservoir, Wallaby Caves district and then to the Ferntree Campground for a walk to the Ferntree Falls and a look at Joffa's Hut. Rory provided an informative and entertaining commentary through the day.

Saturday night we had a social meal at the Golden Age Hotel. This was a good opportunity to get to know Wayne, Daniel and Alison from FWDV as well as exchange ideas and thoughts with members of other Clubs.

Sunday was the more formal meeting but with plenty of opportunity to interact.

Representatives from individual FWD Clubs outlined the activities that they have undertaken recently.





There was an update from the 4WD Advisory Committee which provides a forum for Government, Parks Victoria, DELWP and FWDV to meet. One initiative which is being developed is for a single site to find track closures. This would greatly simplify trip planning as currently there are multiple sites and agencies managing this process.

DELWP provided an outline of Forest Management Planning and proposed increases to vehicle based camping.

Parks Victoria provided an update on the current government funding programs and repair works following the recent fires and storms. There is currently a funding program called Victoria's Great Outdoors which is designed to improve infrastructure in our parks and forests.

Overall the weekend was useful as it provided a better perspective of the activities that Parks and DELWP undertake, but possibly more importantly it provided a forum to interact directly with these groups, the staff of 4WDV and representatives of other Clubs in our area.

The Geelong 4WD Club was represented by Mark Mensch and Geoff Davey.



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