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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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PO Box 976 Geelong Vic 3220 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,

Thanks to Mathew and Juanita Mountjoy and Andrew and Tyler Smith for leading trips over Easter and Anzac weekend respectively.

Don't forget to support Ken Mellross who is leading a social drive to Red Rock and Camperdown on Sunday 15th May.

The Moonambel Muster will be held on the Queens Birthday Weekend from Friday 10th to Monday 13th June. For anyone who has not been before, we camp on the Moonambel Recreation Reserve with limited powered sites available, toilet facilities and hot showers. 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.

Tim Neville will lead a "reccy run" the weekend before from Friday evening 3rd to Sunday 5th June. Contact Tim 0478 065 716 if you are interested in attending. Beginners and new members are also welcome.

Hope to see you at one of these events.

Cheers, Geoff





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Notice of Annual General Meeting Geelong 4 Wheel Drive Club (Driveline Geelong Inc)

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

We hereby advise that the 2022 AGM will be held on Wednesday 13th 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 13th April 2022
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Geoff Davey

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.41 pm
Welcome to everyone present	
New members	Jack Stratford, Phillip Lange and Liz Bailey, Justin Brocks and Sophie Harris
Visitors	Charlie Caddie, Allison Fleming, Glenn Cameron, Dirk Agenbag, Rick Neville
Present	Michael Barry, Darcy Brocks, Ella Johnson, Geoff Davey, David Dixon, Jimmy Halikias,
	Graeme Jeffrey, Mark Mensch, Keith Murdoch, Tim Neville, Paul Oberli, Heather Oberli,
	Harry Parke, Dave Purdie, Andrew Smith, Jack Stratford, Justin Brocks, Ebony Brocks,
	Philip Lange, John Prowse
Apologies	Geoff and Sharon Van Ingen, Warren and Shez Tedford, Daniel Murdoch, Danny Sparks-
	Cousins, John Goodall, Karen Griffen, Byron Willey, Juanita Mountjoy, Mathew Mountjoy,
	Liz Bailey, Troy Oman

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes	
Moved	Harry Parke
Seconded	Heather Oberli
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	 Moonambel 10th - 13th June Bookings for food and camping – Juanita Mountjoy or Sharon Van Ingen Other Clubs attending. Please come along for a great social weekend. Clothing- Hoodies and Polos available through Hip Pocket Phone 03 5243 1918. Polo shirts \$35, Hoodies \$55. Order by 30/5/22 Tim Neville will lead a reccy run on the weekend of June 4-5th. Danny reports a positive response from sponsors who support the event and provide prizes for the raffle. 50 Year Anniversary Dinner Saturday evening 6th May 2022 Celebrate the entire year Club Logo Has been updated to include the foundation year of 1973 Member participation within club Attendance at some recent events has been a little disappointing. Any suggestions from any Club member to improve attendance and participation at Club events is welcome.
	Member Subscriptions Invoices will be issued soon.

Correspondence	
In	a) FWDV March Enews b) FWDV – 2022 DELWP & PV Seasonal Road Closures c) FWDV Projects – SatPhone Shop Information Evening 26 th May d) VicRoads re Club Permit Scheme amendments e) FWDV and Parks Victoria re Kelly's Hut
Out (Continued on page 8)	f) Cleaning invoice a) Driveline Magazine b) Invoices for advertising

Treasurer's Report	
Presented By: Moved: Seconded:	None given. Carried over.

Regular Reports	
Association Rep	Presidents meeting with FWDV held on the 9th April at Currawong Bush Park. FWDV is looking at purchasing a factory site to provide increase office space and a training facility. FWDV has secured a lease on an old quarry at Toolangi. This is in the process of being developed as a training facility. Clubs will be able to use this site for training and camping.
Regional Rep	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.
Trip Co-Ordinator	 Base camp at Bright in March Labour Day long weekend. Mountjoy's were trip leaders. Heather Oberli gave a brief report. Upcoming Trips 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 has been obtained. Andrew and Tyler Smith leading. Social Day Trip to Red Rock and Camperdown. May 15th, 2022. Ken Mellross leading. Moonambel Reccy Run 4th and 5th June. Tim Neville leading. Annual Moonambel Muster June 10th – 13th, 2022 Snow Trips – more to come. Simpson Desert in September. Mountjoys leading.
Editor	No report
Webmaster	No report
Social	Possible Trots Night. More information to follow.
Fines	??
Pist 'n' Broke	Geoff Davey
Members Draw	Not held

New Business	
Other Business	Club Permit Scheme update. Danny to report next meeting.

Meeting closed at	8.23 pm
Next General Meeting	11th May 2022 @ Clubrooms from 7.30pm

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 11th May 2022	
	Moonambel
	50 year anniversary celebrations
	Club fees due
	AGM
	Covid update



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IN THE UPCOMING TRIPS SECTION



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 Waurn 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 Melross on 0473 466 636



MOONAMBEL MUSTER RECCY

Date: Saturday 4th—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.

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



SNOW TRIP 1

Date: 15th - 17th July - TBC

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

Trip Classification: Medium | Vehicle Limit: 10

Note: Date & details to be confirmed.



Date: 29th - 31st July

Trip Leader: Tim Neville | Tail End Charlie: TBA Trip Classification: Medium | Vehicle Limit: 10

Note: More info in the coming months



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

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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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BEACHPORT 2022

THURSDAY 14TH - SUNDAY 17TH APRIL 2022 WORDS: JUANITA MOUNTJOY - PHOTOS: JUANITA & GEOFF

This year only a small group of us attended the annual Beachport trip; The Mountjoy family, the Smith family, the Davey family and Mark Mensch. As usual we based camped at the Southern Ocean Tourist Park and ran day trips from there.

The first day trip was Beachport to Carpenters Rocks. We began with an easy run across the beach to Southend. From Southend we entered Canunda National Park and began our trek to Carpenters Rocks. There were not too many people on the beach and we were travelling along nicely until Marks

transmission overheated, so we decided to stop for an early lunch to allow it to cool down.

We continued along the beach after lunch. As typical of this stretch of beach, the sand was quite soft and it wasn't long before we came upon a vehicle that had been stuck in the sand for over an hour. With rising tides, we helped him out, only to turn around and have to recover his friend also! A little further down the beach we came across another vehicle that was well and truly bogged. Once again, we helped them out, as well as their friends. And yes, at one

particularly soft exit we even used the Maxtrax to get our own vehicles off the beach! Sensing a pattern of recoveries, we decided to head inland and completed our trip to Carpenters Rocks on the inland tracks.

Saturday morning we had a late start as many of us went down to the local market for a little shop. We headed off to Nora Creina at around 10.30am. Our first treat of the day happened early on in the trip as we passed a beautiful seal sunning himself on the beach. The trip to Nora Creina was without incident, well once everyone got their tyre pressures





right! And to top it off, we only recovered one vehicle that wasn't part of our convoy! After lunch we headed from Nora Creina to Robe. The tracks were busier on this side but we kept a reasonable pace.

While we had decided at lunch we were not going to do any more recoveries, we soon came across a young driver whose vehicle was hanging off the side of a sand dune, we couldn't just drive past (both literally and in good conscience!). A number of attempts, 7 in total, were made to recover this vehicle including a snatch, a double line pull on the winch and a short snatch. Eventually it was the power of the 200 series that was needed to get the car back on the track. By this stage a crowd had gathered to watch the proceedings so there was quite a celebration when he was finally out. Matthew scored a large number of beers as thanks for his efforts, which were enjoyed later on that day.

Our final day trip was along the Coorong. We had no sooner entered the beach when, you guessed it, we came across another party that was stuck. This group had a car, caravan and boat all bogged! To get them out would have been a huge, time consuming effort, so we avoided eye contact and drove past them. In fairness, their predicament was due to stupidity, they were close enough to Kingston to call





for a recovery vehicle and they were in no danger, so we didn't feel too guilty about driving past them.

This stretch of beach began reasonably easy but as the tide rose we were forced further and further up the beach where the sand was softer and we were often driving off camber. We had a clear destination in mind but it only took one of our party getting bogged, a little time lost, and water was lapping our tyres. With our destination in site we exited off the beach just in time, only to find we had turned off about 500 metres too early! With Mark getting stuck in the entry, and Matthew getting stuck in the exit it was too late to re-enter the beach and fix our mistake, so we had lunch in the dunes and waited it out for a while. After a few hours in the dunes, we headed cross country to our exit, then headed home.

Beachport is always a great trip and even though we do the same tracks each year they are always changing. Thanks to everyone who came along and helped make this trip an awesome long weekend.

Juanita







SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GEELONG 4WD CLUB'S



SATURDAY 5TH MAY 2023

WYPERFELD NP

FRIDAY 22ND TO MONDAY 25TH APRIL 2022 WORDS: GEOFF DAVEY - PHOTOS: GEOFF & TYLER

The Geelong 4WD Club has been to Wyperfeld and Big Desert on a number of occasions, but we had heard there were a number of good MVO tracks that we might be able to access through the FWDV scheme. In addition we were keen to have a look at O'Sullivans Pine Plain Lodge.

Andrew contacted Daniel Whitby at FWDV to investigate whether we could access the tracks not listed on the FWDV

MVO Track List. Daniel was able to help by contacting Justin Oakley, the Chief Ranger for the Southern Mallee Region to facilitate and approve the process and put Andrew in touch with local Rangers, Hamish Hollamby at Rainbow and Mathew Baker at Speed.

The main convoy led by Andrew set off from Geelong on Friday morning and stopped off to check out some Silo Art along the way. Andrew picked up the MVO track keys before reaching O'Sullivan's Pine Plain Lodge in Wyperfeld National Park, which was to be the base camp for the weekend.

The freehold property was established in 1847 and has been owned by the O'Sullivan family since 1917. It was once a large cattle and sheep station occupying much of the current National Park. The remaining private holding of 400 acres is now run by Genevieve and





Jono O'Sullivan as a small farm and tourist lodge.

On arrival we were greeted by Genevieve who was a mine of information about the district and the property and made us all feel welcome. There is plenty of space for camping and even limited power available if required. We set up camp away from the homestead where a large fire pit was to form the focus for evening socialization; even the firewood was supplied by Jono. Tim and Jimmy arrived later that night to complete the group.

Saturday morning we headed north out of the park and then west to re-enter on our first MVO track, Underbool Track. After deflating tyres and confirming that the key would actually open the gate (which we never doubted!), it was south down the track through the central part of the Park into territory which was new to us all. The track was sandy and meandered gently through low Mallee scrub. The base was generally firm with only occasional soft sections so travel was quite easy.









After a lunch stop, we continued south on Nine Mile Square Track and then east in the general direction of the main Wonga Campsite at the southern end of the park. The vegetation here is woodland with Mallee eucalypts, blackbox and tea-tree providing shade. From there it was back north along the wooded Cameron Track and then onto The Freeway. The Freeway is quite sandy with the potential to be soft, but some recent rain had left some moisture in the track which made for relatively easy travel. The vegetation is constantly changing with lower tea-tree scrub along The Freeway becoming wooded again towards the Casuarina Campground where there are Casuarina pines, river redgums and blackbox.

It was a relatively easy days travel and we arrived back at camp at around 3pm so some of the younger members (and young at heart) grabbed a toboggan, which are supplied at the Lodge, and headed off to play on the nearby Snowdrift sand dune. Fortunately all returned intact with no injuries reported.

Sunday was to be a longer day with more ground to cover. We set off south down the Freeway, through the Wonga campground and then to the north end of Lake Albacutya. In view of recent rain it was with some trepidation we decided to take the track across the dry lake bed. The track was soft and a little muddy in places but was negotiated without incident. From there it was along the southern park boundary were we digressed to run up a steep dune on a side track. This was a bit of a challenge but all made it up to enjoy the more distant views.

We continued onto Milmed Rock Track, stopping at Lookout Dune along the way. This provides more great views over the park. Lunch was at Round Swamp Camp where there are tables and toilet facilities. After lunch we backtracked down Milmed Rock Track, deviating to look at Hermie Strauses Garden, then back to the western verge of Lake Albautya. From there Purra Track runs north along the dunes by the lake where the sand is softer and quite fun to drive.

At the top of the lake we entered Archibald Track, another MVO track which then joins Nine Mile Square Track and exits just south of Pine Plains. From there it was up Emu Plains Track, where there are Emus, and back to camp. The fire was duly lit and we settled into another social evening, this time accompanied by a selection of everyone's favorite songs; recordings, NOT karaoke, we draw the line at that!

Monday was a leisurely pack up and return towards Geelong.

Thanks to Tyler and Andrew for a well organised, interesting and fun social trip.

Thanks also to the people already mentioned from FWDV and Parks Victoria for facilitating access to the MVO tracks, it is much appreciated.

Participants:

Andrew and Tyler Smith (Trip Leaders) Paul and Heather Oberli Stephen Fagan Graeme Jeffrey **Ross Barry** Mark Mensch and Geoff Davey Tim Neville and Jimmy Halikias (Tail)







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