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



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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.

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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 was great to see Moonambel go off so well in what was essentially our first "normal" year in the last three. There were 39 registered vehicles and almost 80 attendees which is encouraging for the future. We had a good mix of some longstanding and newer members as well as representation from other clubs including Wimmera, Ballarat and Bendigo. This facilitated plenty of discussion and social interaction around the campfire and on the tracks and also created plenty of potential for further collaborative activities.

The raffle on Sunday night was well supported and there were some fantastic prizes thanks to the generosity of our sponsors who donated the prizes. The feedback from those who attended was positive and there were lots of laughs. Thanks to the committee and to all who helped and participated in another terrific weekend.

The next significant event for the club is our AGM on Wednesday 13th July. This is an important procedural meeting, but is also a good opportunity to socialize. There will be pizzas supplied by the club at 6.30 pm. The AGM is at 7.30; this should be brief and will be followed by our normal general meeting. I would encourage you all to come along and participate in a relaxed evening.

To reiterate what has already been said; inquiries about committee positions are welcome but there will be NO pressure to join the committee on the night. Hope to see you all there.

Cheers,
Geoff

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 8th June 2022
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Geoff Davey

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.34 pm
Welcome to everyone present	
New members	Dirk and Jamie Agenbag, Allison Fleming, Michael Close
Visitors	Richard (Woodie) and Kez Brown
Present	Dirk Agenbag, Michael Barry, Ron Bastin, Justin Brocks, Levi Brocks, Trevor Brocks, Michael Close, Geoff Connors, Jake Cook, Geoff Davey, Jimmy Halikias, Graeme Jeffrey, Ken Mellross, Mark Mensch, Daniel Murdoch, Keith Murdoch, John Prowse, Dave Purdie, Kelvin Rogers, Andrew Smith, Tyler Smith, Norm Spitty, Jack Stratford, Byron Willey
Apologies	Geoff and Sharon Van Ingen, Harrison Parke, Juanita Mountjoy, John Goodall, Karen Griffen, Peter Searle, Rory Tedford, Beth Rogers

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes	
Moved	Dirk Agenbag
Seconded	Mark Mensch
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moonambel 10th - 13th June • 50 Year Anniversary Dinner Saturday evening 6th May 2023 • Club Fees Due • AGM July 13, 2022

Correspondence	
In	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) FWDV May eNews b) Cleaning invoice c) FWDV - Immediate Protection Areas Please advise your members that there is a notion to classify the Mirboo North and Strathbogie Ranges into Immediate Protection Areas and we have been given the opportunity to make comment on this via face to face meetings as well as via email response. d) FWDV Mt Skene Permit System Please let members of your club know that the Mt Skene permit system has been signed off and approved for 2022. Details and the permit application is on the Four Wheel Drive Victoria website. e) FWDV Mt Sterling Resort Road Closures Four Wheel Drive Victoria have been alerted that the recent icy weather has created heavy snow falls in some area. Details are on FWDV website. f) Meridian Maps Looking for a cover picture for Otways 4WD Map revision
Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Driveline Magazine b) Membership Invoices

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Treasurer's Report

Presented By: Moved: Seconded:	Deferred
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Regular Reports

Association Rep	Geoff attended an information night presented by the Sat Phone Shop
Regional Rep	<p>Mark and Geoff attended a Regional Representative Meeting at Beaufort on 21st-22nd May. This was in effect a liaison meeting with FWDV, Parks Victoria and DELWP. There was a drive through the Mount Cole District Saturday with the formal meeting Sunday. This was a useful weekend with some good networking with the Presidents of Warnambool, Colac (Otway) Wimmera and Hamilton in particular. Report in magazine.</p> <p>Danny and Geoff attended the Otway 4WD Liaison Meeting in Colac</p>
Trip Co-Ordinator	<p>Trips Out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Day Trip to Red Rock and Camperdown. May 15th, 2022. Ken Mellross Moonambel Reccy Run 4th and 5th June. Tim Neville <p>Upcoming Trips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Moonambel Muster June 10th – 13th, 2022 Easy trip to Lorne for pub dinner. Saturday 23rd July. Andrew Smith Snow Trip 1 – 29th- 31st July. Accommodation is at Jaimeson Caravan Park. Tim Neville leading. Snow Trip 2 - 26th -28th August. Family friendly. Accommodation at Jamieson Caravan Park. Mountjoys leading Simpson Desert in September. Mountjoys leading. Melbourne Cup Weekend. High Country. Friday 28th October -Tuesday 1st November. Leader to be determined.
Editor	Nil
Webmaster	Nil
Social	Keith and Juanita are working on a Crazy Whist (cards) night at the Clubrooms. A pub night is also in the pipeline.
Fines	
Pist 'n' Broke	Dave Purdy
Members Draw	Mark Mensch

New Business

Other Business	a) Committee Nominations for the AGM. Contact a Committee member if interested.
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Meeting closed at	8.05 pm
Next General Meeting (AGM)	13th July 2022 @ Clubrooms from 7.30pm (Pizza from 6.30pm)

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 13th July 2022

	Moonambel review
	50 year anniversary celebrations



UPCOMING TRIPS

EASY LORNE TRIP & PUB DINNER

Date: 23rd July

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

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

Meeting: 2.30pm at Great Ocean Rd Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery, Bellbrae

Note: Easy 4wd to Lorne, watching the sun set on the way. Dinner at the Lorne pub. Drive home via Great Ocean Rd after dinner. Younger crew or anyone interested could do night run after dinner.

Suitable Learner drivers or those new to 4WD driving. If people just want to come for dinner or just the drive that's fine too. To register or for further information, contact Andrew on 0418 503 043



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



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.



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



UPCOMING TRIPS

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)

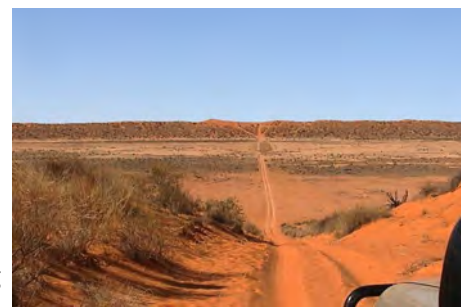
Note: Run in two parts, members can leave or join us at the conclusion of part 1.

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.



MELBOURNE CUP HIGH COUNTRY WEEKEND

Date: Friday 28th October — Tuesday 1st November

Trip Leader: Geoff Davey | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

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

Departing: 9.00am at BP Melbourne Rd, Little River

Requirements: UHF radio, standard recovery gear, rated recovery points, good all terrains or better. Snorkel required as we will cross the Snowy River.

Note: First night will be at Deptford Campground. Proposed evening camps at Timbarra, Jackson's Crossing / Hicks Campground and McKillops Bridge.

For more information contact Geoff on 0499 905 975.



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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FRIDAY 10TH - MONDAY 13TH JUNE 2022

WORDS: GEOFF DAVEY, TIM NEVILLE, GRAEME JEFFREY, ANDREW SMITH
PHOTOS: KEITH MURDOCH, GEOFF DAVEY, BRETT STANLEY, TYLER SMITH
TIM NEVILLE, DIRK AGENBAG

This was in effect a return to Moonambel after 2020 was cancelled and 2021 was deferred and then scaled down due to COVID.

The turnout was pleasing with 39 vehicles registered and around 80 attendees. This included several newer members of the Geelong 4WD Club and representatives from Ballarat, Bendigo and Wimmera Clubs.

Unfortunately there were several late

withdrawals due to mechanical problems with vehicles and illness or the turnout would have been even better.

Overall the weekend was a great success with lots of social interaction around the fires at night. It was particularly good to mix with the other clubs and also our newer members.

The trips were well organised thanks to Tim Neville who took on the role of Trip Coordinator for the weekend.

Damage to vehicles was minimal, although Tim managed to break a hub and CV joint which made for an evening of mechanical repairs on Saturday night. Needless to say Tim takes out this year's "Moonambel Massacre" award.

Geoff



TIM'S FRIDAY NIGHT RUN

WORDS & PHOTOS: TIM NEVILLE



Friday night I was accompanied by two other cars, piloted by Justin and Jack, for a quick night run up to Donkey Hill. My main aim was to establish how wet it was in the hills compared to the week before. To my surprise the ground had dried out quite a bit and there was considerably more traction than the week before on the reccy run.

Turpin Track has a few larger rock steps in it now that got the boys into low range and choosing their lines but saw

the cars traverse them without issue. This brought us to the climb up Donkey Hill. This, as many know, has some reasonable rock steps that also has clay mixed in between. This was very wet and unfortunately caught out Jack on his 35s with his diff hitting the rocks and stopping forward progress.

Unfortunately when reversing back to choose a different line, Jack fell off the side of the track and was stuck - nearly touching a tree. This saw the winch

come out to pull him back onto the track and over a few rock steps. We then packed a few rocks into some holes and with a big right foot Jack launched his car successfully up the hill.

From here we made our way back to camp. It was only a quick two hour spin and allowed us back at camp at a reasonable time to have a few social drinks around the camp fire.

Tim

GRAEME'S EASY/MEDIUM SATURDAY TRIP

WORDS: GRAEME JEFFREY - PHOTOS: DIRK AGENBAG



A convoy of 12 vehicles consisting of a mix of first timers and experienced drivers departed Moonambel Recreation Reserve for a day of learning and exploring. The track conditions were good with all tracks being dry and providing plenty of traction, allowing first time drivers to gain confidence early.

We travelled through Redbank Nature Conservation Reserve (RNCR) on tracks like Bridal & Reservoir that provide good smaller climbs and steps for a bit of fun. Unfortunately one of our newer drivers staked a "new" tyre and an interesting tyre change followed on a bit of uneven track. After a couple of "jack" changes from other cars this was fixed however showed how important it is to check equipment on-board is practicable for off road use.

We then headed along Centre Road / Track into Kara Kara National Park where we made our way to Teddington Hut for lunch. Whilst it was quite busy, the site is large enough to accommodate larger numbers and provides facilities.





The “northern” end of Kara Kara is fairly sedate and all tracks are easily driven in High 4. After making our way back along Centre Track, three cars departed on a main link road back to camp whilst the rest of us went back through the area travelled earlier picking up a couple of steeper tracks not travelled to finish the day with a bit of a kick.

Graeme



SATURDAY MEDIUM TRIPS

WORDS & PHOTOS: GEOFF DAVEY



With a relative shortage of trip leaders, due in part to mechanical misadventure, 17 vehicles set off up Sardine Track.

The plan was to cut across Turpin Track to Percydale and then split the group into two - one group following Mark Mensch, and the other following Dave Purdie. Unfortunately the plan didn't come together as the convoy "inadvertently" and prematurely split at the Turpin intersection with half

continuing straight up Sardine. The mistake was only discovered when John Prowse came onto a rock step that proved to be an almost undrivable obstacle. This was later demonstrated by the fact that Tim was the only one to drive it without winching. John therefore duly became stuck on the step.

At about this time Tim's group had passed Mark's lead group headed up Sardine only to run into Dave Purdie who

was at the back of the "other group". It was only then that we were able to piece together what went wrong. Needless to say, lessons were learned about holding corners.

So it was Dave Purdie to the rescue! Dave was in his element and was able to turn the convoy (other than John) around, lead them up the bypass track and then winch John up the step. After making it up to the top of Sardine,



Dave's group then continued to Percydale via Slate Quarry Track.

In the meantime, Marks group had stopped for a look at the mines near Fiddlers Dam and a lookout up Creek Track. The two groups then met up and went to lunch at the campground at the bottom of Old Bluff Track. After lunch the group "formally" split into two with Mark and Geoff leading one and Dave the other. Dave's group went back to have a look at the mine and then back up Slate Quarry Track. They then made their way to descend New Tiger Cat Track.

Unfortunately, at the bottom of the hill, David Holyoake's Nissan developed a fuel line problem and had to be towed home. This was quite an operation with the lion's share of the towing done by Richard Brown. On the steep sections two cars had to "daisy chain" to tow him up the hill where Daniel Murdoch assisted. Later when Richard's brakes overheated Dave's vehicle was used to assist with braking downhill.

Mark's Group made their way south and then up Lever and Radigan Tracks and to Mount Avoca. This was followed by a detour on New Nowhere Track including a side track which required a little clearing along the way. The last track of the day was opposite Cross Track and from here on will be known as "Dave's Track"; this has been decreed by Dave!

Geoff



TIM'S SATURDAY HARD TRIP

WORDS: TIM NEVILLE - PHOTOS: KEITH MURDOCH / BRETT STANLEY



For the first full day hard trip, I was joined by 5 cars. We started the day with a quick spin back to Donkey Hill allowing Jack to have a second attempt at driving it without winching.

From here we ran into the quite large convoy behind Mark Mensch, and to try and stay clear of them we thought we would cross over to Sardine Track to have a go at the bigger rock step that is well known to many club members. Unfortunately Marks Convoy had become two

and we ended up catching up to half his convoy with two cars on the main rock step.

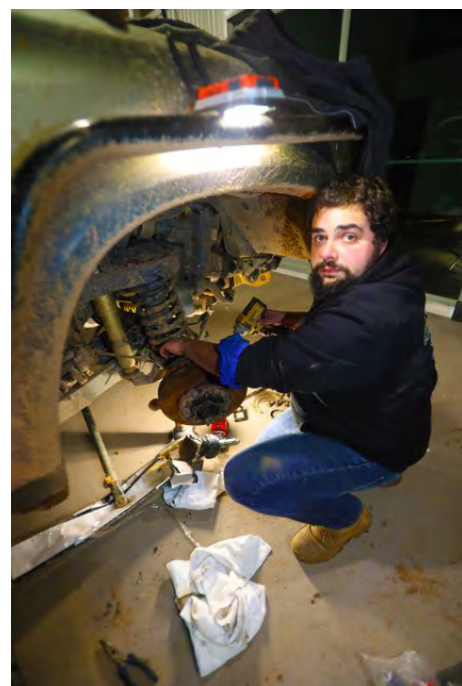
We helped winch these two cars out of the way, turning them around and lowering them back down the hill safely. This left us free to then have some fun on the large rock step ourselves. I managed to clear it first attempt however this was not the case for the other 4 cars with some decent wheel lifts, and a winch from each car.

From here we travelled over to one of my favourite tracks in the area. This put up a decent challenge with multiple attempts and winches needed from all cars. We were making decent progress until I heard a lovely sound as I hit a rock step. I had broken a CV! Little did we know how much damage had happened from the broken CV.

This saw me pull the winch out for 5 or 6 decent winches to reach the top of the hill. With lots of noise everyone else made it to the top of the hill without issue apart from Dave who got caught up on a rock and snapped his winch rope. At the top of the hill we had a very late lunch.

From this point, as it was later in the day, we made our way back to camp so we could pull my car apart and assess how much damage had happened to my front end.

Tim



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FOR THE GEELONG 4WD CLUB'S

50th

Anniversary

SATURDAY 5TH MAY 2023

GRAEME'S EASY/MEDIUM SUNDAY TRIP

WORDS: GRAEME JEFFREY - PHOTOS: DIRK AGENBAG



A slightly smaller convoy today, comprising of 7 vehicles in total (most from yesterday's trip) headed off to Landsborough Hill Nature Conservation Reserve (LHNCR) to explore a new area and a few more medium level tracks.

Finally after our Trip Leader (me), with the help of Glen who jumped in and navigated for the day, was able to find a starter track we got into it. The tracks in the heavier forested area were much wetter than those of the previous day.

We travelled down Malakoff Track then went to have a crack at Hill Track which Dave Purdie suggested would be a good challenge for our type off vehicles with its rock steps. As leader I got first go and after four attempts, the last one with rear locker engaged, got the Challenger through on the left side of the fork. Our second vehicle wasn't able to get up and as the lower clay section was getting more and more slippery the other members decided to give it a miss and go back around to join us back on Malakoff Track.



Heading back the other direction on Malakoff Track provided some good medium level driving in the wetter conditions.

It seemed the efforts by Dirk in his Pajero had done some damage to his transmission as he couldn't get it out of low range for some time. After some gentle finessing it decided to change, but he played it safe travelled in high range for a while. From there things seemed to be working fine.

We then made our way to Landsborough Recreation Reserve for a lunch stop before heading further north to travel Landsborough Ridge Track, which is a lot of fun with several rocky and rutted sections to play in. This track also has great views at the top!

After making our way further along Landsborough Ridge Track we turned down Browne Track which had a good washed out section with deep ruts and a fair rock step to navigate. From there it was back to camp on mostly flat tracks with a few yarns around the campfire.

A good day was had by all.

Graeme



MARK'S SUNDAY MEDIUM TRIP

WORDS & PHOTOS: GEOFF DAVEY

Six vehicles set off this morning and headed up Jackson Track to encounter a greasy rock step to test the less experienced drivers. This was successfully negotiated by all and resulted in a few satisfied smiles.

From there it was on to New Tiger Cat Track which was rocky with some deep ruts and was also testing for the newer drivers. Jeanie was with her three boys and was a bit nervous but with a little guidance made it down safely to be pleased with the achievement. Michael

Barry did a great job as tail to show us all how to do it with no fuss.

From there it was up Cross Track to Cameron's Hut, where by chance we met up with Dave Purdie's group for lunch. There were some South African blokes camping there who were happy to share the warmth of their fire which was much appreciated. Jeanie headed back to camp but was happy with her day.

After lunch we made our way west before dropping down Billy Goat Track.

We then went past Morries Track and did a loop around the southern Landsborough area.

On the way there was a particularly testing rock step on Laidlaw Track which required some spotting to assist with wheel placement. Having successfully negotiated this it was back to Moonambel via the tracks.

Geoff



DAVE'S SUNDAY MEDIUM TRIP

WORDS & PHOTOS: GEOFF DAVEY



The Sunday adventure with Dave's group of five vehicles started up Sardine Track, then headed towards Percydale via Donkey Hill Track. From there they returned up Slate Quarry Track.

Slate Quarry was challenging and was enjoyed by the group as most had also done it the day before and it provided an opportunity to improve on some of their lines.

The group returned down Fraser Track to the campground for morning tea. Then it was back up Fraser to test it in both directions and then to New Tiger Cat Track for the descent before a lunch stop at Cameron's Hut where Mark's group has also stopped.

After lunch the convoy went west on the main track to explore some of the lesser travelled tracks near the top of Old

Kingtree. They then descended the difficult left hand line of Old Kingtree Track before returning to Moonambel via "Dave's track".

Congratulations Dave on your last trip before heading off for the "big lap", you got them home before dark!

Geoff



TIM'S SUNDAY HARD TRIP

WORDS & PHOTOS: TIM NEVILLE



We set off with the intention of hitting some hard tracks today, but not as challenging as the day before. My first plan was to hit some easy hills to make sure we had fixed my car and it was working as it should.

Lucky we did this as there was a weird noise when in 4wd. After a quick stop it was found a spacer was installed the

wrong way in the hub, with this installed the correct way we set off up Old Bluff Track.

This was very, very wet. The only person to attempt the harder lines was Justin, and after a few attempts saw him stuck before the main rock steps. This meant all cars attempted the chicken tracks, these were still quite challenging with

lots of momentum needed to reach the top of the hills.

Unfortunately Daniel got stuck on the last hill and slid off the track in the washout. It was at this point that we found out his winch had failed and the motor was burnt out. I turned my car around and winched him up to the top of this hill.

From here we went and found another one of my favourite tracks with a steep decent into a gully and then a very steep climb out the other side.

With Daniels car not having a working winch now we decided to leave his car at the beginning of the track and come back for it later. This track was not as wet as I thought with all cars driving it without winching. Unfortunately I had sliced the sidewall of my front tire due to the low pressures I was running and the tire cutting between a rock and the rim.

We plugged this with 5 plugs and made our way back to Daniel's car, collected it and then made out way back to camp via Cross Track. Dave showed off his awesome skills on the chainsaw and cleared a quite large tree for us!

Thank you for all cars that joined me on the tracks and for all that attended the Muster! It was a great weekend and I hope to see next years event bigger and better!

Tim



ANDREW'S SUNDAY SOCIAL TRIP

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We left Moonambel bound for Avoca and a coffee to start the day. We took a stroll along the Avoca main street looking at the buildings and shops on offer. One that caught everyone's eye was 'Sweet Treats', run by a Moonambel

local couple that hand make some of the sweets on offer. We couldn't resist and all purchased a few 'treats' for ourselves.

Making our way to the Avoca River we checked out the original water course

and the Chinese garden, commemorating Chinese heritage in the region. On leaving Avoca we stopped at the Silo art just behind the main street. The Barking Owl was painted by Jimmi Buscombe in 2021.

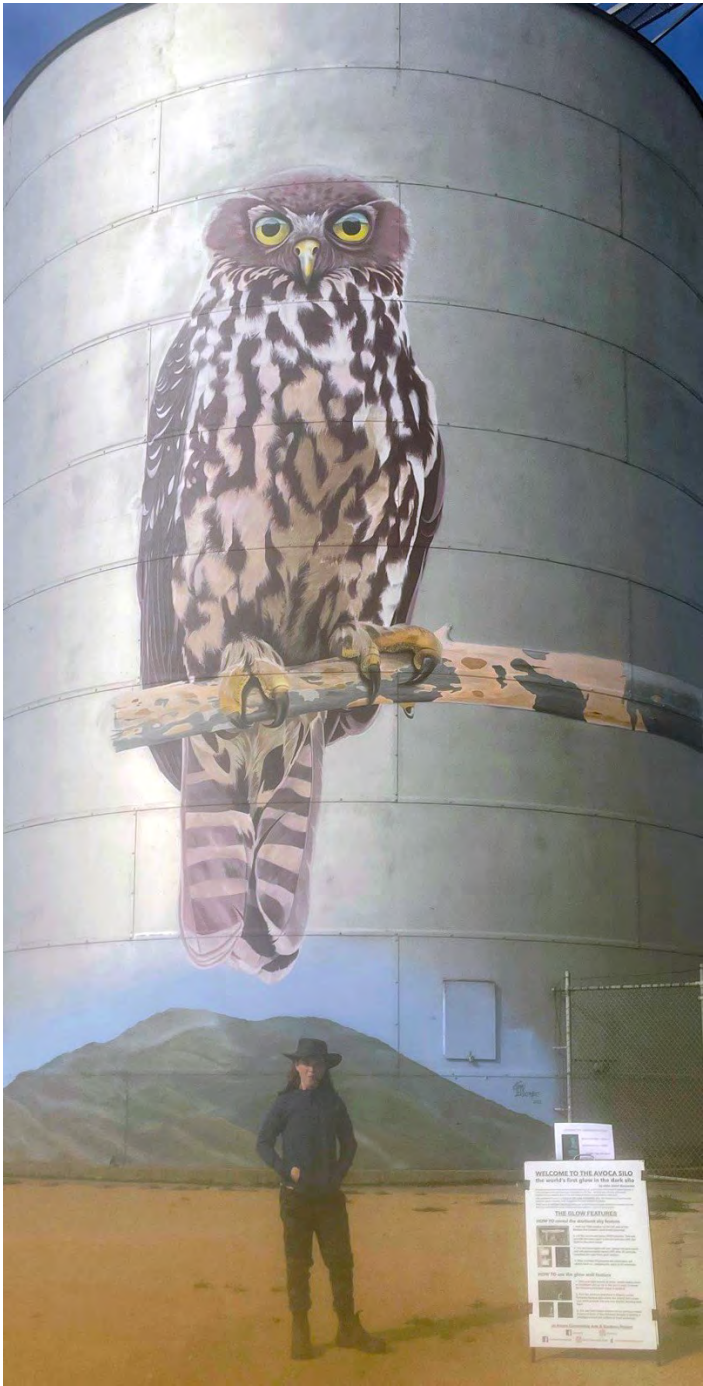


We then made our way through a wet track to a waterfall at the base of Ebling Track - not a massive torrent of water but a relaxing walk none the less. Our destination for lunch was the very relaxing Blue Pyrenees Estate winery.

After lunch we followed the Percydale Goldfields Heritage Tour, with the Lookout Tower, Union Jack Mine, Slate Dairy and Daly's Cottage the pick of the spots. Rounding out the day we headed back to Moonambel for a look at the old Police Lockup just behind the main street, then back to camp and the warmth of the campfire.

It was a great easy day out with good company!

Andrew



MOONAMBEL MUSTER MONSTER RAFFLE



With the completion of all trips, the raffle was held on Sunday night and was another great success due to the generous donation of prizes by our sponsors & local supporters.

Big thanks to our generous sponsors TJM, ARB, Geelong 4WD & Camping and Kerr's Hire plus the help of Anaconda, Autobarn, BCF, Burson, Repco and Supercheap. With everyone's help we were able to put on one of our largest raffles yet.

The first 3 prize winners were Geoff Davey, Byron Willey and Keith Murdoch.



Thanks to Danny Sparks-Cousins and Keith and Daniel Murdoch for organizing the prize donations and entry showbags.

Thanks to the Committee for the organization prior to and during the event, and a big thanks to everyone who helped throughout the weekend with setup, pack up, running trips and at the gate.

Thanks also to everyone who participated and helped create a great weekend.

See you next year!

Geoff



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