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



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CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

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 great to see a lot of trip activity recently and also planned for the near future. There have been a number of different people putting their hands up to organize trips, including those who have not led trips before. Thank you to everyone for contributing to and also participating in these events, this helps create the vibrant interactive Club to benefit all members.

Our Club Presentation Night is scheduled for Saturday 22nd October at the Valley Inn Hotel. This is a slightly different format this year as our "Pub Nights" have proven very popular recently. Come along for a relaxed social night with a few awards thrown in.

The Christmas Party will be at the Gellibrand Caravan Park on the weekend of 26th-27th November. This was also the venue in 2019, the last time we were able to hold the weekend format pre COVID. This weekend was well attended with good feedback from participants, so we thought we would try it again.

There is more information on both the Presentation Night and the Christmas Party in the magazine. I hope to see you all at both of these enjoyable social events.

See you on the tracks,
Geoff

Geoff

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve
Date	Wednesday 10th August 2022
Chair	Graeme Jeffrey
Minutes taken by	Sharon Van Ingen

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.37 pm
Welcome to everyone present	
New members	
Visitors	Milad Fakher, Bob Wells
Present	Sharon and Geoff Van Ingen, Juanita Mountjoy, Will Mountjoy, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Keith Murdoch, Daniel Murdoch, Michael Close, Ken Mellross, Mark Mensch, Graeme Jeffrey, Geoff Connors, Jimmy Halikias, Alanna Stratford, Jack Stratford, Dirk Agenbag, John Prowse, Kelvin Rogers, Ron Baskin
Apologies	Matthew Mountjoy, Jake Cook, Geoff Davey, Dave and Allie Hamann, Beth Rogers

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes	
Moved	Dirk Agenbag
Seconded	John Prowse
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 50 Year Anniversary Dinner Saturday evening 6th May 2023 @ Geelong Yacht Club Vehicle Standards and Required Equipment for Trips Tim discussed the minimum requirements when planning to go on a trip. He stressed the importance that all attendants on trips should provide their own safety equipment. Tim also told members that safety inspections will be performed on member vehicles.

Correspondence	
In	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> FWDV July eNews Cleaning invoice FWDV 2022-2023 Renewal Templates FWDV Club National 4x4 Show FWDV Vehicle Stickers Club Name Badges Email – Ben Everitt. Membership Interest
Out	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Driveline Magazine

Treasurer's Report	
Presented By:	Juanita Mountjoy
Moved:	Keith Murdoch
Seconded:	Ken Mellross
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Regular Reports	
Association Rep	No report
Regional Rep	No report
Trip Co-Ordinator	Trips Out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day Trip to Lorne - 2.30pm 23rd July 2022. Meet at Chocolaterie. Dinner at Lorne Pub – Andrew Smith led. Snow Trip 1 - 29th- 31st July. Accommodation is at Jaimeson Caravan Park. Tim Neville led. Upcoming Trips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snow Trip 2 - 26th -28th August. Family friendly. Accommodation at Jamieson Caravan Park. Mountjoys leading Simpson Desert Trip - 15th - 29th September 2022. Mountjoys Organising Big Desert Trip - 24-26th September. Tim Neville Leading Track Clearing - TBC Club Awards Night / Pub Night - 22nd October 2022 TBC Melbourne Cup Weekend. High Country - Friday 28th October -Tuesday 1st November. Geoff Davey. Christmas Party - 26th -27th November 2022. Gellibrand Caravan Park. TBC Beachport Trip - Easter. Trip Leaders Mountjoys Border Track - Post Easter Save The Date. 50-year Anniversary - Saturday 6th May, 2023
Editor	Danny requested articles and photos for the Driveline magazine.
Webmaster	General updates to website.
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crazy Whist(cards) night at the Clubrooms. Saturday 13th August. 6.30pm at Clubrooms – Abe Wood Reserve Pinot & Picasso – Ladies Day. Sharon researching for early November Dadswell Town Social Weekend – Geoff Van Ingen Planning (2023) Trots Night – Later in the year
Fines	Geoff Van Ingen, Matthew Mountjoy, Tim Neville, Jake Cook, Lachie Hill, Trevor Brocks, Geoff Davey x 2, Jack Stratford
Pist 'n' Broke	Lachie Hill
Members Draw	Michael Close

New Business	
Other Business	Nil

Meeting closed at	8.10 pm
Next General Meeting	13th September 2022 @ Clubrooms from 7.30pm

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 14th September 2022	



PUB DINNER & CLUB AWARDS *Night*

Come and join us at the Valley Inn Hotel for a Pub Dinner and our Club Awards night. It'll be a great meal with mates, and a fun night for all.

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER - 6PM

Please RSVP by 14th October.

Contact Daniel on 0498 683 330 or Keith on 0407 310 931
or check out the Facebook event page.





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)

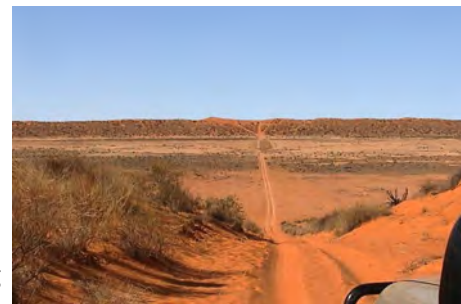
Note: Run in two parts, members can leave or join us at the conclusion of part 1.

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.



BIG DESERT TRIP - AFL GRAND FINAL WEEKEND

Date: Thursday 22nd – Sunday 25th September

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

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

Note: Will be base camping at Big Billy Bore Campground. I plan to leave on Thursday morning and make my way via Hopetoun to visit my grandparents for lunch. Campground is accessible with caravans and campers (about 50km of gravel roads to access though). Plan to do the one way section of the Border Track on the Friday and tour the local dunes on the Saturday.

Any questions give me a call Tim N - 0478065716



BACCHUS MARSH TO BALLAN DAY TRIP

Date: Sunday 16th October

Trip Leader: Adam Mountjoy | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

Trip Classification: Easy / Medium

Departing: Meeting at 9:30am at the Federation Avenue Park at Bacchus Marsh
185-299 Gisborne Road

Note: This trip will approximately 100 km and will be exploring the Wombat State Forest. Afternoon tea will be provided when we stop at Mount Hope. Basic recovery gear with recovery points front and rear.

Get in touch with Adam Mountjoy on 0409 024 974 if you're interested.





UPCOMING TRIPS

TRACK CLEARING WEEKEND

Date: Saturday 22nd

Trip Leader: Danny Sparks-Cousins | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

Trip Classification: Easy / Medium

Departing: TBA

Note: This is a great chance to help open some seasonally closed tracks plus drive some Management Vehicles Only (MVO) tracks. We will need a couple of ticketed chainsaw operators, and a few helpers to clear logs. Back to Geelong in time for the Club Awards Night Dinner.

If you're available to help please get in touch with Danny - email, messenger or on 0426 256 030



CLUB AWARDS NIGHT DINNER

Date: Saturday 22nd October

We're heading out for dinner at The Valley Inn, and celebrating members who have won the various annual club awards. We'd love to see a huge turnout for this fun social night out. Kicking off from 6pm.

Please RSVP by 14th October. Contact Daniel on 0498 683 330 or Keith on 0407 310 931, or check out the Facebook event page.



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.



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



CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: Friday 25th - Sunday 27th November

The club will be holding its annual Christmas Party at the Gellibrand Caravan Park - Friday 25th to Sunday 27th November. Come for the whole weekend, the day or even just the night.

Day trip(s) on Saturday, BBQ on Saturday night - meat supplied, bring a salad or sweet to share. Santa will be making a visit - please let Shaz or Juanita know number of children under 16.

Contact Otways Tourist Park (Gellibrand) to book accommodation - 03 5235 8357.



AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND @ HIGH COUNTRY

Date: Australia Day Weekend

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

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

Note: More info in the coming months.



EASTER @ BEACHPORT

Date: Easter 2023

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

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

Note: Meeting at the Southern Ocean Tourist Park on Thursday. We will be running day trips out from the park on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Trips will include Robe, Carpenters Rocks and a drive around the Kingston area.

This trip is rated medium due to the unpredictability of the tides.



CLUB 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Date: Saturday 6th May 2023

Royal Geelong Yacht Club

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!

Doors open from 5:30pm, food from 7:00 til 9:00. Tickets on sale soon



GEELONG 4WD CLUB

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FRIDAY 25TH TO SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER



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DESSERT

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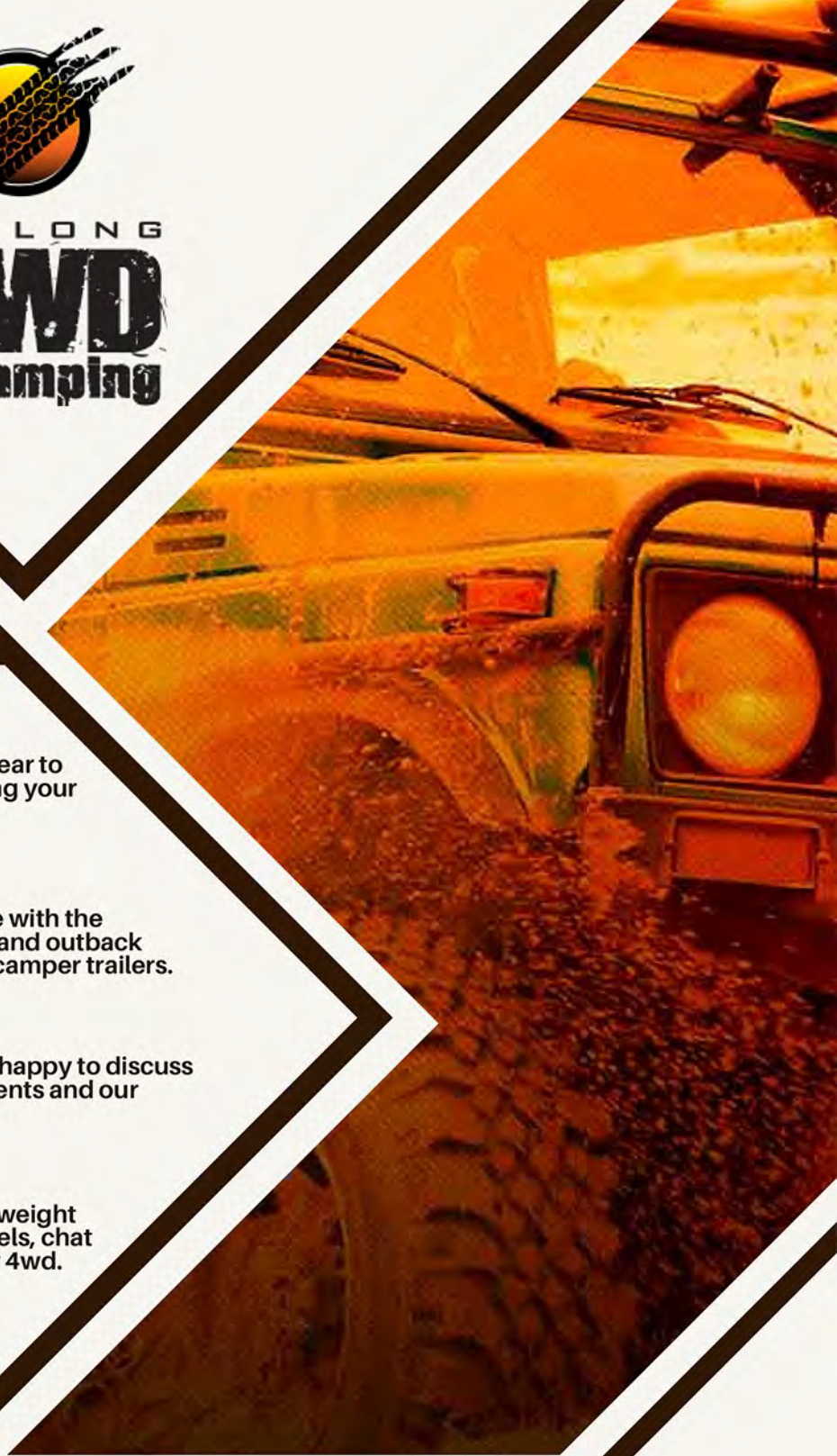
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MT SKENE SNOW TRIP

29TH - 31ST JULY 2022

WORDS: ALANNA STRATFORD - PHOTOS: TIM NEVILLE & GEOFF DAVEY

A few weeks ago I went on my first snow trip lead by Tim! I must admit I was pretty excited to go to the snow as it had been years - and what an adventure I was in for.

Now I had been warned that Tim's trips can go from one extreme to another,

which I think is all part of the fun right?!

We usually take our caravan, however I was told no van this trip. I can now understand why!

We left Friday morning meeting on the highway, which seems to be the usual

thing. We made our way through Melbourne with a slight detour to grab a part for Dave.

We headed to Woods Point and WOW, it literally felt like a ghost town until we found Julie and Trevor!





We then headed over Mount Terrible. We stuck to the track and made it across with no problems. On our travels we stopped in at the Mount Terrible Hut to check out the view. The view was amazing and I could see the snow in the distance on the mountains.

We made it to Jamison, filled up the cars at the local servo/mechanic shop and then went and checked into the caravan park. We had a cabin along the river, it was such a beautiful spot. Our cabin had one wine glass and no pots or pans apart from the steamer attachment - lucky we were off to the local pub for dinner.



Later that night, the rest of the group rolled in after some car troubles.

The next morning it was an early start! I had my thermals on and my snow gear ready! Making our way up Mount Skene felt like the Great Ocean Road. We made it to the top and there it was, some snow! Not a lot but enough for us to have a play in. Sophie definitely took the cake for her spectacular trip down the mountain.

Since there wasn't much snow, off we went to do some other tracks. The first



few tracks were fine until we hit the N15 track.

Let's just say we missed the pub, we got back to camp just after 10pm. It was a huge day out on the tracks.

The next morning we had a little later start which meant breakfast from one of the local cafes. A few people decided to head home via the road due to car troubles, but on Sunday we went back over Mount Terrible trying some of the off tracks.

We got back to Geelong late that night.

Overall it was a fun weekend packed full of adventures. Everyone's car came back with some damage but they were all drivable.

Looking forward to the next trip!

Alanna





celebration

Come celebrate 50 years
of the Geelong 4WD Club

SATURDAY 6TH MAY 2023
ROYAL GEELONG YACHT CLUB
DOORS OPEN FROM 5:30PM
FOOD FROM 7:00 TIL 9:00

TICKETS ON SALE SOON

CRAZY WHIST SOCIAL NIGHT

WORDS & PHOTOS: JUANITA MOUNTJOY



Although numbers were small (only 8 adults, 5 kids), those who came to the Crazy Whist night had a great time.

We had three tables operating and participants constantly changed partners and moved tables, allowing lots of socialising with different groups of people. Lots of laughs were had and some people's competitive sides came out.

We enjoyed supper throughout the evening and a few beverages among friends. Lots of great prizes were up for grabs, and with such a small crowd, most people walked away with something.

A huge thanks to Shaz for helping organise the night and to those who attended.

Juanita



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