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OCTOBER

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Clubrooms @ 7:30pm BBQ from 6:30pm

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NOVEMBER

GENERAL MEETING Clubrooms @ 7:30pm BBQ from 6:30pm

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DECEMBER

14 **GENERAL MEETING** Clubrooms @ 7:30pm BBQ from 6:30pm

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.

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,

I am writing this months edition from Ayer's Rock / Uluru. We are now almost finished the Hay River Track / Alice Springs trip. This has been a fantastic trip with many highlights thanks to Mathew and Juanita Mountjoy and a great bunch of people. A full report will follow.

Don't forget the upcoming awards night on Saturday 22nd October at the Valley Inn Hotel. Let's make it a great social night with a big turnout.

In the same vein, I hope to see as many possible at the Christmas Party at the Otways Tourist Park (Gellibrand) on the weekend of 25th-27th November.

I have missed the last couple of General Meetings but will be back for the 12th of October to catch up with you all.

See you on the tracks, Geoff

Geoff



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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

| Meeting | General Meeting |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Location | Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve |
| Date | Wednesday 14th September 2022 |
| Chair | Graeme Jeffrey |
| Minutes taken by | Graeme Jeffrey |

| Agenda | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Meeting opened at | 7.35 pm |
| Welcome to everyone present | |
| New members | |
| Visitors | Bob & Jane Wells, Mark Rothon. |
| Present | Geoff Connors, Jake Cook, Jimmy Halikias, Graeme Jeffrey, Ken Melross, Daniel Murdoch, |
| | Harry Parke, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Allison Fleming, Justin Brocks, Jack Strafford, Barrie |
| | Kinnsersly, Dirk Agenbag |
| Apologies | Geoff Davey, Keith Murdoch, Sharon and Geoff Van Ingen, Juanita and Matthew |
| | Mountjoy, Mark Mensch, Rob Gunn, John & Karen Goodall, Kelvin & Beth Rodgers, |
| | Warren & Shez Tedford, Byron Willey, Andrew Smith, Trevor & Julie Brocks. |

| Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes | |
|--|--|
| Moved | Dirk Agenbag |
| Seconded | Ken Melross |
| Business arising from the previous | 1. 50 Year Anniversary |
| General Meeting Minutes | Dinner Saturday evening 6th May 2023 @ Geelong Yacht Club |
| | Merchandise will be available soon |
| | 2. Christmas Party 26th -27th November 2022. Gellibrand Caravan Park. |
| | 3. Awards Night & Pub Dinner Pub Night. 22nd October 2022 |
| | 4. Social Events Ideas from members |

| Correspondence | |
|----------------|---|
| In | a) FWDV August eNews b) Cleaning invoice c) FWDV Vehicle Stickers |
| Out | a) Driveline Magazine |

| Treasurer's Report | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Presented By: Moved: Seconded: | Nil due to Simpson Desert Trip |

| Regular Reports | |
|-------------------|--|
| Association Rep | Nil due to Simpson Desert Trip |
| Regional Rep | Nil due to Simpson Desert Trip |
| Trip Co-Ordinator | Trips Out Snow Trip 2 - 26th -28th August. Family friendly. Accommodation at Jamieson Caravan Park. Mountjoys leading Upcoming Trips 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 | Nil to report |
| Webmaster | Nil to report |
| Social | Dadswell Town Social Weekend. Geoff Van Ingen planning (2023) Trots Night. Later in the year |
| Fines | Daniel Murdoch, Dirk Agenbag, Matthew Mountjoy |
| Pist 'n' Broke | Nil |
| Members Draw | Jake Cook (IOU) |

| New Business | |
|----------------------|---|
| Other Business | Nil |
| | |
| Meeting closed at | 7.55 pm |
| Next General Meeting | 12th October 2022 @ Clubrooms from 7.30pm |

AGENDA

| Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 12th October 2022 | |
|---|-----------------------|
| | Awards Night |
| | Christmas Party |
| | Club 50th Anniversary |
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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.



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IDEALLY A SHOVEL AND GLOVES





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.

TRACK CLEARING

Date: Saturday 22nd October

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



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.











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 Thursday 26th - Sunday 29th January 2023

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



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

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MT SKENE SNOW TRIP

26TH - 28TH AUGUST 2022 Words: Amy Oberli - Photos: Tim Neville & Geoff Davey

The Mountjoy family ran a wonderful snow trip up to Mt Skene on the last weekend of August.

We had a wonderful crew of both sides of the Mountjoy family, Dirk and the family, Andrew Rachel & Tyler Smith, Tim Neville, Jimmy Halikias, Shaz & Geoff Van Ingen, Daniel Murdoch and I'm sure there was a few more so I apologize if I missed you!

Everyone made their way up on Friday the 26th, with most people making their own way and arriving at different times through the afternoon. Nearly everyone decided to head to the pub for dinner with the Mountjoy family pulling into the caravan park fashionably late, arriving well after dinner.

Saturday morning the crew headed out towards Mount Skene, it became

apparent quickly that there wasn't going to be as much of a struggle to get to the top of Mount Skene as there had been in the previous year's trips as the snowline only started a few hundred meters from the top of the mountain.

Thankfully there was plenty of snow for snowball fights, tobogganing and few kilometers of snow driving Weatherwise it was a very nice sunny day with the



early morning fog lifting early and we spent most of the day in the sunshine.

We headed down the mountain mid afternoon and managed to find a few decent river crossings along the way, nobody was feeling too ambitious as we had a group booking at the Jamison Brewery for dinner that nobody wanted to miss. Saturday night was an excellent night with great food enjoyed at the brewery with many drinks and laughs had around the fire that evening.

Sunday morning about half the crew decided to head home first thing with the other half tagging along with the Mountjoy's to do some sight seeing in the High Country on the way home including Mount Terrible.

Overall it was a fantastic weekend with good company.

Thank you to the Mountjoy's for leading another amazing trip - can't wait for the next one!

Cheers Richard & Amy











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