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



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JANUARY

25
COMMITTEE MEETING
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

25 - 29
AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND
HIGH COUNTRY TRIP

FEBRUARY

8
GENERAL MEETING
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm
BBQ from 6:30pm

22
COMMITTEE MEETING
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

24 - 26
OLD DADSWELL TOWN
SOCIAL WEEKEND

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,

Merry Christmas for the festive season and Happy New Year to all!

Well the Christmas Party itself did not go quite as planned! The event was rescheduled due to the wet weather and closure of the Otways Tourist Park for the weekend. Nevertheless the weather did the right thing (almost) and there was a good turnout at the clubrooms. Santa made a visit and there was plenty of laughter and banter amongst the group. Thanks to all who attended and contributed to a great day.

Perhaps the relocated venue was a good thing as the attendance was probably better than the planned camping weekend. It looks like the single day format might be the preferred option in the future.

On the more amusing side Tim, Mark Rothon, myself and a few others helped pull numerous bogged cars out of what became a muddy car park in the aftermath of A Day on the Green at Mt Duneed. This resulted in some "rockstar" airtime on the national news.

The year still has more to give with Andrew and Tyler still to run their Anglesea day trip and the December general meeting to come. Don't forget the BBQ before the meeting for one last hoorah for the year.

See you on the tracks,
Geoff

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve
Date	Wednesday 9th November 2022. 6.30 pm BBQ prior to 7.30pm Meeting.
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Geoff Davey

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.35 pm
Welcome to everyone present	Thanks to John Goodall for supplying BBQ meat
New members	Richard (Woody) and Kaz Brown, Mark Rothon
Visitors	Shannon Schaeche-Priestly, David Bolton
Present	Justin Brocks, Trevor Brocks, Geoff Connors, Geoff Davey, David Dixon, Allison Fleming, Dave Hamann, Graeme Jeffrey, Juanita Mountjoy, Daniel Murdoch, Jenny Carpenter, John Prowse, Kelvin Rogers, Mark Rothon, Peter Searle, Byron Willey
Apologies	Keith Murdoch, Sharon and Geoff Van Ingen, Tim Neville, Mark Mensch, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Jimmy Halikias, John and Karen Goodall, Dale Robertson, Jake Cook, Mathew Mountjoy, Ada Spitty, Beth Rogers, Ron Bastin.

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes	
Moved	Geoff Connors
Seconded	Daniel Murdoch
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 50 Year Anniversary Dinner Saturday evening 6th May 2023 Merchandise will be available soon. Tickets will be available in the next couple of days. Watch Facebook and email for this. Christmas Party - Promote 26th -27th November 2022. Gellibrand Caravan Park. Reminder to provide children's details for Santa gift to Juanita or Sharon Awards Night & Pub Dinner Excellent turnout of about 50 people. Very enjoyable social night. Moonambel - Update Clothing colour – 2 green samples reviewed. It was agreed that a green colour would be suitable for Moonambel in the Clubs 50th year. Opinion is equally divided between the 2 greens.

Correspondence	
In	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> FWDV September eNews Cleaning Invoice
Out	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Driveline Magazine Letter from Clubs of the Otways Liaison Group to Parks / DELWP regarding the postponement of the track clearing weekend on 22nd and 23rd October.
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Treasurer's Report

Presented By:	Juanita Mountjoy
Moved:	Byron Willey
Seconded:	David Dixon

Regular Reports

Association Rep	FWDV AGM The meeting is to be held at the Manningham Hotel, 1 Thompsons Road Bullen Victoria, at 7:30PM on Monday 14th November 2022.
Regional Rep	Track Clearing probably on 19th November. There is a meeting on Thursday 10th with Parks and DELWP to confirm this. Danny will post update on Facebook.
Trip Co-Ordinator	Trips Out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simpson Desert Trip - 15th - 29th September 2022. Mountjoys lead. Bacchus Marsh to Ballan Day Trip - 16th October. Adam & Matthew Mountjoy lead. Club Awards Night. Pub Night - 22nd October 2022 Melbourne Cup Weekend @ High Country - Friday 28th October -Tuesday 1st November. Geoff Davey lead Upcoming Trips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track Clearing - NEW DATE 19th November – Danny Sparks-Cousins organising . Christmas Party - 26th -27th November 2022. Gellibrand Caravan Park. Anglesea Day Trip - 10th December 2022. Andrew & Tyler Smith organising. Australia Day Weekend - Wed 25th – Sun 29th January 2023. Mt Pinnibar & Davies Plain. Geoff Davey organising. Beachport Trip - Easter. Trip Leaders Mountjoys. Border Track - Easter. More details to follow. Club 50th Anniversary - Saturday 6th May, 2023. Moonambel Muster - Fri 9th June - Mon 12th June 2023. Tassie Tour - 17th September - 12th October, 2023. Mounjoys organising.
Editor	No report
Webmaster	No report
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dadswell Town Social Weekend. Geoff Van Ingen planning (2023). More information to follow. Trots Night. Later in the year
Fines	Geoff Davey 2, Geoff Van Ingen 1, Allison Fleming. More to follow from Melb Cup weekend.
Pist 'n' Broke	Matthew Mountjoy
Members Draw	Jenny Carpenter

New Business

Other Business	Nil
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Meeting closed at	8.25 pm
Next General Meeting	Wednesday 14th December 2022 @ Clubrooms from 7.30pm. BBQ at 6.30pm

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 14th December 2022

	Club 50th Anniversary
	Moonambel Update

PIST'N BROKE NOVEMBER 2022



MATTHEW & JUANITA MOUNTJOY



UPCOMING TRIPS

ANGLESEA DAY TRIP

Date: Saturday 10th December

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

Trip Classification: Easy with a touch of medium depending on track conditions.

Meeting Place: Great Ocean Rd Chocolaterie, 1200 Great Ocean Rd, Bellbrae.

Time: 9.30am for a 10am departure. There is time to purchase chocolates and goodies before leaving.

Requirements: Basic recovery gear with recovery points front and rear.

Note: We plan to drive through Anglesea and stop for a shared BBQ lunch. BYO meat. Andrew will supply the rest. After lunch, return to Anglesea before 4pm.

Contact Andrew on 0418 503 043 for information and RSVP.



AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND MT PINNIBAR & DAVIES PLAIN

Date: Australia Day Weekend Wednesday 25th - Sunday 29th January 2023

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

Trip Classification: Medium / Hard | **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 may cross the Murray River. Winch preferred. Extra Fuel will be required – last fill at Swifts Creek, then no fuel until the last day. If required, Thredbo village is only 23km from Tom Groggin however. Bring a sense of humour and swimmers.

Note: This will be a 5 day trip leaving the Wednesday before Australia Day. We will stay at the Ensay Recreation Reserve on the first night so it is possible to travel up on Wednesday evening.

Outline: Ensay night 1. Night 2, Poplars Camp via Garron Point track and Limestone Creek Track. Night 3, Tom Groggin via Davies Plains Track and across the Murray. Night 4 Gibson's Hut via Mt Pinnibar. As always this is subject to change depending on conditions and events.

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.



UPCOMING TRIPS

OLD DADSWELL TOWN SOCIAL EVENT

Date: Friday 24th to Sunday 26th February 2023

A fun weekend away to Old Dadswell Town. Themed cabins are available - 5 x 2 bedroom cabins and 1 x 1 bedroom cabin. When cabins are sold out vans and swags may be catered for.

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Contact Shaz for more information.



EASTER @ BEACHPORT

Date: Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th April 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.



BORDER TRACK

Date: Easter 2023

Trip Leader: Graeme Jeffrey | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

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

Note: This trip will be held over Easter. More info in the coming months.



CLUB 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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UPCOMING TRIPS

MOONAMBEL MUSTER

Date: 9th - 12th June 2023 (Queens Birthday Weekend)

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.



TASSIE TOUR 2023

Date: 17th September – 12th October 2023

Trip Leader: Matthew & Juanita Mountjoy

Tail End Charlie: Kelvin & Beth Rogers

Trip Classification: Medium / Hard | **Vehicle Limit:** 8

Departing: Spirit of Tasmania Quay, Geelong



Requirements: This trip has been rated medium/hard due to the time of year we are going. We are expecting rain, perhaps even snow, which means the tracks can be unpredictable. Experience driving in a range of conditions is essential. Participants must have a working winch, snorkel, aggressive AT's (as a bare minimum), standard recovery gear and rated recovery points. A rear locker would be desirable.

Note: We will be camping in swags or tents. Off-road campers may be a possibility. Make sure you have plenty of warm clothes, as well as a good sleeping bag!

The aim of this trip is to check out some of Tasmania's 4WD tracks, as well as do some touring around the state. We will head North West first, then drive down the West Coast to Queenstown. From Queenstown we will drop down into the Hobart area before heading back up the East Coast. We are planning on doing a variety of tracks from beach driving to inland, so be prepared to encounter sand, mud, rocks, quicksand, water etc. As well as 4WDing, there will be plenty of time to check out some of Tasmania's tourist attractions.

We have had many people express interest in this trip and we are now looking for definite numbers. Bookings for the boat will be made before Christmas. If you are interested in coming along, please contact Juanita directly on 0467 809 040.

Please note, if you are not experienced in beach driving, you will be asked to attend the Beachport trip being run over the Easter school holidays.

NB: Dates may vary slightly depending on availability on the boat.

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MELBOURNE CUP HIGH COUNTRY TRIP

28TH OCTOBER - 1ST NOVEMBER 2022

WORDS: SHARON VAN INGEN & PHOTOS: GEOFF DAVEY

Day 1 - Seven cars left Little River Friday morning in the rain. Once on the other side of Traralgon the rain ceased (for now).

We enjoyed lunch at Bairnsdale then we headed through Bruthen to the Deptford campground.

Once camp was set up we all sat around the camp fire for a quiet drink and conversation (banter). The fire was too smoky for some

and not so smoky for others. This set the theme of the night.

Day 2 - We started the day with a river crossing and a walk to the old Deptford Goldfield to see the Diversion Tunnel and Oven. From there we followed Nicholson Track.

The tracks were mostly dry however there were a few surprise challenges. One recovery

and one tyre repair before lunch. Many of the tracks were very overgrown so some track clearing was in order throughout the day.

We made our way to Ensay Football ground where we enjoyed showers and another great campfire with many laughs.

Day 3 - We left Ensay and headed to Buchan. Tracks were nicely graded but were slippery which





made them challenging in places. We hit Timbarra River crossing, and it was deep and flowing fast. Some tethering was required to be safe.

We set up camp at Balley Hooley campground on the Snowy River. It was warm and sunny and by far the most picturesque spot on the trip (my opinion of course). Everyone was in good spirits.

We had a walk to the river and when back at camp we built quite an impressive campfire. Once again we enjoyed each others company and Tim and Jimmy's nibbles.



Day 4 - We headed out early to make our way to Bentley Plain Hut campground. Along the way we surveyed some possible campsites for future trips. We set up camp and had lunch early before the expected rain.

The boys headed out on an afternoon drive while the girls stayed back at camp to walk, nap and start the fire. Allison showed





her excellent fire building skills in the constant rain.

The rain had well and truly set in by the time the 4WD's got back. It did not deter anyone enjoying the campfire. It rained steadily all night and turned the campsite into a swamp. We were all warm and dry in huts and swags.

We packed up early in the rain and headed off as the rain stopped. Slight snow was evident on our way to Bairnsdale.



Most fuelled up at Bairnsdale then travelled to Rosedale for lunch. From Rosedale we all went our separate ways to home.

Thanks to Geoff for organising such a great trip and thanks to everyone for the fun, banter, and laughs.

Shaz





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PRESENTATION NIGHT DINNER

22ND OCTOBER 2022

WORDS: DANNY SPARKS-COUSINS - PHOTOS: SALLY SPARKS-COUSINS

This year it was decided to have our awards presentation at a very relaxed social night and pub dinner. Our venue for the night was the Valley Inn Hotel - we have previously had a pub meal here which had a good turnout - and tonight was even better. Almost 50 members came along for a great meal and a very entertaining social night out.

Everyone started to roll in around 6pm ... some had an even earlier start to the night and were rolling a little more easily than others! We all took the opportunity to socialise and catch up with mates over a cold beverage or two before ordering dinner and sitting down to a great meal.

After everyone was full and content, it was time for the formalities of the night - the awards presentation. This is the club's chance to recognise and award those members who help make the club the great club that it is - and every award winner was well deserved.

Our Club Man & Club Woman awards were awarded based on the club points system with no huge surprises as to the winners. Geoff Davey was presented with the Dunny Seat award for racking up the most fines throughout the year. The Editors award was presented to Tyler Smith for his valuable contributions to the club magazine, and Kelvin Rogers received the Appreciation Award for all the hard work and effort he puts in behind the scenes for the club - despite having a difficult year personally, Kelvin continued as a long serving committee member, always helpful, arriving early to run the bar and last to leave after cleaning up.

A big thanks to Daniel Murdoch for organising the venue, the trophies, and pretty much running the night. We all had a ball!

Cheers,

Danny





**CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR
GEOFF DAVEY**



**CLUBMAN RUNNER UP
MARK MENSCH (TIE)**



**CLUBMAN RUNNER UP
ANDREW SMITH (TIE)**



**CLUBWOMAN OF THE YEAR
JUANITA MOUNTJOY**

2022 CLUB AWARD WINNERS



**CLUBWOMAN RUNNER UP
SHARON VAN INGEN**



**APPRECIATION AWARD
KELVIN ROGERS**



**DUNNY SEAT AWARD
GEOFF DAVEY**



**EDITORS AWARD
TYLER SMITH**

Club Man & Club Woman Award is awarded on a point system from participation within club events, attendance at meetings and trip report contributions to the club magazine.

Editors Award is given in appreciation of input into content for the club magazine.

Dunny Seat Award is awarded to the person who over the year received the most monthly fines awarded at general meetings.

Appreciation Award acknowledges significant individual contributions to the club which may otherwise not be formally recognized.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

27TH NOVEMBER 2022

WORDS: SHAZ VAN INGEN - PHOTOS: VARIOUS

What a fabulous day it was!

The weather gods blessed us with a beautiful day and everyone bought along their Christmas spirit.

We started with nibbles, lollies, drinks, and lots of conversations. It was wonderful to see the children outside playing together and parents getting into the play too.

BBQ was cooked to perfection by Menschy and Graeme and even the Pres operated the oven perfectly.

Soon Santa arrived on the back of Rob's Ute. The younger children were so excited and a little shy. The older ones appeared to be familiar with Santa but enjoyed his presence all the same. Each child received their gift and had a photo with Santa: then of course

the ladies had their turn with a photo with the jolly man.

After Santa returned to the North Pole, we all enjoyed desserts and ice-creams while watching the kids pay with their gifts. We continued to enjoy the sun and each other's company until the end of the day arrived.

Special thanks to Goodall Meats, the ladies and gents who



prepared wonderful salads and desserts, the shoppers, Menschy and Graeme for manning the BBQ and Geoff V for his special help.

Thanks also to those who helped set up and pack up.

Merry Christmas to all. Enjoy your time with family and friends.

Keep Safe,

Shaz



Merry Christmas



(DELAYED) TRACK CLEARING

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2022

WORDS: JOHN PROWSE - PHOTOS: VARIOUS

Big thanks for Danny and Kieth for organizing at quite short notice as the original dates were pushed back due to recent rain events in the Otways.

We met at the Moriac General Store around 8am, and soon headed off for a briefing with Parks Victoria at Deans Marsh. The main focus was on general safety precautions, the (now necessary) Working with Children Checks, and some extra precautions for Phytophthora (a plant fungal infection spread by entering bushland with soil contamination on footwear and vehicles).

We split into two teams to cover off different tracks. Keith, Mark and John headed straight to Five Mile Track. A good covering of leaf litter made the track quite grippy. There was some standing water, but not as much as expected.

A few small trees were encountered and were easily moved off the track. Soon a much more substantial tree and branches completely blocked the track.

Mark's chainsaw decided it no longer wanted to play however Keith's creative rigging allowed us

to winch the tree clear of the track. With some (choice) words of encouragement from Keith, the chainsaw sprang back to life and we cleared the remainder of the track easily.

A short drive along the Great Ocean Road took us to Big Hill Track, this was more of the same. Mark's chainsaw, while temperamental, kept going.

The promised afternoon change was starting to pick up and the rain started to come down. We met up with Danny & Ken for a lunch stop at the top of Gentle Annie Track, and the rain had



really set in. Luckily, Keith's new awning saved us from wet pies. The local mozzies were definitely celebrating having a new food source as well!

Next was Moggs Creek Track. A large tree was down in the middle of a now slippery clay hill. An attempt to drive around left John sliding most of the way down.

Some issues with chainsaws not starting again (cough cough ... petrol) and another getting well and truly wedged provided the final bit of excitement for the day. The remainder was a drive along the Great Ocean Road where some remediation work for landslides was in progress, and a nice relaxing drive along Sharps track (a gravel road) with just an occasional branch to move off.

Thanks for a great day out on the tracks - I'm looking forward to doing it all again next year.

John



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