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



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GENERAL MEETING

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

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COMMITTEE MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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OLD DADSWELL TOWN SOCIAL WEEKEND

MARCH

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GENERAL MEETING

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

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PORTLAND DUNE BUGGY CLUB DATE / TRIP TBC

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COMMITTEE MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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

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COMMITTEE MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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.

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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 to all and Happy New Year!

This year is already looking good with quite a few trips and events planned and a number of others in the pipeline. The first, being the Australia Day trip to Mt Pinnibar will have already been held at publication of the magazine.

We are now in our 50th Year since the Club was formed in 1973 by Werner Brocks and a small group of inaugural members. The Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Geelong Yacht Club on 6th May and promises to be a great event. Tickets are available online as advertised in the Magazine and Facebook.

The Moonambel Muster should also be a big event in our 50th year. We have already had increasing interest to lead trips by members who have not done so previously, so feel free to "dip our toes in the water" if you have an idea; the Committee is always there to help.

Let's make it our best year ever!

See you on the tracks,
Geoff

A handwritten signature of Geoff Davey in black ink.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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| Meeting | General Meeting |
| Location | Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve |
| Date | Wednesday 15th December 2022. 6.30 pm BBQ prior to 7.30pm Meeting. |
| Chair | Geoff Davey |
| Minutes taken by | Geoff Davey |

| Agenda | |
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| Meeting opened at | 7.31 pm |
| Welcome to everyone present | |
| New members | Bob Wells |
| Visitors | Col Hatton, Michael Stanfield |
| Present | Michael Barry, Trevor Brocks, Werner Brocks, Geoff Davey, John Goodall, Jimmy Halikias, Bob Wells, Graeme Jeffrey, Ken Mellross, Daniel Murdoch, Jenny Carpenter, Keith Murdoch, Tim Neville, John Prowse, Kelvin Rogers, Danny Sparks-Cousins |
| Apologies | Sharon and Geoff Van Ingen, Mark Mensch, Juanita Mountjoy, Mathew Mountjoy, Beth Rogers, Ron Bastin, Sheryl Tedford, Warren Tedford, Mark Rothon, Allison Fleming, Geoff Connors |

| Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes | |
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| Moved | Kelvin Rogers |
| Seconded | Graeme Jeffrey |
| Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 50 Year Anniversary—promote and update Merchandise—update / availability. Promote ticket purchasing online. Public website (Facebook) online so others can be tagged. Saturday evening 6th May 2023 2. Moonambel – update Merchandise—update / availability 3. Christmas Party Report Relocated to the Clubrooms on Sunday. Good attendance. Keep this format for next year. |

| Correspondence | |
|----------------|---|
| In | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) FWDV November eNews b) Cleaning Invoice c) FWDV Projects—Volunteer hours d) FWDV Projects—Volunteer surveying for DELWP e) VCGLR Liquor license renewal invoice |
| Out | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Driveline Magazine |

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Treasurer's Report

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| Presented By: Moved: Seconded: | No report |
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Regular Reports

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| Association Rep | Nothing to report |
| Regional Rep | Sharps campground near Lorne has been closed |
| Trip Co-Ordinator | <p>Trips Out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track Clearing - 19th November – Danny Sparks-Cousins organised. • Christmas Party - 27th November 2022. Clubrooms. • Anglesea Day Trip - 10th December 2022. Andrew & Holly Smith organised. <p>Upcoming Trips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia Day Weekend - 25th – 29th January 2023. Mt Pinnibar & Davies Plain. Geoff Davey organising. • Dadswell Town Social Weekend - 24th – 25th Feb 2023. Van Ingen's organising. • March Long Weekend - TBC Portland Dune Buggy weekend. Mountjoys organising. • Beachport Trip - Easter. Mountjoys organising. • Border Track - Easter. Graeme Jeffrey organising. • Club 50th Anniversary - Saturday 6th May, 2023. • Moonambel Muster - Fri 9th - Mon 12th June 2023. • Tassie Tour - 17th September - 12th October, 2023. Mounjoys organising. |
| Editor | Sponsors have all renewed |
| Webmaster | Facebook public page and bookings system launched for club 50th |
| Social | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dadswell Town Social Weekend - 24th – 25th Feb 2023 Geoff Van Ingen planning. • Trots Night - Later in the year • Avalon Speedway - TBA |
| Fines | Geoff Davey x 6, Jimmy, Tim, John Prowse |
| Pist 'n' Broke | Geoff Davey |
| Members Draw | Not held |

New Business

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| Other Business | Nil |
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| Meeting closed at | 8.03 pm |
| Next General Meeting | Wednesday 8th February 2023 @ Clubrooms from 7.30pm. BBQ at 6.30pm |

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 8th February 2023

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| | Club 50th Anniversary |
| | Moonambel Update |
| | Resignation of our cleaner Alana Murray |
| | COGG review of Clubrooms lease |

PIST'N BROKE DECEMBER 2022



GEOFF DAVEY



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.

Fun common room with loads to amuse. BBQ facilities, sight seeing, 4WDing & lots of relaxing. Two night minimum. \$150 for two people per night - Extra adults \$20 per night, children \$10 per night

Contact Shaz for more information.



LABOUR DAY WEEKEND @ PORTLAND BUGGY CLUB

Date: Saturday 11th to Monday 13th March 2023 (TBC)

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

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

Note: DATE & TRIP TBC. Portland Dune Buggy weekend—more information to come.

Must haves: Basic recovery gear, rated recovery points front and back, long handle shovel, recovery tracks.



EASTER @ BEACHPORT

Date: Friday 7th to Monday 10th 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.

Must haves: Basic recovery gear, rated recovery points front and back, long handle shovel, recovery tracks.



BORDER TRACK

Date: Friday 7th to Tuesday 11th April 2023

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

Trip Classification: Medium | **Vehicle Limit:** 7

Note: Traveller trip, leaving Batesford Roadhouse 9AM Good Friday, return Tuesday - option for exit Monday if need to. Plenty of sand driving including Big Dune & Border Track, entrance fee \$12.50 for SA Parks.

Must haves: Standard recovery gear, rated recovery points, recovery Tracks & sand flag.





UPCOMING TRIPS

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!

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MOONAMBEL MUSTER

Date: 9th - 12th June 2023 (King's 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: 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.





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ANGLESEA TO MOGGS CREEK DAY TRIP

10TH DECEMBER 2022
WORDS & PHOTOS: ANDREW SMITH



The day started with everyone meeting at the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie in Anglesea, getting a coffee and some chocolates for Christmas presents before airing down a little to make the bumps a bit easier on us old blokes.

The weather gods were kind to us and put on a cracking day for everyone to enjoy. We started the day with Ixodia Track and Firebreak Track over Scrubby Hill and back towards the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie.

Heading in deeper to the bush on Dusty Miller Track we stopped to look at the top of Alcoa Powerline Track that was once ungated.

We headed on down Shiney Eye Track which was a pleasant rutted downhill track on the recce run the week before, but had been graded during the week and was turned into a highway. We then made our way back along Powerline Track and had a quick break with some home made biscuits made by Hollie.

After Smoko we took Alcoa Boundary Track, Shiney Eye Track onto Allardyce Track. A quick loop on Cecil Track brought us back onto Allardyce Track which we ran back the opposite direction.

Peregrine Track was taken to Bald Hill Road then heading onto Bald Hills Lookout we stopped for lunch. Andrew and president Geoff cooked a BBQ of snags and burgers whilst we all took in the views of Anglesea and surrounds.



After lunch we headed towards Moggs Creek via Whites Track. A few bog holes and a quick uphill bit of Moggs Creek Track let us take in the views over Moggs Creek and towards Lorne and beyond. We then turned around back down the Moggs Creek Track hill back to the Great Ocean Road to Aireys Inlet where we aired up for our trip back home via Anglesea.

Thanks to everyone who attended the day and Geoff for helping cook lunch, Hollie for baking cookies and Keith Murdoch for Tail End Charlie.

Cheers, Andrew Smith



Trip Participants:

- Andrew and Hollie Smith
- Geoff Davey with Adrian
- Geoff Connors
- Ken Melross
- Paul and Heather Oberli
- John Prowse
- Mark Rothan
- Davis Bolton
- Keith Murdoch –Tail End Charlie





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AUSTRALIA DAY TO MT PINNIBAR

25TH--29TH JANUARY 2023

WORDS: GEOFF DAVEY

PHOTOS: GEOFF DAVEY, MARK ROTHON & TIM NEVILLE

Wednesday morning we met at the Melbourne Road BP and set off towards Melbourne only to hit a major traffic jam prior to the Ring Road. There were reports of a one hour delay so we diverted

onto the Ring Road and dropped back into Melbourne via the Calder Highway and over the Bolte Bridge. From there it was on to Rosedale for lunch, Bairnsdale for fuel then up the Alpine Road

where we followed the Tambo River towards Ensay.

After a deviation to collect firewood we arrived at the Ensay Recreation Reserve which is



becoming a bit of a favourite stopover. There is cover in case it rains, a fire pit and most importantly, hot showers; all at the princely fee of \$5 a night. After setting up camp we became aware that the Little River Inn just up the road was open for meals that night. Michael Barry was kind enough to act as the designated driver for the night, after all it was the first night and a little overtraining was "a possibility".

The Little River Inn was a winner! It's a fantastic country pub with friendly staff, a classic old dining room and some outdoor seating which was also enjoyed on the warm evening. The pub is not always open so we were lucky to catch it on the right day. It is well worth a return visit. After a wholesome country cooked meal and a bit of a chat with the locals it was back to camp to for a night around the campfire and music courtesy of Jim.

Thursday it was north through Swifts Creek and then onto the Nunniong Plains via Garron Point Track. From there it was into the Alpine National Park via Native Cat Track and Limestone Creek Track. We made camp near the headwaters of the Murray River at The Poplars Campground. The toilet block there had been burned in the 2020 fires but Colin saved the day by setting up a salubrious bush dunny for the group.

Friday started with a long climb up McCarthy's Track to the intersection of the Davies Plain Track. The original plan was to drive Davies Plain, but the middle section was closed due to damage during the spring storms. We explored the track for about



10 km, passing through Charlies Creek Campground and stopping for morning tea in an open area above 1700m where there were magnificent views of the ranges and Mount Pinnibar in the distance.

After returning down Davies Plain Track we continued on Buckwong Track, stopping at Buckwong Hut for a group picture, then to lunch at Buenba Flat Campground. From there the Tom Groggin Track led to the Murray River and on to the Tom Groggin Campground. The river was relatively low and no problem to cross. It was a warm day and an early arrival to camp allowed plenty of time for a swim in the river. Some were low on fuel and took the opportunity to drive up to the Thredbo Village some 20km away to refuel. Thredbo was packed with tourists on the long weekend to the extent that it was difficult to find a carpark. After some firewood collection on the way back and another swim in the river we all settled into another social evening around the campfire.

Saturday was forecast to be hot so we decided to stay a second night at Tom Groggin and a swim after a drive. We set off up Mt Pinnibar Track which was open but reported to be in poor condition in places after the recent rain. Most of the track was OK but it was deeply rutted at the steepest section, nevertheless, everyone was able to drive it without incident. It's a long climb out from the river to the summit at 1772m with a total altitude gain of some 1200m. There are fantastic views of the summit.

From Mt Pinnibar we descended



Shady Creek Upper Track which is steep with loose rock. Along the way a telltale patch of oil on the track was followed by an 80 Series Landcruiser with a broken front left wheel assembly and tethered to a tree. The ascent of the track would have been more challenging than the descent. We continued for a brief look at the newly constructed Wheelers Creek Hut (which had been burned in the fires) and on to Gibsons Hut for lunch. Gibsons Hut was also burned and has recently been rebuilt. After lunch we completed a loop back to Shady Creek Upper Track, then back over Mt Pinnibar to camp for a swim.

Sunday there were a few drops of rain while we packed but fortunately it was essentially a dry pack up as it rained most of the way down the Hume Highway on the way home.

Thanks to a great bunch of people for a most enjoyable and social trip.

Geoff



Trip Participants:

- Geoff Davey and Peter Searle (Trip Leaders)
- Mark Rothern
- Michael Barry
- Ross Barry (Visitor)
- Colin Hatton (Visitor)
- Jimmy Halikias and Tim Neville
- Graeme Jeffreys (Tail End Charlie)

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