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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.

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 to all,

It's good to see a full calendar of upcoming trips and social events. Thanks to Geoff and Sharon Van Ingen for leading their first trip to Old Dadswell Town. This was one with a difference and thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

The 50 year celebration dinner is only 2 months away. Ticket sales are strong and the early bird discount has ended, but tickets are still heavily subsidised by the club so get yours while you still can. It's a historic once in a lifetime chance not to be missed.

Plans for Moonambel are well under way. This too will be a big event in our 50th year as a Club so mark it in your diaries.

Club clothing orders for both the 50th Anniversary and Moonambel Muster will shortly be available though the Hip Pocket Geelong website
geelong.hippocketworkwear.com.au More information on this soon.

See you on the tracks,
Geoff

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve
Date	Wednesday 8th February 2023
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Sharon Van Ingen

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.33 pm
Welcome to everyone present	
New members	
Visitors	David Bolton
Present	Dirk Agenbag, Michael Barry, Darcy Brocks, Justin Brocks, Levi Brocks, Trevor Brocks, Werner Brocks, Geoffrey Connors, Jake Cook, Geoff Davey, David Dixon, Alison Fleming, Graeme Jeffrey, Ken Mellross, Mark Mensch, Daniel Murdoch, Keith Murdoch, Rick Neville, Tim Neville, Paul Oberli, Mark Rothon, Sharon and Geoff Van Ingen, Bob Wells.
Apologies	John and Karen Goodall, Byron Willey, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Kelvin Rogers, Matthew Mountjoy, John Prowse, Peter Searle, Jimmy Halikias

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes	
Moved	Keith Murdoch
Seconded	Ken Mellross
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 50 Year Anniversary—promote and update Saturday evening 6th May 2023 The website is now open. Danny will email flyer for ticket purchase. Members were asked to spread the word to current and previous members. Clothing will soon be available through the Hip Pocket website. Items available are shirts, polo's, T/Shirts, Hoodies and caps. Insulated tumblers and cups are available at \$35 each. These can be purchased through the club. Moonambel – update Geoff has notified and invited other clubs. Geoff will be following up with these clubs via email. Clothing colour for this year will be the original Club green with the usual logo and the 50 year logo added. Items that will be available are hoodies, t/shirts and shirts. Beanies will also be available.

Correspondence	
In	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> FWDV December eNews Cleaning Invoice Michelle Anstee – Surf Coast Area Ranger – Sharps Campground Closure FWDV Projects – Surveying for DELWP Adroit Emma Kenny – Business Insurance Renewal FWDV – Tax Invoice Templates FWDV – Trackwatch articles needed FWDV – Projects and Events Calendar FWDV – Jan Enews Alana Murray (Cleaner) - Resignation FWDV – Trackwatch Magazine Emily Lewis – COGG – Document Requests for Tenure Agreement Renewal WWCC – Warren Tedford Off-Road Lands 4WD Tours – Letter and Flyer Nick ? – Looking for a Toyota Landcruiser 79 series single cab.
Out	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Driveline Magazine

Treasurer's Report

Presented By:	Juanita Mountjoy
Moved:	Daniel Murdoch
Seconded:	Keith Murdoch

Regular Reports

Association Rep	Nothing to report
Regional Rep	Nothing to report
Trip Co-Ordinator	Trips Out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australia Day Weekend - 25th – 29th January 2023. Mt Pinnibar & Davies Plain. Geoff Davey trip leader. Upcoming Trips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dadswell Town Social Weekend - 24th – 25th Feb 2023. Van Ingen's organising. Anglesea Afternoon - March 4, 2023. Andrew Smith Leading High Country King Hut - March 10-13, 2023. Mark Mensch Leading Sprint Car Social Event - March 25, 2023. Keith Murdoch Organising Beachport Trip - Easter. Mountjoys organising. Border Track - Easter. Graeme Jeffrey organising. Big Desert - April 14-17. Andrew Smith leading. 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	Nothing to report
Webmaster	Website and Facebook page up and running for ticket purchase. Tickets \$20 (early bird price).
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dadswell Town Social Weekend Avalon Speedway Sprint Cars
Fines	Geoff Van Ingen x 1, Sharon Van Ingen x 1, Mark Rothon x 3, Geoff Davey x 3, Tim Neville x 3, Jimmy Halikias x 2, Levi Brocks x 1
Pist 'n' Broke	Mark Rothon
Members Draw	Mark Mensch

New Business

Other Business	Current Cleaner has resigned. Geoff asked members to contact the club if they knew anyone that might be interested. Justin Brocks to follow this up. Flowers and card to be sent to Alana for her many years of service.
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Meeting closed at	8.16 pm
Next General Meeting	Wednesday 8th March 2023 @ Clubrooms from 7.30pm. BBQ at 6.30pm

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 8th March 2023

	Club 50th Anniversary
	Moonambel Update

PIST'N BROKE

FEBRUARY 2023



MARK ROTHON



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TICKETS ARE STILL SUBSIDISED
BY THE CLUB AND ONLY \$30.



UPCOMING TRIPS

LABOUR DAY WEEKEND @ GLENPATRICK RESERVE

Date: Friday 10th to Monday 13th March 2023

Trip Leader: Mark Mensch | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

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

Note: Travel to the Glenpatrick Reserve Friday but anyone wishing to come later can meet us there. Good grassy camp with toilets and plenty of wood in the area for an evening campfire.



We will base camp with day trips. Suitable for campers and caravans if desired. Explore the southern sections of the Pyrenees Ranges as a “reccy run” for Moonambel. Join the very experienced Menschinator on his first dabble as trip leader. Contact Mark for more info 0414 821 916.

Must haves: Basic recovery gear, rated recovery points front and back.

SPRINTCARS SOCIAL NIGHT

Date: Saturday 25th March 2023

Organiser: Juanita Mountjoy

Note: Come along for a fun night at Avalon Raceway - 210 Old Melbourne Road, Lara.



Usual cost is \$30 per adult (children \$5-\$10), however, thanks to support from Avalon Raceway and Geelong 4WD Club entry is only \$20 per adult! To get these prices we need a minimum of 20 adults to attend (16+), otherwise the price will be \$25 per adult.

Bring a blanket, a chair and some snacks ready for a fun filled, action packed night. We will set up near turn 2 to see all the action. Avalon Raceway has a licensed area for adult refreshments and a few food options.

Contact Juanita for more info 0467 809 040.

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.

Contact Juanita for more info 0467 809 040.



EASTER BIG DESERT TRIP

Date: Friday 7th to Tuesday 11th April 2023

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

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

Note: Leaving Batesford Roadhouse 9AM Good Friday, return Tuesday - option for exit Monday if need to. Base camping at Big Billy Bore. Plenty of sand driving including Big Dune & Border Track, entrance fee \$12.50 for SA Parks. Contact Graeme for more details 0407 371 808.

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



WEEKEND IN THE DESERT

Date: Friday 14th to Monday 17th April 2023

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

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

Note: Base camping at Big Billy Bore or Stockmans Camp depending on how busy they are.

Saturday night group BBQ and bring a salad or dessert to share around the campfire. Will do Milmed Rock Track in a loop one day and Big Dune another for a play and loop back to camp. Contact Andrew for more details 0418 503 043.

Must haves: Basic recovery gear, front & rear recovery points, bring a shovel and Maxtrax and a sand flag if you already have them.



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 NOW!**

Purchase tickets at trybooking.com/CENFK



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

UPCOMING TRIPS

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.

If you're interested in leading a trip (even if you have never led a trip before) this is the perfect opportunity. Anything from easy to extreme can be catered for. Get in touch with Tim on 0478 065 716 if you are keen.



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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Moonambel Muster



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4TH MARCH 2023

WORDS: ANDREW SMITH--PHOTOS: TYLER SMITH & GEOFF DAVEY

The day started with everyone meeting at the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie in Anglesea, getting a coffee, chocolates and ice cream for the little kids (aka Menchy and The Pres!). We ended up with an awesome

turnout of 11 vehicles in the convoy, and a good mix of long time and newer members. It was a cracking day weather wise for us all to enjoy, and with the sun shining we took the opportunity to air down while

waiting for everyone to arrive - to make the bumps a bit easier on us old blokes, and the vehicles. We started the day with a quick loop around Ixodia Track, Firebreak Track and over Scrubby Hill before heading back towards



the Great Ocean Road
Chocolaterie.

Heading in deeper to the bush
we weaved around the Anglesea
Transfer Station and a little hill
climb then onto Dusty Miller
Track and into the Anglesea
Heath.

We headed on down Shiny Eye
Track, and tackled Alcoa
Powerline Track in both
directions. Next was Alcoa
Boundary Track and onto
Allardyce Track. Allardyce track
has a few good rutted hills and
deep holes – no problem in the
dry, but it'd be challenging in the
wet.

We all took a quick rest stop at
the end of Allardyce track to
rehydrate and have a bit of a
chat before turning around and
tackling Allardyce back in the
returning direction. This gave
everyone the opportunity for
have a play in some well placed
deep holes and test out their
lockers and traction control, and
even a few wheels in the air.

Starting to head towards Aireys
Inlet, we headed down Peregrine



Track and onto Bald Hill Road. We had an option to head straight to Aireys Inlet for our BBQ, or have some more fun on one last track.

The (almost) unanimous decision was to tackle one more track – so onto Denham Track it was. Even though it was fairly dusty, everyone enjoyed the few hill climbs and descents on this track.

Finishing off the day we cruised down to Aireys Inlet where Andrew cooked a BBQ for dinner and the group relaxed and watched the sun go down over the hills, with some interest from the locals as to what was for dinner!

Thanks to everyone that came along and Keith Murdoch for tail end duties.

Cheers,

Andrew



DADSWELL BRIDGE SOCIAL WEEKEND

24TH--26TH FEBRUARY 2023

WORDS: SHARON VAN INGEN

PHOTOS: SHARON VAN INGEN & GEOFF DAVEY

Old Dadswell Town did not disappoint. We had a great time!

The interest for this event was disappointing, however those who did attend would like this tip to be offered again.

We arrived Friday night with the temperature at 34 degrees. Geoff Davey had a mishap on the way up with a tyre shredding and needing replacing. He and Kaye had dinner in Horsham while the Mountjoy's and Van Ingen's had

dinner in Beaufort on their way up.

We arrived to cabins ready and aircons on for our comfort. Once settled we had drinks outside of the Bordello where Geoff and



Kaye were staying. The Van Ingen's stayed in the Barber Shop while the Mountjoy's accommodation was the Cobb & Co. The cabins are decked out in the theme of the shop. There is so much to explore you find new things every day.

Saturday morning was much cooler with some rain. We took our time starting our day and had a wander around the town seeing all the fun things the proprietors have put together for their guests amusement.

Once ready we head into Halls Gap for a look around the shops. Some hotdogs, milkshakes and ice creams may or may not have been consumed. After looking around Halls Gap we went to see the rain on the Elephant Hide. This is usually viewed from Venus Baths but due to the rain we decided to view from the lookouts.

Next was lunch at the beautiful Pomanel Estate winery where we ate delicious food and sampled some wine and cider paddles. A warmer day may have seen us stay way too long.

We headed back to Old Dadswell Town where some explored, rested or enjoyed the stories of Max the proprietor. He is an absolute card and enjoys telling a tale or two.

Max and his wife Jenny joined us for a fire, BBQ and drinks in The Town Hall. We had many laughs and were quite amused by Max's many inventions. Some of us showed our competitive streaks on quoits and the ring and hook game. Matthew and Kaye came out the winners.



Sunday morning after packing up and saying our goodbyes to Max and Jenny we went for breakfast at The Big Koala. The cooking staff did their best to arrange the food, so it looked like a koala. Matthew managed to eat a whole head!

After some photos and goodbyes, we all headed home. Old Dadswell Town was fun and interesting, there was much to see and do and it was made more fun by the great company. Thanks to those who attended for the great laughs.

Keep an eye out. This event will be offered again.

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