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MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS are held at the clubrooms on If you have any trips or events you want to include please send the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm. an email to the Trip Co-Ordinator two weeks before the next General Meeting. Abe Wood Reserve, Edgerton Rd, Lovely Banks Visitors and new members welcome. During daylight savings a BBQ precedes the meeting at 6.30 pm. If you have any trip reports (past or present) please send them through to the Editor for inclusion in the magazine. For more information email: info@geelong4wdclub.org.au **Postal Address:** Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club For further info about upcoming Club Trips check the website: PO Box 976 www.geelong4wdclub.org.au Geelong Vic 3220

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THE PRES SAYS

G'day to all,

There continues to be plenty of activity on the trips and social calendar. Some of the attendances could have been better but maybe it's because there has been a lot on. Probably not a bad problem to have?

Our next big event is the big 50 year reunion diner on the 6th May at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club. Come along and hear about the history of the Club, meet old members and new, check out some old photos, newsletters and grab some commemorative memorabilia.

Already there have been about 80 tickets sold but I am aware that some who intend to come "have not quite got around to it yet". There are 4 weeks to go, so get to it and purchase yours now! It promises to be a great event, so don't miss out.

Let's see if we can get 100 people for the 50th!

Also don't forget to get organized for Moonambel (*AKA Tim's Big Moonambel Extravaganza*). This too promises to be a big one in our 50th year.

See you on the tracks, Geoff



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INFORMATION ON THE ANNUAL CLUB EVENT OR MUSTER (TAKEN FROM CLUB BY-LAWS)

The muster is held over the June Queen's Birthday weekend starting from Friday evening. The Club runs this annual event to enable all members to catch up at one place with members of this great club.

Activities over the weekend for both young and young at heart are usually:

- Raffle with amazing prizes. Drawn on Sunday night. Raffle tickets are only available at the event to purchase.
- Campfires to keep warm and socialise.
- Saturday night we endeavour to have a communal meal that everyone can enjoy.
- Musical entertainment to sing and dance the night away.
- Sunday night. The raffle.
- And of course, 4x4 day trips Friday night through to Sunday that caters for all levels of experience.

Camping is on site with has toilet and shower facilities. The camp sites have very easy access for all types of camping so no problems with vans campers etc. A limited number of powered sites with some restrictions on power consumption are available so first in best dressed, otherwise there are unlimited non powered sites

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

Agenda		
Meeting opened at	7.33 pm	
Welcome to everyone present	Last BBQ as daylight saving is ending.	
New members		
Visitors	Paul Copeland, Dwayne Henley, Scott Latham, Joel Brincat.	
Present	Richard Brown, Geoffrey Connors, Jake Cook, Geoff Davey, John Goodall, Jimmy Halikias, Justin Brocks, Graeme Jeffrey, Ken Mellross, Mark Mensch, Daniel Murdoch, Tim Neville, Paul Oberli, Troy Oman, Kelvin Rogers, Jack and Alana Stratford, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Norm and Ada Spitty, Sharon Van Ingen, Bob Wells, John Prowse.	
Apologies	Geoff Van Ingen, Ron Bastin, Keith Murdoch, Rick Neville, Beth Rogers, Juanita and Matthew Mountjoy, Ryan Rhodes.	

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes			
Moved Seconded	Jake Cook Mark Mensch		
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	 50 Year Anniversary—promote and update Saturday evening 6th May 2023 Merchandise – Clothing is now available online through Hip Pocket. Danny will add links in the magazine, website and Facebook. Ticket sales are going well with 57 tickets sold to date. Cups, mugs, belt buckles, ins and stubbie holders are now available for purchase and order. 		
	 Moonambel – update Merchandise – is now available online through Hip Pocket. Danny will add links to magazine, website, and Facebook. Plans are coming along nicely with 60—70 vehicles expected. There will be multiple trips out ranging from easy to extreme. 		

		Correspondence
In	a)	FWDV February eNews
	b)	Roger Brian email. Re: Trailer recovery
	c)	Hip Pocket emails Re: Merchandise
	d)	FWDV DEECA Proposed Road Closures 2023
Out	a)	Driveline Magazine
	b)	Flowers and appreciation letter to Alana Murray
	c)	Suzanne – Geelong Archers. Request Public Liability Certificate
	d)	Emily Lewis COGG Geelong Archers and Dance School Certificate of Currency
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Treasurer's Report		
Presented By: Moved:	No report	
Seconded:		

Regular Reports		
Association Rep	Nothing to report	
Regional Rep	Nothing to report	
Trip Co-Ordinator	 Trips Out Dadswell Town Social Weekend - 24th – 25th Feb 2023. Van Ingen's leading. Anglesea Afternoon - March 4, 2023. Andrew Smith leading. Upcoming Trips 	
	 Glenpatrick - 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	50th Anniversary being promoted. Danny requested members share and forward on to other members.	
Social	 Ideas / Requests Trots Night—Christmas in July. Sharon looking into. Pub Night—Mid to end of May. 	
Fines	Tim Neville x 1, Jim Halikias x 1, Peter Searle x 1, Mark Mensch x 1, Geoff Davey x 3	
Pist 'n' Broke	Geoff Davey	
Members Draw	Tim Neville	
New Business		
Other Business	Nil	
Meeting closed at	8.04 pm	
Next General Meeting	Wednesday 12th April 2023 @ Clubrooms from 7.30pm.	

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 12th April 2023	
	50 year anniversary
	Moonambel 2023
	Clubroom lease
	Clubroom cleaning
	Financial software
	Membership invoices





2023

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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.

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







UPCOMING TRIP

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! Please spread the word to all current and former members.

Doors open from 5:30pm, food from 7:00 til 9:00. Tickets on sale NOW! Purchase tickets at <u>trybooking.com/CENFK</u>

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!

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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MENSCHY'S GLENPATRICK WEEKEND

10TH---13TH MARCH 2023 WORDS: MARK MENSCH--PHOTOS: GEOFF DAVEY & TIM NEVILLE

We met at 9 am at Batesford there were only 3 of us Mark Mensch, Geoff Davey, John Prowse. After exchanging pleasantries we headed off to Glenpatrick.

On the way we went through the town of Elmhurst past the old pub where Geoff decided to go and talk to the ex publican on her veranda and found that after opening sporadically over the years she no longer opens and is very happy to be retired.

We continued on to set up camp and then decided to venture out for a short drive. We had a peek up North Glenpatrick Track and decided it was a tad too hard due to a large rock step so we detoured back up to Mt Avoca and supposedly the easier way down said rock step.

When I arrived at the step I thought maybe a spotter would be a good idea so my first thought was Dr Geoff— well after some direction and having 3.2 ton of Landcruiser balancing precariously on its left front



wheel with the right rear apparently waving 3 feet in the air, and the dust being sucked out of the drivers side seat cover we finally got my cruiser over this step.

With a sense of relief I became the spotter and navigated Geoff's battle truck down the correct line with barely a whimper. We decided to lower Johns car down with a winch extension strap with a technique learnt on a previous trip.

We returned to camp after collecting the required amount of firewood. On the Saturday after a leisurely breakfast we explored a few very interesting tracks in the Pyrenees I am supposed to list said tracks but just lets say we had a very nice drive on some interesting tracks that suitably challenged us.

Again we collected firewood and we waited for the rest of our party to arrive. The first of these was Daniel Murdoch. Later we welcomed Tim Neville and Jimmy Halikias apparently after some conversation with some fellow campers Tim is somewhat of a







YouTube celebrity so he ended up being the centre of attention for a while—who would have thought?!

Sunday we headed out of camp and heard a call on the UHF and found another club member Nick Jones was calling us we waited and it was good to see Nick so then we had 6 vehicles which was very pleasing. We headed over to Mauries Track with the intention of doing some track clearing.

After many hours of chainsawing many trees we decided to bail out and return to camp and clear the rest of the track at another time. At this time Nick departed and Tim and Jim soon after. On Monday the remaining 3 of us packed up and returned home at leisure.

In summary we had a very nice trip and enjoyable banter around the campfire. A very successful trip with the thought of some more track clearing before Moonambel.

Mark







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SPRINTCARS SOCIAL NIGHT

25th March 2023 Words & Photos: Juanita Mountjoy

A small group of us met last Saturday night for a social night at the sprint cars.

We snagged a spot near the first turn and settled in to watch the cars race. The atmosphere was great, especially as cars crashed into walls or each other.

The kids made a game of catching the flying mud that was constantly sprayed our way, while the adults tended to try and avoid the flying missiles.

As a first time sprint car audience member, I found the night to be great fun and I'm sure everyone else had a good time too.

Cheers,

Juanita







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