

DRIVELINE

MAY 2023



Geelong



Wheel
Drive
Club

TAKE THE LEAD WITH TJM GEELONG.



Find the latest 4x4, camping and touring equipment at TJM Geelong.

Whether you're headed for the secluded beachfront of Sandy Cape, the red dunes of the Simpson Desert or the rugged heights of the High Country, TJM Geelong have the range and expertise to get you ready for your next trip. So, come down to grab some gear, get your 4x4 equipped and chat to an adventure expert about your next vehicle build at TJM Geelong today.



4X4
FITOUTS



SUSPENSION &
GVM UPGRADES



COMMUNICATIONS
INSTALLATIONS



DUAL BATTERY
SYSTEM SETUPS






STORAGE
SOLUTIONS



PRE-TRIP
INSPECTIONS

27 Baldwin Ave, North Geelong VIC 3215 | Phone. 5277 1444

   TJM4x4 | www.tjm.com.au

TJM GEELONG



ON THE HORIZON

MAY

6
**CLUB 50TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

13 - 14
MOONAMBEL RECCY RUN

10
GENERAL MEETING
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

24
COMMITTEE MEETING
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

JUNE

9 - 12
MOONAMBEL MUSTER

14
GENERAL MEETING
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

24
PUB SOCIAL NIGHT
@ FYANSFORD HOTEL

28
COMMITTEE MEETING
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

JULY

12
GENERAL MEETING
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

26
COMMITTEE MEETING
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

22 - 23
SNOW TRIP 1

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

Postal Address: Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club
PO Box 976
Geelong Vic 3220

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

The opinions expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club and/or the Editor and any article tendered for publication will be at the discretion of the Committee.



18

IN THIS ISSUE

05

PRES SAYS

06

MOONAMBEL
MUSTER

08

MEETING MINUTES

10

PIST'N BROKE
AWARD

11

CLUB 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

13

UPCOMING TRIPS

18

BEACHPORT
EASTER TRIP

22

BIG DESERT &
BORDER TRACK



22

2022-23 COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT

Geoff Davey
president@geelong4wdclub.org.au

VICE PRESIDENT

Graeme Jeffrey
vice.president@geelong4wdclub.org.au

SECRETARY

Sharon Van Ingen
secretary@geelong4wdclub.org.au

TREASURER

Juanita Mountjoy
treasurer@geelong4wdclub.org.au

TRIP COORDINATOR

Tim Neville
trips@geelong4wdclub.org.au

EDITOR

Danny Sparks-Cousins
editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au

WEBMASTER

Danny Sparks-Cousins
webmaster@geelong4wdclub.org.au

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Mark Mensch
region.rep@geelong4wdclub.org.au

ORDINARY MEMBERS

Keith Murdoch
Kelvin Rogers
Geoff Van Ingen
Mark Mensch
Daniel Murdoch
Jimmy Halikias

Cover Photo: Geoff Davey



THE PRES SAYS

G'day to all,

Wow, the 6th May officially marks 50 years since the first general meeting of the Geelong 4 Wheel Drive Club! A fantastic achievement!

Congratulations to Werner Brocks and Les Crowe who shared the President's position in the first year and all of the inaugural members.

The commemorative dinner to mark the occasion is on Saturday 6th May and the Royal Geelong Yacht Club. This promises to be a great night with over 100 tickets sold! Werner, Les and many others will no doubt regale us with anecdotes from the rich history of the Club. I'm looking forward to hearing those and meeting some of the characters from the past.

Werner and Les never imagined the Club would still be going strong after 50 years!

This promises to be a terrific night, see you there.

Cheers,
Geoff

Geoff

Moonambel Musters

**BOOK
NOW**



GEELONG 4 WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

2 0 2 3

**OUR BIGGEST AND BEST YET - CLUB 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
FRIDAY 9TH TO MONDAY 12TH JUNE
MOONAMBEL RECREATION RESERVE**

**MONSTER RAFFLE
TRIPS EACH DAY**

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZE
GROUP CAMPFIRE**

CAMPING

CAMP SITE (UNPOWERED) \$15/NIGHT
CAMP SITE (POWERED) \$30/NIGHT

CLOTHING

| | |
|------------|------|
| TEE SHIRT | \$35 |
| POLO SHIRT | \$40 |
| HOODIE | \$60 |

ADDITIONAL FEES FOR NON CLUB MEMBERS

\$45 for the weekend if driving, \$15 for passengers (includes FWDV insurance)
No additional fees for members of clubs affiliated with Four Wheel Drive Victoria

*Registration and site bookings contact - Sharon Van Ingen
secretary@geelong4wdclub.org.au | 0422 993 415*

Clothing orders online through Hip Pocket - geelong.hippocketnetworkwear.com.au

Proudly supporting Geelong people and events for over 30 years



Photo Circa 1982

Now in 3 locations across Geelong, the Surfcoast and Bellarine.

KERR'S HIRE

North Geelong - Cnr Dunn & Edols St **Ph: 5278 6011**

Grovedale - 21 Essington St **Ph: 5245 7877**

Ocean Grove - 2 Smithton Gr **Ph: 5255 1344**

www.kerrshire.com.au



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS HAVE BEEN SENT

MEMBERSHIPS DUE BY 31/5/2023

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

| | |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| Meeting | General Meeting |
| Location | Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve |
| Date | Wednesday 12th April 2023 |
| Chair | Geoff Davey |
| Minutes taken by | Geoff Davey |

| Agenda | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Meeting opened at | 7.33 pm |
| Welcome to everyone present | |
| New members | Scott Latham, Colin Hatton, Joel Brincat, James Fitzpatrick |
| Visitors | Paul Copeland, (Dwayne Henley apology) |
| Present | Geoff Connors, Geoff Davey, Jimmy Halikias, Joel Brinkat, Graeme Jeffrey, Ken Mellross, Will Mountjoy, Daniel Murdoch, Jenny Carpenter, Keith Murdoch, Tim Neville, John Prowse, Mark Rothon, Danny Sparks- Cousins, Norm Spitty, Ada Spitty |
| Apologies | Sharon Van Ingen, Geoff Van Ingen, Juanita Mountjoy, Mathew Mountjoy, Kelvin Rogers, Beth Rogers, Mark Mensch, Jake Cook |

| Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes | |
|--|--|
| Moved Seconded | Ken Mellross Graeme Jeffrey |
| Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 50 year anniversary Clothing is available for purchase through the Hip Pocket website. Merchandise available – see flyer for pricing and system of sale Ticket Sales Update – 83 sold to date Flyer with information for clothing and merchandise purchase information is in Driveline Speaker/s on the night being organised Geoff and Graeme have confirmed arrangements with Yacht Club Moonambel 2023 Clubs have been updated with clothing information and asked for estimate of numbers attending. Clothing is available through the Hip Pocket website. Clubroom lease The COGG has the information they have requested. We are waiting on the final lease documents. It liiks like the cost will be no more than previously. Clubroom cleaning Vicki Dubbeldam has agreed to clean the clubrooms. 2 hrs / month. If no one has an old / spare vacuum cleaner, the club will need to purchase one. Financial software The Club needs to update its financial software. This is under review. Membership invoices to be issues soon |

Correspondence

| | |
|-----|--|
| In | a) FWDV March eNews b) FWDV re Seasonal Road Closures c) FWDV re Insurance Survey |
| Out | a) Driveline Magazine |

Treasurer's Report

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Presented By: Moved: Seconded: | No report |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|

Regular Reports

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Association Rep | FWDV has been invited to our 50 year dinner |
| Regional Rep | Regional Meeting in Bairnsdale 27-28 May 2023 |
| Trip Co-Ordinator | Trips Out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glenpatrick - March 10-13, 2023. Mark Mensch Sprint Car Social Event - March 25, 2023. Keith Murdoch & Juanita Beachport Trip - Easter. Mountjoys. Border Track - Easter. Graeme Jeffrey. Upcoming Trips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Desert - April 14-17. Andrew Smith leading. Club 50th Anniversary - Saturday 6th May, 2023. Moonambel Reccy Run - May 13 - 14. Tim Neville. Moonambel Muster - June 8 - 12. Club annual event. Tassie Tour - 17th September - 12th October, 2023. Mounjoys organising. Melbourne Cup weekend - TBA |
| Editor | Nothing to report |
| Webmaster | Nothing to report |
| Club Permit Scheme | Nothing to report |
| Social | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pub Night—Sharon to arrange |
| Fines | Mark Mensch x 4 |
| Pist 'n' Broke | Mark Mensch |
| Members Draw | Ken Mellross |

New Business

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Other Business | Nil |
| Meeting closed at | 8.11 pm |
| Next General Meeting | Wednesday 10th May 2023 @ Clubrooms from 7.30pm. |

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 10th May 2023

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| | 50 year anniversary |
| | Moonambel 2023 |
| | Membership renewals |
| | AGM 9th August |
| | |
| | |
| | |

PIST'N BROKE

APRIL 2023



MARK MENSCH



YEARS
1973-2023

celebration

Come celebrate 50 years
of the Geelong 4WD Club

SATURDAY 6TH MAY 2023
ROYAL GEELONG YACHT CLUB
DOORS OPEN FROM 5:30PM
FOOD FROM 7:00 TIL 9:00

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
PURCHASE TICKETS AT
[TRYBOOKING.COM/CENFK](https://trybooking.com/CENFK)
OR SCAN THE QR CODE



EARLYBIRD PRICING ENDED HOWEVER
TICKETS ARE STILL SUBSIDISED
BY THE CLUB AND ONLY \$30.

50TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORABILIA

ON SALE NOW

Get your commemorative memorabilia celebrating 50 years of the Geelong 4WD Club.

50th Anniversary commemorative club clothing is available direct from Hip Pocket Workwear Geelong. Follow the link and scroll down to 'Shop by Customer'

geelong.hippocketworkwear.com.au



BELT BUCKLE

Hand crafted brass belt buckle with commemorative 50th Anniversary club logo.

Approximate size 80mm x 55mm

\$65 Each



HAT PIN

Hand crafted brass belt buckle with commemorative 50th Anniversary club logo

Approximate size 30mm x 22mm

\$15 Each



STUBBIE HOLDER

Hand crafted leather stubby holder with commemorative 50th Anniversary club logo.

Fits standard size can or stubby.

\$35 Each

Order directly at club meetings from the Secretary - Sharon Van Ingen OR email secretary@geelong4wdclub.org.au listing the items you wish to purchase.

If you wish to pay electronically, please ETF to BSB: **033-226** ACC: **160294** and note **50MERCH** and your **SURNAME**. Collection after the Celebration Night.

All items will be available to order at the 50th Celebration Night.



SMALL MUGS

Small insulated cup with commemorative 50th Anniversary logo and club logo on reverse.

Approximate size 325ml

\$35 Each



LARGE MUGS

Large insulated cup with commemorative 50th Anniversary logo and club logo on reverse.

Approximate size 500ml

\$35 Each

GEELONG 4 WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

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 and spread the word.

Doors open from 5:30pm, food from 7:00 til 9:00. **Tickets on sale NOW!**

Purchase tickets at trybooking.com/CENFK



MOONAMBEL RECCY RUN

Date: 13th - 14th May 2023

Trip Leader: Tim Neville | **Tail End Charlie:** Various

Trip Classification: Medium | **Vehicle Limit:** N/A

Notes: Head up either Saturday morning or Friday night. Aim to go and open Morrie's track up Saturday first thing and then from there make our way to a creek we drove last time and clear a few more trees off this too. The Sunday is Mother's Day so will be heading home Sunday morning to do family things.

Get in touch with Tim on 0478 065 716 if you are keen.



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.

Book your site now - \$30/night powered, \$15/night unpowered.

Contact Sharon Van Ingen to book - secretary@geelong4wdclub.org.au

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.




SOCIAL NIGHT @ FYANSFORD HOTEL

Date: 24th June 2023

Notes: Come and join us at the Fyansford Hotel for dinner and a relaxing social night with friends. RSVP by 17th June to Sharon Van Ingen 0422 993 415, or check out the Facebook event page.





UPCOMING TRIPS

SNOW TRIP 1

Date: 22nd to 23rd July 2023

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

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

Note: We will be base camping at Jamieson Caravan Park. There are cabins on hold for the next two weeks. Please confirm your place on the trip before booking a cabin. We will run day trips both Saturday and Sunday, including a trip over Mt Skene. This trip is limited to 10 vehicles due to permit requirements.

Contact Juanita for more info 0467 809 040.



SNOW TRIP 2

Date: 11th to 13th August 2023

Trip Leader: Tim Neville | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

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

Note: Staying at the Jamieson caravan park as per normal. I have cabins on hold for two weeks. Please confirm position on trip with Tim before calling and booking a cabin under your name. Aiming for two permits this year so the limit on cars will be accommodation. Please note: Mud tires highly recommended or very very good quality all terrains, snorkels a must. Winches recommended as we will most likely need them. Plan is to cross Mt Skene, from there assess time and tackle some steep tracks to fill in the day.

Contact Tim for more info 0478 065 716.



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.



MOONAMBEL MUSTER APPAREL

ON SALE NOW

Moonambel Muster commemorative club clothing is available direct from Hip Pocket Workwear Geelong.

Follow the link and scroll down to 'Shop by Customer' and click on 'Moonambel Muster'

geelong.hippocketworkwear.com.au



TEE SHIRT

T-Shirt including Moonambel Muster logo and 50th Anniversary commemorative logo on front, with large Moonambel Muster logo on back.

S - 6XL



\$35 Each



POLO SHIRT

Polo Shirt including Moonambel Muster logo and 50th Anniversary commemorative logo on front, with large Moonambel Muster logo on back.

S - 6XL



\$40 Each



HOODIE

Classic fit Hoodie including Moonambel Muster logo and 50th Anniversary commemorative logo on front, with large Moonambel Muster logo on back.

S - 5XL



\$60 Each

BEANIE

Acrylic Beanie including Moonambel Muster wording. One size fits most.

\$15 Each



Workwear & Safety

GEELONG 4 WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

50TH ANNIVERSARY APPAREL

ON SALE NOW

50th Anniversary commemorative club clothing is available direct from Hip Pocket Workwear Geelong.

Follow the link and scroll down to 'Shop by Customer'

geelong.hippocketworkwear.com.au



TEE SHIRT

Super comfortable T-Shirt including club logo and 50th Anniversary commemorative logo. Designed with vertical side seams to minimise twist.
S - 6XL

\$35 Each



POLO SHIRT

Polo Shirt including club logo and 50th Anniversary commemorative logo. Comfortable and durable. Designed with JB's 3-button placket and set-in sleeves.
S - 8XL

\$40 Each



SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT

Short sleeve Shirt including club logo and 50th Anniversary commemorative logo. Tailored fit, stretch cotton roll sleeve, chambray trim lining, drop tail.
S - 3XL

\$70 Each



HOODIE

Classic fit Hoodie including club logo and 50th Anniversary commemorative logo. Polyester / cotton with cotton rich CVC fleece and front kangaroo pocket.
S - 5XL

\$60 Each

CAP

Brushed heavy cotton cap including club logo. One size fits most.

\$20 Each



Order online from





OUR SERVICES



CAMPING

We have a wide range of camping gear to ensure you can rest in comfort during your four-wheel drive adventure.



TOWING

Our towing gear is designed to cope with the demands of Australia's bush tracks and outback routes for boat, caravan or off-road camper trailers.



TYRES

At Geelong 4WD & Camping we are happy to discuss which tyre best suits your requirements and our service team can fit them for you.



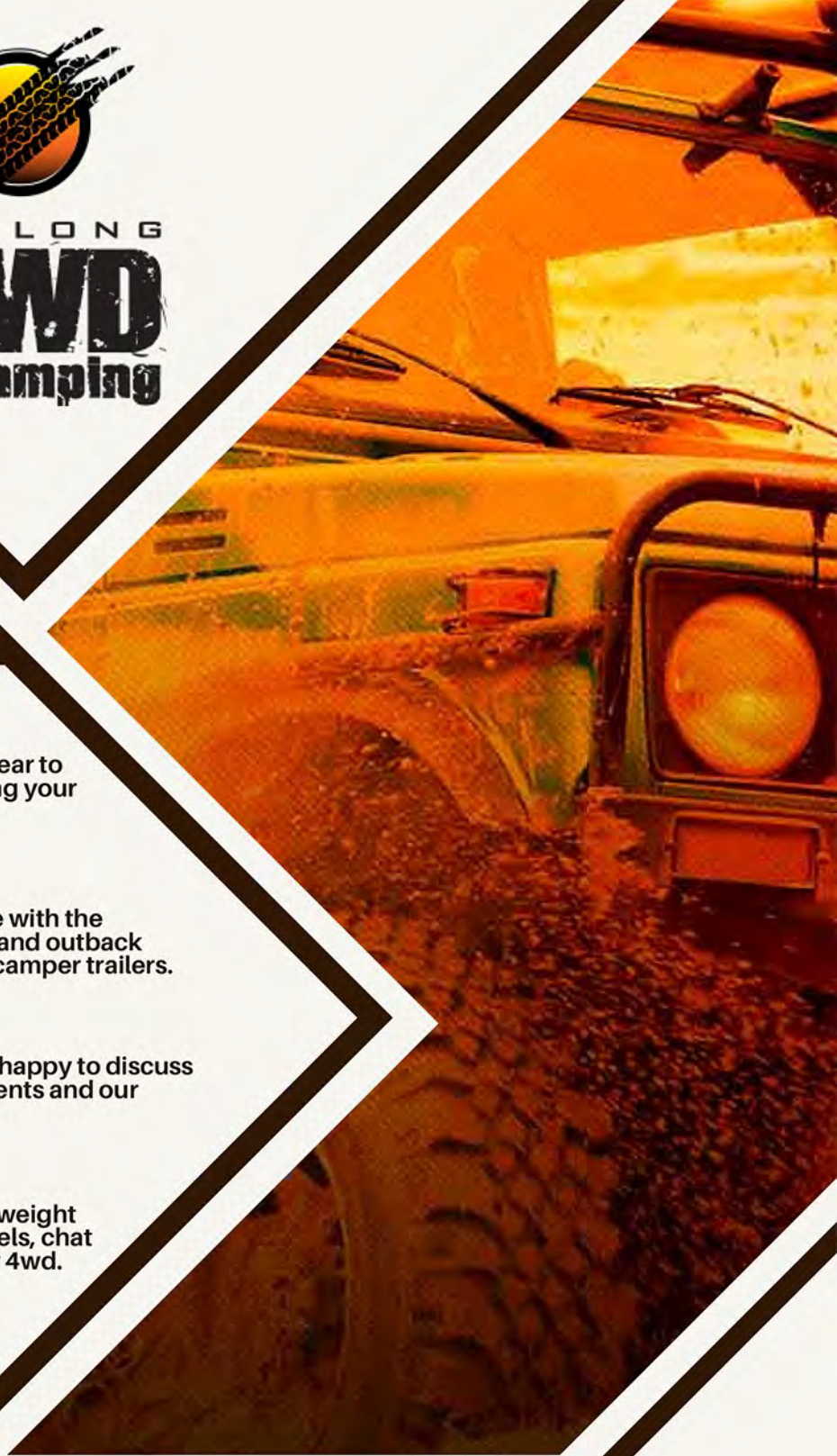
WHEELS

We have experience with both lightweight metal alloys & heavy duty steel wheels, chat with us to find the best type for your 4wd.



SERVICING

More than just retailers we also make sure your rig is in tip top shape before hitting the roads.



LEADING SUPPLIER OF 4WD ACCESSORIES
IN GEELONG AND DISTRICT

We ensure your vehicle is in tip-top shape so you can take to the roads and tracks of this wide brown land.

North Geelong
Belmont | Drysdale | Torquay



www.geelong4wd.com.au | www.tyrepowergeelong.com.au

EASTER @ BEACHPORT

7TH - 10TH APRIL 2023

WORDS & PHOTOS: REBECCA FITZPATRICK

Day 1: Friday 7th April – Beachport to Carpenters Rocks

Departing the caravan park at 9am, we entered the beach heading south towards the small beachside town of Southend.

The 20km beach drive between Beachport and Southend was firm and an easy run for all, except for Tim, our 16-year-old L plater who got bogged just before the exit into Southend. A great experience for him to learn what 'not' to do

and how to use a shovel and Maxtrax.

From Southend, we travelled through Lake Frome Conservation Park onto Carpenter Rocks. There had been significant rain the day before and the beaches between this stretch at times became a challenge.

About 15km from Carpenter Rocks, when realising we couldn't get any further along the beach, Matthew reversed to take an exit

off the beach got himself well and truly bogged. After struggling to get himself out, he called up James to help. We had all hands on deck digging and using the Maxtrax to try and manoeuvre him out. A camper in the dunes nearby came to help and winched Matthew out of the situation.

Tim Neville and crew were nearby, hearing us talking on the radios. Tim came down to the beach to lend a hand. We all turned around, headed back the



same way down the beach turning into the inland tracks and making our way inland to Carpenter Rocks.

We aired up at Carpenter Rocks and made our way back to camp via the main road.

Day 2: Saturday 8th April – Beachport to Robe

In the morning we wandered up the main street of Beachport and had a look around the Easter market. After indulging in a few treats, we left the caravan park at 11am enroute to Robe.

We drove through the Beachport Conservation Park driving both inland tracks and the beach. We spent some time before lunch having a play on the dunes in the Buggy Club area. The L & P players of the group also tried their luck at some of the hills. Geoff got himself bogged on a tricky corner trying to get off the beach. A bit of help from Rob & Daniel was needed to get him out.

We made our way through the Little Dip Conservation Park, taking the new bypass road



around the small fishing village of Nora Creina and on our way to Robe.

Once in Robe, we all went our separate ways. Some spending time looking around the town, others making their way back to Beachport.

Day 3: Sunday 9th April – Robe to Beachport

We essentially did day 2 in reverse. It was incredible how different the track was travelling the opposite direction. Leaving camp at 9am, we travelled by the main road to Robe. While letting down tyres, some took advantage of the waiting time and visited the Easter market directly across the road, stocking up on a few homemade sweets.

We took the bypass road around Nora Creina and entered the Little Dip Conservation Park. Rob was having trouble with the seal on his rear tyre so he took the opportunity to do a changeover whilst we stopped on the beach for a lunch break.

Driving both inland tracks and beach runs on our way back to



Beachport, we stopped at a very popular dune, joining a huge number of other vehicles, buggies and motorbikes all trying their luck at conquering the big hill.

Although a few of us could brag we made it up and over, unfortunately Steve & Donna's attempt at the dune didn't end well. Their gearbox locked up and couldn't get it out of reverse. After a bit of time trying to fix this, the call was made to tow Steve back to Beachport.

Matthew determined the easiest tracks to tow back to Beachport. James in his 200 series towed Steve & Donna through the Beachport Conservation Park and along the shores of Lake George back to camp.

After a long, but fun day, the group headed up to the Beachport Pub for a meal, beverage, and lots of laughs.

Many thanks to Matthew and Juanita for organising a wonderful trip.

James & Rebecca Fitzpatrick



EASTER BIG DESERT & BORDER TRACK

7TH - 11TH APRIL 2023

WORDS: GRAEME JEFFREY - PHOTOS: GEOFF DAVEY

Four members - Geoff Davey, Mark Mensch, Bob Wells, Graeme Jeffrey met at the Anakie General Store at 8.45 Good Friday to begin our trek to Big Desert State Park. The weather was very average and raining basically until Nhill before clearing.

After fuelling both cars and stomachs we headed on the last 100k to Big Billy Bore (BBB), ensuring sufficient fire wood was gathered on the way. Looking at campsites before BBB it appeared getting a camp would be easy,

however upon reaching BBB anything close to the site amenities were already taken.

After debating if we were too close to another camp we found a spot close to amenities for our small group. As the evening progressed many more parties drove in and out, having to camp elsewhere.

Friday night saw out the day beside a fire with smokeless wood, a few stories, good music with a couple of quiet beverages.

Saturday we headed off to Big Dune via Brushcutters and White Springs tracks (easy) before airing down further to tackle the four tracks on the front side of the dune. The three right tracks were driven successfully overall, however Bob and the 79 Series couldn't quite get there - which over a beer at camp thought was due to tyre pressure as Bob has successfully driven "Big Red" with the same set up.

Geoff had a crack at the far left track with its right / left switch in



very soft sand to no avail so we headed over the back to tackle the steepest track which also proved a bit much. Maybe lesser tyre pressures may have gotten us over too?

After taking the back track back to Big Dune front side for some lunch, and watching several others struggle to reach the top, we travelled Delisio track to another Dune on the edge of Murrayville Track that had two good tracks on it - for a bit more fun. From there we gathered enough firewood to see the evening through under a blanket of stars.

Sunday we headed off at 8.45 via Cactus Bore Track passing the remains of "Cactus Bore", which was sunk in 1929 for an old sheep outstation where the track climbs to a lookout with great views across the park.

We then followed Fire Break Track out to where it meets the Iconic Border Track for our 60k leg south. Being Easter there were several other 4WDers heading down (it is a one way



track for the most part) but travelling was good overall.

At a couple of the large dunes several drivers were stopped who were having trouble "getting over" - some being there a couple of hours, having lunch while working out their next option. After we did the left track first go then the "supposedly" non drivable right track also first go, we did hear that those other drivers decided airing down more was the best option and we did see many of them then succeed.

We had one recovery ourselves with Menschy bottoming out. After some help from a couple of young guys, and about an hour or so effort, we journeyed on to our exit onto Red Bluff Track with still some 30k back to camp. Gathering the necessary firewood along the way saw us arriving back about 5.45.

Monday Mark and Bob had to head off due to other commitments, so Geoff & I had a leisurely day exploring an area we hadn't been through much before. We detoured via



Cowangie, White Springs tracks to White Spring Lookout which we decided to leave for Andrew Smith's group that was coming up in a few days.

We travelled back to Murrayville Track via Ross's Bore and the other side of Fire Break before deciding we had time for a beer at the Murrayville Pub which was only 10k from where we exited the tracks. Whilst sitting in the sunshine enjoying our cold beer a close friend of Geoff's who he hadn't seen for some time walked across the street right in front of us, so that enabled a valued catch up for him.

Back at camp we enjoyed our last evening burning some spare firewood kindly left from already departed campers.

Great trip had by all & thanks to those who came along & made it so, highly recommend the area for anyone wanting to experience good sand driving with well set up base camp options.

Graeme Jeffrey Trip Leader.



Slide Kitchen

Camp complete



Freestanding design
with 15-second set-up


BULL BARS &
PROTECTION


ROOF
RACKS


CANOPIES &
UTE LIDS


SUSPENSION
UPGRADES


CAMPING
GEAR


DRIVING
LIGHTS


TOWING


DRAWERS &
STORAGE

ARB.COM.AU |   

ARB
4X4 ACCESSORIES