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



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AUGUST

9
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

11 - 13
SNOW TRIP 2

23
COMMITTEE MEETING
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

SEPTEMBER

13
GENERAL MEETING
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

17 SEP - 12 OCT
TASSIE TOUR

27
COMMITTEE MEETING
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

OCTOBER

11
GENERAL MEETING
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

25
COMMITTEE MEETING
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

28
CLUB AWARDS DINNER

28 - 29
TRACK CLEARING (TBC)

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,

Our next important event is our Annual General Meeting on 9th August. This is an important procedural event for the Club, but is also a good social evening. There will be Pizzas supplied by the Club from 6.30 pm followed by what should be a brief AGM at 7.30. There is no coercion to join the committee, so come along for a drink and a chat, even if you are a new member. It's a good opportunity to meet a few more people.

As I have said many times, our Club is what we all make it. The Committee has been in discussion about how we can better serve the membership with the aim of improving participation, enjoyment and foster the many benefits that a small communal Club such as ours can bring. We are aware that there are quite a few "silent" members in the Club who pay their membership each year but do not necessarily participate in many Club events. We are looking at ways to increase participation not only from this group, but from the entire membership.

To facilitate this we are looking for more input and ideas from all members to improve our collective enjoyment of the club. This could be a topic of conversation on the evening of the AGM.

Also, don't forget to pencil in the Presentation night for October 28th. This is another opportunity to get together.

See you at the AGM,
Geoff

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Geelong 4 Wheel Drive Club (Driveline Geelong Inc)

Wednesday 9th August 2023, 7:30pm

at the Clubrooms - Abe Wood Reserve

We hereby advise that the 2023 AGM will be held on Wednesday 9th August 2023 at the Abe Wood Reserve - corner of Edgerton & Evans Roads Lovely Banks, commencing at 7:30pm. The AGM to be followed by the monthly general meeting.

The AGM is an important procedural meeting for the ongoing functioning of the Club. All members are invited to attend.

- It is critical that we have a quorum of members.
- There will be no coercion to join the committee however anyone who might be interested in a position is encouraged to nominate or discuss the options with one of the existing committee members.

The agenda and associated documents will be posted separately, prior to the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF PROXIES

Members who cannot attend the meeting may appoint a proxy to represent them. Proxy forms will be sent with the agenda and are also available on the club website. Proxy notice must be received by the Secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve
Date	Wednesday 12th July 2023
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Sharon Van Ingen

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.32 pm
Welcome to everyone present	
New members	
Visitors	Jasmine Kotic, Riley Hendrickson, Fred Faull
Present	Dirk Agenbag, Michael Barry, Justin Brocks, Geoffrey Connors, Jake Cook, Geoff Davey, Corey Hale, Amelia Tomoras, Jimmy Halikias, Duane Henley, Graeme Jeffrey, Scott Latham, Ken Melross, Mark Mensch, Juanita and Matthew Mountjoy, Daniel Murdoch, Jenny Carpentier, Keith Murdoch, Kelvin Rogers, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Sharon and Geoff Van Ingen, Derek Wielands, Mark Rotham, Justin Brocks.
Apologies	Ron Baston, Beth Rogers, Tim Neville, Warren and Cheryl Tedford, Ryan Rhodes, Peter Searle.

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes	
Moved Seconded	Daniel Murdoch Keith Murdoch
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Membership Renewals - Reminder to members Non Members will be removed from Facebook page. AGM August 9th, 2023 All positions are vacant and available for nominations. Anyone wishing to contribute further to the Club by nominating for the Committee can speak to Geoff or any of the Committee members. Nomination of Danny Sparks-Cousins as Life Member Has been approved by committee and will be motioned at the AGM. FWDV Liaison Group President will keep members updated on progression.

Correspondence	
In	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> FWDV June eNews FWDV Western Liaison Group Agenda and Minutes Australia Post Statement
Out	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Driveline Magazine Membership Invoice Reminders

Treasurer's Report

Presented By:	Juanita Mountjoy
Moved:	Keith Murdoch
Seconded:	Danny Sparks-Cousins

Regular Reports

Association Rep	Western Liaison Group met in Ballarat on 28th June, 2023
Regional Rep	Otways Liaison Group Meeting 23rd August, 2023. Track Clearing arrangements.
Trip Co-Ordinator	Trips Out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pub Night - Fyansford Hotel June 24, 2023. 7pm. Upcoming Trips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snow Trip 1 - 21-23 July, 2023. Jamieson Caravan Park. Daniel Murdoch leading. AGM - 9th August 2023. Snow Trip 2 - 11-13 August, 2023. Jamieson Caravan Park. Tim Neville leading. Tassie Tour - 17th September - 12th October, 2023. Mountjoy's organising. Melbourne Cup weekend - November 3rd - 7th. High Country. Geoff Davey leading.
Editor	Danny thanked trip leaders for trip reports which contributed to a full magazine.
Webmaster	NTR
Club Permit Scheme	NTR
Social	AGM
Fines	No trips out
Pist 'n' Broke	No trips out
Members Draw	Michael Barry

New Business

Other Business	1. Credit Card facilities will be available onward from the Annual General Meeting. The facility can be used to pay fees, bar and Moonambel bookings.
Meeting closed at	7.49 pm
Next General Meeting	AGM & General Meeting Wednesday 9th August 2023 @ Clubrooms Pizza from 6.30pm, AGM from 7.30pm followed by General Meeting

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 9th August 2023

	Presentation night reminder
	Brainstorm ideas for club activities Types of trips - difficulty, touring, day trips, overnight, 3 day weekends, longer Social events Other
	General business



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 Jamison caravan park as per normal. Aiming for two permits this year so the limit on cars will be accommodation. 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

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! If you are interested in coming along, please contact Juanita directly on 0467 809 040.



CLUB AWARDS NIGHT DINNER

Date: Saturday 28th October

We're heading out for dinner at The Fyansford Hotel, and celebrating members who have won the various annual club awards. We'd love to see a huge turnout for this fun social night out.

Please register your interest on Facebook in the event page.

More info coming soon.



MELBOURNE CUP HIGH COUNTRY

Date: Friday 3rd to Tuesday 7th November 2023

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

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

Requirements: UHF radio, standard recovery gear, rated recovery points, good all terrains or better. Snorkel required as we will cross Crooked River. Winch preferred.

Note: Traveller trip. Friday night we will camp the Dargo Pub. Saturday to Billy Goat Track and the Pinnacles then camp on Wonnangatta River. Sunday along Crooked River, camp at Wonnangatta Homestead. Monday Zeka Spur Track and King Billy Track to Sheepyard Flat. Tuesday home. For more information contact Geoff on 0499 905 975.





PUB DINNER & CLUB AWARDS *Night*

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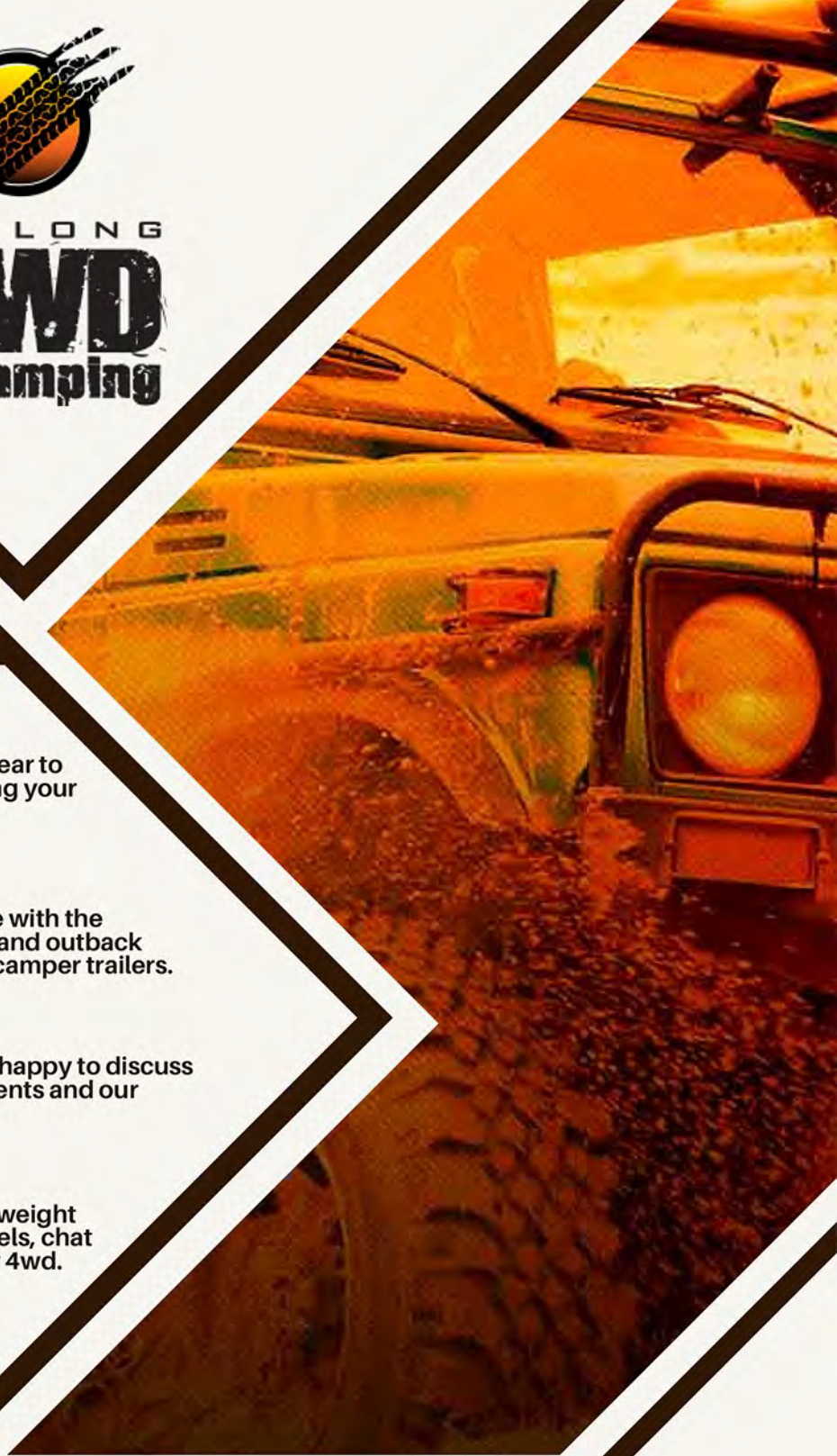
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SKENE SNOW TRIP

FRIDAY 21ST TO SUNDAY 23RD JULY 2023

WORDS: JENNY CARPENTIER

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FRIDAY - We had planned to meet up at 9am at the Little River BP to get the convoy together and make our way to Jamieson - but on the way Geoff lost a hose fitting, and Jimmy & Tim had a broken locker switch. This needed a stop in at Repco for Geoff plus a pitstop at Stedi for Tim to grab a replacement switch. What a great start!

From there we made quick progress onto the Hume and through to Mansfield via Yea. We stopped for a quick break at Yea to stretch the legs and get something to eat. We went straight back on the road making it to the Jamieson Brewery for some more nibbles, shopping and a quick drink.

After we refuelled our bodies, we checked into the Caravan Park and then headed off in search of some firewood. The firewood we collected wasn't the best, so the fire on the first night was terrible, but we all still sat around it enjoying the fresh air and company of each other.

SATURDAY - It was an early start today leaving at 8:30am. This was delayed by ten minutes due to Jimmy and Tim *supposedly* locking their key in the cabin. It just turns out they had no strength to open the unlocked door.

After the rocky start to our departure, we started our ascent up Mt Skene. After 30 mins we had to

pull over due to Woody's car making noises. In the end the tire and brakes had to come off to get the annoying rock out. Once that was fixed, we had no other issues and made our way to the top of Mt Skene for some fun in the snow.

There was a debate whether the snow was more than last year, with most saying yes. After the play around in the snow we started our descent back to the park. We took a few different tracks that lead us to a couple of river crossings. We all made it across each river without too much trouble, however each river had its own potential difficulty. After getting across all the rivers it was time to stop for lunch.





Unfortunately, the best clearing to pull over in was a massive muddy pit. After lunch we took a couple more tracks to get us back to the main road. Once on the main road we drove to the Kevington Pub and stopped in for a drink to support the locals. We were quite lucky here, as they actually closed at 2pm but opened back up for us. It was a very unique pub with heaps of potential, even though they had no beer on tap.

We all made it back to camp by 4pm, and got the fire going. This time we used a technique to help the fire breathe which worked a treat and it really got roaring. For dinner we made a reservation at the Jamieson Brewery and we all went along and had a great pub meal.

SUNDAY - Our last day and we all deserved a sleep in, which meant leaving a little later at 9am. For our trip home we took the Mt Terrible Track back. We made our way to the top and the hut with no major issues. The best part of Mt Terrible track is it allows for you to take two different options. This meant if you didn't like one way you could take the other track. Most of the time the harder looking track was chosen by all.

As soon as we made it to the top where the hut is, we all got out, had



a look and stretched the legs. From here we started the travel back down keeping on the Mt Terrible track.

On the journey we came upon a nice three track hill to have a bit of fun and a play on. This hill allowed for different levels of driving skill and challenge to try. All were on the harder side coming back up, with muddy sections and steep slippery hill climbs. Everyone had a crack at least once going back up, choosing whichever track and line they felt comfortable with. After all the fun in the mud we stopped and had lunch.

After lunch we followed Mt Terrible Track for a bit longer before turning off onto Hope Track and then onto a dirt road which took us back onto the blacktop, and from there, onto the way home.

Overall, it was a great trip. No one broke their car, we all enjoyed a nice meal at the brewery, the days weren't too long and there was snow at the top of Mt Skene - which we all easily made it to.

Thank you for all those that came along and made the trip a great weekend away.

Jenny



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