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Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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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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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

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LIFE MEMBER

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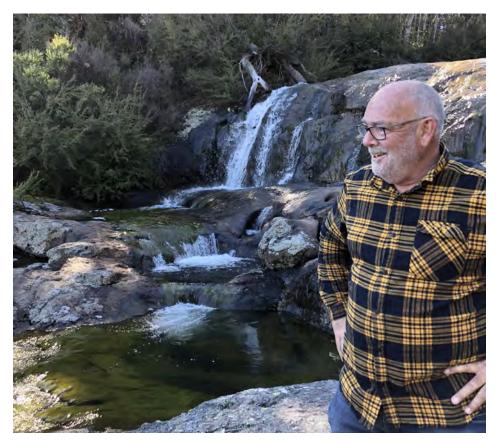
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#### **ORDINARY MEMBERS**

Keith Murdoch Kelvin Rogers Geoff Van Ingen Mark Mensch Daniel Murdoch Sharon Van Ingen Alanna Stratford Sophie Brocks

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# THE PRES SAYS

G'day all,

The AGM in August was well attended and turned out to be a good social evening. Welcome to Sophie Brocks and Alanna Stratford as our new Committee members and thanks to our continuing Committee members.

We also congratulate Danny Sparks-Cousins on his appointment as a Life Member of the Geelong 4WD Club. This is well deserved. See more in the magazine.

One of the key projects for the new Committee is to seek more input from all members as to what they would like to get out of their Club membership. The aim is to improve participation so that we can maximize our collective enjoyment our Club. More on this in the following months.

Don't forget the Club awards night on Saturday 28th October at the Fyansford Hotel. This would be a good start to improving participation. Last year was a great turnout; let's see if we can do even better this year.

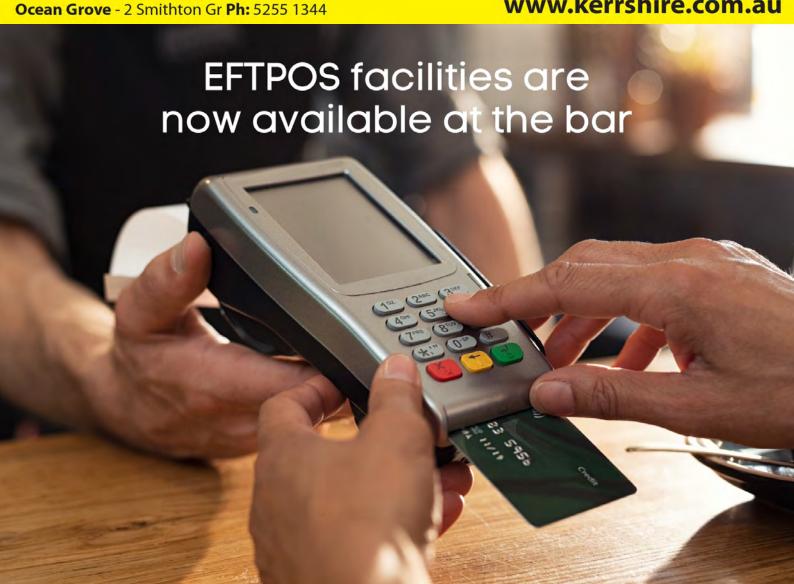
On the trips front, the Mountjoy's big Tassie exploration departs this month and we are hoping to announce a few day trips in the near future. Planning for the Christmas party is also on the way.

See you on the tracks.

Geoff

Geoff





# **AGM MINUTES**

Meeting	Annual General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve
Date	Wednesday 9th August 2023
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Sharon Van Ingen

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.30 pm
Welcome to everyone present	Michael Barry, Ron Bastin, Darcy Brocks, Ella Johnson, Justin Brocks, Sophie Brocks, Levi Brocks, Trevor Brocks, Julie Brocks, Geoffrey Connors, Jake Cook, Geoff Davey, David Dixon, Corie Hale, Jimmy Halikias, Colin Hatton, Lachlan Hill, Graeme Jeffrey, Scott Latham, Joel Martin, Juanita Mountjoy, Matthew Mountjoy, Daniel Murdoch, Jenny Carpentier, Keith Murdoch, Tim Neville, John Prowse, Kelvin Rogers, Mark Rothon, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Sally Sparks-Cousins, Jack Stratford, Alanna Stratford, Geoff Van Ingen, Sharon Van Ingen.
Apologies	Duane Henley, Byron Willey, Dave Hamann, Allie Hamann, Warren Tedford, Shez Tedford, Ken Mellross, Ryan Rhodes, Mark Mensch, Beth Rogers
Confirmation of proxies	Nil
Confirmation of quorum	Confirmed

Acceptance of the previous Annual General Meeting Minutes - Wednesday 13th July 2022	
Moved	David Dixon
Seconded	Juanita Mountjoy
	Carried by the meeting
Business arising from the previous	Nil
AGM	

Correspondence	
In	Nil
Out	Nil

Annual Report of the Committee	
Motion:	That the Annual Committee Report for 2022-2023 as circulated with the agenda be accepted.
Moved: Seconded:	Geoff Connors Graeme Jeffrey Carried by the meeting

Treasurer's Report 2022-2023 Financial Year	
Motion:	That the Treasurer's report for 2022-2023 as circulated with the agenda be accepted.
Moved: Seconded:	Jimmy Halikias Daniel Murdoch Carried by the meeting

General Business	
Notice of motion - Ordinary Committee Members	Motion: That the club appoint eight (8) ordinary committee members for the 2023-2024 financial year.  Moved: Keith Murdoch Seconded: Danny Sparks-Cousins Carried by the meeting
Committee Nominations	President – Geoff Davey Nominated by Danny Sparks-Cousins. Seconder Keith Murdoch Vice President – Jimmy Halikias Nominated by Kelvin Rogers. Seconder Danny Sparks-Cousins Secretary – Graeme Jeffrey Nominated by Kelvin Rogers. Seconder Juanita Mountjoy Treasurer – Juanita Mountjoy Nominated by Kelvin Rogers. Seconder Danny Sparks-Cousins Editor – Danny Sparks-Cousins Nominated by Keith Murdoch. Seconder Geoff Van Ingen Webmaster – Danny Sparks-Cousins Nominated by Keith Murdoch. Seconder Geoff Van Ingen Trip Coordinator – Tim Neville Nominated by Jimmy Halikias. Seconder Daniel Murdoch As there was only one nominee for each position, no vote was required. All appointments are confirmed  Ordinary Members Geoff Van Ingen. Nominated by Mark Mensch. Seconder Keith Murdoch Daniel Murdoch. Nominated by Juanita Mountjoy. Seconder Keith Murdoch Keith Murdoch. Nominated by Danny Sparks-Cousins. Seconder Mark Mensch Kelvin Rogers. Nominated by Juanita Mountjoy. Seconder Jimmy Halikias Sharon Van Ingen. Nominated by Daniel Murdoch. Seconder Jimmy Halikias Alanna Stratford. Nominated by Juanita Mountjoy. Seconder Graeme Jeffrey Sophie Brocks. Nominated by Juanita Mountjoy. Seconder Daniel Murdoch As there were 8 nominations for 8 positions, no vote was required. All appointments are confirmed
Life Members	A background document outlining the nomination of Danny Spark-Cousins for life membership has been circulated with this agenda. As required by the Club Bylaws, this nomination has been previously endorsed and recommended by the Committee.  Motion by special resolution: That Danny Sparks Cousins be accepted as a life member of the Geelong 4WD Club.  Moved: Trevor Brocks Seconded: Julie Brocks Carried unanimously
Fees for 2024/2025	Motion: That the annual membership fee for 2024-2025 be set at \$120; the family joining fee - \$40 and the single joining fee - \$25 and associate members at \$80. These are unchanged from the previous year.  Moved: Tim Neville  Seconded: Keith Murdoch  Carried by the meeting
Donation of monies from fines	There is \$181.15 which has been collected from fines. It is proposed that this be increased by the Club to \$250 and be donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.  Motion: That the Club Donate \$250 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.  Moved: Trevor Brocks  Seconded: Tim Neville  Carried by the meeting
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# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve
Date	Wednesday 9th August 2023
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Sharon Van Ingen

Agenda — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	
Meeting opened at	8.11 pm
Welcome to everyone present	
New members	
Visitors	
Present	Michael Barry, Ron Bastin, Darcy Brocks, Ella Johnson, Justin Brocks, Sophie Brocks, Levi Brocks, Trevor Brocks, Julie Brocks, Geoffrey Connors, Jake Cook, Geoff Davey, David Dixon, Corie Hale, Jimmy Halikias, Colin Hatton, Lachlan Hill, Graeme Jeffrey, Scott Latham, Joel Martin, Juanita Mountjoy, Matthew Mountjoy, Daniel Murdoch, Jenny Carpentier, Keith Murdoch, Tim Neville, John Prowse, Kelvin Rogers, Mark Rothon, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Sally Sparks-Cousins, Jack Stratford, Alanna Stratford, Geoff Van Ingen, Sharon Van Ingen.
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Moved	Daniel Murdoch
Seconded	Juanita Mountjoy
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Business arising from the previous	1. Presentation Night
General Meeting Minutes	October 28th, 6.30pm. Fyansford Hotel
	2. Brainstorm for club activities
	Members in attendance provided the following feedback
	<ul> <li>Driver Training and Education. Can be provided on trips</li> </ul>
	Invite new members to drive with experienced drivers
	Equipment Education eg: winching
	Driver buddies / mentoring
	<ul> <li>Day Trip – stop for play / educational activities areas rather than constanding</li> </ul>
	More Day Trips, e.g. Enfeild and Wombat
	<ul> <li>Training – Driver, Chainsaw, First Aid / snakebite.</li> </ul>
	Overnight Trips
	Team Building days such as paintballing and wineries
	Award Night entertainment
	Re-establish sponsor meetings
	Trip Leader Training / support. Mentoring and buddying.
	Mechanical Workshops
	Ladies and learner days/Trips

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Correspondence		
In	a) b) c) d) e)	FWDV June eNews FWDV Western Liaison Group Agenda and Minutes Australia Post Statement COGG Rent Invoice Trackwatch
Out	a) b)	Driveline Magazine Membership Invoice Reminders

Treasurer's Report		
Presented By:	Juanita Mountjoy	
Moved:	Keith Murdoch	
Seconded:	Jimmy Halikias	

Regular Reports		
Association Rep	National 4X4 Outdoor Show 18-20 August. Melbourne Showgrounds. Geoff Speaking.	
Regional Rep	Otways Liaison Group Meeting 23rd August, 2023.	
Trip Co-Ordinator	<ul> <li>Trips Out</li> <li>Snow Trip 1 - 21-23 July, 2023. Jamieson Caravan Park. Daniel Murdoch leading.</li> <li>Upcoming Trips</li> <li>Snow Trip 2 - 11-13 August, 2023. Jamieson Caravan Park. Tim Neville leading.</li> <li>Tassie Tour - 17th September - 12th October, 2023. Mountjoy's organising.</li> <li>Presentation Night - October 28th 6.30pm Fyansford Hotel</li> <li>Track Clearing - October 28th, 2023. Danny Organising</li> <li>Melbourne Cup weekend - November 3rd - 7th. High Country. Geoff Davey leading.</li> </ul>	
Editor	Photos from all trips are now on the website. General Updates	
Webmaster	NTR	
Club Permit Scheme	NTR	
Social		
Fines	Geoff Davey x 2, Jimmy Halikias x 2, Tim Neville, Woody, Sharon Van Ingen	
Pist 'n' Broke	Juanita and Matthew Mountjoy	
Members Draw	Jake Cook and Daniel Murdoch	

New Business		
Other Business	Nil	

Meeting closed at	8.52 pm
Next General Meeting	Wednesday 13th September 2023 @ Clubrooms from 7.30pm

# **AGENDA**

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 13th September 2023		
	Presentation / Awards night October 28th	
	Club activities review for input by members	
	Christmas Party	

# PIST'N BROKE AUGUST 2023



JUANITA & MATTHEW MOUNTJOY



#### **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.



#### **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. It'll be a great meal and a fun night out with mates.



#### TRACK CLEARING WEEKEND

Date: Saturday 28th October

Trip Leader: Danny Sparks-Cousins | Tail End Charlie: TBA

Trip Classification: Easy / Medium

**Departing:** TBA

**Note:** This is a great chance to help open some seasonally closed tracks plus drive some Management Vehicles Only (MVO) tracks. We will need a couple of ticketed chainsaw operators, and a few helpers to clear logs. Back to Geelong in

time for the Club Awards Night Dinner. If you're available to help please get in touch with Danny - email, messenger or on 0426 256 030



#### 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.



Come and join us at the **Fyansford Hotel** for a Pub Dinner and our **Club Awards** night. It'll be a great meal with mates, and a fun night for all.

#### **SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER - 6PM**

Please RSVP by 21st October.

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# TIMMY'S SNOW TRIP

# FRIDAY 11TH TO SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST 2023 WORDS: SOPHIE BROCKS PHOTOS: GEOFF DAVEY & TIM NEVILLE

Friday we all met up at the BP at Little River (save for waiting for one, who was at the wrong BP). Once the convoy was together we travelled up via Healesville and Eildon which had some amazing views (and many windy roads).

Once we arrived in Jamieson we

headed straight into the Jamieson Brewery for lunch before unpacking at camp.

It wasn't long and we were off on our first track. We headed up Jamieson Lookout Track and found some firewood along the way. This was a pretty easy track with no issues. We

ended the night with dinner at the pub and a yarn or two around the fire!

Saturday morning we were aired down and ready to find some snow. We left Jamieson and made our way up to Mount Skene. We were very surprised to still find some snow





which was fantastic. Everyone had a quick play and before long we were on our way again.

With limited snow, we set off and tackled a few great tracks for the afternoon, including Webber Spur, Old Flats, Champion Spur and the infamous N15.

Lunch was an awesome feed of Allie's home made sausage rolls which everyone enjoyed. Finishing the tracks for the day, Tim had us home at a reasonable time this year and we made our dinner booking at the Brewery, which everyone was extremely happy about.

Sunday was home day for most. A couple of people headed off via the main roads to Geelong. A few more hit the tracks to get back the long way. We headed off to Mount Terrible, which again showed off amazing views. We made our way along a few more tracks before stopping at a camp ground to air up. A few people headed back to camp to stay another night, and everyone else headed back to Geelong.

It was a wonderful weekend, no major issues, good weather and a great group to hit the tracks with!



# KNOW THE COMMITTEE ALANNA STRATFORD

## ORDINARY MEMBER

My husband Jack and I have been members of the club for almost two years now. We both have a sense of adventure. After a couple of trips away with Justin and Sophie Brocks, we realised that having a four wheel drive we could explore places we hadn't been before. Long story short, we bought a Patrol and joined the club. The first day we got the Patrol Justin took us out to the Powerline Track in Anglesea. It was then we realised we had a lot of work to do to ensure it was capable for Timmy's hard/extreme trips.

For those that don't know me, I am a beauty therapist and I recently sold my clinic after ten years. I am have a beautiful daughter called Lola. Something random that you probably wouldn't expect from me is that I recently became a scaffolder.

This year I was nominated to be on the committee. Those that know me well know that I love planning events! I am looking forward to working with the committee and contributing where I can.

Over the past two years we have been on a number of trips and long weekends away with the club including to the snow and the club's annual Moonambel Muster. These trips have been great family weekends away. If you ever end up on a trip with me, I am the platter queen and usually have all the essentials.

Alanna



# KNOW THE COMMITTEE SOPHIE BROCKS

## Ordinary Member

I have been a member with the club intermittently since about 2014. Since having our children we have rejoined the club to get out and about on more adventures. Having our children joining in on trips that, their father, grandfather and great grandfather have all done throughout the 50 years of the club is a great thing to experience.

I enjoy camping, cooking and spending time with our family.

I am a passenger in a GQ patrol. We are in the process of looking for my own 4x4 which hopefully I'll gain some experience with driving off road!

My favourite club trips would have to be the Moonambel Muster, and also the Jamieson trip. Beachport is also high up in the list of favourite places.

I joined the committee to help give support to the people who carry the bulk of it. Many hands make light work, and I'm excited to see what we can accomplish in 2024!





# LIFE MEMBER DANNY SPARKS-COUSINS

Danny joined the Geelong 4WD Club in 2007. Shortly after that he joined the Committee as Webmaster and has continued to serve on the Committee as either Magazine Editor or Webmaster or both throughout most of his time at the Club. He has been a longstanding member of the Otway Liaison Group and has recently initiated and coordinated the Club's VicRoads Permit Scheme.

He has effectively also been the Club's I.T. Consultant, providing advice on computer hardware and software, providing grant submissions including the Telstra booster at the Clubrooms and arranging the recently acquired credit card facility.

Danny has provided a consistent, strong and unwavering commitment to the club throughout his membership. This includes many behind the scenes contributions that often go unnoticed:

- review of Club forms, systems and processes
- assistance with the documentation of the AGM
- maintaining the online mailing system and club emails
- assistance in the organisation of Club events including the recent 50 Year Reunion, Moonambel and previously Otway Antics, Sokil Scramble
- encouraged exposure on TV for our club with events and trips
- coordination of sponsors and sponsorship prizes for the Club magazine and Club events
- provided graphic design assistance for logos, clothing, flyers and merchandise
- maintained a photographic library of trips and events
- assisted in track classification system with FWDV / Parks VIC & classifying tracks in the Otways
- provided mapping & GPS help to many members.

Throughout his time at the Club Danny has displayed leadership, perspective and a helpful attitude at all times. He is a worthy Life Member who displays all of the attributes to effectively serve as a role model within the Club.

The Committee congratulates Danny on his appointment.



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