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



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BIG DESERT TRIP

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GENERAL MEETING @ IRONMAN

Ironman showroom @ 7:30pm

BBQ from 6:30pm

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PUB NIGHT

Hotel Cremorne @ 6:30pm

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COMMITTEE MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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GENERAL MEETING @ ARB

ARB Showroom @ 7:30pm

BBQ from 6:30pm

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COMMITTEE MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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GENERAL MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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COMMITTEE MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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 all,

The year has commenced with Graeme Jeffrey and Tim Neville leading trips to the Strathbogie Ranges and Big Desert respectively. By the time we go to print, Graeme should have also led another trip to Glenpatrick (subject to the fire status).

Arrangements are now well under way for the Moonambel Muster, so keep the calendar dates open for the King's Birthday weekend from June 7th – 10th. Clothing for this year will be in navy blue with "hot pink" also available for the ladies. It should already be available to order on the Geelong Hip Pocket website.

Don't forget this month's General Meeting is at Ironman with a BBQ commencing at 6.30pm. There will be Ironman vouchers as door prizes and the "flex ramp" will be set up to test your vehicles, with a voucher for the vehicle with the most flex!

There is also a Pub Night on Saturday 23rd March at the Cremorne Hotel. Come along for a relaxed social evening.

See you on the tracks,
Geoff

Geoff

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms—Abe Wood Reserve, Edgerton Road, Lovely Banks.
Date	Wednesday 14th February 2024
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Graeme Jeffrey

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.32 pm
Welcome to everyone present	Welcome all.
New members	Corey Allsopp
Visitors	Josh Eades
Present	Justin Brocks, Sophie Brocks, Levi Brocks, Trevor Brocks, Julie Brocks, Geoff Connors, Jake Cook, Geoff Davey, David Dixon, Jimmy Halikias, Colin Hattan, Graeme Jeffrey, Ken Mellross, Mark Mensch, Juanita Mountjoy, Tim Neville, Heather Oberli, Paul Oberli, Harry Parke, Kelvin Rogers, Mark Rothern, Peter Searle, Jack Stratford, Alanna Stratford, Sharon Van Ingen, Geoff Van Ingen
Apologies	Daniel Murdoch, Keith Murdoch, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Beth Rogers, Allie Hamann, Dave Hamann.

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes	
Moved	Sharon Van Ingen
Seconded	Jimmy Halikias
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Club Activities Review Geoff Davey provided an overview of Trip out over last 2 years along with a list of Trip Leaders leading them, gratifying to see good numbers & “leader diversity” increase. Chainsaw Course Geoff asked for participant interest & advised watch this space for more info. Moonambel 2024 Letters have been sent to other Clubs, Focus will ramp up now meetings have recommenced. Next General Meeting The next general meeting is being held at Ironman – don’t go to rooms – BBQ pre meeting & please support sponsors where if / can on the night.

Correspondence	
In	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> FWDV - December eNews. Liquor Control Vic - Licence Renewal Notice – Finalised. Adroit Insurance Renewal – Email. FWDV – half year affiliation forms – Email. FWDV – Chainsaw course follow up Email. Australia Post PO Box renewal invoice via Email. FWDV Central Highlands Forest Assessment advice – Email. Trackwatch Magazines.

Correspondence (cont)

Out	<p>a) Driveline Magazine</p> <p>b) Email to Bellarine 4WD Club re Chainsaw Course option.</p>
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Treasurer's Report

<p>Presented By:</p> <p>Moved:</p> <p>Seconded:</p>	<p>Juanita Mountjoy</p> <p>Tim Neville</p> <p>Ken Melross</p> <p>Notation Post Report Reading – Julie Brocks raised are we getting best bang for buck for interest \$ - committee to consider.</p>
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Regular Reports

Association Rep	Nothing to report.
Regional Rep	Nothing to report.
Trip Co-Ordinator	<p>Trips Out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strathbogie Ranges - Graeme Jeffrey. <p>Upcoming Trips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Desert Trip - March 1-4 - Tim Neville. Mystery Overnight Camp / Easy Drive - March 2 & 3 - Mountjoys Glenpatrick Labour Day Weekend - Rec Reserve Base Camp - Graeme Jeffrey - will watch fire issue for possible impact Beachport Easter Trip - postponed Easter Camping Weekend - Kiewa River Area – detail online - Mountjoys Simpson Desert Trip - July - Tedfords - participant changes - is still "Full" Coffs Harbour Trip - September holidays - Mountjoys - TBC <p>Reminder club funds available @ \$10 per car to cover eats & drinks.</p>
Editor	Nothing to report.
Webmaster	Nothing to report.
Club Permit Scheme	Nothing to report.
Social	Keith exploring Pub Night – details to follow
Fines	Geoff Davey x 3, Julie Brocks x 1, Sharon Van Ingen x 1, Geoff Van Ingen x 1
Pist 'n' Broke	Geoff Davey - AGAIN - STILL
Members Draw	Jimmy Halikias

Other Business

	1. Graeme Jeffrey - Advise any badge requirement – have to order a couple.
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Meeting closed at	8.12 pm
Next General Meeting	Wednesday 13th March 2024 @ Ironman 4x4. Meeting from 7.30pm - BBQ from 6.30pm, Travel ramp from 6.00pm

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 13th February 2024

	Moonambel
	Trip Leaders
	Chainsaw Course
	Vale Tim Parr
	Club Alcohol Licence
	General Business

PIST'N BROKE FEBRUARY 2024



GEOFF DAVEY
(AGAIN)

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if you'd like to help**

UPCOMING TRIPS

LABOUR DAY WEEKEND @ GLENPATRICK

Date: 8th to 12th March 2024

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

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

Meeting: TBA

Note: Base camp at Glenpatrick Res. See. Make own way up Friday evening. Daily drives out easy - medium, apply for those with higher capability to run own harder trip if they want to. Only condition will need to be minimum of 3 vehicles on any single trip. Meet back at end of trip/s for social evening.

CANCELLED



GENERAL MEETING @ IRONMAN SHOWROOMS

Date: 13th March 2024

Note: The March General Meeting will be held at the Ironman Showrooms - 324 Melbourne Rd, North Geelong

The travel ramp will be on site for you to test and show off your rig's flex. The showroom will be open for you to browse and buy, with staff on hand to answer any questions about products. We will have a BBQ and refreshments prior to the meeting starting.

Meeting from 7:30pm, BBQ from 6:30pm, Travel Ramp from 6:00pm.



PUB NIGHT

Date: 23rd March 2024 @ 6:30pm

Note: Come and join us for a feed and chat at the Hotel Cremorne on Saturday March 23 at 6:30 pm. We have a room to ourselves which makes for a great night out. Please RSVP via the Facebook event by Sunday March 17.

Any questions call Keith on 0407 310 931.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - EASTER CAMPING WEEKEND

Date: 29th March to 1st April 2024

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

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

Meeting: TBA

Note: Expressions of interest sought on doing an Easter weekend trip around Ararat.

If you are interested give Juanita a call on 0467 809 040.





MOONAMBEL MUSTER 2024

Date: 7th to 10th June 2024 (King's Birthday Weekend)

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

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

Note: 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.

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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.



SIMPSON DESERT TRIP

Date: 5th to 24th July 2024

Trip Leader: Warren & Shez Tedford | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

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

Meeting: TBA

Note: This trip will be run in 2 parts.

Part 1 - Broken Hill to Mount Dare via Cameron Corner, Innamincka, Cordello Downs, Birdsville, QAA Line, Poeppel Corner, French Line, WAA Line, Dalhousie Springs.

Part 2 - Madigan Line - Mount Dare, Lambert Centre, Old Andado Station, Madigan Line, Birdsville.

The trip is currently full however if you are thinking about attending - contact Shez on 0400 154 424 for more info and to jump on the waiting list.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - CAPE YORK 2025

Date: June 2025

Trip Leader: Daniel Murdoch | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

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

Meeting: TBA

Note: Expressions of interest sought on doing a Cape York trip in June 2025. Plan on doing 4 - 5 weeks from Cairns to the Cape and back. It will be a medium plus trip depending on weather conditions.

For more information contact Daniel on 0498 683 330.



GEELONG 4 WHEEL DRIVE CLUB



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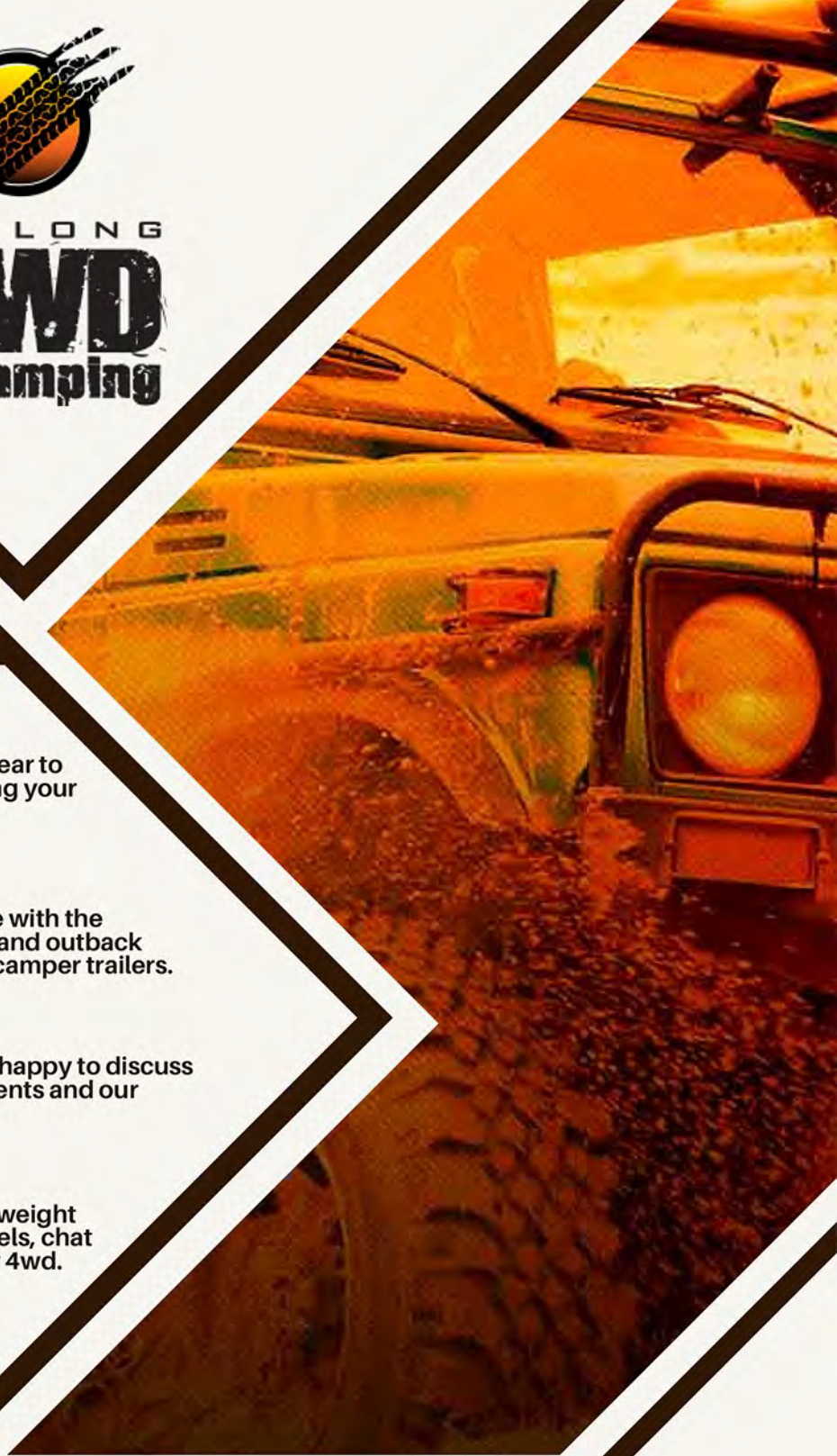
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GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY
13 MARCH

Our March General Meeting will be held at Geelong 4WD & Camping. Come along from 6pm - browse the store, test your rig's flex on the travel ramp, enjoy the BBQ and refreshments. Meeting from 7.30pm.

- ✓ Lucky Door Prizes
- ✓ Flex Test Travel Ramp
- ✓ BBQ & Refreshments
- ✓ Browse, Shop & Expert Advice



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Come and join us for a feed and a chat. We have a room to ourselves which makes for a great night out.
RSVP via the Facebook event by Sunday March 17.
Any questions call Keith on 0407 310 931.

**HOTEL
CREMORNE**
**PUB DINNER
SOCIAL NIGHT**

23RD MARCH
FROM 6:30PM



BIG DESERT

1ST TO 4TH MARCH 2024

WORDS: SOPHIE BROCKS - PHOTOS: VARIOUS

On Friday, 1 March 2024 we all made our way up to the Big Desert, Big Billy Bore campground.

Everyone one arrived at various times, however all set up fairly quickly with the exception of Scott, who whilst having the simplest setup, took what seemed to be hours and hours to set his camp up.

We collected some firewood ready for the night ahead. The weather was very dry and warm. Later in the night a baby brown snake decided to join the group, but thankfully our fearless leader, Timmy sorted it out.

We started off Saturday morning airing down and headed off towards Cactus

Bore Track. We stopped to have a look at the Cactus Bore, which was erected in 1927. Ovens were popped on to start preparing for lunch as the weather started to warm up again.

We headed towards Firebreak Track, the second half of Cactus Bore Track has offshoots with some steeper dunes that





lead to a nice lookout over the desert. All cars headed up the initial dune seamlessly with no troubles. From here we travelled up to the top of the lookout up the final dune climb. After slight electrical issues on Harry's Patrol, we decided to stop here for lunch. After lunch we continued the rest of the way down Cactus Bore Track and then along Firebreak Track before heading down the main Murrayville Nhill road down to Big Dune.

There were various lines to pick along here, mostly everyone was able to get up Big Dune hassle free. We headed back to camp, where Andrew and Tyler cooked up a great BBQ for us all to enjoy accompanied by many salads from the rest of the group. We had a good feed and some laughs around the campfire.



On Sunday, we headed to Pinnaroo for a fuel up (and maybe some donuts). From here we travelled along towards Ngarkat Conservation Park, ready to head onto Border Track.

With all permits purchased, we unfortunately come along the track being closed. Thankfully, we were able to head around this and explore a new area in the park.

We followed Nanam Well Track and then onto Centre Track. This was quite a long and bumpy track, however was amazing to take in the scenery. Off onto Pertendi Track, to make our way to Pertendi Hut for lunch. These little campsites are very well maintained and



great spots to stop.

After everyone had a feed, some people headed back to get home, and the rest of us ventured on. We made our way out onto the main road then along to Shaugh Track and then Red Bluff Track. From here we travelled some distance before making our way to some more dunes for a play. Once everyone had their fun, then off again we went heading back towards camp. Our return track had a few good downhill descents, perfect opportunity to take in the spectacular views. Another play on some more hills and then back to camp we went.

Once back at camp, everyone aired up ready to head home the next day. We made our way up to the look out at the campground, to take in the beautiful sunset. Then took in the peacefulness of the clear sky around the fire.

On Monday we all packed up and made our way back to Geelong via various ways.

It was a great weekend and a very beautiful place to experience. Thank you everyone for a great trip.

Sophie



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