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



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BBQ from 6:30pm

24
COMMITTEE MEETING
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

25 - 28
MOONAMBEL RECCY RUN

MAY

8
GENERAL MEETING
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

22
COMMITTEE MEETING
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

JUNE

7 - 10
MOONAMBEL MUSTER

12
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.

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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,

I hope everyone had a happy and relaxed Easter. From a club perspective it was pretty quiet this year with a few attending the Mountjoy's Murray River camping as the sole event.

Moonambel is the next big thing on the horizon with preparations well advanced. This year we will have a coffee van on Saturday and Sunday mornings to kick start the day and a "Spud Van" on Saturday night. Of course there will also be the normal convivial social activity around the fire with tales from the days drives, music and don't forget the giant raffle Sunday night. Indications are that we may have 70-80 vehicles this year with good representation from other Clubs which is great to see. There will be trips for all abilities including easy options for those who are less experienced, so don't be afraid to join in. Contact Graeme Jeffrey to book your site.

The Glenpatrick trip on Anzac day weekend will serve as a reccy run for Moonambel with at least one more to be announced for May. This will be a fixed camp at the Glenpatrick Reserve which is suitable for campers and caravans. Contact Tim Neville if you are interested.

Watch out for your new membership invoices from the end of April. These will be due by the end of May which is the end of the Club's financial year.

Thanks to Keith Murdoch for organising a successful pub night at the Cremorne Hotel. This was such a good venue we have decided to hold our Club Presentation / Awards night there. This will be held on Saturday 12th October so save the date in your calendars; always a good social night.

Don't forget the club General meeting is at ARB this month, Wednesday 10th April with a BBQ from 6.30pm.

See you on the tracks,
Geoff

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Ironman Showroom - Geelong North
Date	Wednesday 13th March 2024
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Graeme Jeffrey

Agenda

Meeting opened at	7.31 pm
Welcome to everyone present	Welcome all – Special thanks to Ironman team for providing Venue for Meeting.
New members	
Visitors	Josh Eades (2nd attendance) Wayne Kerr, Corey Crystal.
Present	Michael Barry, Ron Bastin, Levi Brocks, Geoff Connors, Jake Cook, Geoff Davey, Jimmy Halikias, Dave Hamann, Graeme Jeffrey, Scott Latham, Mark Mensch, Danielle Miller, Damien Miller, Daniel Murdoch, Keith Murdoch, Rick Neville, Tim Neville, Harry Parke, Kelvin Rogers, Mark Rotheron, Peter Searle, Jack Stratford, Alanna Stratford, Sharon Van Ingen, Geoff Van Ingen.
Apologies	Justin Brocks, Sophie Brocks, Trevor Brocks, Julie Brocks, Juanita Mountjoy, Matthew Mountjoy, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Beth Rogers.

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes

Moved	Sharon Van Ingen
Seconded	Danielle Miller
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moonambel 2024 Geoff Davey provided an overview of the current actions in place. 2. Trip Leaders Geoff again expressed the need for more trip Leaders to come forward at Moonambel & the support that can be given by other members if required. The upcoming Moonambel Reccy Runs are a great chance to gain experience. 3. Chainsaw Course At this stage seems unlikely club will participate in FWDV chainsaw course as it clashes with the Pub night. There are ongoing discussions with Bellarine 4WD Club. Del showed members the two "big saws" purchased last year also suggesting Bellarine could use more wood clearing assistance to support the dozen ticketed members it has. 4. Tim Parr Passing Club has sent flowers / condolences. 5. Liquor License Reminder to Members Club holds an Alcohol Licence & that BYO Alcohol is not permitted at the clubrooms. 6. Car Boot Sale Car Boot Sale is not progressing in a physical form but online advertising via club page is encouraged – create listing in Driveline as well. 7. April General Meeting Next General Meeting – being held at ARB – don't go to rooms – BBQ pre meeting. Please support our sponsors on the night.

Correspondence

In	a) FWDV - May 4th 1st Aid Course email circulated.
Out	a) Driveline Magazine b) Geoff Davey Emails to COGG regarding damaged chair removal & some security lights not working.

Treasurer's Report

Presented By:	Juanita Mountjoy provided.
Moved:	Not read at external meeting venue.
Seconded:	

Regular Reports

Association Rep	Nothing to report.
Regional Rep	Meeting is being held in Mansfield 25-26/05/2024 – Club consider attending.
Trip Co-Ordinator	<p>Trips Out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Desert Trip - March 1-4 - Tim Neville. <p>Upcoming Trips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenpatrick Labour Day Weekend - Rec Reserve Base Camp - Graeme Jeffrey - Cancelled due to extreme heat on that weekend. • Beachport Easter Trip - postponed. • Easter Camping Weekend - Kiewa River Area – detail online - Mountjoys. • Moonambel Reccy - May - details TBA. • Moonambel Muster - June 7 - 10. • Simpson Desert Trip - July - Tedfords - participant changes - is still "Full" • Coffs Harbour Trip - September holidays - Mountjoys - TBC <p><i>Reminder club funds available @ \$10 per car to cover eats & drinks.</i></p>
Editor	Nothing to report.
Webmaster	Nothing to report.
Club Permit Scheme	Nothing to report.
Social	Pub Night – as advertised on Club Page – Members please support.
Fines	Geoff Davey x 2, Levi Brocks x 5, Jimmy Halikias x 5, Tim Neville x 5, Trevor Brocks x 1, Harry Parke x 2, Scott Latham x 2, Alanna Stratford x 1, Justin Brocks x 2, Jake Cook x 1.
Pist 'n' Broke	Corey Allsopp
Members Draw	4 Doors prizes of \$50 each as a thank you to Ironman for providing meeting Venue. 1st for Travel Ramp – Levi Brocks. 2nd – Damien Miller. 3rd – Geoff Connors. 4th – Michael Barry.

Other Business

	1. Graeme Jeffrey - Advised still aware of badges needed for members – will be done soon as shared folder access is fixed.
Meeting closed at	8.08 pm
Next General Meeting	Wednesday 10th April 2024 @ ARB North Geelong. Meeting from 7.30pm - BBQ from 6.30pm.

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 10th April 2024

	Moonambel 2024
	Pub night 23rd March - report
	Presentation night planed 12 October 2024 - Cremorne Hotel
	General Business

PIST'N BROKE MARCH 2024



COREY ALLSOPP

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GENERAL MEETING

Our April General Meeting will be held at ARB Geelong. Come along from 6:30pm - browse the store, enjoy the BBQ and refreshments. Meeting from 7.30pm.

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 - ✓ *BBQ & Refreshments*
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- 📅 **Wednesday 10th April from 6:30pm**
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UPCOMING TRIPS

MOONAMBEL RECCY RUN

Date: 25th - 28th April 2024

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

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

Notes: Reccy run number one. We can run any trips from easy to hard depending who is away with us. We are meeting up with the Ballarat 4wd Club for the weekend to swap notes on tracks in the area in the lead up for the Moonambel Muster.

I will head up Friday after work at this stage with a day trip on Saturday and possibly a couple of hours on Sunday morning before heading home. Geoff plans to head up on the Thursday as it is a public holiday.

Camper and caravan friendly. Get in touch with Tim on 0478 065 716 if you are keen.



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.



UPCOMING TRIPS

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - COFFS HARBOUR - SEPTEMBER

Date: September 2024

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

Trip Classification: Medium Plus | **Vehicle Limit:** TBA

Meeting: TBA

Note: Expressions of interest sought on heading to the Coffs Harbour region during the September school holidays.

For more information contact Juanita on 0467 809 040.



CLUB AWARDS NIGHT DINNER

Date: Saturday 12th October

Come along for dinner at The Cremorne Hotel to celebrate 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.



TRACK CLEARING WEEKEND

Date: 26th to 27th 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. Camping at Big Hill Campground. If you're available to help please get in touch with Danny - email, messenger or on 0426 256 030



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.



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GENERAL MEETING

13TH MARCH 2024

WORDS: DANNY SPARKS-COUSINS - PHOTOS: ALANNA STRATFORD



The March general meeting finally saw a return to meetings away from the clubrooms.

Geelong 4WD & Camping / Ironman welcomed us to their newly renovated showroom for our meeting.

The evening started with the travel ramp, allowing those interested to test their vehicle flex in a controlled environment, and a generous BBQ

cooked by Jimmy before members were given the chance to browse the store, nab a few bargains and grab some advice from the knowledgeable staff on hand for the night.

Levi Brocks was the winner on the travel ramp, while the lucky door prize winners for the month were Damien Miller, Geoff Connors and Michael Barry. Remember that just by turning up and grabbing a raffle ticket on your way in to our

general meetings, you could be one of the lucky monthly winners.

Winning the prestigious 'Pist 'n' Broke' award this month is Corey Allsopp for repeatedly overheating his car on Tim's desert trip.

Thank you to all that attended and thank you to Ironman Geelong for hosting us.





EASTER ON THE MURRAY

28TH MARCH TO 1ST APRIL 2024
WORDS & PHOTOS: JUANITA MOUNTJOY

Over the Easter weekend, a small group of us headed to Wahgunyah to camp on the banks of the Murray.

The weather was perfect, around 30° Celsius each day. It was a very relaxing weekend with the most

energy being expended swimming in the local lagoon. While we had a fire each night, it was really just for the ambience, as the nights remained quite warm.

The whole purpose of the weekend

was just to relax and that was certainly achieved. Camping in such beautiful surrounds was a great way to spend the Easter weekend.

Juanita



PUB NIGHT

23RD MARCH 2024

WORDS: BELINDA MURDOCH - PHOTOS: VARIOUS



Approximately 30 members and their families met at the Cremorne Hotel on Pakington Street on Saturday 23rd March for a club pub night.

Everyone enjoyed a terrific night out at a great venue. There was a wide variety of meals available on the menu. The private room allowed for a great atmosphere with a range of seating options.

Thanks go to Keith for organising this great night out.

Cheers,

Belinda



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