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



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Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

JULY

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SIMPSON DESERT TRIP

10
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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REPORT



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THE PRES SAYS

G'day all,

Our April general meeting saw a return to the ARB showroom for the first time since pre COVID. Thanks to Berin and all of the ARB staff for giving up their evening and providing their expertise throughout the night. There were also a number of specials on offer for members. This was a successful evening with about 40 in attendance creating a buzz of conversation which was good to see. Thanks to Jim for single handedly manning the BBQ. This is looking good like a good format for a return next year.

Moonambel will be upon us before long. As I have said before this is looking to be one of the best ever. We have had indications of attendance from 7 other clubs, there will be a coffee van with brekky rolls in the morning, a spud van on Saturday night, giant raffle, multiple trips of all classifications, movies for the kids and (literally) tons of wood for the evening's interactions. This promises to be a social event not to be missed.

Remember Moonambel clothing is available to order through Hip Pocket. This year's colours are navy and hot pink for the ladies. Make sure you place your order in plenty of time to avoid disappointment

There are two reccy runs prior to Moonambel; the first at Glenpatrick will have already been held as this is published and the second out of the Moonambel Reserve on 17-19 May. Contact Tim if you are interested in attending.

Don't forget membership subs are due and payable now.

See you on the tracks,
Geoff

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	ARB Showroom - Geelong North
Date	Wednesday 10th April 2024
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Sophey Brocks

Agenda

Meeting opened at	7.33 pm
Welcome to everyone present	Welcome all. Thanks Berin and the ARB team.
New members	Bella Rothern & Brian Innis, Wayne & Lynette Kerr
Visitors	Ryan Allen, Corey Chrystal, Josh Eades
Present	Ross Barry, Ron Bastin, Don Bird, Justin Brocks, Sophie Brocks, Levi Brocks, Jemma Brocks, Matthew Brocks, Richard Brown, Geoffrey Connors, Geoff Davey, John Goodall, Corie Hale, Jimmy Halikias, Dave Hamann, Wayne Kerr, Joel Martin, Mark Mensch, Danielle Miller, Matthew Mountjoy, Juanita Mountjoy, Daniel Murdoch, Jen Carpentier, Keith Murdoch, Rick Neville, Tim Neville, Paul Oberli, Harry Preston, John Prowse, Dave Purdie, Mark Rothern, Andrew Smith, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Jack Stratford, Alanna Stratford, Colin Hatton.
Apologies	Graeme Jeffrey, Sharon Van Ingen, Geoff Van Ingen, Harry Parkes, Kelvin Rogers, Beth Rogers, Daniel Jennings, Jake Cook, Ken Mellross.

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes

Moved	Dave Hamann
Seconded	Keith Murdoch
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moonambel 2024 Ballarat, Horsham, Hamilton, Hamilton, Otway, Overland and Bellarine clubs with people interested. Baked potato van (Saturday night) and Coffee van coming (mornings). 2. Pub Night 23rd March - Report Was a great night, good turn out. Good venue have booked for Presentation Night. 3. Presentation Night Planned for Saturday 12th October 2024 – Cremorne Hotel. 4. General Business Membership invoices have been sent out.

Correspondence

In	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) FWDV - March eNews - email attached b) FWDV Email Central Highlands Work Commencement c) FWDV – National Slogan Request – will forward on. d) Moonambel Stubby Holders – Invoice – has been paid.
Out	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Driveline Magazine b) Geoff Davey email to Ballarat Club re: Moonambel c) Membership invoices – payable end of May. Any troubles please see Juanita.

Treasurer's Report

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

Regular Reports

Association Rep	President and Delegates day for Saturday 13th April, 2024
Regional Rep	Regional Meeting Mansfield and the surrounding areas on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May
Trip Co-Ordinator	<p>Trips Out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mountjoy's Easter Camping Weekend - Echuca - casual weekend away. <p>Upcoming Trips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moonambel Reccy - Glenpatrick 25th - 28th April - Ballarat 4WD club will also be there – Tim Neville. Moonambel Reccy - 17th - 19th May - Tim Neville. Moonambel Muster - June 7 - 10. Simpson Desert Trip - July - Tedfords - is still full, however waitlist is available. Snow Trip(s) - TBA. Justin Brocks liasing with Tim regarding this. Looking at Mount Skene/Jamieson 2-4 August. 10 car limit. Coffs Harbour Trip - September holidays 14 - 27 September - Mountjoys - if you are interested or would like more information please speak with Juanita. Anyone interesting in leading trips etc. please speak with Tim. <p><i>Reminder club funds available @ \$10 per car to cover eats & drinks.</i></p>
Editor	Thanks to everyone who provides trip reports and photos. More than one report can be put through on a trip. Please send info to Danny.
Webmaster	Nothing to report.
Club Permit Scheme	Nothing to report.
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pub night - held on 23rd March Presentation Night - planned 12 October 2024 – Cremorne Hotel
Fines	Justin Brocks x1, Matthew Brocks x1, Don Bird x1, Richard Brown x1, Ross Barry x1
Pist 'n' Broke	Held over
Members Draw	4 Doors prizes of \$50 each as a thank you to ARB for providing meeting Venue. 1st – Dave Purdie. 2nd – Mark Rothon. 3rd – Matthew Brocks. 4th – Don Bird.

Other Business

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Special thanks to ARB for having the club out again. Thanks to everyone for coming out. Follow up badges (Joel Martin, ? others)
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Meeting closed at	7.56 pm
Next General Meeting	Wednesday 8th May 2024 @ Clubrooms. Meeting from 7.30pm

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 8th May 2024

	Moonambel Muster
	Membership subscription reminder
	ARB meeting review
	Presentation night - 12th October



UPCOMING TRIPS

MOONAMBEL RECCY RUN 2

Date: 17th - 19th May 2024

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

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

Notes: Reccy run number two. Camping at Moonambel Recreation Reserve, it will be a good chance to check conditions before the Muster.

Rating easy - hard depending on who attends. Tim will be heading up after work on the Friday. 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

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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.



Make sure you keep an eye on the website and our Facebook page for more information on upcoming trips and social events.

HARD SNOW TRIP

Date: Friday 2nd to Tuesday 6th August 2024

Trip Leader: Justin Brocks | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

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

Meeting: TBA

Note: Staying at the Jamison caravan park. Please confirm position on trip with Justin before calling and booking a cabin under your name.



Friday - Leave after work (4ish). Saturday - Mt Skene plus tracks, pub dinner. Sunday - Mt Terrible onto Woods Point for those that need to leave. Monday - Head to Bulla for the kids to play on the toboggan run, or back to Mt Skene for the day depending on snow levels. Tuesday - Make our way home. Mud tires highly recommended or very very good quality all terrains. Snorkels a must. Winches recommended as we will most likely need them.

COFFS HARBOUR TRIP

Date: Saturday 14th to Friday 27th September 2024

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

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

Meeting: TBA

Note: We will be departing Geelong and heading for Bathurst, where we will complete the Bridle Track. From there we'll head towards Forster for some beach driving, then hit Coffs Harbour. The plan is to base camp at different points around the Coffs Harbour area, explore, then after a few days, move on. There are a range of tracks at Coffs, ranging from easy to extreme, but we'll predominately be doing the medium to hard tracks.



Trip participants can bring **off road** campers/vans, tents or swags. They will need the following recovery gear: Rated recovery points (front and back), recovery equipment, working winch (not mandatory, but highly recommended), aggressive all terrain tyres/mud tyres. If interested, please contact Juanita on 0467 809 040. Responding yes on Facebook will not secure you a place on this trip.

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: Saturday 26th to Sunday 27th October

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

Trip Classification: Easy / Medium

Departing: TBA

Note: 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. Medium plus trip depending on weather. For more information contact Daniel on 0498 683 330.



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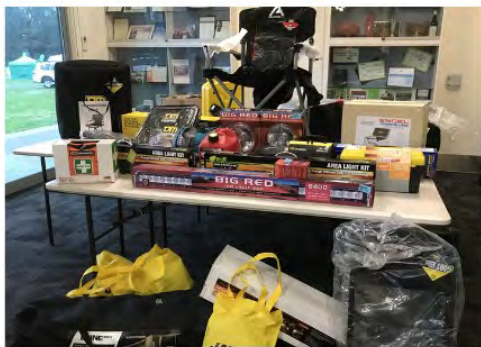


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GENERAL MEETING

10TH APRIL 2024

WORDS & PHOTOS: DANNY SPARKS-COUSINS

Our second meeting for the year held away from the clubrooms was this month held at the ARB Geelong showrooms.

The team at ARB had us all setup with an undercover BBQ area, where Jimmy jumped on the tools and made sure everyone enjoyed some snags and burgers. Cold refreshments were also on hand in the range of ARB fridges on display in the showroom.

With everyone arriving well before the meeting kick off, there was plenty of time to catch up with mates and have a chat, to browse the store, get info and even place some orders. Berin also had a few meeting night discounts for members.

The meeting part of the night was nice and smooth, and ran fairly quick. While there was no Pist'n Broke award given this month, we

did give out 4 x \$50 ARB gift vouchers as lucky door prizes.

The club sends a huge thanks to Berin and the team at ARB North Geelong for hosting us and helping make this a great night out.

Don't forget - it's back to the clubrooms next month!





MOONAMBEL RECCY NO.1

24TH TO 28TH APRIL 2024

WORDS: GEOFF DAVEY - PHOTOS: GEOFF & TIM



The retired gentlemen (Geoff, Ken and Wayne) met at the Batesford servo on Wednesday morning and headed for Glenpatrick Reserve.

After setting up camp we loaded into Geoff's car to explore a few tracks. This consisted of a loop up Point Patrick Track (accessed through the farmhouse), down Radigan Track and then back up Gollup Track (past the famous spot where Jimmy lost his wheel) to Mount Avoca.

After collecting firewood we

returned down Emery Track to camp. Tim and Ryan joined us at camp and it was off to the Avoca Pub for a counter meal and a hasty club committee meeting by Zoom. This was slightly shambolic (I wonder if that had anything to do with being at a pub) but we managed it somehow. We arrived back in camp after dodging kangaroos and settled in around the campfire.

Thursday it was back up Emery Track for a look at Cameron's Hut and then up Old Kingtree Track. Tim drove the

hard line (with a winch) and the rest took the chicken track. There was planned burning in the district which required some track deviations at times but was generally not a problem as it was in the cleanup phase. We met the Forest Fire Management crew who kindly directed us away from the burn area.

After another loop we stopped for lunch at the top of Maurie's Track. This is the beginning of another story (and probably another Pist'n Broke award) as Geoff inadvertently left his

pie oven on after lunch! More on the consequences of this later.

After lunch we left some cars at the top and headed down Mauries Track to do some track clearing. To our surprise, there was very little to do. We did some minor tidying up and drove the complete track. From there we picked up the other cars and headed home via Iron Gate Track, stopping for wood along the way.

Saturday was to be a harder drive so some cars were left in camp. We made our way to descend the Cross Track extension AKA "Dave's Track" and then to Turpin Track and Donkey Hill. This is quite rocky these days and the author is calling it "hard". On the ascent there were a couple of issues for Geoff! The first was the "passenger's mirror issue"; he kind of forgot it was there! Moving on, the second became the consequence of unwittingly leaving the oven on; Geoff got stuck on the last step before the trig point. He thought he had his lockers on, but it seems not.

After a little bit of track building courtesy of Tim he made to the top (all the more meritorious because it was done with no lockers). At the time it was a mystery as to why the lockers weren't going in, but to cut a long story short, the second lithium





battery had gone flat (secondary to the pie oven) and shut itself down; and the lockers run off that battery ... bugger!

From Mount Warrenmang, the descent was on the "secret" north side which is rocky and quite closed in by shrubbery (to use a Monty Python term). On the way out we checked out the slate mine and old gold mine at the base of the hill.

Lunch was at the Summerfield Winery where we met up with Mark.

After lunch it was back up Sardine Track and No. 2 Creek Track. Having collected wood near Mt Avoca, Geoff took the load back on the easy route, while the rest went down Glenpatrick Track which has some big rock steps towards the end. At the bottom, they met another group that had put a vehicle on its side earlier in the day having attempted the ascent.

Sunday morning Jimmy joined us. He also brought along the long socket require to rectify the "mirror issue". All fixed and good as new!

The morning drive was reasonably gentle but we did test Wayne out in his stock D-Max a couple of times on Radigan Track and Sugarloaf Track. Lunch was at the campground at the



base of Fraser Track. After lunch we waved goodbye to Wayne and headed up Fraser which has been graded recently. The last two tracks of the day were "Tim's Creek Track" which has a steep rocky climb out of the creek, and the descent of Glenpatrick Track. After saying our goodbyes to Jim, who was just up for the day we settled into a relaxed (and early for some) final night around the fire.

Monday morning people left for home in their own time. Overall this was an eventful weekend with something for everyone. We covered a lot of territory with some track clearing, but less than we expected.

Thanks to Tim for a great weekend.

Participants:

- Tim Neville (Trip Leader)
- Wayne Kerr
- Ryan Allen
- Ken Mellross
- Daniel Murdoch
- Jimmy Halikias
- Mark Rothon
- Geoff Davey

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