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**MOONAMBEL MUSTER**

**11**  
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Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**25**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

## JULY

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Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**23**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

## AUGUST

**1 - 3**  
**HARD SNOW TRIP**

**8 - 10**  
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Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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**PRESENTATION NIGHT  
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**27**  
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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](http://www.geelong4wdclub.org.au)

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## THE PRES SAYS

G'day all,

The Moonambel Muster for 2025 is again upon us. As usual, the Committee has put a lot of planning and preparation into the event. This is the Clubs biggest event of the year, from both a social driving point of view and we expect about 80 vehicles from our Club and others from the western district. Last year we saw fantastic representation from the Club which we hope to repeat. It's not too late to book but if you are interested, please contact Graeme Jeffrey ASAP. While bookings are still available at the gate, it is helpful if the paperwork can be done prior to the event.

The next trips after Moonambel will be the annual snow trips up Mt Skene and surrounds. Tim is running a harder trip on 1st - 3rd of August and the second trip should be announced shortly. These are always a great weekend with the relative novelty of driving in snow.

The Awards / Presentation night is on Saturday 16th August and will again be held at the Cremorne Hotel. This venue worked well last year and was well attended. Traditionally this a relaxed social evening so save the date and come along.

See you at Moonambel,  
Geoff

A handwritten signature of Geoff Davey in black ink.



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# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms - 80 Edgerton Road, Lovelybanks
Date	Wednesday 14th May 2025
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Jenny Carpentier & Geoff Davey

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.45 pm
Welcome to everyone present	Welcome all.
New members	
Visitors	Libby Ticker
Present	Ross Barry, Ron Bastin, Darcy Brocks, Justin Brocks, Sophie Brocks, Levi Brocks, Trevor Brocks, Richard (Woody) Brown, Kez Brown, Geoff Connors, Jake Cook, Geoff Davey, Josh Eades, Jimmy Halikias, PJ Jayathilake, Graeme Jeffrey, Ken Mellross, Mark Mensch, Juanita Mountjoy, Nathan Mudge, Daniel Murdoch, Jenny Carpentier, Keith Murdoch, Tim Neville, Harry Parke, John Prowse, Kelvin Rogers, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Derek Wielens.
Apologies	Beth Rogers.

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes	
Moved	Graeme Jeffrey
Seconded	Tim Neville
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Moonambel Muster</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There has been a good response from clubs. Get booking and clothin orders ASAP please.</li> <li>Bookings through Graeme.</li> <li>Clothing through Hip Pocket.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>Membership Renewals</b> - due and need to be paid before attending Moonambel.</li> <li><b>Tax Update</b> - Tax return not yet lodged. Return date extended to 30th June.</li> <li><b>Clubroom Lease Update</b> - Nothing yet.</li> <li><b>Presentation Night</b> - Saturday 16th August 2025.</li> <li><b>AGM</b> - Wednesday 10th September 2025.</li> </ol>
New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>COGG Expressions of Interest for the Abe Wood Reserve</b> - No update yet.</li> <li><b>FWDV Affiliation Fees</b> - FWDV has progressively increased its affiliation fees over the last few years. Now \$60. The costs have been absorbed by the Club with no increase in fees. Most of the members present were in favour of increasing our Club membership fees (possibly to \$130) to compensate for this. This will be resolved formally at the AGM.</li> </ol>

Correspondence	
In	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Email from Alan Hutchison</b> - re passing of his brother Robert (Robbie) Hutchison (Life Member) on 6/5/25.</li> <li><b>FWDV</b> - Chainsaw Course 26th, 28th and 29th June.</li> <li><b>FWDV</b> - 4WD courses 15th, 19th and 20th July.</li> <li><b>Overland Club</b> - Site booking for Moonambel.</li> <li><b>Trackwatch</b> - Digital edition of Trackwatch Magazine.</li> <li><b>Email from Richard &amp; Amy Brown</b> - re pause in membership.</li> <li><b>Xero</b> - Xero membership increased from \$70 to \$75/month from 1st July.</li> <li><b>FWDV</b> - Affiliation fee increase for 2025/26 increase from \$58 to \$60 per member.</li> <li><b>Membership Application</b> - from Stephen Love.</li> </ol>

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Correspondence (continued)	
Out	a) Driveline Magazine - May 2025. b) Email response to Alan Hutchison. c) Moonambel Invoices. d) Membership Renewal Invoices. e) Reply to Overland Club.
Regular Reports	
Treasurer	Presented by Graeme Jeffrey.
Association Rep	Nothing to report.
Regional Rep	Regional Reps meeting held at Gellibrand on 3rd and 4th May. Geoff Davey, Danny Sparks-Cousins and Mark Mensch attended. Danny gave a report.
Trip Co-Ordinator	<b>Trips Out</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Easter 2025 @ Beachport</b> - Juanita Mountjoy.</li> <li><b>Moonambel Reccy Run #1</b> - 2nd - 4th May. Tim Neville.</li> </ul> <b>Upcoming Trips</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>4WD Mystery Adventure</b> - 18th May. Juanita Mountjoy.</li> <li><b>Moonambel Reccy Run #2</b> - 23rd - 25th May. Geoff Davey.</li> <li><b>Moonambel Muster</b> - Kings Birthday weekend June 6th - 9th 2025.</li> <li><b>Snow Trip #1</b> - July - TBC. Mountjoys.</li> <li><b>Snow Trip #2</b> - 1st - 2nd August. Tim Neville.</li> <li><b>Great Australia Bight</b> - September 20th - October 12th. Juanita Mountjoy. Medium / hard trip, tents / swags only and 8 cars max. <b>CANCELLED</b></li> <li><b>Drop In Drop Out SA Adventure</b> - September 20th - October 12th. Mountjoys.</li> <li><b>Track Clearing</b> - 25th - 26th October. Danny Sparks-Cousins.</li> <li><b>Melbourne Cup Weekend</b> - 31st October - 4th November. Daniel Murdoch.</li> <li>Anyone interesting in leading trips please speak with Tim.</li> </ul> <b>Reminder club funds available @ \$10 per car to cover eats &amp; drinks.</b>
Editor	Thanks to those who contributed to the magazine.
Webmaster	Nothing to report.
Club Permit Scheme	Nothing to report.
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Barefoot Bowls</b> - Spring - TBC - Keith Murdoch.</li> </ul>
Fines	Geoff Davey x4, Mark Mensch x3, Juanita Mountjoy x2, Harry Parke, Nathan Mudge, Justin Brocks, Jimmy Halikias, Tim Neville, Tyler Smith, PJ, Derek Wielens.
Pist 'n' Broke	Nathan Mudge
Members Draw	Kez Brown
Meeting closed at	8.33 pm
Next General Meeting	Wednesday 11th June 2025 - 7.30pm @ Clubrooms.

# AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 11th June 2025	
	Moonambel Report
	By-laws update
	Christmas Party - Looking at the last weekend in November
	Presentation Night - Saturday 16th August at the Cremorne Hotel
	Annual General Meeting - 10th September
	General Business



# PIST'N BROKE

## MAY 2025



NATHAN MUDGE



**Notice of Annual General Meeting**  
**Geelong 4 Wheel Drive Club (Driveline Geelong Inc)**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 7:30pm  
at the Clubrooms - Abe Wood Reserve

We hereby advise that the 2025 AGM will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 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. **ALL POSITIONS ARE OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS.**

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.



**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS  
ARE NOW OVERDUE**

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CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP AND MAILING LIST.



# GEE LONG 4-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB



## MOONAMBEL MUSTER 2025

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# UPCOMING TRIPS

## MOONAMBEL MINI RECCY

**Date:** Tuesday 3rd June

**Trip Leader:** Mark Rothon | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

**Trip Classification:** Hard | **Vehicle Limit:** 5

**Notes:** Leaving Geelong 8am Tuesday morning from Batesford Roadhouse.

A day trip to the Pyrenees to explore a few tracks prior to Moonambel. It will be a loosely planned day. Slow paced but will be looking for some harder tracks to drive. Max 4 additional vehicles to keep things moving. Will need to have recovery points and at least all terrain tyres.

Expect to be back in Geelong around 6pm to 7pm. Contact Mark if you would like to attend.



## MOONAMBEL MUSTER 2025

**Date:** Friday 6th - Monday 9th June (Kings Birthday Weekend)

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

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

**Notes:** 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.

Social evenings around the campfire, food & coffee vans, mega raffle and lots of fun.

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.



## HARD SNOW TRIP

**Date:** Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd August

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

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

**Notes:** Leaving Geelong 8am Friday morning from BP Little River.

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

Saturday - Mt Skene plus tracks plus dinner. Sunday - Mt Terrible onto Woods Point before heading home.

Mud tires highly recommended or very, very good quality all terrains. Snorkel and winch required as we will be attempting hard tracks.

Contact Tim on 0478 065 716 if you would like to attend.



TRIP FULL





# UPCOMING TRIPS

## MEDIUM SNOW TRIP

**Date:** Friday 8th - Sunday 10th August

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

**Trip Classification:** Medium | **Vehicle Limit:** 8 (Permit Required)

**Notes:** Make your own way to Jamieson Caravan Park on Friday night and settle in. On Saturday, we'll head over the stunning Mt Skene (fingers crossed for a fresh blanket of snow!). After that, we'll hit a few more tracks in the surrounding area.

Saturday night, we'll warm up with a group dinner at the Jamieson Brewery and Grill, great food and a perfect way to unwind.

If there's interest, we'll tackle a few more tracks on Sunday before heading home.

Permits need to be organised ASAP, so let me know quickly if you'd like to attend! Juanita Mountjoy 0467 809 040.



## CLUB AWARDS NIGHT DINNER

**Date:** Saturday 16th August

Book it in your diary and come along for dinner to celebrate members who have won the various annual club awards. We will be heading to the Cremorne Hotel for a great meal, a few drinks and a night of fun with mates.

We'd love to see a huge turnout for this fun social night out. Please register your interest on Facebook in the event page.







# UPCOMING TRIPS

## DROP IN, DROP OUT - SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURE

**Date:** Saturday 20th September - Sunday 12th October

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

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

**Meeting:** This is a drop in, drop out trip, meaning you can drop into the trip at any of the below points, and drop out again when it suits you. For those wanting to travel with us from Geelong, we will be meeting at Ampol, Bannockburn on 20th September @ 6.15am. Be prepared for a long drive, as we'll try and get as many kilometres done as possible.



**Trip Details:** The trip is going to be divided into three distinct parts: ranges, desert and beach.

### Bendleby Ranges, 3-4 days

Bendleby Ranges is a private property located in the southern Flinders Ranges. It offers over 210km of 4WD tracks catering to all skill levels, with terrain ranging from open plains to rugged mountain ranges. It has been described as one of the best four-wheel driving destinations in the Flinders Ranges. We will be base camping here, so you are free to do as little or as much 4WDing as you desire.

**Googs Track, 3 days** - We'll travel this renowned track from north to south, through remote desert country, detouring to Mount Finke, Googs Lake and Yellabinnia Conservation Park, before arriving at Ceduna.

**Fowlers Bay, 3-4 days** - The plan here is to find a base camp, then spend time exploring Fowlers Bay and Wahgunyah Conservation Parks, on South Australia's remote west coast. These will be beach, sand dune and limestone tracks leading to lots of scenic destinations. Those wanting to take it easier might enjoy fishing or bushwalking or just relaxing at camp.

**York Peninsula** - This final leg will take in areas along the York Peninsula such as Point Brown, Streaky Bay and Coffin Bay, before heading back to Geelong.

**Requirements:** Participants must have the following - A reliable set of recovery tracks (e.g. MaxTrax), if travelling the desert or beach legs, Sand flag, Front and rear recovery points, Long Handled Shovel, Basic recovery gear including a snatch strap.

For further details, including estimated dates for dropping in or dropping out, or to register your interest, please contact Juanita on 0467 809 040 or Matthew on 0400 389 230.

## TRACK CLEARING WEEKEND

**Date:** Saturday 25th to Sunday 26th 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



Dinner at Hotel Cremorne to celebrate members who have won the annual club awards. Come and enjoy a great pub meal and a few drinks.

RSVP via the Facebook event.

Any questions call Keith on 0407 310 931.

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# 4WD MYSTERY ADVENTURE

18TH - MAY 2025

WORDS: JUANITA MOUNTJOY - PHOTO: MATTHEW MOUNTJOY

The day kicked off with all teams gathering at Cunningham Pier. After a quick briefing, teams were handed their first clue and sent off in five minute intervals.

Clue one hinted that teams needed to travel 22km to the peak of a hill. Half the teams successfully reached Flinders Peak at the You Yangs on their own, while the other half needed a hint and took a time penalty. Surprisingly, it was the Van Ingens, who were the last to leave the pier, who reached the checkpoint first and took the lead.

Once all teams had arrived at the You Yangs, they tackled clue number two: a Morse code message. Everyone successfully cracked it, revealing their next destination, the historic courthouse at Steiglitz.

There, clue number three awaited: a set of GPS coordinates meant to lead teams directly to their next stop.

That didn't quite go to plan. While some teams got lost, Sophie and Jemma surged from last place to first, without anyone seeing them pass!

Clue four was the real challenge, just as expected. This cryptic puzzle stumped every team. It required them to follow a series of symbolic directions while heading south east for 24kms:

- "Pass the silent stones" (the cemetery)
- "Watch for the spirit that soars above" (Bungil Lookout)
- "Cross the old bridge" (Old Bridge Road)
- "Straight through the circle where choices meet" (the roundabout)
- "Over the rails where iron greets" (the railway crossing)
- "Where the creeks water flows" (Williams Creek)

These clues were meant to lead teams to Williams Creek in Bannockburn. However, one team interpreted it differently and ended up at Serendip Sanctuary instead! The rest accepted a time penalty to receive the correct answer.

The final clue was a jumbled message that pointed to our last destination, the Inverleigh Hotel, where everyone gathered for a well-earned lunch and shared plenty of laughs. Prizes were awarded to the team that completed the course in the shortest time, Sharon and Geoff Van Ingen, and to the person who solve the mystery of the lost convoy, Jemma Brocks.

A big thank you to everyone who joined in and supported the mystery drive. It was a fantastic day filled with fun, surprises, and great company!

## Juanita





# MOONAMBEL RECCY #2

23RD - 25TH MAY 2025

WORDS: GEOFF DAVEY

PHOTOS: GEOFF DAVEY & NATHAN MUDGE

Geoff, Ken, Graeme and Colin met at the Batesford Roadhouse to be joined by Tim and Nathan along the way.

We arrived at Moonambel late morning, set up camp, and collected firewood for the

evening. The group decision was to have lunch at Summerfield Winery which has now become a regular haunt. Well suffice it to say, it was a long lunch!

When we adjourned back to camp we were greeted by a sea of

vehicles on the oval. As it turned out there was a funeral of a local identity underway. There was a marquis and hundreds of people at the service and some 500 cars on the oval which dwarfed any efforts we have ever had at the Muster! Fortunately our camp





was tucked away in the back corner and did not interfere with the local "event".

Jim and Fossie arrived a little later and we settled in for an evening of music and frivolity around the campfire.

Saturday morning the group was joined by Russell Brookes from the Ballarat Club and Libby Tucker and her friend Emily. Libby is a visitor on her first drive with the Club.

Nine vehicles set off up Sardine Track and we made our way across Turpin track to the Percydale district. We covered a far bit of territory on the eastern side of the range by splitting the group into two from time to time. This also accommodated those who wanted to do some of the harder tracks.

The forecast had been for some potentially strong wind through the day and with this in mind a few extra guy ropes were set up on various awnings etc. Unfortunately things were not as we left them on arrival back at camp! Graeme's swag had "relocated" and Nathan's gazebo







had collapsed, again!

After sorting the carnage, the firewood stocks were (unnecessarily) topped up for an initially planned quiet evening. However there was a rethink on this which resulted in a preliminary meal at the Avoca pub.

Sunday was a leisurely pack up and departure.

Overall we did manage to cover a fair bit of territory on Saturday and no track clearing was required.

Thanks to all who attended.  
Geoff

Trip participants:

Geoff Davey: (Trip leader)

Tim Neville

Jimmy Halikias

Ken Mellross

Stephen Foster

Nathan Mudge

Colin Hatton

Libby Tucker and Emily (visitors)

Russell Brookes (Ballarat Club)

Graeme Jeffrey (Tail end)

Geoff





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