

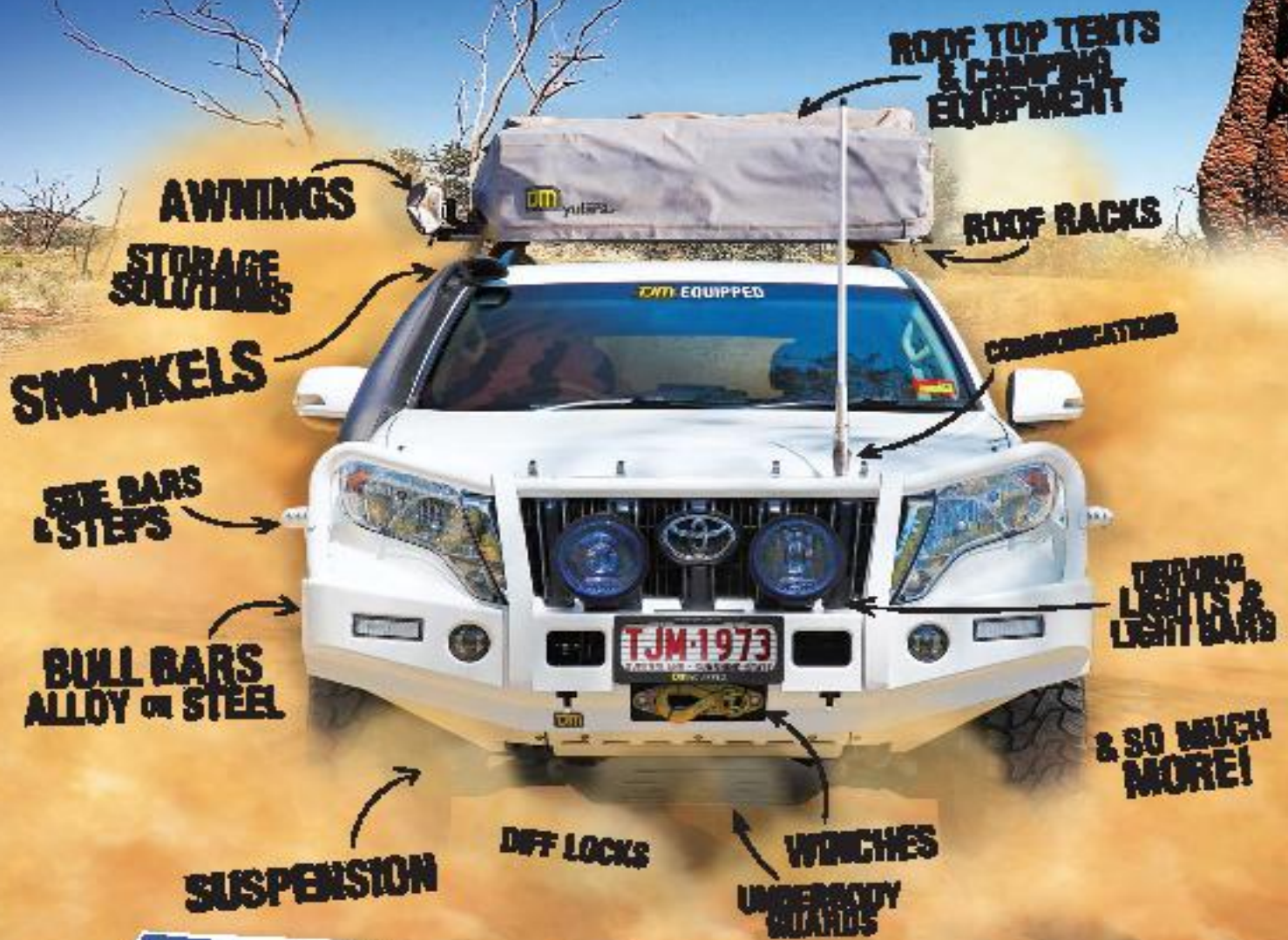
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Pizzas from 6.30pm	Annual General Meeting
9th August @7.30pm	Annual General Meeting
After AGM	General Meeting
23rd August @ 7.30pm	Committee Meeting
12th Aust @7.30pm	Club Presentation Night
23rd Sept- 8th Oct	Darling River Tour
30th Mar-2nd April	Beachport 2018
24th July - 15th Aug	Cape York 2018

If you have any trips or events you want to include please send an email to either the Trip Co-ordinator or Editor two weeks before the next General Meeting.

Please: If you have any trip reports (past or present) send them through for inclusion in the magazine.

For further info about upcoming Club Trips,
 Have a look on the web: www.geelong4wdclub.org.au

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Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm

Visitors and new members welcome.

Members BBQ : Free BBQ returning in Daylight Saving Months later in year

Next General Meeting: Wednesday 9th August at Clubrooms at 7.30pm

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday 23rd August 2017, 7:30pm Venue to be decided

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Minutes of the General Meeting

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Held at the Clubrooms, Abe Wood Reserve on Wednesday 12th July 2017

Opened: By Byron Willey in the absence of Adam Cameron at 7.38pm

Minuted by: ..Shez Tedford

Apologies: . Graeme Jeffrey, Matthew Taylor, Leah Taylor, Renee Hill, Justin Rogers., Bill and Helga Taft, Adam Cameron, Mark Mensch

New Members: . Richard Brown and Amy Oberli

Visitors. Richard and and Kerry Brown

Business arising from the Minutes: .None

Correspondence in: .

- 1.we had correspondence from Mick Riley withdrawing his nomination as Social Co Ordinator
Don bird has withdrawn his nomination as editor.
- 2.Tax Invoice from City of Greater Geelong
- 3.Latest Track watch

Correspondence out: .

- 1.The previous general meeting Minutes
- 2.June and July Drivelines

Business arising from the correspondence:

No Business arising from the correspondence

Treasurer's report: As read out by Shez Tedford (P) Ken Mellross (S)David Dixon

Association.

We have had correspondence from FWDV outlining the track classifications

. Email to inform clubs of a Club executive training day. To be held on Saturday 22nd July. Venue is still to be advised.

Editor: no report .

Public Relations Officer: No report

Regional Rep: Meeting in Colac with DELWP and Parks Victoria

Social Co-ordinator: Presentation night 12th august. Bring a plate to share. relaxed social evening. AGM 9th August. Pizza Van will be here from 6.15pm. The club is funding the pizzas.

Trip Co-ordinator:

Past events: .

30th June	Anglesea Night Run	Mick Riley	Past
2nd July	Lodon/Wombat Forest Day Trip	Nick Conn	Past

Upcoming events: .

14 – 16 July	Snow Trip 1 McAdams Gap	Shez&Warren Tedford	Upcoming
28th July	Day Snow Trip to Mt skene	Shez &Warren Tedford	Upcoming
19th august	Saftey Talk/Check club rooms	Committee	Upcoming
23 Sept – 8 Oct	Darling River	Matthew & Juanita	Upcoming
30 Mar 2 April 2018	Beachport SA [Easter Weekend]	Matthew & Juanita	Upcoming
24July-15Aug 2018	Cape York	Shez & Warren	Upcoming

Web Master: No Report. New web site should be up by this Friday .

General business:

- 1.Saturday 19th August 1pm. Informal vehicle checks.12.30 pm BBQ to proceed the check
- 2.Reminder that the AGM is on the 9th August at 7.30.

Meeting closed:8.04pm.

Next meeting: 9th August 2017.

Funny Caption please

This Month's photo needs a funny caption
Please send through your answers to the
Editor for your chance to win a Club
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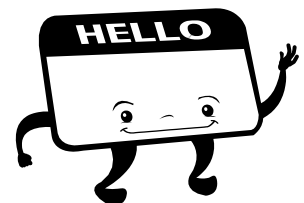


WE all have that one that was going to get finished !!!!



DON'T FORGET YOUR BADGE

BADGES - It is great to wear your badge at all monthly meetings, events and community activities.



Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on
Wednesday August 9th @ 7.30 pm

Nominations for Officers and Ordinary Members

Nominations of Members for election as Officers and Ordinary Members of Committee are to be in writing and signed by two (2) members together with the consent of the Nominee.

Nominations may be posted or handed to the Secretary

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Club Life Membership Nominations 2017

Nomination Ratification/ Approval to be added into the G4wd Driveline July Edition 2017.

The Geelong 4wd Club Committee after due consideration has voted that the Nomination received from Mr Werner Brocks for Mr David Purdie for Life Membership, meets the Club criteria as written in Club Bylaws Page 11 Section Q & will be presented to the Annual General meeting for General Member vote.

The Geelong 4wd Club Committee after due consideration has voted that the Nomination received from Mr Werner Brocks for Mrs Laureena Purdie for Life Membership, meets the Club criteria as written in Club Bylaws Page 11 Section Q & will be presented to the Annual General meeting for General Member vote.

On behalf of The Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club Committee

Club Notices

MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO PLEASE SEND THROUGH PHOTOS, TRIP REPORTS AND NEWS FOR OUR DRIVELINE MAGAZINE AND WEBSITE.

MAGAZINE : editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au

WEBSITE : webmaster@geelong4wdclub.org.au

Check Club Website for News, Trips past, and updates to the site

<http://geelong4wdclub.org.au/>

HAVE YOU MOVED HOUSE OR CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS ?

If you have moved and/or changed your telephone numbers, please advise the club so that all of our correspondence will reach its destination. With all the great Trips and Functions going on you need to stay in touch . The Club magazine Driveline is now emailed to those who have a current email address. Please let a committee member know your email. editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au

TRIP LEADERS REQUIRED

Just about anyone can lead a trip with a little guidance from an experienced club member. Day trips are very easy to organise; they don't necessarily need to be technically challenging or complicated - it might simply be a tour through some local bush scenery, a picnic or a trip to the local wineries.

If you would like to lead a trip for the Club but are a little unsure of how to go about it - Simply contact the **Trip Co-ordinator** trips@geelong4wdclub.org.au - or speak to one of the more experienced members who would be happy to give you some advice.

We would also love to hear from more experienced members interested in leading trips

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MT Skene Snow Weekend 2017

Trip Report

The Gap Getaway/Mt Skene Weekend 14th/16th July 2017

Friday

Our group all met at the BP service station on the highway at Little river. We had 10 vehicles in total for this weekend away.



We began our journey towards the high country, with a brief stop in Healesville to gather one of our group, and then made our way to Marysville. Here we all topped up with alpine fuel and made Marysville our lunch break, a chance to stretch legs and let the kids have a play.





We arrived at “The Gap Getaway” around 2pm and checked into our accommodation and unpacked. No snow at this point.

It was still early and Warren and I lead the group down to woods Point. We turned onto Johnson Hill Track and weaved our way down to Gooley Creek and the little hut and had some fun with the many river crossing in that area. We returned via the many crossing and back up onto Johnshill track and back to Woods point. Some of our group had not been to the iconic Woods Point pub so this was an opportunity for those members to take a look and have the obligatory beer.

Leaving woods Point we followed the road just out of town where we turned right onto TingerSpur Track. The ascent from the road was quite steep and slippery and a few of our group needed to reduce tyre pressures in order to tackle the climb. With that climb behind us we continued along Tinger spur track coming out on the woods point Matlock road. Tinger Spur track is a great track and a good alternative to travelling the main road to or from woods point.

We returned to the Getaway where we were greeted by our wonderful hosts, Brian and Heather Prothero. After a feast of hot BBQ food, we all settled around the bar and fabulous heater for a good night of laughter, singing and socialising. The night was becoming increasingly cold and we all prayed for snow.





Saturday

We awoke to a completely changed landscape. Overnight we got SNOW. Not a lot but enough to make the the whole landscape white and have the 4bys covered with the white fluffy stuff. This was very exciting as this was what we had hoped for.

We all enjoyed a hot breakfast of bacon, eggs, snags and toast thanks to our hosts.

Before we could begin our day, we had to help get a few of our vehicles started as with the overnight freezing temps we had vehicles with frozen lines. This did not take long and soon we were on our way towards Mt Skene.

We left the Gap, and turned onto the main road heading for Matlock. We then turned right onto the Walhalla Road. There was plenty of snow. We made a brief stop to show everyone the sad Walhalla Road (Mt Victor Hut) which is slowly disappearing down the mountain. We then turned onto Mt Selma Road. We stopped at Christians Hut briefly before continuing on. We stopped about half way along Mt Selma road for a coffee and a chance for everyone to have some fun playing in the snow. We were so lucky to have snow for our entire journey.

We then continued on, turning left onto South road and then left onto the Jamieson Licola road.

We made a detour onto Lazarini Spur Track to show everyone Crows Hut. There is very little turning room at this hut so we did it in groups of three and all met back at the Lazarini Spur/Licola intersection.

Just a few metres from this intersection we turned right onto a little unknown track which ran parallel with the main road. The track was very overgrown and rutted and rocky in places but a good track none the less. We did meet another group on this track and after some manoeuvring we managed to get all our group passed and after a few ks popped back out onto the main road.



As we got closer to the summit of Mt Skene the snow on the road became thicker. This is what we had come for, to see snow (some for the very first time) and driving in snow. It was awesome. We then arrived at our destination, Mt Skene. Everyone was so excited and although it was cold everyone had a ball. The kids made snowmen, and of course the snowball fights. The snow then began to fall heavily, it was amazing. Some of group had seen snow but never had it falling on them, so this day everyone got their wish.

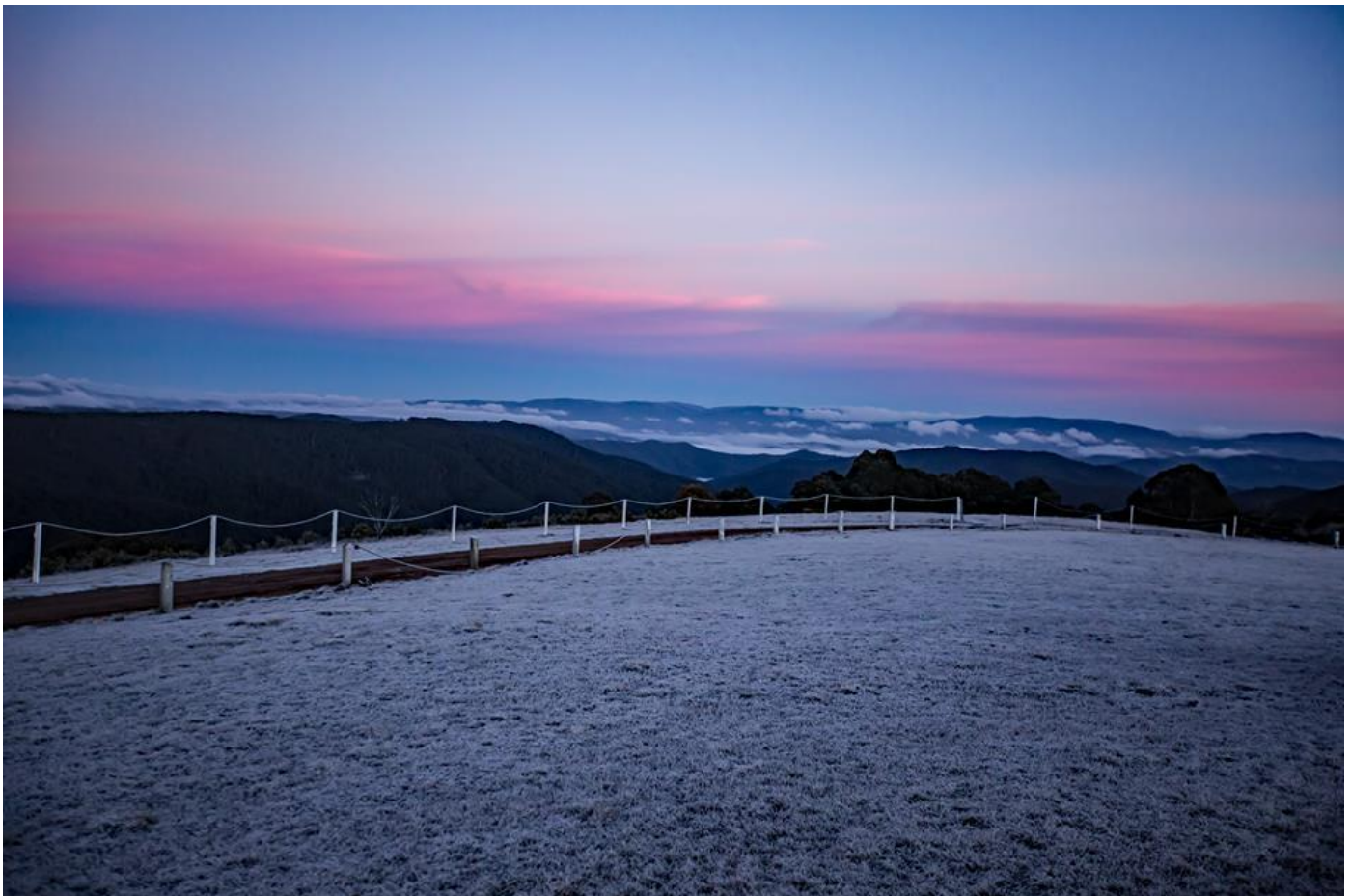
The weather soon deteriorated and it was time to move on. We had plenty of thick snow on the road for quite a distance. We needed to stay in the wheel tracks with some momentum. We continued down to Jamison and then on to Kevington. We stopped at the iconic pub for quick drink and stretch of legs.

Just out of Kevington we turned right onto Flourbag Track and then onto Moonlight Spur Track. This is a long track with some ruts and rocky sections and rock steps. Made just a little more challenging because it was wet. As we neared the top of Moonlight Spur track we came across a very rutted section. The ruts were about 1200 deep and off camber. Tackling this section, we also had to be aware of the tree as we climbed out as with power on there wasn't much room between the rut and the tree. We did have to winch one of our group out of this. We all conquered this section and eventually we came out on Ryan's Spur Track. It was getting onto dark by this stage as we made our way back to "The Gap".

Brian and Heather had a wonderful roast meal with lashings of thick gravy ready for us on our return and it's fair to say we were all a bit hungry after such a big day. (and a bit tired as well).

Most of the group were headed to bed fairly early on Saturday night. (think we wore them out).







Sunday

We again started our day with a hearty hot breakfast of bacon, eggs, baked beans, snags and toast before packing up and saying farewell to Brian and Heather. They are wonderful hosts, very friendly. The Gap is a fabulous place to spend a weekend, warm and toasty in the bar area, great food and plenty of it and accommodation was warm and inviting as well. Massive thanks to Brian and Heather.

We left the Gap and headed up to Mt Matlock. There wasn't any snow left but no one was worried. We continued along Ryan's spur track following the ridge line tracks. We had a stop at Ryan's Spur Hut for a morning cuppa before continuing towards Mt Terrible. A couple of the ridge line tracks proved challenging with some of our group opting for easier options. Two of our group Dave and Tim managed to drive up one track which always proves to be challenging. They did it while the rest of us watched and drove around.

Mt terrible track is becoming more and more rutted with the constant traffic. Nearing the top of Mt Terrible Tim decided to try another little side track with a huge rock shelf. He did get into trouble and had to be winched back onto the main track, no damage except some frayed nerves.

We parked at Mt Terrible and were blessed with a rare and clear day looking out over the alps. We could see Mt Buller, the bluff and Mt Skene very clearly and they did look picturesque all snow-capped.

There was still a dusting of snow at Mt Terrible as well making for a very pleasant stop.

We then headed down Newman's track coming out on the Eildon Jamieson Road. We had lunch at Alexandra before heading home via the Hume.

We had a fantastic weekend away and ticked all the boxes for our great trip. Waking up to snow, snow falling, driving in snow, some of the best scenery the high country has to offer, and some great tracks as well. Add in an awesome group of people, a great accommodation and you have a recipe for a truly great weekend. This is why we own 4wheel drives.

Shez Tedford

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The Pres says

Dear Members

The Club Agm is coming up on the 9th August @ 7.30pm and again we ask Club Members to help out by being part of the Committee to keep the Club moving forward into the Future. We will be supplying free pizzas on the night so turn up at 6.30pm for some tasty cooked pizzas.

There has been Nominations for Life Membership for a couple of Members who have been involved with the Club for an extended period, performed many duties around the Club and been Trip Leaders on many great Trips held over a long period.

The Club's Presentation Night is on 12th August in which Members of the Club who have helped out greatly in the Club's Events and Trips will be rewarded. Come along for a great Social Night at the Clubrooms and enjoy a relaxed Family night.

There is also a couple of longer trips to the Darling River and Cape York which both would be great and have been advertised early to allow plenty of planning time. Both places would be well worth the trip.

Regards Adam Cameron President Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club

Coming Trips and Events

TRIP

12th August	Club Presentation Night
Trip Leader	Juanita Mountjoy
Tail End Charlie	N/a
Trip Classification	Social
Vehicle Limit	As many as possible please
Meeting Place	Clubrooms at Edgerton rd
Meeting Time	7.30pm
Essentials	Social night and please contact Juanita Mountjoy for Catering
Trip Notes	Come along for fun Social night

TRIP

23rd Sept- 8th Oct	Darling River Tour
Trip Leader	Matthew and Juanita Mountjoy
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Easy touring Trip
Vehicle Limit	10
Meeting Place	TBA
Meeting Time	TBA
Essentials	UHF radio, Good all terrians, Vehicle Spares.
Trip Notes	Touring along the Darling River, Camper Trailers welcome, Family Friendly tour.

TRIP

30th Mar-2nd April	Beachport Easter Weekend 2018
Trip Leader	Matthew and Juanita Mountjoy
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Medium Sand Driving
Vehicle Limit	10
Meeting Place	TBA
Meeting Time	TBA
Essentials	UHF radio, good sand tyres, Air Compressor, Sand Flag,
Trip Notes	Must Book sites at Caravan park!!!

TRIP

24th July- 15th August	Cape York 2018
Trip Leader	Warren and Shez Tedford
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Medium
Vehicle Limit	10
Meeting Place	TBA
Meeting Time	TBA
Essentials	UHF radio, Good all terrians, Vehicle Spares, Snorkel, winch and Recovery gear
Trip Notes	See Warren and Shez for details regarding must take equipment and meetings for this long Trip. Vehicle servicing and repairs a must before attending this trip.

MT Skene Snow day trip 2017

Trip report

Day trip to Mount Skene 29th July 2017

We had 7 vehicles for this big day trip to Mt skene.

We stopped briefly in Marysville to top up fuel and to allow the children and adults to stretch legs and have a break. We then continued on up the Woods point road where we stopped at Matlock for a coffee break. There was plenty of snow on the woods point road as well, good signs for us.

We continued down into Woods point and turned off onto Johnsonhill track, deciding to take a different path across to Mt Selma road. This track is an easy track and provided a couple of water crossings to keep the trip interesting.





Mount Selma road had plenty of snow and we stopped briefly along this road to let everyone have a play in the snow.

We turned off onto South road and then instead of following South Road out to the Licola /Jamieson road we turned onto Black River /Queen Bee road. This road/track took us down into the valley and up the other side of the range. We had one steep slippery section to negotiate but with reduced tyre pressures all vehicles made it up with very little effort. This road came out near a big open camping area on the Licola Road and we decided to stop here for lunch. There were even patches of snow for the kids to play in.

We then continued our journey towards the Summit of Mt Skene and it wasn't long before the road was completely covered in thick, powdery deep snow. We came across another convoy in front of us that were in difficulty and we had to wait until they could get clear before we could move on. This cost us at least an hour.





The snow was so deep that we all had our work cut out for us just keeping our vehicles moving without being bogged in snow. We had to snatch one of our group out and tow him to the summit as his vehicle was never going to get through the snow solo.

Finally, we all made it up to the summit and the snow was so deep. We were lucky with the weather, bright sunshine and just a light breeze.





Time to play in snow, toboggan and make snowmen..

The afternoon was getting on and it was decided that we had best get moving and off the mountain. Just down from the summit our vehicle got bogged and behind us Cams GQ became stuck, bonnet deep in snow. With only one line it took a lot to get him out. The edges of the track were extremely deep in snow and not a place to be putting vehicles.

Warren eventually got our patrol out and while Dave worked to get Cams vehicle out of the drain we had issues in front of us to deal with. A single vehicle coming towards our group was bogged in the snow and going nowhere. We had to get this vehicle out before our group could continue. Warren managed to get in front of this vehicle and then snatched him backwards into a side track and got them turned around.

By this stage it was dark and the conditions on the mountain had changed to being very cold and windy. Eventually we got Cams GQ out and the rest of our group began to move. Adam hooked a snatch strap onto Johnny's vehicle and managed to tow him through the still deep snow until he got up to where we were. We had solid wheel tracks from here and we were able to keep moving, eventually getting below the snow line and down into Jamieson. We aired up and then made our way across to Alexandra, onto the Hume and headed for home. We reached the BP at Wallan at 10pm and stopped for much needed food.

We eventually got back to Geelong around midnight.

It was a long and exciting day. Driving in snow was what we all were keen to do, some for the first time. We certainly got that. More importantly we all stuck together and worked as a team to get our group across the mountain. We had plenty of challenges to test our driving skills making for a very interesting day. Thankyou to everyone who came on this trip. Thanks to everyone for working together, sticking together and looking out for each other.

Shez Tedford

Monthly Member Awards

Monthly Member Door prize

Come along for a General meeting at the Clubrooms and you are in with a chance
Each Month all financial Members Name's will go into the Draw. If the Member is in attendance they will receive a Club Voucher to the value of \$10

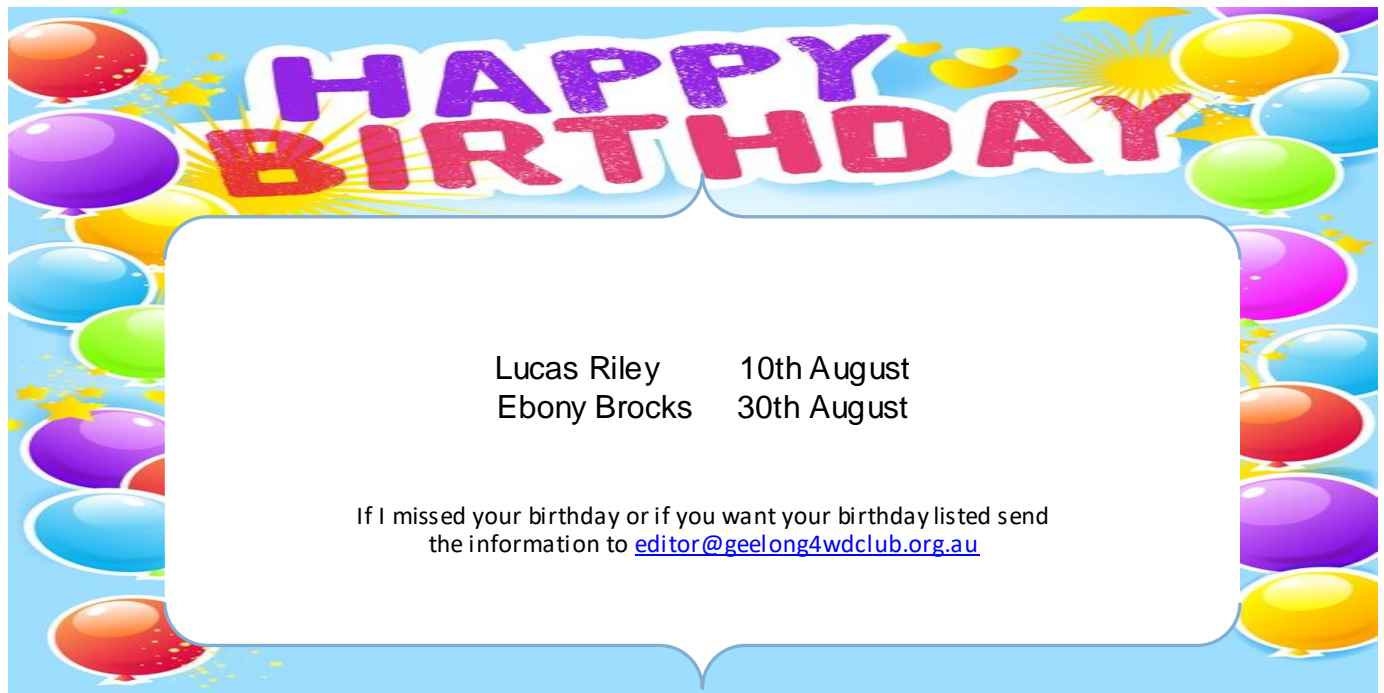


This Months winner is Geoff Baker

Members name is drawn and they must be at meeting to win
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