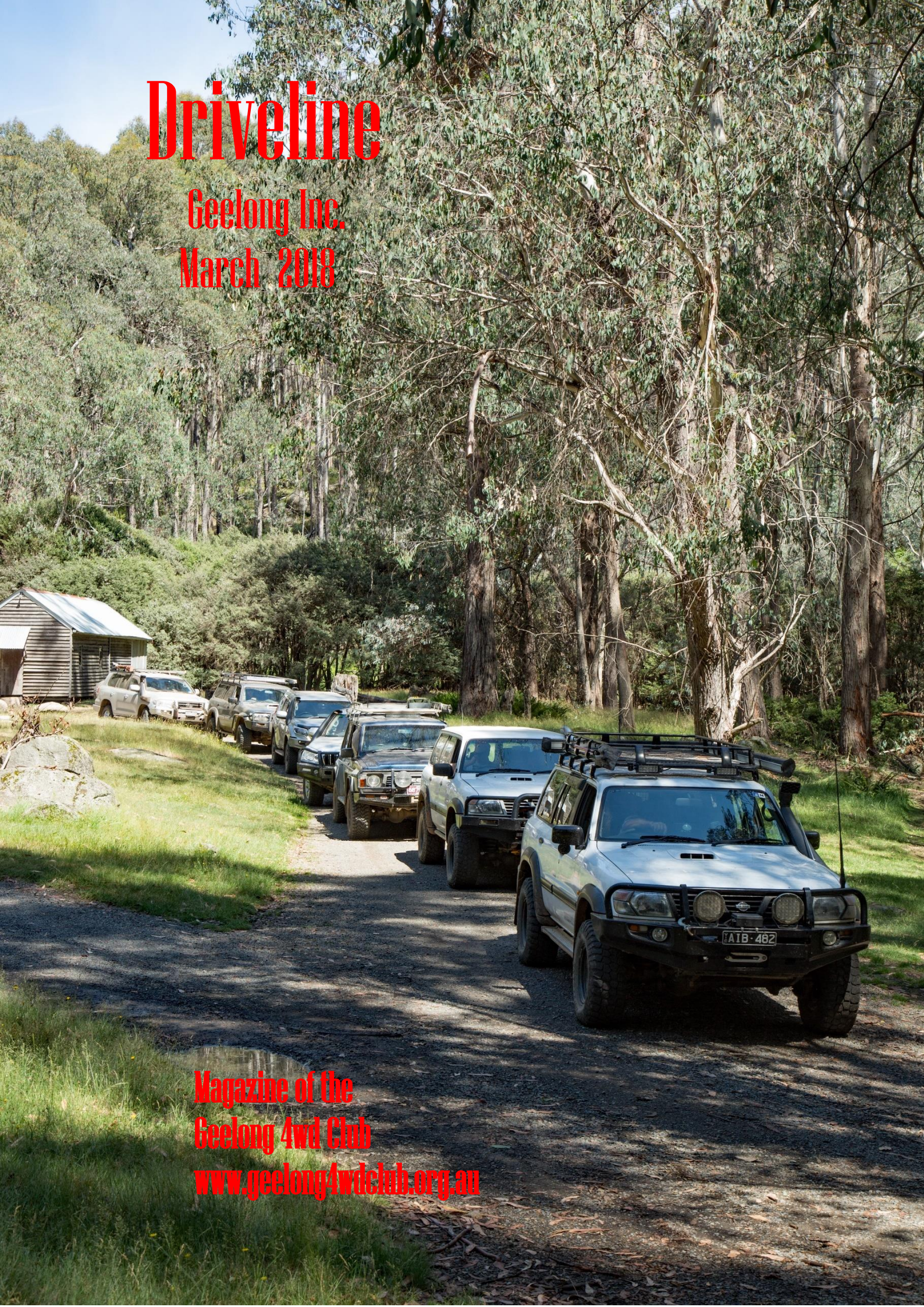


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| 14 th March @ 6.00pm | Vehicle Safety Checks |
| 14 th March @ 6.30pm | BBQ at Clubrooms |
| 14 th March @ 7.30pm | General Meeting |
| 28 th March @ 7.30pm | Committee Meeting |
| | |
| TBA | Avoca Area Recci Runs |
| 30 th March - 2 nd April | Beachport 2018 |
| 9 th June - 11 th June | Moonambel Muster |
| 24 th July - 15 th Aug | Cape York 2018 |
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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 14th March 2018, BBQ @ 6.30pm at Clubrooms

Meeting Starts @ 7.30pm

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday 28th March 2018, 7:30pm at Clubrooms

For more information email: info@geelong4wdclub.org.au

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Minutes of the General Meeting

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Held at the Clubrooms, Abe Wood Reserve on Wednesday 14th February 2018

Opened: 7.32pm

Minuted by: ..Shez Tedford

Apologies: .Tim Neville. Helga Taft,Lachie Hill, Renee Hill,Cam Hamann, Rylan Bird,Leah Taylor, Sally Vallance,Ken Mellross, Beth Rogers, Rick Neville, Justine Rogers, Rob While and Brooke MCFadzean
Visitors. Lynn Murray, Geoff Connors, Daniel Murdoch

New Members: .

Minutes. Previous meeting as per magazine are correct. (P) Dave Hamann (S) Warren Tedford

Business arising from the Minutes: .None

Correspondence in: .

1. correspondence from the NJM Group, who make access control removable key lockable bollards
2. statement from COG for rent
3. Tax invoices for rent on the club rooms
4. Rare spares rewards programme

Correspondence out: .

Drive line

Previous minutes

Business arising from the correspondence: None. NO need for P&S

Treasurer's report: As read out by Juanita Mountjoy (P)Bill Taft (S)Adam Cameron

Assoc.

Received the new half year monthly New Member Affiliation Tax Invoice for renewing and new members

2. Notification of the Centenary of the Wonnangatta murders. To be held in the Wonnangatta valley at the old homestead site Labour day weekend. If we want to do a camp host we are to Notify FWDV
3. Notification of meeting dates for FWDV general meetings for this year
- 4 Boating safety seminars for 4wd clubs

Editor: new sponsors ARB and Lumberjack Campers.

Public Relations Officer: No Report

Regional Rep: No Report

Social Co-ordinator: Pizza night Friday night 16th, 6 pm at Club rooms,Bare foot bowling 16th March. BBQ from 6pm . 10.00 pp.

Trip Co-ordinator:

Past events: .Mystery trip run by Tim Neville to Avoca.

HC trip Australia Day Weekend.

Upcoming events: .As per Magazine

Web Master: No Report .

General business:

- 1.brief discussion on snake bite kits and compression bandages.Committee will look at someone giving a talk on how to treat snake bites.
- 2.Moonambel update
- 3.personal details forms. Idea is that if your vehicle is involved in an accident ,we have all the medical details of the people in that vehicle should they be required.There is no need to go to a GP and have your blood group done as hospitals will do their own check and cross match of blood groups..

Meeting closed: .8.32pm.

Next meeting: 14th March 2018

FWDV MEETING DATES

Please note the following FWDV meeting dates on your Club calendars. ALL Club members are welcome to attend these meetings and we trust you will encourage them to do so. Agendas and further information will be advised closer to the dates.

Saturday 24.03.18 – General Meeting at Geelong
Saturday 16.06.18 – General Meeting at Tendebeck Hall, Doncaster
Saturday 15.09.18 – General Meeting at Tatura
Monday 12.11.18 – Annual General Meeting

The Pres says



G'Day all,

We had another great social night last week with plenty of us attending the Pizza night. The pizzas were beautiful the drinks were cold and there was a great turnout by everybody. I'm looking forward to the barefoot bowling night in march, it will be another great night I'm sure.

If any of our newer members or older members for that fact, would like to run a trip or has thought about running a trip and is not sure where to start or just needs some help and assistance, please just ask one of the committee members. We would be only to pleased to help you or to put you in touch with someone that can help you. It is really quite rewarding and for filling and would be awesome to see some new trip leaders running some trips for our great club.

See you soon
Byron

President Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club

Up Coming Trips

TRIP

In the New Year

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| Trip Leader | Avoca Reccie Runs |
| Tail End Charlie | Dave Hamann |
| Trip Classification | TBA |
| Vehicle Limit | Medium |
| Meeting Place | 10 |
| Meeting Time | TBA |
| Essentials | Tba |
| | UHF radio, good tyres, Air Compressor, |

TRIP

30TH March - 2nd April

Easter Beachport Trip

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| 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

8th June - 11th June 2018

Moonambel Muster

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|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Trip Leader | Dave Hamann |
| Tail End Charlie | TBA |
| Trip Classification | Medium |
| Vehicle Limit | 10 |
| Meeting Place | TBA |
| Meeting Time | TBA |
| Essentials | UHF radio, Good all terrians |
| Trip Notes | |

TRIP

24th July - 15th August

Cape York 2018

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| Trip Leader | Warren & Shez Tedford |
| Tail End Charlie | TBA |
| Trip Classification | Medium |
| Vehicle Limit | 5(trip is full) |
| Meeting Place | TBA |
| Meeting Time | TBA |
| Essentials | UHF radio, Good all terrians, Vehicle Spares, Snorkel, Winch & Recovery Gear |
| Trip Notes | See Warren & Shez for details regarding must take equipment and meetings for this long trip. Vehicle servicing and repairs a must before attending this trip |

Campfire tasties

Stick Fire Cooking

Everyone knows about putting a marshmallow on a stick, and cooking it over the fire. If you have camped, you probably have done it at least once!

But do you put anything else on a stick and heat it up?

Yes, we have some easy camping recipes.



Here are **8 other foods to cook over the campfire.**

What you need:

- You will need the food, and a good stick (free of loose bark, and nice and clean).

But for longer cooking times, a metal skewer (a long one, ideally with some sort of handle at the end to stop it burning in your hands) might be the implement to add to your cooking utensil box.

1. Damper

This is a very popular item to put on a stick – easy and delicious.

[Make up your damper](#) (not too wet, or its going to slide right off) and roll it into long snake-like shape. Roll around a clean stick, and when its on securely, SLOWLY rotate it over the fire, so the dough is cooked evenly and thoroughly.

It can be a bit trial & error getting the dough cooked just to your liking.

Tap the dough, and if it sounds hollow, it should be cooked.

When done, pull off the stick (well cooked, it comes off a lot more easily), and pour jam or maple syrup or whatever you like into the hole where the stick was, and enjoy!

Hint: Kids love Nutella on their damper on a stick!



3. Roasted Bananas



Put a banana on a metal skewer (a stick may work, but a skewer is going to be cleaner removing it from a mushy banana) , then heat it over an open flame.

When it's nicely warmed and starting to go a bit soft, you can roll it in choc flakes (Cadbury Flakes all smashed up works), or nuts or any topping you think goes well with a warmed banana



Barefoot Bowls

Friday 16th March

@ Bareena Bowling Club
89 Noble Street, Newtown

\$10 per person
Includes BBQ tea
Bar will be open

Pizza Night 16th Feb 2018

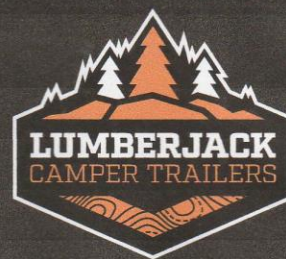
We had good support for our second pizza night. The pizzas were delicious and there were plenty to go around. This was another great night to make good use of our club rooms, get together with other members, have a laugh and just generally socialize.. The children had fun on roller skates, playing on the swings, laughing and just enjoying being kids.

Big thankyou to Allie for organising the night and thank you to everyone who came along to support our club. Thanks also must go to Franks Pizzas.

Shez



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Monthly Member Door prize

Come along to a General meeting at the Clubrooms and you are in with a chance to win .

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Member Vehicle Safety

Dear Members an important part of Four wheel driving is having the correct gear and equipment that you should all carry on Club Trips.

Basic Recovery Gear Includes

First Aid Kit
Emergency Contact Details
Rated Recovery Points Front and rear
Rated Bow Shackle

Known Medical History details form
Operating UHF radio
Your own Recovery Gear !!!!!

Self Recovery Gear includes

Winch for self recovery on Medium to Hard Trips
Max Trax or such for Beach Trips eg Beachport
Shovel and Toilet paper
Rated Drag chain

These are some items but please see Dave Haman for further details to ensure that when you get stuck people are using your gear to get you out and not theirs !!!!!

McMicheal's Hut

This month I am featuring McMichael's hut.

Situated just off Kellys Lane high above Licola at around 1400metres ABS.

This hut is the second on the site and relatively new, replacing one built by Bill McMichael. The new hut was built by Bill Cumming about 1972. The original land was selected by James C McMichael on the Big Flat at Licola in 1874, but this created tension with the neighbouring Riggall family. Almost all of this pastoral lease was held by the McMicheal or Riggalls family members. The Riggalls stayed with grazing their cattle using high plains runs . The McMichael's turned to pig production.

Apparently the old hut was burnt to remove the putrid corpse of a cow that had got itself caught inside.

(ref from the Alpine Heritage Survey)

Our club will be assisting in the rebuilding of the chimney in this hut this season.

Shez



The Man From Snowy River.

On our last trip to the High Country I managed to find the paddock where the Man From Snowy River Homestead scenes were filmed in Mansfield for both movies.(Harrisons) The first movie was in 1983.After the movies were completed the owner of the property decided to have the sets removed.

It doesn't look much different today with the dead trees and Mt Timber Top in the background.Thankyou to my mate Anthony for sending me this original photo which shows the original movie set

Shez Tedford



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

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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

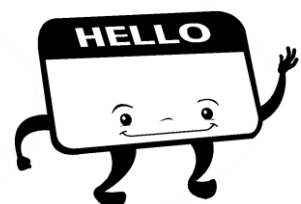
Vehicle Safety Checks

We will be doing safety checks for those members who were unable to attend the last inspection day, Starting at 6.00pm 14th March prior to the BBQ and general meeting.

Hope to see you all there.

DON'T FORGET YOUR BADGE

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



Trip report

Recci to Kellys Hut and beyond 9th/11th Feb 2018

Trip Leaders ,Warren and Shez Tedford

Participants

Tim Neville, Rylan Bird, Jimmy Halikias, Kevin Livesay, Ken Westley, Aaron Fagan, Stephen Fagan, Richard and Kez Brown, Martin Brayshaw.

This trip was to assess the works to be done on both McMichael's and Kelly's huts. (but also, to extend the trip onto Mansfield to make it interesting) Works that our club will be assisting Parks Victoria in, to maintain and preserve these two huts.

We all met at the RV park in Heyfield on the Friday night for this trip. Great overnight camping area. On Saturday morning we met with the VHCHA Huts maintenance officer for the Licola region Wayne Peterken who gave us a brief run down and who was also joining us as far as Kellys Hut.

We headed up the Tamboritha road, and turned onto Kelly's lane.

Arriving at McMichael's hut first we did some temporary repairs to the chimney. Hopefully these repairs will protect the chimney until we can get back to do the complete chimney rebuild. Hopefully this will be made possible fairly quickly.

We then headed just a few ks up the track arriving at the historic Kelly's hut. This was also a good place for lunch in the peaceful and beautiful surrounds of Holmes Plain.

We took numerous photos of the hut for parks, and did some temporary cross bracing across the back wall and front side wall to stop weight of snow from collapsing the roof.

As soon as all the assessing is complete we will be able go back and begin works, most likely starting with replacing all the posts.

We said goodbye to Wayne and Sue and continued our trip. Stopping briefly at Howitt Plains hut.

We then continued down King Billy Track heading for Mansfield. King Billy Track was very slow going with numerous rock steps, boulders and ruts. Challenging in places.

We stopped up the top at the intersection of Brocks/Bluff and King Billy to regroup. We took Bluff track to head down the mountain. Bluff track down to Lovicks Hut is very chopped up, with ruts, and exposed rocks. We had a brief stop at Lovicks to let everyone have a look at the hut.

The weather started closing in with dark and ominous looking black clouds and by the time we had got down to Bluff Hut the rain was heavy. (The track from Lovicks to Bluff is now graded).

We continued down Bluff track turning onto Bluff link and finally onto 16-mile Jeep track which would lead us down into Pykes flat and our camp for the night.

We set up camp in the pouring rain but eventually the rain eased and we had a good fire blazing with plenty of ambience.

Sunday

We packed up and headed round to Bindaree flat, crossed the creek and headed up Bindaree road back to the circuit road. We turned onto Monument track to take us up to Clear hills track and across to Craig's hut. There were some large exposed rocks near the top of Monument Track which needed concentration to navigate. Ken did get caught up but was easily towed free.

Craig's hut was our lunch stop and a chance to see the hut, some for the first time.

We then headed down the other side of clear hills track onto the circuit road and around to NO 3 road. We stopped at No3 hut briefly and then continued down the mountain. We stopped again at tomahawk Hut before heading onto Buttercup road. We stopped at the top of Buttercup/Buller road and aired up.

We covered plenty of ground on this adventure. It was a great trip with plenty of variety.

Thankyou to everyone who came and supported the trip and showed their interest in the two huts projects.

Shez Tedford

Heyfield RV stop



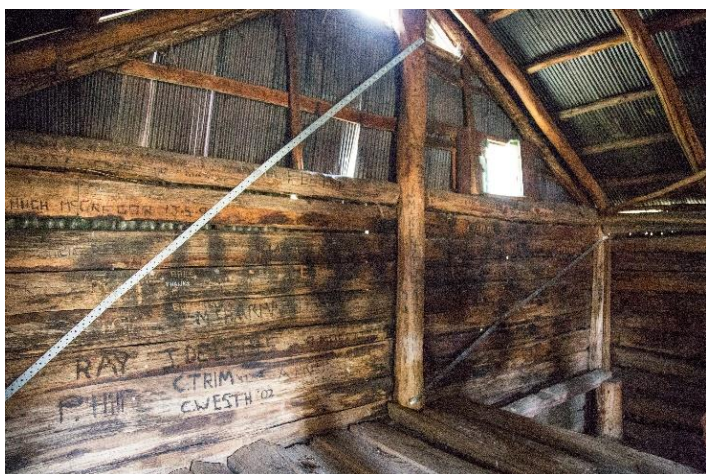
McMichael's Hut



Kelly's Hut



Inside Kelly's Hut



Our group at Craig's Hut





Funny Caption please This Month's photo needs a funny Caption

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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.

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