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What's happening??????

8 th Nov @ 6.00 pm	General Meeting
	BBQ Clubrooms
17 th Nov @ 6.30pm	Spud night
22 nd Nov @ 7.30pm	Committee Meeting
28 th & 29 th oct	Track Clearing Weekend
28 th & 29 th oct	Avoca Weekend
28 th & 29 th oct	Ryans Spur Hut Working Bee
4 th To 7 th Nov	Melb Cup High Country Traveller Trip
2 nd Dec - 3 rd Dec	Xmas Party 2017
25 th to 28 th Jan	Aust Day Weekend 2018
30 th March - 2 nd April	Beachport 2018
24 th July - 15 th 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 8th November 2017, BBQ @ 6.00pm at Clubrooms

Meeting Starts @ 7.30pm

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday 22nd November 2017, 7:30pm at Clubrooms

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Minutes of the General Meeting

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Held at the Clubrooms, Abe Wood Reserve on Wednesday 9th August 2017

Opened: 7.30pm

Minuted by: ..Shez Tedford

Apologies: . Graeme Jeffrey, Adam Cameron, Rick Neville, Justin Rogers, Natalie Brocks, Leah Taylor, Renee Hill.

New Members: . Adam Vallance, Sally Lewis, Cam Hamann and Matt Brocks
Welcome to all the new members

Business arising from the Minutes: . (P)Ken Westley (S)Dave Hamann

Correspondence in: .

1. Statement from COG
2. Invoice from COG
3. Receipt for the cleaning of our club rooms
4. Correspondence from the ATO to update our details
5. Track watch
6. Correspondence from Jeff Pannan who runs an Arms and Militaria fair. Notice will go on our board for anyone who is interested.

Correspondence out:

Drive line

Association.

Track clearing this weekend. Requests for assistance in the Whitfield area.

Omeo 2018. High Country and beyond. Weekend to get together and be involved in social drives, historic walks, challenging tracks and camp fire camaraderie

Cruiserkhana is on 27th/29th October. More info and to register at www.cruiserkhana.com.au

Business arising from the correspondence: No Business arising.

Treasurer's report: As submitted by treasurer. Tabled

Editor: . requesting content for the magazine. .

Public Relations Officer: No report

Regional Rep.: Matthew Mountjoy

I had a meeting for the Otway's 4WD liaisons 10/10/17 we spoke about

- Wye Track – Currently closed at the Wye River end due to it being private property. Warrnambool club and 4WD Vic to approach land owner to see if we can get access. Currently the track is closed as a MVO the other end
- Reviewed OH&S for track clearing – No further additional requirements required from last year
- Car removals from abundant/dumped vehicles – Metal recyclers have asked to have a clearance letter from the police. Parks Vic and DELWP to provide this upon the request of the removal
- Tanners camp ground (Test track Gherang) – DELWP are putting in temp toilets for summer with the look at installing permit ones long term.
- DEWLP App – Currently being developed
- Laver Hills Reserve – The Group are following up on if we can assist in maintenance/restoration of the area
- Planned burns for summer – Check DELWP website, you can be added to the email list that is emailed when a fire is ignited. Also check EMV (Emergency Management Victoria)
- Track Opening – 28th,29th of October – Meeting at Bunnings Wauru Ponds 8:15 am

Social Co-ordinator:

Pie night was a great success with a great turn out.

Bowling on Friday night at Belmont bowling lanes.7pm..6 lanes are currently booked.

Baked Potato night at the club rooms.

Trip Co-ordinator: **Past events:** As Per the Magazine

Upcoming events: .As per the Magazine

Web Master: More content is going onto the web site. All trip documents are there for down loading.

Pyst n Broke award. Norm Spitty

Door prizes. Bill Taft, Cam Hamann, Werner Brocks, Shez Tedford, Byron willey, Johnny atonasov ,Mick Riley, Tim Neville, Paul Oberli, Ross Barry, Rob Gunn, Don Bird, Ken Mellross. Congratulations to all the winners.

Big Thank you to Iron Man for their generous donations of door prizes.

Thankyou to Mark Mensch and Geoff Davey for cooking the BBQ.

General business:

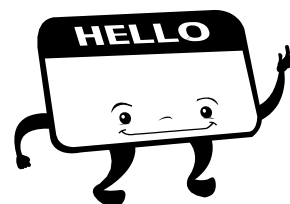
1.Kellys Hut Update. The Parks rep from Heyfield has been in touch with Shez regarding the works plan. There will be another update on when the works will begin as soon as a plan has been drawn up.

Meeting closed: .8.15pm

Next meeting: 8/11/2017

DON'T FORGET YOUR BADGE

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



The Pres says



Hi everyone.

Well as another month rolls around and the end of the year draws nearer, yes and that Christmas word is starting to get thrown around.

The Club has had a busy month with a few trips going out and I believe a very successful social night out bowling that was enjoyed by all.

We even had a very successful meeting night at Ironman with a fantastic turn out by every one that attended and with a few lucky people winning some awesome door prizes thanks to Ironman's generosity.

There is another huge month coming up as well with lots more opportunities to meet up and socialise and do what we love doing best, 4wding and camping.

Don't forget that with Day Light Savings upon us we are now having the BBQs again before the general meetings.

So come along and have a snag or burger for a gold coin donation and a chin wag.

Our Christmas party is fast approaching also, so lock it into your diaries. Whether you camp overnight on the Saturday night or come down for the day on the Sunday, it would be great to see a big turnout.

That's it from me,

Cheers Byron Willey President Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club

Up Coming Trips

TRIP

28th & 29th Oct	Track Clearing Weekend
Trip Leader	Matthew Mountjoy
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Medium
Vehicle Limit	10
Meeting Place	Bunnings Waurn Ponds
Meeting Time	8.15 AM Saturday
Essentials	UHF radio, Basic Recovery Gear,
Trip Notes	Camping Out Saturday night

TRIP

27th & 29th Oct	Avoca Weekend
Trip Leader	Cam Hamann
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Happy to cater for whoever turns up
Vehicle Limit	10
Meeting Place	Batsford Road house
Meeting Time	6:00 pm
Essentials	UHF radio and your recovery gear
Trip Notes	Camping at the Moonambel Reserve and Saturday Night tea at the PUB if anyone is keen.

TRIP

28th & 29th Oct	Ryans Spur Hut working Bee
Trip Leader	Shez & Warren Tedford
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Medium
Vehicle Limit	Full
Meeting Place	TBA
Meeting Time	TBA
Essentials	UHF radio, Basic Recovery Gear
Trip Notes	Camping at Ryans Hut Saturday night

TRIP

4th / 7th Nov	Melb Cup High Country Traveller Trip
Trip Leader	Dave & Laureena Purdie
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Easy / Medium
Vehicle Limit	10
Meeting Place	TBA
Meeting Time	TBA
Essentials	UHF radio, Basic Recovery Gear,
Trip Notes	Tent or Swag And Sense Of Humour

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

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

TRIP

In the new Year	Avoca Area Recky Runs
Trip Leader	Dave Hamann
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Medium
Vehicle Limit	10
Meeting Place	TBA
Meeting Time	TBA
Essentials	UHF radio, Basic Recovery Gear
Trip Notes	Getting a start on the upcoming Moonambel weekend so the plan is to have some new and old Trip leaders getting out and spreading their talents

TRIP

25th to 28th January 2018	Australia day Weekend High Country Trip
Trip Leader	Shez and Warren Tedford
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Medium
Vehicle Limit	10
Meeting Place	Frys Hut Camp Ground
Meeting Time	Thursday Night
Essentials	UHF radio, good tyres, Air Compressor,
Trip Notes	Base Camp Frys Hut Suitable Caravans & campers Day Trips to Visit Huts Driving Some Great Tracks

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
Voucher for use at the bar.

Email to editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au



Campfire tasties

Campfire Cooking – Pudding

This recipe was really easy. We used a pre-mix self saucing pudding. Tip the pudding mix, 1 egg, a dob of butter and enough water to make a nice batter into a bowl. Mix it all together. Pour it into your camp oven. Sprinkle the sauce sachet over the top, then add some more water (we took a guess at how much!). Cook it the hot coals for about 40 minutes. A quick, easy, delicious desert for when you're out bush.



Easy Camp oven stew

Ingredients

Meat – beef, lamb, chicken (your preference)

Vegetables – potatoes, carrots and pumpkin go well in the camp oven (Dutch oven).

Flavours – garlic and rosemary or all purpose seasoning are easy and favourites of ours. Spice jars are quick and easy whilst travelling.

Cooking oil

Gravy powder and water

Green vegetables (optional)

Method

Make a nice hot fire well in advance to create the red hot coals. Add some olive oil to the bottom of the pot. Then add the meat and chunky veggies, using a basting brush to coat them all with oil. Add any seasonings you like, either fresh, or from a spice jar sprinkled on top.

Move some hot coals to the side, away from the middle of the fireplace with a shovel. Place the pot on the hot coals and then surround the pot with a few more as well as a couple of scoops onto the lid.

Keep an eye on the coals and when they have lost their heat, replace them and check the roast after about 1.5 hours.

Cooking time generally takes about an hour per kilogram of meat.

Before your roast is ready, boil up some green veggies on the gas burner as extras and stir up some gravy in a pot.

You can't beat a Dutch oven roast and sandwiches the next day if there is anything left!

Shez Tedford

Social Events

Baked potato night

Friday 17th November 6.30 @ club rooms

Potatoes. Financial Members \$5.00 each,

Nonfinancial Members \$10.00

Please contact Allie with numbers or place your order on the form at a meeting.



Xmas Party Weekend 2nd & 3rd December



Murray River Trip

Dave & Allie (Trip leaders)

Cam & Oaklie

Rylan & Don

Jimmy

Mitch

Hayden

Warren & Shez (tail end)

We set off from Batesford Roadhouse at 6pm Thursday night and headed to Torrumbarry for our first camp. Cam & Rylan had a couple of delays and headed up later in the evening. Had a fairly quiet trip up considering it was also the Deni Ute Muster and Grand final long weekend.

Finally got to Turner Bend at 9.30 for our first nights camp. After a quick set up we got a fire going and enjoyed a chat and a few drinks waiting for the rest of our convey to arrive, which they did at 12.30 am.

Day 2 was a fairly slow start after going to bed at 4.30am. We headed off toward Torrumbarry Weir and had a wander around the Weir and the history behind it. After a lovely morning tea in the park we set off on River Track toward Koondrook looking at various camps along the way. Much to Shez's delight we came across Masters Landing Hut, which was originally built by Fredrick Masters back in the 1860's. After exploring inside and out we didn't go far when we came across a goanna that was laying flat out in the beautiful sunshine ---- that is until Shez took a photo and the goanna wanted to be up the tree beside her ---- lets just say I haven't seen Shez move that quick before (unless there is a plastic spider). While Shez got her breath back we set off again, there were a few camps we were hoping to get into but it was busy on the river so we settled for a beautiful camp on the banks of the river. After the firewood was collected and camps set up we settled around the fire for an afternoon and evening of nibbles, drinks and laughs.

Day 3 we headed to Barmah to stock up on supplies and a coffee before heading back into the bush on the NSW side. Camps were very scarce on this side the few we had stayed at before were taken and stopped for some lunch while we considered whether to head back over the other side to get a camp before the Grand Final started. Dave had one more track that we hadn't yet explored, so decided to have a quick look before traveling back to VIC side. Luckily we did look at this one as it was a lovely spot right on a bend with a big sandbar. Once again camp was set up, firewood collected and the Grand Final had just started. We had another enjoyable night cooking up a shared tea and listening to some great music.

Day 4 we headed home via Barmah and then onto Ballarat to all you get Pizza Hut ----- or should I say all you can eat ice cream.

Thank you Warren and Shez for being tail end and to everyone else for coming along and making it a fantastic weekend. Till next time.

Dave & Allie Hamann



Monthly Member Awards

Monthly Member Door prize

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

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 Bill Taft

Members name is drawn and they must be at meeting to win
Voucher only redeemable for any Club merchandise or canteen items



Pist N Broke award this Month goes to Norm Spitty

Bowling Night 13th October

We had a fantastic turn out for our first bowling night. It was great to see families along and children having a play with the bowls.

Plenty of laughter, plenty of gutter balls all made for a really great family and social club event. Thankyou to all those who came along to support the club. Thankyou to Allie for organising this event. It was a great success and I have no doubt another night will be on the cards.

Shez



DAY TRIP AROUND LAL LAL

Aaron and I met the convey that came up from Geelong out the front of the Lal Lal pub. Troy was running a bit late, so whilst we waited we wandered over to the old bluestone tower that was once used to fill the steam trains with water and checked out the lake that sits hidden behind it. The lake was the water source used to fill the tower.

Once the group was complete we headed off to the Moorabool falls where we had a decent walk (and we took the short route too) through some very green bush and checked out the once hidden falls. Some of us discovered that we are just a tad unfit ☺

We had a short drive and then an easier walk to the top of the Lal Lal falls. After a few pictures we headed to the carpark and picnic area where you can access the base of the Lal Lal falls and we had our lunch break. The kids of course went for a stroll to the base of the falls whilst us wiser and unfitter ones watched.

After lunch we drove off and checked out the Bungal dam and the old blast furnace. The Bungal dam supplies water to both Ballarat and Geelong. The old blast furnace was once used to fabricate bricks for many areas of Ballarat and it's surrounds until the coal supplies ran out.

We aired down a bit, mainly for comfort as many of the tracks were quiet rutted, and we headed off to inspect two old mine shafts. Those that were brave enough headed in and checked them out and I was glad that those who did appreciated the hard work that these early miners must have endured in the pursuit of gold. You could clearly see the veins in the rocks as the miners would chase reefs hoping to strike it lucky. We then headed off up a quiet narrow windy track to another hidden mine that you had to crawl in backwards to access as the opening was only about 2 meters in diameter. This mine ran in several different directions and they all ended in dead ends. We then continued up the rest of the track check out an old chimney from the old mining days.

We then headed back down the same track and across to a small river crossing, which is a local swimming hole during summer. It was a nice little challenge dropping down into it and then we had to do a U-turn and drive back across again. You can on exiting the river drive up a very short but quiet steep hill but none of us wanted to have a crack.

We then had a bit of an uphill obstacle course to get back onto the main road. I then went off to have another go at a different river crossing, but got a bit lost and as it was getting on a bit so decided to start heading out of the bush and on the way out we stopped at the shepherds daughters grave. Whilst there we aired up and those in the know (not me) checked out and identified the local fauna.

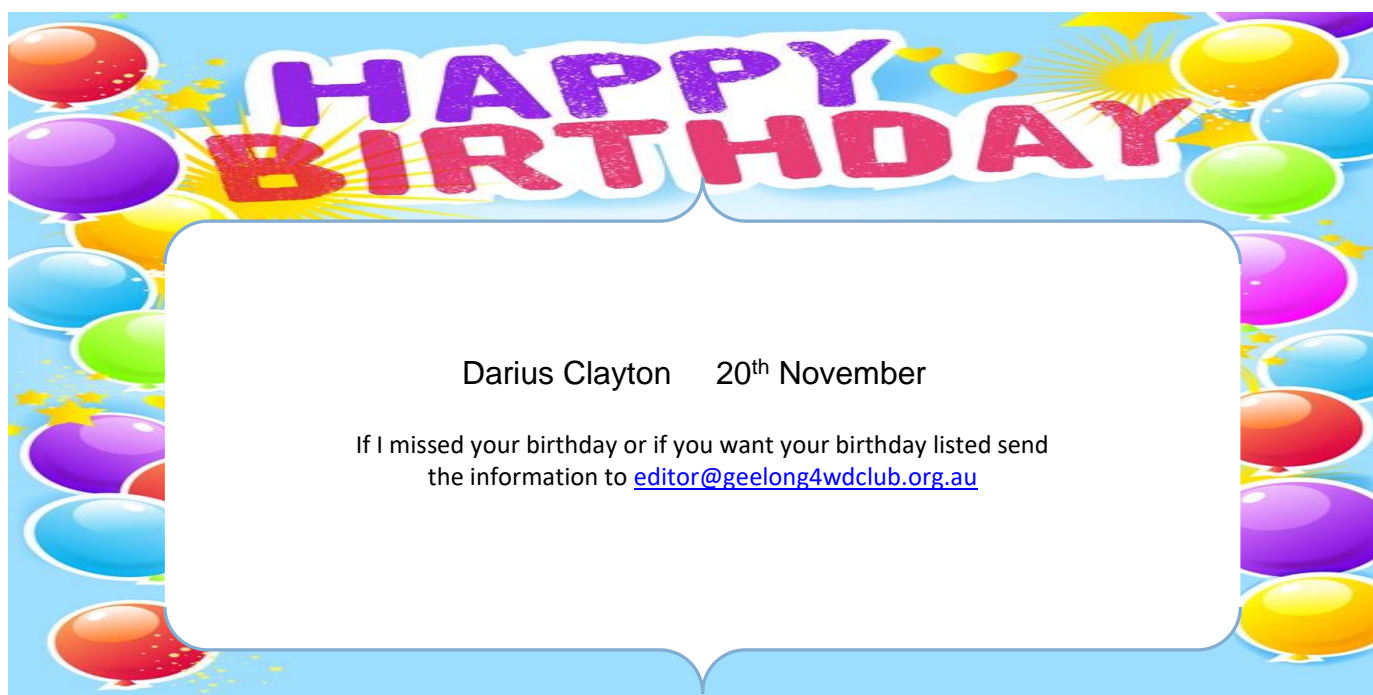
We then headed out to the road leading to Elaine where we parted ways.

It was the first time Aaron and I had ever lead a trip anywhere and knowing the area certainly made it easier and with easy going Geelong 4wd club members topped the day off perfectly – so thank you all that came along.

Regards Stephen & Aaron Fagan



Happy Birthday wishes



Moonambel Organising Committee

We held our first meeting at the club rooms at 7.30 pm Tuesday 17th October.
Thank you to all the members who were able to attend we were able to get the
Basics sorted.
Next meeting TBA

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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 !!!!!

Bluff Hut



Bluff hut during the rebuild



Built in 1956, Bluff Hut has been used by cattlemen, walkers, horse riders, skiers and more recently 4 wheel drivers. Over that time the hut has been a much needed refuge shelter in the Victorian High Country and has saved some lives. Located in the Alpine National Park, Bluff Hut is 1,499m above sea level and is often deep in snow during the winter months. In 1943 Eadley Stoney joined the cattle grazing licence on the Bluff and went on to organise the building of the original Bluff Hut in 1955. With the help of his son Graeme Stoney (age 15) who used a string of pack horses to carry the iron and building materials up the steep bridle track in the summer of 1956 to the hut site on the lowest saddle on the Bluff Range beneath the later named Mt Eadley Stoney. In February 1956, the cattlemen grazing the Bluff (Jack Ware, Ray Kelly and Archie Cameron) helped Eadley build the original Bluff Hut. Jack Ware was responsible for the most important job of shaping the frame timbers from

local snowgum and ash. Jack used the classic construction methods (using adze and axe) that he learned as a boy working for Jim Barclay and Jack Bullock who were the first men to run cattle on the High Country beyond the Howqua River from 1909. The original site was chosen for its shelter from the prevailing winds. In the early 80's the hut was extended by the stoneys and partners to accommodate their cross country ski tours and summer horse riding tours in conjunction with their grazing licence.

Bluff hut was lost in the 2006-7 Great Divide fires that started by a lightning strike and the rebuild started in November 2007. The original Bluff hut had many extensions and add-ons over the years but the replacement hut has been built more in the style and to the plan of the original hut with thanks to Eadley's grandson David Stoney drawing up the plans. Over 2000 hours of volunteer work went into completing the hut in time to serve as a refuge for skiers in the winter of 2008. The majority of the work done, however, was by the Stoney's friends and family including David Stoney who drew up the plans, escorted them through Parks requirements and then worked on and supervised the rebuild. Cattle grazing ended in the National Park in 2005 but the Stoney Family are still the custodians of Bluff hut and work with Parks Victoria towards its future care so that its history can be shared with everyone.

Bluff hut is accessed by 4WD only. It can be accessed from Howitt plains down bluff link track, which has become very rugged and rutted over time but it is still a great track to drive with some magnificent views over the beautiful high country.

The hut is also accessed from the Mansfield side. Travel through Sheep yard flat ,up brocks road and pass through refrigerator gap and up Bluff link road. The hut is on a seasonal closure and is only accessed during November to June each year.

Shez

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Geelong 4WD Christmas Party



Special visit
from Santa.

Saturday 2nd
December

10.00am onwards

(Camping available Saturday Night)



Come along for a great day out.

Murgheboluc Hall, 2027 Hamilton Highway, Murgheboluc.

BYO chairs and drinks. Meat provided!

Please fill in the attached form to indicate whether you
will be

bringing a salad or a sweet to share.

\$10 per Child will need to be included to go towards a
gift from Santa

2017 Christmas Party

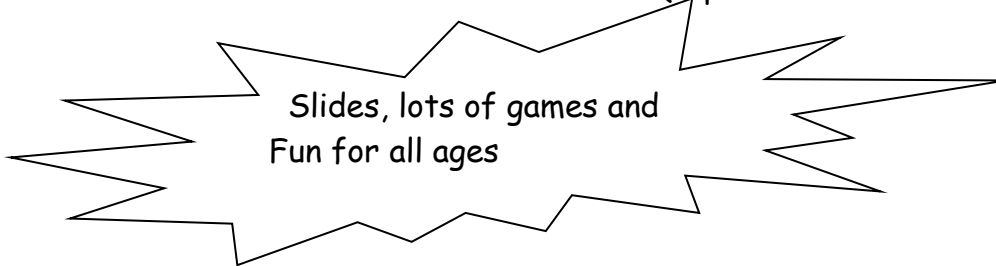
When: Starting:

Saturday 2nd December, from 10am. BBQ Lunch
& Christmas Party including a special visit by Santa.

Sunday 3rd December, Pancake breakfast

Where: Murgheboluc Reserve/Hall. (Hamilton Hwy, Murgheboluc)

Please BYO drinks, chairs, nibbles and either a salad
or desert to share. Meat & BBQ's provided.



Please complete the form below and return it with money (\$10 per child) to Juanita Mountjoy or Committee Member by the **November General Meeting** so that Santa's helpers can organise the gifts.

If you wish to pay via Direct Debit, the club account is -

BSB: 033226 Account number: 160294

Account name: Driveline Geelong Inc: T/as Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club

Please make sure you put your **Family Name in the reference section** otherwise we won't know who is paying for gifts. & email details to social@geelong4wdclub.org.au.



Please return this form ASAP

Name: _____ **No. of Adults:** _____

We will be attending the Christmas Party: Yes No

We will bring along: Salad Sweet

Please Print

SURNAME	CHILD'S NAME	M/F	DATE OF BIRTH

If you can possibly help out either on the day or in preparation please let Juanita or Committee know, the more that help the easier it is for everyone involved.

The Darling River Trip

What a wonderful trip! The weather was on our side (if you like the heat that is!) with temperatures ranging from the high 20's to the low 40's. Two weeks is a long time to be away, and rather than give you a day by day account of our trip, I thought I might just give you the highlights.



The first highlight was most definitely the company. Five vehicles were on the trip, and we all got along like a house on fire. Norm kept us constantly entertained with his witty one liners and nights were spent talking, laughing and sharing stories.



The other obvious highlight was the beautiful countryside. As we travelled through outback NSW we were witness to mostly dry and barren landscapes. It has been a long time since some of the areas we visited have seen decent rainfall and as we pulled into camp of a night we were all covered in red dust. I'm pretty sure I will be cleaning it out of the car, camper and my clothes for a long time to come! Animals were in abundance, mostly kangaroos, emus and wild goats, and the only casualties of our trip were a goanna and a slightly bruised kangaroo. We didn't see as much of the Darling River as we had hoped. Although we travelled alongside it, you could not see it from the road and there were not too many places where you could duck in and camp by the river.



Although our trip officially began in Lightning Ridge, we did spend time in Dubbo before travelling through Gulargambone and Coonamble, then meeting up with The Wallers and The Fitzpatrick family at Lightning Ridge. From Lightning Ridge we travelled through Brewarrina then on to Bourke. From Bourke we travelled through Gundabooka National Park, Louth, Tilpa, White Cliffs, Wilcannia and Menindee. Our final stop was Broken Hill/Silverton before we headed home through Wentworth.



Highlights:

Chambers of the Black Hand, Lightning Ridge. Chambers of the Black Hand is an underground opal mine where images have been carved and painted in the sandstone walls and pillars. Images ranged from native animals, Lord of the Rings characters, biblical entities, dinosaurs and many more. We were lucky enough to meet the artist, Ron Canlin, who was in attendance the day we visited, working on his last piece of art before he retires. He is a real Aussie character and a very interesting bloke to talk to.





Amigo's Castle, Lightning Ridge. The castle was single handedly built by Vittorio Stefanato, known locally as Amigo, who lifted every stone into place with the aid of 44 gallon drums and wooden planks. Amigo was originally an opal miner, but began building his castle in 1985 when he became tired of opal mining. Originally he sourced his stone from his own mining lease, but soon had to travel to all areas around Lightning Ridge as his castle grew in size. This would later cause him trouble as the castle became the subject of a legal battle as Amigo was building it illegally (without permits) on his mining claim and collecting materials off crown land. In true Aussie style however, the town got behind Amigo and quickly had the building heritage listed, meaning it could not be pulled down. Amigo lived in the castle until quite recently, when he was forced to move into a shed out the back, according to Amigo, due to tourists constantly sticking their heads in his windows while he was trying to get his breaky ready!



Gundabooka National Park, in particular, Mulgowan Aboriginal art site. After a short walk to the site we were rewarded with the unique Aboriginal rock paintings of the Ngemba and Paakandji people. The paintings depicted animal motifs, dancers, hand stencils and hunting tools. The surrounding area was not only beautiful but is a significant place for the local Aboriginal people who once held ceremonies in the



nearby areas.

Trilby Station, Louth. Trilby Station is a 320,000 acre working merino sheep and goat station, just out of Louth, on the banks of the Darling River. Liz, who owns and runs the station with her husband Gary, was a very interesting lady to talk to, and provided us with an overview of her life as a rural farmer. Liz's daughter Alex was a real character too and invited us to help cull the kangaroos and emus with our bull bars, just before telling us it was a total fire ban, so if we wanted a campfire, keep it small that night! Talking to Alex, I was surprised to learn that the kangaroos and emus were the animals causing the most problems on the farm. The goats that run wild everywhere are currently the most profitable animals, due to a high demand for goat meat from the Muslim community. Trilby had built special one way pens to trap the goats as they came in to drink, as they could only sell goats that had wandered onto their own property. We spent two nights lounging around at Trilby and enjoyed fishing and yabbing in the river and campfire cooking of a night



White Cliffs. This was not on our original itinerary, but we decided to take a detour to visit this remote mining town, and I was glad we did. Residents here live mainly underground and it was fascinating to see a town build into the side of hills. We only stayed for one night, which did not allow for a through look



around, but what we did see was very interesting.

Menindee. We camped on the banks of the weir, in a little slice of heaven. After all the red dust, the sand under our feet was lovely and the water provided hours of entertainment for the kids. We had a chance to do a bit more fishing and yabbing and a lot of relaxing. We ventured into Kinchega National Park and spent time exploring the old buildings of the Kinchega Station. The woolshed, which was built in 1875 out of corrugated iron and red river gum is very well preserved. Inside the woolshed there were wool presses and tables, a machinery room, an original steam engine, sweating pens and the board where sheep were held for sheering. The woolshed had been in operation for 97 years, with around six million sheep being shorn there. We also visited the ruins of the old Kinchega homestead, built in the mid to late 1870's.



Silverton. If you're a Mad Max fan, or even if you're not, Silverton is worth a visit. Silverton was established in 1880 and was the area's largest township with businesses ranging from medical practitioners, solicitors, a newspaper, Stock exchange, Masonic Lodge, school and Churches of several denominations. In 1886 the Miners Association pushed for workers' rights under the banner "United we stand, divided we fall", and unionism was born in the region. The Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited (BHP) was formed in the De Borne's Hotel (The current site of Silverton Hotel's Accommodation) in 1885. The company would have a huge impact upon the country's mining industry and the State's finances for generations. With the discovery of the Silver, Lead and Zinc deposits in Broken Hill, which subsequently proved to be the largest in the world, Silverton's mining declined and with it the town became smaller, with less than 40 people now living in the town. However, as I said earlier, the town is worth a visit and we spent time exploring the old school, art galleries and of course, the Mad Max



museum.

Thank you to everybody who came along and helped make this trip such a success; Norm, James, Bec, Tim, Logan, Xavier, Belinda, John, Beth, Kelvin, Lachlan, Harry, Noah, Matthew, William, Evelyn and Isabel. I know I enjoyed sharing this experience with you,
Juanita Mountjoy



Corrugated galah's, Gulargambone



Fred Hollows Grave, Bourke
Now that's a S'more, Logan at
Menindee



A difficult piece of metal to remove, somewhere out
past Tilpa Poetry on a Plate, Bourke

Beer can house, Lightning Ridge





The Darling was almost dry in places, Wilcannia



Royal Flying Doctor Service Base, Broken Hill



Where the Murray meets the Darling, Wentworth



The Living Desert Sculptures, Broken Hill



Mad Max Museum, Silverton

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Stereo system with 5 speakers

KITCHEN

Slide out kitchen over draw bar
Storage cupboard under kitchen
Inbuilt sink
3 burner gas cooker
9L gas bottle
LED strip lighting

INTERNAL FEATURES

Pillow top queen size mattress
LED strip lighting to main tent
LED lighting in storage compartment

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Boat rack
Outboard motor rack
Rear hitch for pushbike rack or collapsible boat trailer
Recovery points front and rear
Standard jockey wheel
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Fire extinguisher
Wind down stabilizers

PLUMBING

70L water tank with locking water filler
Electric “Shurflo” water pump to sink (with isolator for travel)
Water tap on drawer bar

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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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The History of the Middle Finger:

Well, now.....here's something I never knew before, and now that I know it, I feel compelled to send it on to my more intelligent friends/family in the hope that they, too, will feel edified.

Before the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, the French, anticipating victory over the English, proposed to cut off the middle finger of all captured English soldiers. Without the middle finger it would be impossible to draw the renowned English longbow and therefore they would be incapable of fighting in the future. This famous English longbow was made of the native English Yew tree, and the act of drawing the longbow was known as 'plucking the yew' (or 'pluck yew').

Much to the bewilderment of the French, the English won a major upset and they began mocking the French by waving their middle fingers at the defeated French, saying, See, we can still pluck yew! Since 'pluck yew' is rather difficult to say, the difficult consonant cluster at the beginning has gradually changed to a labiodental fricative 'F', and thus the words often used in conjunction with the one-finger-salute! It is also because of the pheasant feathers on the arrows used with the longbow that the symbolic gesture is known as 'giving the bird.'

And yew thought yew knew every plucking thing.

Ross Barry

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Cam Hamann

Adam Valance & Sally Lewis

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