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OCTOBER

GENERAL MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm BBQ from 6:30pm

17 - 19 **FWDVIC 50TH @ MERRIJIG**

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

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DECEMBER

10 **GENERAL MEETING** Clubrooms @ 7:30pm BBQ from 6:30pm

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.

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

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PO Box 976 Geelong Vic 3220 If you have any trips or events you want to include please send an email to the Trip Co-Ordinator two weeks before the next General Meeting.

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

For further info about upcoming Club Trips check the website: www.geelong4wdclub.org.au

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THE PRES SAYS

G'day,

Welcome all to my first edition of Pres Says.

With the AGM held recently we saw changes to our committee structure and the reduction of general committee member numbers as published in the AGM minutes.

Firstly, may I thank Geoff Davey on behalf of the club for a stellar 5 years at the helm. Geoff has overseen many changes during his time in the chair and has always had the club's best interest at heart.

Geoff has represented the club externally at many events and meetings, going well over and above the role expectation whilst guiding the club through the "Covid Period" which hit many organisations hard.

Whilst strong leadership is vital it is not successful without the commitment and support of the rest of the Committee and for that I thank those members.

I look forward to the support of the new Committee along with the support of our General Members to keep this great club growing and moving forward in a positive manner.

Please bring any ideas, suggestions regarding Club improvement, trip wish lists, social outings etc to any Committee Member for consideration.

Last year was not as financially strong as previous years however the Committee is still committed to supporting all member functions and events via subsidies or value-added attractions whilst maintaining a healthy bottom line & club morale.

Don't forget to visit the club website and Facebook group to preview upcoming events and all important topics.

See you on the tracks, Graeme





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AGM MINUTES

Meeting	Annual General Meeting 2025
Location	Clubrooms – Abe Wood Reserve. 70 Edgerton Road Lovely Banks, 3213
Date	Wednesday 10th September 2025
Chair	Geoff Davey and Graeme Jeffrey
Minutes taken by	Geoff Davey

Meeting opened at	7.34 pm
Welcome to everyone present	Darcy Brocks, Justin Brocks, Sophie Brocks, Richard Brown, Kerry Anne Brown, Geoff Connors, Geoff Davey, Josh Eades, Jimmy Halikias, Colin Hatton, PJ Jayathilake, Graeme Jeffrey, Stephen Love, Mark Mensch, Nathan Mudge, Keith Murdoch, John Prowse, Kelvin Rogers, Jack Stratford, Alanna Stratford, Trevor Brocks, Dave Hamann, Allie Hamann, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Sally Sparks-Cousins.
Apologies	Tim Neville, Julie Brocks, Sharon Van Ingen, Warren Tedford, Shez Tedford, Jemma Brocks, Levi Brocks, Daniel Murdoch, Ken Mellross, Byron Willey, Beth Rogers, Sally May Jeffrey, Kaye Witham.
Confirmation of Proxies	Julie Brocks, Sally May-Jeffrey, Kaye Witham, Rob Gunn, Shez Tedford, Warren Tedford.
Confirmation of Quorum	Quorum confirmed.

Acceptance of the previous Annual General Meeting Minutes - Wednesday 11th September 2024	
Moved Seconded	Jimmy Halikias Jack Stratford Carried
Business arising from the previous AGM	Nil

Correspondence	
In	Nil
Out	Nil

Annual Report from the Committee for 2024-2025	
Motion:	That the Annual Committee Report for 2024-2025 as circulated with the agenda be accepted.
Moved: Seconded:	Geoff Connors Alanna Stratford Carried

Treasurer's Report 2024-2025 Financial Year	
Motion: Moved: Seconded:	That the Treasurer's report for 2024-2025 as circulated with the agenda be accepted. Jimmy Halikias Alanna Stratford Carried

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General Business		
Notice of motion – Ordinary Committee members	Motion: That the club appoint five (5) ordinary comfinancial year. Moved: Keith Murdoch Seconded: Justin Brocks Carried	mittee members for the 2025-2026
Committee Nominations	President – Graeme Jeffrey	
		er: Jimmy Halikias
	Vice President – Geoff Davey Nominated by: Danny Sparks-Cousins Seconder	er: Jimmy Halikias
	Secretary – Nathan Mudge	,
		er: Jimmy Halikias
	Treasurer – Sophie Brocks	
	Nominated by: Geoff Davey Second	er: Jimmy Halikias
	Editor – Danny Sparks-Cousins Nominated by: Juanita Mountjoy Seconde	er: Keith Murdoch
	Webmaster – Danny Sparks-Cousins Nominated by: Juanita Mountjoy Seconde	er: Keith Murdoch
	Trip Coordinator – Juanita Mountjoy Nominated by: Keith Murdoch Seconde	er: Jimmy Halikias
	As there was only one nomination for each position All positions declared elected	, no election was necessary.
	Ordinary Members Keith Murdoch Nominated: Danny Sparks-Co	usins Seconder: Daniel Murdoch
	Kelvin Rogers Nominated: Daniel Murdoch	Seconder: Jimmy Halikias
	Alanna Stratford Nominated: Geoff Davey	Seconder: Kelvin Rogers
	Jemma Brocks Nominated: Geoff Davey	Seconder: Kelvin Rogers
	As there was no election required, all positions were Geoff Davey thanked the outgoing Committee Mem Welcome Nathan Mudge to the Committee Having been appointed as President, Graeme Jeffree	bers for their service.
Fees for 2026/2027	Motion: That the annual membership fee for 2026- member fee at \$80; the family joining fee at \$40 and	
	Moved: Geoff Davey Seconded: Jack Stratford Carried	
Donation of monies from fines	Motion: That the Club Donate \$250 to the Royal Fly Moved: Keith Murdoch Seconded: Geoff Davey Carried	ing Doctor Service.
Meeting closed at	7.51 pm	

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms - 80 Edgerton Road, Lovelybanks
Date	Wednesday 10th September 2025
Chair	Graeme Jeffrey
Minutes taken by	Nathan Mudge

Agenda — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	
Meeting opened at	7.53 pm
Welcome to everyone present	Welcome all
New members	Nil
Visitors	Nil
Present	Darcy Brocks, Justin Brocks, Sophie Brocks, Richard Brown, Kerry Anne Brown, Geoff Connors, Geoff Davey, Josh Eades, Jimmy Halikias, Colin Hatton, PJ Jayathilake, Graeme Jeffrey, Stephen Love, Mark Mensch, Nathan Mudge, Keith Murdoch, John Prowse, Kelvin Rogers, Jack Stratford, Alanna Stratford, Trevor Brocks, Dave Hamann, Allie Hamann, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Sally Sparks-Cousins.
Apologies	Tim Neville, Julie Brocks, Sharon Van Ingen, Warren Tedford, Shez Tedford, Jemma Brocks, Levi Brocks, Daniel Murdoch, Ken Mellross, Byron Willey, Beth Rogers, Sally May Jeffrey, Kaye Witham.

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes		
Moved Seconded	Geoff Connors Dave Hamann	
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	 Presentation Night - 24 members turned up for the Annual Awards night. Taxation Update - Tax return has been finalised. Christmas Party - Saturday 29th November at the Queen of the West. 	
New Business	Nil	

Correspondence	
In	a. FWDV - Regional meeting 8/9th November.
Out	 Driveline Magazine - September 2025. Lease Statement - Graeme made an error for lease notice end June. Thought paid but paid to the wrong account. Received a rates notice for \$1400 credit. \$300 owed after the initial funds had been transferred.

Regular Reports	
Treasurer	Presented by Graeme Jeffrey.
Association Rep	Nothing to report.
Regional Rep	Regional Reps Meeting 8-9 November 2025. Thornton.
Trip Co-Ordinator	Trips Out •
	 Upcoming Trips Drop In Drop Out SA Adventure - September 20th - October 12th. Mountjoys. Grand Final Weekend - 26th - 28th September. Moonambel / Summerfield Winery. Geoff Davey. FWDV 50th Anniversary - 17th - 19th October. Weekend at Merrijig. FWDV 50th Afterparty - 19th - 21st October @ Jamieson. Nathan Mudge. Track Clearing - 25th - 26th October. Danny Sparks-Cousins. Melbourne Cup Weekend - 31st October - 4th November. Daniel Murdoch. Anyone interesting in leading trips please speak with Juanita. Reminder club funds available @ \$10 per car to cover eats & drinks.
Editor	Danny thanked all for their contributions. Keep it coming!
Webmaster	Nothing to report.
Club Permit Scheme	Nothing to report.
Social	 Barefoot Bowls - Spring - TBC - Keith Murdoch. Sprintcar Night - Keith looking for a night before Christmas. Shopping Trip - now being run by Belmont Lions club. Details on our FB page.
Fines	Jack Stradford x 2, Juanita Mountjoy, Colin Hatton.
Pist 'n' Broke	Nil
Members Draw	Danny Sparks-Cousins, Allie Hamann, Graeme Jeffrey.
Meeting closed at	8.13 pm
Next General Meeting	Wednesday 8th October 2025 - 7.30pm @ Clubrooms - BBQ from 6.30pm.

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 8th October 2025	
	 Christmas Party Santa. Date change for Christmas Party. BBQs before meetings during daylight savings.



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FWDV 50th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND @ MERRIJIG

Date: Friday 17th to Sunday 19th October Trip Leader: TBA | Tail End Charlie: TBA

Trip Classification: Easy / Social

Departing: TBA

Note: A fun, social weekend away to celebrate Four Wheel Drive Victoria's 50th

anniversary.

Live music, entertainment, pop-up bar, food trucks, local vendors, industry exhibits / partners, prizes and more. Camping available on-site. Bookings essential. More info coming soon.



Date: Sunday 19th to Tuesday 21st October

Trip Leader: Nathan Mudge | Tail End Charlie: TBA Trip Classification: Medium | Vehicle Limit: 10 Departing: From FWDV 50th event @ Merrijig

Requirements: Rated recovery points (front and rear), recovery kit, UHF, AT/MT

Tyres, Snorkel.

Trip Details: Anyone who is going to the FWD Victoria Anniversary Event is welcome to join the afterparty. Let's make the most of being up there for the weekend and extend out the trip to go and travel some of the tracks around Jameison and camp along a river. More trip details to come as to camp location and any activities.



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.





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



MELBOURNE CUP LONG WEEKEND

Date: Thursday 30th October to Wednesday 5th November

Trip Leader: Daniel Murdoch | Tail End Charlie: TBA Trip Classification: Medium+ | Vehicle Limit: 10

Departing: TBA

Note: Longer than normal, this will be an epic High Country trip doing a lot of iconic tracks in the Alpine National Park and making our way to the Dargo pub.

Traveller trip, swags and tents only. No Trailers. Must have a snorkel and front and rear recovery points, good all terrain tyres or better. People can head back on the Tuesday if needed.

For more info contact Daniel on 0498 683 330.



Date: Saturday 15th November Trip Leader: Belinda Murdoch Trip Classification: Social

Departing: TBA

Note: A full day shopping tour in Melbourne. Tickets will cost around \$55 per person. This will cover the cost of the bus. We will attend a number of different

factory outlet stores across the day for some pre Christmas bargains. Check Facebook for more information.



CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: Saturday 22nd November - from 12:30pm

Come along and spend an afternoon celebrating the amazing year the club has had with a fantastic Christmas Party - this year to be held again at the Queen of the West hotel in West Geelong

There is an outside marquee for us, right next to the kids playground. The club will be providing finger food for members and for the children under 12 a kids meal and ice cream. Meals are available to purchase and drinks will be at bar prices.

We will also be having a special visit from Santa. Please RSVP via the Facebook event with how many attending adults/ children and if you have children their name, age and gender.



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GRAND FINAL WEEKEND AT MOONAMBEL

25TH - 28TH SEPTEMBER 2025 WORDS & PHOTOS: GEOFF DAVEY

Thursday was travelling day with most making their own way to Moonambel through the afternoon. The Land Rover Club was also up for the weekend with about 35 of their vehicles attending. This was not a problem as there was plenty of room for all and our group established a nice camp on the (now) green grass near the back gate.

Friday was the driving day. After a leisurely morning we set off up Sardine Track and made our way to the Percydale area and the base of Slate Quarry Track. There we met Toby Houldsworth who is the site manager and Director of Core Prospecting Pty Ltd which operates

the Stanwell / Fiddlers Creek mine off Slate Quarry Track. He gave us a brief history of the mine and offered to take a group of 10 through the mine if we wanted to arrange that at a later date. This sounds pretty interesting for a future trip. We have his contact details.

From there it was up Slate Quarry Track which has some good rock steps, then back down Old Bluff Track for lunch at Frasers Picnic area.

Just out of Frasers is an unmarked track which was new to us and worth exploring. This is steepish but relatively easy and leads back up the hill and exits near the top of Slate

Quarry Track. We then headed back to camp, collecting some wood along the way.

It was still early so we did a short drive into the Redbank area. The aim was to do a loop including the steep rutted section of Moonambel Track, but unfortunately this has now been graded! Nevertheless we made it up to the lookout and the "bonus line" provided a bit of entertainment before heading back to camp.

Saturday was Grand Final Day. Chris and Nadine went for a gentle explore of the Redbank area before lunch while the rest opted for a relaxed morning at camp. On Chris and









Nadine's return it was decided the best (and responsible) mode of transport to the winery was to walk (there being few other options). Menschy in particular enjoyed the brisk 2km stroll to the Summerfield winery.

Soon after our arrival at Summerfield we were joined by Jimmy and Jess for lunch. After the mandatory shiraz gin and soda aperitifs, it was into the pizzas which are next level at Summerfield.

The atmosphere was building and the place was packed with about 100 in for the day including a large group of good natured trail bikers who entertained with some commentary. We were nicely positioned to see Snoop Dogg on the big screen; I assume he was well behaved, but it was hard to know given the background din which was building in the room.

The match got underway; good crowd, good atmosphere, close tense first half, plenty of quality hydrating fluids and a predominantly Geelong (but mixed) supporter base. Half time comes and it's looking like an exciting match. The second half comes, Geelong gets a bath, but the spirits remain high. A good afternoon was had by all! We enjoyed a nice walk home to blow the cobwebs out and a bit of music around the campfire for the evening.

Sunday morning was a slow pack up and off home. Thanks to all who came, nice weekend with a good crew.

Trip Participants:

Geoff Davey and Jason Clark (Trip Leaders) Graeme Jeffrey (Tail End) Mark Mensch John Prowse Jimmy Halikias and Jess Chris Bell and Nadine (Warrnambool Max Fisk and Max (Warrnambool Club)





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SNOW TRIP #2

8TH - 10TH AUGUST 2025
WORDS: TIM NEVILLE - PHOTOS: NATHAN MUDGE

On Friday Tim and Jimmy set off for the Jamieson Township.

On the way a cheeky visit to the Brewery was in order. Following a meal we checked into the caravan park where me met up with PJ and family.

The two of us decided to go for a drive out in the hills between Jamieson and Merrijig in search of some firewood and to fill the afternoon in. Some nice hill climbs were traversed and firewood

collected, thanks Jimmy for the handy work on the saw.

Later that afternoon and evening the other cars came rolling in. A few of us went up to the pub for a meal for dinner and had some great conversations with the locals.

The next morning we hit the trails in search of the summit of Mount Skene. We were lucky to have a blanket of snow again for both big and little kids to play in, with many snowballs thrown and snowmen

made.

We then continued over the mountain and down Lazarini Spur Track, taking some side tracks through river crossings and making our way back to the Jamieson Woods Point Road.

Unfortunately, just before the road, Colin came to a halt with a fuel line rubbing through on his car and fuel leaking from the car. Woody had some rubber mending tape he wanted to try and whilst this







certainly limited the leak, it was still leaking. Jimmy then managed to bypass some items and had Colin on his way again.

We called past the Kevington Hotel for a refreshing beverage before we ventured back to the caravan park for a shower. The courtesy bus collected us to take us to the brewery for dinner. After dinner we went back to the caravan park where we had a nice fire.

The next morning PJ and family left as they were going to go for a drive to Bulla for some more snow fun. The rest of us went for a drive out in the hills where we had explored on Friday. Most of this driving was a medium rating however one of the last hills before we hit the main highway that joins Bulla to Merrijig provided a few challenges.

Jimmy and Tim had jumped in front to lead the crew and Jimmy was having some issues with his lockers. After a few attempts they were up the rock steps. A few others had a few attempts but we all managed to climb the hill without any recovery needed.

Once we hit the main highway we bunched up, inflated tires and made our way back to Geelong.



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