

# Driveline

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14 <sup>th</sup> Feb @ 6.30pm	General Meeting
	BBQ Clubrooms
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 @ 7.30pm	Committee Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Kellys Hut Recci Trip
TBA	Avoca Area Recci Runs
30 <sup>th</sup> March -2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Beachport 2018
9 <sup>th</sup> June - 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Moonambel Muster
24 <sup>th</sup> July - 15 <sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.geelong4wdclub.org.au)

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Monthly meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018, BBQ @ 6.30pm at Clubrooms  
Meeting Starts @ 7.30pm

**Next Committee Meeting:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 7:30pm at Clubrooms

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# Minutes of the General Meeting

## Minutes of the General Meeting

Held at the Clubrooms, Abe Wood Reserve on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Opened:** 7.28 pm

**Minuted by:** ..Shez Tedford

**Apologies:** .Mark mensch, Matthew Mountjoy, Justin Rogers, Janine and Justin Fulton, Ken Mellross, Martin Brayshaw, Renee Hill, Bill & Helga Taft  
Visitors. Sam Murphy,

**New Members:** . We welcome new members Peter Searle & Mitch Lever

Minutes of last meeting. Last Minutes were correct (P) Dave Hamann (S) Beth Rogers

**Business arising from the Minutes:** . No business arising, so no need for P&S

**Correspondence in:** .

1. Liquor licence renewal
2. Statement from COG
3. Westpac statement
4. Latest 4WDriver magazine

**Correspondence out:** .

December Driveline, Previous Minutes.

**Business arising from the correspondence:** None

**Treasurer's report:** As read out by Juanita Mountjoy (P) Don Bird (S) Allie Hamann

**ASSOC** . Correspondence regarding the release of a new app "More to explore" To show case more places to drive and explore around all areas of Victoria.

**Editor:** Last Mag for the year. Next Magazine will go out in February 2018

**Public Relations Officer:** No report

**Regional Rep:** No report

**Social Co-ordinator:** Pizza night on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6.30

**Trip Co-ordinator:** **Past events:** .Mountjoys Otways trip.

**Upcoming events:** .As per Magazine

**Web Master:** . No report

**General business:**

1. Hut Report.
2. Juanita thanked everyone who came to xmas party with all the changes and a huge thankyou to santa.
3. Discussion on the fan in kitchen.
4. Byron thanked the committee this year for all the efforts. On behalf of committee Merry Xmas.

**Meeting closed:** 7.58pm.

**Next meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018



# The Pres says



Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year and welcome back after the Christmas break, I hope you are all fit and well and ready for another big year.

We already have a few trips posted and some great social events coming up, so get onboard and support these events and together we can continue to make our club the fantastic club we all want it to be.

We have a couple of new sponsors onboard this year.

ARB Geelong and Lumberjack Campers have signed up and I encourage you to not only support our new sponsors but all of our existing sponsors also.

I for one am looking forward to another great year ahead.

Cheers Byron

President Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club

## Up Coming Trips

### TRIP

**9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Trip Leader

Tail End Charlie

Trip Classification

Vehicle Limit

Meeting Place

Meeting Time

Essentials

Trip Notes

**Kellys Hut Recci Run**

Shez and Warren Tedford

TBA

Medium

10 [Trip Full]

RV Park Heyfield Sporting Oval Crn Macfarlan & Clark streets

Friday Night 9<sup>th</sup> Feb

UHF radio, good tyres, Air Compressor,

Traveller

Visit Huts, Driving Some Great Tracks



## TRIP

<b>In the New Year</b>	<b>Avoca Reccie Runs</b>
Trip Leader	Dave Hamann
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Medium
Vehicle Limit	10
Meeting Place	TBA
Meeting Time	Tba
Essentials	UHF radio, good tyres, Air Compressor,

## TRIP

<b>30<sup>TH</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Beachport Trip</b>
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

<b>8<sup>th</sup> June - 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>	<b>Moonambel Muster</b>
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

<b>24<sup>th</sup> July - 15<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Cape York 2018</b>
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



# 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](mailto:editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au)



Last Months Caption Winner  
Byron Willey

# Campfire tasties

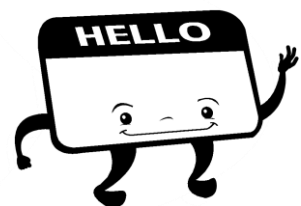
## Campfire Cooking – Omelet in a Zip Lock Bag

For each omelet add two eggs into a large zip lock bag. Press out most of the air from the bag then seal. Shake or squeeze the bag to beat the eggs. Open the bag and add in your favourite omelet ingredients e.g. ham, grated cheese, onion, capsicum, tomato, mushrooms, chutney. Squeeze out the air and seal the bag again. Gently turn the bag and rub the ingredients together. To cook the omelet, bring a pot of water to boil. Place the bag in the water and cook for about 13 minutes. Carefully open the bag and roll the omelet out on to your plate. An easy breakfast with very little cleanup!



### **DON'T FORGET YOUR BADGE**

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





# Pizza Night

February 16th @ 6.30pm

At clubrooms

\$12 small

\$18  
large



Pizza Choices
<b>Aussie</b> - Tomato, Cheese, Ham, Bacon, Egg
<b>American</b> - Tomato, Cheese, Ham, Hot Salami
<b>BBQ Chicken</b> - Tomato, Cheese, Mushrooms, Roast Chicken, Onion, BBQ Sauce
<b>BBQ Meat Lovers</b> - Tomato, Cheese, Ham, Hot Salami, Bacon, BBQ Sauce
<b>Calabrese</b> – Tomato, Cheese, Hot Salami, Capsicum, Olives, Herbs & Garlic.
<b>Canadian</b> – Tomato, Cheese, Hot Salami, Bacon, Mushroom & Onion, Herbs & Garlic.
<b>Capricciosa</b> - Tomato, Cheese, Ham, Mushrooms, Olives
<b>Hawaiian</b> - Tomato, Cheese, Ham, Pineapple
<b>House Special</b> - Tomato, Cheese, Ham, Hot Salami, Capsicum, Mushrooms, Olives, Onion
<b>Margherita</b> - Tomato, Cheese, Herbs
<b>Mediterranean Special</b> – Tomato, Cheese, Hot Salami, Olives, Onions, Anchovies, Chilli
<b>Mexican</b> – Tomato, Cheese, Hot Salami, Onion & Chilli
<b>Pepperoni</b> – Tomato, Cheese, Pepperoni, Herbs & Garlic
<b>Vegetarian</b> - Tomato, Cheese, Capsicum, Mushrooms, Pineapple
<b>Zia Special</b> – Tomato, Cheese, Chicken, Bacon, Pineapple, Cheese & BBQ Sauce on top.



# Barefoot Bowls

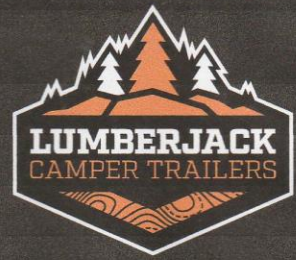
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# Monthly Member Awards

## 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



Byron Willey Door Prize



Juanita Mountjoy  
Pyst n Broke



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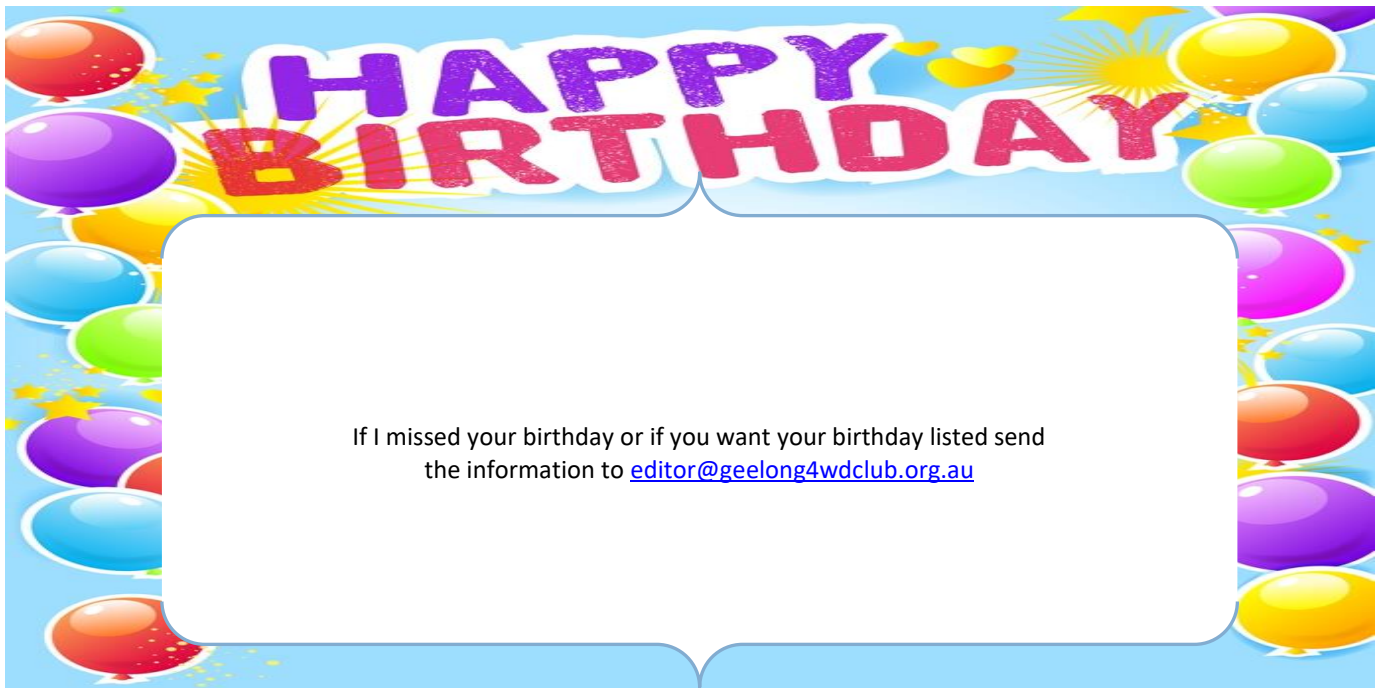
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## **Member Vehicle Safety**

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 !!!!!



# Christmas Party

After an eventful lead up to the Christmas party (due to a storm that never eventuated!) the day went off without a hitch. The last minute change of venue to our clubrooms meant we could celebrate for as long as we wanted. We began the day with a pancake breakfast for those wanting to come in early. By mid-morning people were rolling in, bringing with them salads or sweets to contribute to our yummy Christmas lunch. As usual, a highlight was a visit from Santa. The kids loved receiving a special gift and playing with them, with their friends. The party continued throughout the day with music, dancing and chatter among good friends. Many members stayed on for dinner before lending a hand to clean up the hall. A big thank you to everyone who came and supported the Christmas party, and to those who have supported the social events throughout the year.

Juanita Mountjoy







Photos By Shez

## Club Notices

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](mailto:editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au)



## Bluff Spur Hut



Bluff Spur hut is nestled amongst gnarled and twisted snow gums on the side of Mount Stirling just below the tree line at 1500 m abs. The hut and the entire mountain are snow covered during winter. The hut is located just off the Howqua Gap Track just before you reach the Mt Stirling Summit. There is a short track to an MVO gate and from there it is an approx. 200 metre walk down the track to the hut. Access is via The circuit road and then onto Howqua Gap Track or you can come across clear hills track from Craig's hut or up monument Track. All tracks are great 4x4 drives.

In 1985 2 young skiers Robert Harris and Xavier Clenmann died on the mountain and Bluff Spur hut was built in their memory. The hut was completed in 1987.

The hut was burnt in the 2003 fires and rebuilt sometime after that. The hut is very cosy with a pot belly stove to keep hikers, skiers and other travellers warm and safe in bad weather.

Shez



*Congratulations Mr and Mrs Miller*



*Wishing you both a long , happy and adventurous marriage.  
Best wishes from your 4x4 family*



## Anglesea Heath Day Trip

6 vehicles met at Bunnings for an easy/medium trip into Anglesea Heath. Before lunch we covered a number of well-known easy tracks. Richard directed us to a bog hole that he was familiar with and he had a bit of fun trying to get his car through. We stopped for a BBQ lunch at Paddy's Swamp. After lunch we explored some medium tracks. Many had large ruts making for some enjoyable, and even challenging in places, driving. We also found some hills to have a bit of a play on. Thanks to everyone who attended. A good day was had by all.

Juanita.



## Australia Day weekend High Country trip 2018

Trip Leaders. Warren and Shez

Participants; Heather and Paul Oberli, Richard Brown and Amy Oberli, Geoff Davey, Ross Barry, Andrew, Rachel Tyler and Hollie Smith, Werner Brocks and Debbie.

### **Thursday**

We left Geelong on Thursday morning and headed for Mansfield. We had a brief stop in Yea and time to get a coffee.

We arrived at Sheep Yard Flat around 1pm and set up camp. We even flew an aussie flag to complete the Australia day celebrations. I was surprised at how few campers were there, although the other camps along Brocks road were fairly well packed.

During setting up camp Rachel had quite a large gum branch snap off and hit her arm causing some deep scratches. She also developed a decent bruise. Hollies chair was also destroyed as the branch fell. A timely reminder of just how unpredictable the gums are.

Once we were all set up and had had some lunch we took a short drive down to Frys Flat to show everyone Fry's Hut. On the way down the heavens opened and we got a huge amount of rain in a short time. The hut provided much needed shelter from the storm. We returned to camp and as it was very warm the beautiful Howqua river provided much needed relief from the heat and everyone enjoyed a refreshing swim.

The very colourful king parrots are common in this area and it wasn't long before they were at our camp enjoying the seed we bought for them. Tyler and Hollie enjoyed hand feeding these delightfully friendly birds.

Wood was then collected and we enjoyed the usual camp fire comradery. The ambience was pretty good too.

### **Friday.(Happy Australia Day)**

We left camp at 9am and drove bush, around the back of Timbertop to avoid the traffic that would have been coming in on the Howqua track. Arriving at Tomahawk (approx 1100 metres ABSL) hut for a look at the hut and stretch of legs.

From there we headed back up carters road and made our way up to No 3 Hut. This hut is around 1500 metres ABSL and provided a nice breeze and temporary relief from the already warm morning.

We continued down the mountain and made a detour into Razor back hut. From there we re-joined the circuit road and headed around to the Howqua gap huts. We then headed up towards the summit of Mt Stirling, stopping at the top to walk up to the summit and experience the 360-degree breathtaking views. GGS hut was our next stop before we headed down towards Craig's Hut. The track is a bit rutted and steep in places but we all got down without any problems.

I was very surprised that Craig's hut was not as busy as normal. We stopped here for lunch, got the obligatory group photo and enjoyed the peacefulness and stunning views. For some of our group it was their first time visiting this iconic location and Warren and myself were really pleased that we were able to bring them and indeed the entire group to experience all of this.

We headed down the other side of clear hills and re-joined the circuit road for a few ks before descending down to the king river. We had a quick stop at Pineapple flat which is another great camping spot. We then followed the king river arriving at King River Hut. Again, I was very surprised that this popular camp ground was empty. Parks have put in two new fire pits and picnic tables which is great.

We then made our way back to camp following the same bush track back into camp, avoiding the Mt Buller road and Howqua track.

It was a long day but we covered a lot of ground and saw and experienced some of the most breathtaking scenery. We arrived back into camp to find the beautiful king parrots waiting for their dinner. They are such characters.

The river was inviting and again most of us went and cooled off in the clear water of the Howqua. Around 7pm another storm hit us and we had a significant down pour that lasted for a couple of hours. It didn't dampen our spirits but rather cooled them. The fire stayed going and we continued our camp fire banter.

### **Saturday**

We again left camp at 9am. Our first stop was at Upper Jamieson hut and after everyone had a look at the hut we continued on arriving up at the intersection of King Billy and Bluff link tracks. Here we stopped for a cuppa amongst the beautiful snow gums.

Our next stop was to show everyone the King Billy tree. This is a very old and gnarled snow gum that thankfully survived the 2006/2007 fires. This snow gum is the largest in the Victorian high country, boasting 9 massive limbs spraying out from the huge trunk. A bit further down the track we stopped to admire the views at Picture Point. From here you can see Mt Stirling, Mt Cobbler, Mt Buller and ranges to the east, Mt Howitt, the cross-cut saw Mt Speculation and many others. Breath taking views.

We continued down the track towards Lovicks hut. This track is technical and challenging in places, with large rocks protruding, ruts and rock steps. We all made it down without incident.

Our lunch stop was at Lovicks hut approx. 1500 metres ABSL. Thankfully we had a nice breeze at this altitude making the stop pleasant.

We continued on, stopping at Mt Lovick (1684 m ABSL). From here you are able to get a good view of Mt Buller and the Buller village. We watched a huge storm roll in bringing with it lightning, thunder and dark storm clouds. We took some photos and then made our way down the mountain to Bluff hut and from there back down into camp.

Again, the parrots were waiting to be fed.

After a refreshing swim, the fire was lit and we enjoyed our last night of camping and chatting about the weekend.

### **Sunday**

The pack up morning is always hard to do, no one wants to leave. We were on the road at a little after 9, airing up at the Merrijig Pub. We had a quick stop in town to refuel and then we made our way home. We had a stop in Yea at our fav bakery for coffee and some lunch.

Warren and myself thank everyone who came along to make this trip as good as it was. We always enjoy sharing our experience of this beautiful part of the high country, made even more special by the great company and the first timers we took to share in this experience.

Bring on next year.

Shez





Fry,s Hut







No 3 Hut



Climbing Howqua Gap Track







Picture Point



Lovicks Hut



Mount Lovick



Bluff Hut





The King Billy Tree

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## TRIP LEADERS REQUIRED

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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](mailto: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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