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



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## AUGUST

**2 - 6**  
**HARD SNOW TRIP**

**14**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**28**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

## SEPTEMBER

**11**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**14 - 27**  
**COFFS HARBOUR TRIP**

**25**  
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Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**27 - 29**  
**AFL GRAND FINAL**  
**WEEKEND TRIP**

## OCTOBER

**9**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**12**  
**CLUB AWARDS DINNER**

**23**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

**26 - 27**  
**TRACK CLEARING WEEKEND**

**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.

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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](http://www.geelong4wdclub.org.au)

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## THE PRES SAYS

G'day all,

I am currently sitting looking at the water in Caloundra. This sounds great, but I've been sick since Fraser Island a week ago, so it could be better!

That aside we had a fantastic trip to the Simpson Desert and Madigan Line, led by Shez and Waz Tedford. This was not without a few mechanical problems that will no doubt be detailed in Shez's report.

Don't forget to express any interest for committee positions for the upcoming AGM. All positions are available.

See you then,  
Geoff

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoff".



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## Notice of Annual General Meeting

### Geelong 4 Wheel Drive Club (Driveline Geelong Inc)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 7:30pm

at the Clubrooms - Abe Wood Reserve

We hereby advise that the 2024 AGM will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the Abe Wood Reserve - corner of Edgerton & Evans Roads Lovely Banks, commencing at 7:30pm. The AGM to be followed by the monthly general meeting.

The AGM is an important procedural meeting for the ongoing functioning of the Club. All members are invited to attend.

- It is critical that we have a quorum of members.
- There will be no coercion to join the committee however anyone who might be interested in a position is encouraged to nominate or discuss the options with one of the existing committee members. **ALL POSITIONS ARE OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS.**

The agenda and associated documents will be posted separately, prior to the meeting.

#### APPOINTMENT OF PROXIES

Members who cannot attend the meeting may appoint a proxy to represent them. Proxy forms will be sent with the agenda and are also available on the club website. Proxy notice must be received by the Secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting.





# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms - Edgerton Road, Lovely Banks
Date	Wednesday 10th July 2024
Chair	Juanita Mountjoy
Minutes taken by	Graeme Jeffrey

Agenda	
Meeting opened at	7.39 pm
Welcome to everyone present	Welcome all
New members	Nil
Visitors	Nil
Present	Justin & Sophie Brocks, Richard, Kerry Anne & Jax Brown, Geoffrey Connors, Graeme Jeffrey, Ken Melross, Juanita & Matthew Mountjoy, John Prowse, Kelvin Rogers, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Jack Stratford, Geoff & Sharon Van Ingen, Ben Weilands, Derek Weilands, Michael Weilands
Apologies	Ron Bastin, Geoff Davey, Jimmy Halikias, Scott Latham, Brooke Forest, Mark Mensch, Keith Murdoch, Dave Purdie, Tim Neville, Beth Rodgers, Alanna Stratford

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes	
Moved Seconded	Sophie Brocks Sharon Van Ingen
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Presentation Night - October 12th</b></li> <li>2. <b>AGM September 11th - Nominations in writing / nomination forms on website</b></li> <li>3. <b>Not for Profit (NFP) self reporting to the ATO</b> Consensus is keep ABN - awaiting paperwork from ATO to bring club representative details up to date.</li> <li>4. <b>Building Maintenance - Geoff Davey monitoring</b></li> <li>5. <b>Great National Parks Debate / Objection</b> - reminder can join in on Facebook &amp; sign petition to support action against.</li> <li>6. <b>General Business</b> Toilets have very bad smell emanating from - Graeme to email Murray @ COGG requesting look into / fix. <b>Email sent 9.10pm 10/07/24.</b></li> </ol>

Correspondence	
In	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Ryan Rhodes email re membership invoice - finalised by Juanita</li> <li>b) FWDV - eNews</li> <li>c) FWDV - email, National Show - Club talks</li> <li>d) FWDV - email, Affiliation fees due 2024</li> </ol>
Out	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Driveline Magazine</li> <li>b) Norm &amp; Aida Spitty - letter of recognition for long term club membership</li> </ol>



## Treasurer's Report

Presented By:	Juanita Mountjoy
Moved:	Geoff Connors
Seconded:	Ken Melross

## Regular Reports

Association Rep	Nothing to report
Regional Rep	Nothing to report
Trip Co-Ordinator	<p><b>Trips Out</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Simpson Desert Trip</b> - July - Tedfords - currently underway.</li> </ul> <p><b>Upcoming Trips</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Snow Trip</b> - Justin Brocks 2 - 4 August. Trip full.</li> <li><b>Coffs Harbour Trip</b> - 14 - 27 September - Mountjoys - if you are interested or would like more information please speak with Juanita or Matthew.</li> <li><b>Grand Final Weekend @ Walhalla</b> - Van Ingens - detail TBC</li> <li><b>Track Clearing</b> - 26 - 27 October - more info to follow.</li> <li><b>Melbourne Cup Weekend @ High Country</b> - Graeme Jeffrey - detail TBC</li> <li>?? Day Trips.</li> <li>Anyone interesting in leading trips etc. please speak with Tim.</li> </ul> <p><i>Reminder club funds available @ \$10 per car to cover eats &amp; drinks.</i></p>
Editor	Thanks to all contributors of comprehensive trip reports for Moonambel Muster
Webmaster	Nothing to report.
Club Permit Scheme	Nothing to report.
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Presentation Night</b> - 12 October 2024 – Cremorne Hotel</li> </ul>
Fines	N/A - no trips out
Pist 'n' Broke	N/A - no trips out
Members Draw	Juanita Mountjoy

## Other Business

	Nil
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Meeting closed at	7.56 pm
Next General Meeting	Wednesday 14th August 2024 @ Clubrooms. Meeting from 7.30pm

# AGENDA

## Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 14th August 2024

	AGM
	Not for Profit Self Reporting to the ATO – update
	Building maintenance – report
	Presentation Night
	Great National Forest Park – discussion
	General Business





# UPCOMING TRIPS

## HARD SNOW TRIP

**Date:** Friday 2nd to Tuesday 6th August 2024

**Trip Leader:** Justin Brocks | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

**Trip Classification:** Hard | **Vehicle Limit:** 10

**Meeting:** TBA

**Note:** Staying at the Jamison caravan park. Please confirm position on trip with Justin before calling and booking a cabin under your name.

Friday - Leave after work (4ish). Saturday - Mt Skene plus tracks, pub dinner. Sunday - Mt Terrible onto Woods Point for those that need to leave. Monday - Head to Bulla for the kids to play on the toboggan run, or back to Mt Skene for the day depending on snow levels. Tuesday - Make our way home.

Mud tires highly recommended or very very good quality all terrains. Snorkels a must. Winches recommended as we will most likely need them.



## COFFS HARBOUR TRIP

**Date:** Saturday 14th to Friday 27th September 2024

**Trip Leader:** Juanita & Matthew Mountjoy | **Tail End Charlie:** The Rogers

**Trip Classification:** Medium-Hard | **Vehicle Limit:** 8

**Meeting:** TBA

**Note:** We will be departing Geelong and heading for Bathurst, where we will complete the Bridle Track. From there we'll head towards Forster for some beach driving, then hit Coffs Harbour. The plan is to base camp at different points around the Coffs Harbour area, explore, then after a few days, move on. There are a range of tracks at Coffs, ranging from easy to extreme, but we'll predominately be doing the medium to hard tracks.

Trip participants can bring **off road** campers/vans, tents or swags. They will need the following recovery gear: Rated recovery points (front and back), recovery equipment, working winch (not mandatory, but highly recommended), aggressive all terrain tyres/mud tyres. If interested, please contact Juanita on 0467 809 040. Responding yes on Facebook will not secure you a place on this trip.



## HIGH COUNTRY AFL GF WEEKEND

**Date:** Friday 27th to Sunday 29th September 2024

**Trip Leader:** Geoff & Shaz Van Ingen | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

**Trip Classification:** Easy | **Vehicle Limit:** 10

**Meeting:** TBA

**Note:** Drive & arrive at caravan park Friday and set up. Some local exploring in the afternoon. Saturday morning in Walhalla - Grand Final at the pub. Sunday more exploring before heading home.

This will be a family trip - more of a social trip but we will do some four wheel diving and exploring too.







# UPCOMING TRIPS

## CLUB AWARDS NIGHT DINNER

**Date:** Saturday 12th October

Come along for dinner at The Cremorne Hotel to celebrate members who have won the various annual club awards.

We'd love to see a huge turnout for this fun social night out. Please register your interest on Facebook in the event page. More info coming soon.



## TRACK CLEARING WEEKEND

**Date:** Saturday 26th to Sunday 27th 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

## MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND - HIGH COUNTRY

**Date:** Friday 1st to Tuesday 5th November

**Trip Leader:** Graeme Jeffrey | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

**Trip Classification:** Medium / Hard | **Vehicle Limit:** 10

**Meeting:** TBA

**Note:** Heading to the High Country for the Melbourne Cup long weekend. More info coming soon.



For more information contact Graeme Jeffrey.

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# SIMPSON CROSSING PART 1

11TH TO 16TH JULY 2024  
WORDS & PHOTOS: SHEZ TEDFORD

Our group met in Broken Hill on Thursday the 4th of July.

The original plan was to head to Cameron Corner, Innamincka and Cordello Downs. We would head up the Arrabury Road to Haddon Corner and then meet up with the Birdsville Developmental Road and into Birdsville. Unfortunately, we had to decide on a plan B as heavy flooding rains had closed all roads to and beyond Cameron Corner.

We also carried on a tradition set back with the Nappers, where someone was nominated each day to wear a comical hat. This would be the result of anything from a goof up, stitch up, or it could be given for a positive deed. The hat was presented

each morning before we left camp. It was a bit of fun and we all got a laugh.

On the 5th we headed for Hungerford and found a great little camping area opposite the Hungerford pub. The publican informed us he was heading out at 5am the next morning and the pub would be closed for at least a week as the rains were heading this way and would close the roads. Taking no chances, we were up early next morning and on the road. We needed to get back to the black top or we risked being stranded in Hungerford and that would have been the end of our trip before it begun.

We got down to Eulo and then made our way across to Windorah. The BDR was still closed so we had no choice but to wait in Windorah until the roads opened. So, until then we walked around the tiny outback town, had dinner at the pub and enjoyed some down time. The Windorah pub and the outback store are the hub of this town.

It took 3 days and finally we could make our way into Birdsville. On Wednesday 10th July, the road to Birdsville was reopened. We had a stop at Deon's Lookout for lunch. This provided spectacular views across the surrounding landscape. Our next stop was the Beetoota pub. This iconic pub, in the middle of nowhere, is a must stop for anyone





heading to or from Birdsville.

Finally, we got into Birdsville and met up with Danni and Damo who had been waiting there for us. After we all got set up, we headed over to the pub for dinner. Gotta go to the pub - it's a tradition!

#### **DAY 1 - Thursday 11th July**

Hip Hip Hooray - Happy Birthday to Wayne. After a stop at the Birdsville Bakery, we finally began our trip in earnest.

First stop of course was Big Red. Most of us had a play on the big red dune, got some photos and had some fun. The main track across from Big Red was still very wet, with deep pools of water and boggy from the recent rains. Warren decided we could give it a try and see if we could make it across to the other side. Well, this failed miserably, and we got stuck in one of the very deep pools of muddy water. The 4by tilted slightly to the left and water poured in, flooding my socks and anything else on the floor.

Tim tried to get to us on the same route, but he became bogged near the start. Wayne eventually got him out. Tim then came around the bottom of the dune near Little Red and finally got to us.

Between Tim and Warren, they got







the winch hooked up and got us out. Thanks Tim! The rest of the group drove around the other side of the base and met us on the far side. We continued our trip West on the QAA line. At lunch we gave Wayne a little cupcake for his birthday.

We arrived at Eyre Creek which was still quite deep. Colin walked into the creek to the other side testing the depth. It was decided we could cross. We all crossed easily although Geoff did a tyre which required changing.

With the creek crossing done we continued our adventure across the amazing dunes. The desert was bursting with colour from the recent rains. Wildflowers carpeted the landscape. So lush and green it resembled a savannah rather than a desert. Danni and I were expecting to see giraffes and wildebeest lopping across the tracks. Of course, we didn't!



We didn't get as far as we had anticipated the first day. We found a great camp and set up for the night. Warren had heard a noise coming from one of the brakes. Turned out we had a seized calliper. Thankfully, with the help of the sat phone, we could ring through to Mount Dare and have a set of brakes flown in from Alice Springs. We would fix the brakes in Mount Dare.



Damo was anxiously searching for his hat. It was on his head the whole time.

#### **DAY 2 - Friday 12th July**

Today we got to Poepfels Corner. Everyone spent some time and took all the obligatory photos. We drove around Poepfels Lake and met up with the French Line.

Tim had to replace a damaged front wheel bearing. Jimmy got stuck in and it wasn't too long and the repair was done so we could continue our quest.

The rest of the day went well. We



found another amazing camp site and settled in for another night under cloudless starry skies. So many amazing places to camp, we were spoilt for choice.

**DAY 3 - Saturday 13th July**

We turned off the French Line onto Knolls Track, right onto the WAA Line and then onto Errabena Track to make our way down to the Lone Gum. Errabena was a corrugated, bone shaking, 4by rattling mongrel track.

We had a look at the lone gum, a Coolabah Eucalypt. Noone really knows how it got there or how old it may be. There are plenty of theories but no definitive answers.

We continued our trip south and turned onto the Rig Road. We made camp about 20ks along. Some of us stayed up a bit later singing old songs and just relaxing under millions of stars.

**DAY 4 - Sunday 14th July**

We continued along the Rig Road and eventually turned back onto the WAA Line for 2ks. We then turned left onto Colson's Track.

The landscape changed again, and we were now travelling parallel with the big dunes. This direction gave us a different perspective of these massive dunes running right







alongside of them.

There was so much bird life in the desert. The most prolific were the bright green wild budgies. There were so many of them. Hawks and finches were also noticeable in this wild landscape.

We eventually turned back onto the French Line and now we were once again travelling over the dunes - lots of fun.

We stopped for lunch and Wayne discovered he had broken a rear spring. He had to drive like this the rest of the way into Mount Dare. Jimmy had to use the angle grinder and trim his guards.



We had a brief stop at Purni Bore. Saw some pretty finches and other native birds. We decided to keep going and get into Dalhousie Springs. It was quite late when we got in. We got set up and settled in for the night.

**DAY 5 - Monday 15th July**

Most of our group left early after a refreshing swim in the warm springs and headed into Mount Dare. Wayne was keen to get his springs ordered from Alice Springs.

Danni and Damo , Warren and myself stayed and had lunch in Dalhousie and then we detoured out to the Dalhousie ruins. This is a very interesting area and the ruins told many a story of a bygone era. The stock yards were still standing and brickwork on most of the buildings still intact. A real testament to how well stonework and yards were put together back then.

We then made our way into Mount Dare. Our brakes were waiting for us, it wasn't long and Warren had the new brakes fitted. We all had dinner at the pub.

**DAY 6 - Tuesday 16th July**

Wayne was anxiously waiting his new springs which were coming in





from Alice Springs. Initially they were coming in by plane. However, they were apparently too heavy adding excess weight on the plane, so they were coming by road. Wayne was informed they would be in Mount Dare by 5pm.

Almost on Q the truck arrived at 5pm with the springs to a very relieved Wayne. With a little bit of help, the new springs were fitted which was a huge relief.

The first part of our trip was fabulous. Plenty of laughs, banter, a few 4by fixes and late nights.

We must thank Colin - He bought along a homemade folding toilet and each night found a secluded spot, dug a hole and we had a decent drop bush toilet to cater for our needs. Sitting out in the middle of the desert with the wind whistling up the ????? looking out into the open landscape. Pretty good!

This completed Part 1 of our trip. Part 2 - Mount Dare to Birdsville via the Madigan line will be in the September Driveline magazine. Stay tuned.

*Shez*





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