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



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## OCTOBER

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

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

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

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

## NOVEMBER

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**HIGH COUNTRY WEEKEND**

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Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

## DECEMBER

**11**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
Clubrooms. BBQ from 6:30pm  
Meeting @ 7:30pm

**MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS** are held at the clubrooms on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

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## THE PRES SAYS

G'day all,

The Club AGM on 11th September was a great success with 48 attending in person and another 20 represented by proxy. Special thanks to Sharon Van Ingen who has served for the last 4 years on the Committee, 3 of those as secretary and has now stepped down. Thanks also to Geoff Van Ingen who has also served on the Committee for the last 4 years. Thanks to Juanita Mountjoy who has stepped down from the Treasurers position after 7 years of service which is a fantastic effort; Juanita continues on the Committee. Thanks also to Graeme Jeffery for agreeing to take over as Treasurer. Welcome to Jemma Brocks as a new Committee Member and to Jenny Carpentier who has agreed to fill the role of Secretary. Last, but not least, thanks to all those continuing on committee for their ongoing contributions.

The next big event is the Club Awards night. This is at the Cremorne Hotel on Saturday 12th October and again promises to be a terrific social night. This year we have live music as something a bit special so get you registration in if you have not already done so.

Hot on the heels of the awards night is the Christmas Party. This year we are trying something a little different. The venue will be at the Queen of the West in Geelong West. There is a marquis with an adjacent playground for the kids. Pizzas to be supplied by the Club and a visit from Santa; more information in the magazine and on Facebook. Thanks go to Alanna for the fresh ideas and for arranging this.

See you at the awards night,  
Geoff

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

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# AGM MINUTES

Meeting	Annual General Meeting 2024
Location	Clubrooms – Abe Wood Reserve. 70 Edgerton Road Lovely Banks
Date	Wednesday 11th September 2024
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Graeme Jeffrey

Meeting opened at	7.33 pm
Welcome to everyone present	Ron Bastin, Darcy Brocks, Justin & Sophie Brocks, Levi & Jemma Brocks, Matthew Brocks & Catie Dixon, Trevor Brocks, Werner Brocks, Richard Brown, Corey Chrystal, Geoffrey Connors, Jake Cook & Millie Turner, Geoff Davey, John Goodall, Rob & Samantha Gunn, Jimmy Halikias, Graeme Jeffrey, Daniel Jennings & Kaylie Scott, Scott Latham & Brooke Forrest, Joel Martin & Grace Spano, Mark Mensch, Matthew & Juanita Mountjoy, Daniel Murdoch & Jennifer Carpentier, Keith & Belinda Murdoch, Rick Neville, Tim Neville, Paul Oberli, Harry Parke, Harry Preston, Kelvin Rogers, Bella Rothern & Bryan Innes, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Jack & Alanna Stratford, Geoff & Sharon Van Ingen.
Apologies	Julie Brocks, Josh Eades, Rebecca & James Fitzpatrick, Dave & Allie Hamman, Sally May-Jeffrey, Ken Mellross, Adam Mountjoy, Ryan Rhodes, Beth Rogers, Mark & Nicole Rothern, Sally Sparks-Cousins, Peter & Alison Searle, Warren & Shez Tedford, Kaye Witham, Byron Willey.
Confirmation of Proxies	Received proxy forms acknowledged from following members: Julie Brocks, Rebecca & James Fitzpatrick, Dave & Allie Hamann, Sally May-Jeffrey, Adam Mountjoy, Beth Rogers, Mark & Nicole Rothern, Peter & Alison Searle, Sally Sparks-Cousins, Warren & Shez Tedford, Kaye Witham.
Confirmation of Quorum	Geoff Davey – AGM Chairperson – Confirmed #'s in attendance surpasses quorum requirements.

## Acceptance of the previous Annual General Meeting Minutes - Wednesday 9th August 2023

Moved	Juanita Mountjoy
Seconded	Tim Neville
	Carried
Business arising from the previous AGM	Nil

## Correspondence

In	Nil
Out	Nil

## Annual Report from the Committee for 2023-2024

Motion:	That the Annual Committee Report for 2023-2024 as circulated with the agenda be accepted.
Moved:	Jimmy Halikias
Seconded:	Tim Neville
	Carried

## Treasurer's Report 2023-2024 Financial Year

Motion:	That the Treasurer's report for 2023-2024 as circulated with the agenda be accepted.
Moved:	Daniel Murdoch
Seconded:	Sharon Van Ingen
	Carried



**General Business**

<b>Notice of motion – Ordinary Committee members</b>	<p><b>Motion:</b> That the club appoint eight (8) ordinary committee members for the 2024-2025 financial year.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Tim Neville</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Jack Stratford</p> <p>Carried</p>
<b>Committee Nominations</b>	<p><b>President</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Geoff Davey. Nominator: Mark Mensch. Seconder: Tim Neville</li> <li>2. Juanita Mountjoy. Nominator: Keith Murdoch. Seconder: Sharon Van Ingen</li> </ol> <p>As there are 2 nominees a vote was required. Returning Officer: Graeme Jeffrey with assistance from Sophie Brocks. Vote by secret ballot. Geoff Davey was declared elected.</p> <p>There was only one nominee for the following positions, and all were declared elected.</p> <p><b>Vice President</b> - Sophie Brocks Nominator: Juanita Mountjoy. Seconder: Sharon Van Ingen.</p> <p><b>Secretary</b> - No nomination received Committee to fill this position at a later date.</p> <p><b>Treasurer</b> - Graeme Jeffrey Nominator: Jimmy Halikias. Seconder: Tim Neville.</p> <p><b>Editor</b> - Danny Sparks-Cousins Nominator: Geoff Davey. Seconder: Graeme Jeffrey.</p> <p><b>Webmaster</b> - Danny Sparks-Cousins Nominator: Graeme Jeffrey. Seconder: Alanna Stratford.</p> <p><b>Trip Co-ordinator</b> - Tim Neville Nominator: Jimmy Halikias. Seconder: Kelvin Rogers.</p> <p><b>Ordinary Committee Members</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jemma Brocks. Nominator: Geoff Davey. Seconder: Graeme Jeffrey</li> <li>2. Jimmy Halikias. Nominator: Tim Neville. Seconder: Kelvin Rogers</li> <li>3. Mark Mensch. Nominator: Keith Murdoch. Seconder: Danny Sparks-Cousins</li> <li>4. Juanita Mountjoy. Nominator: Keith Murdoch. Seconder: Belinda Murdoch</li> <li>5. Daniel Murdoch. Nominator: Keith Murdoch. Seconder: Belinda Murdoch</li> <li>6. Keith Murdoch. Nominator: Belinda Murdoch. Seconder: Daniel Murdoch</li> <li>7. Kelvin Rogers. Nominator: Keith Murdoch. Seconder: Sharon Van Ingen</li> <li>8. Alanna Stratford. Nominator: Sophie Brocks. Seconder: Graeme Jeffrey</li> </ol> <p>As there were 8 nominations for 8 positions no vote was required. All appointments are confirmed</p>
<b>Fees for 2024/2025</b>	<p><b>Motion:</b> That the annual membership fee for 2025-2026 be set at \$120; the family joining fee - \$40 and the single joining fee - \$25 and associate members at \$80. These are unchanged from the previous year.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Keith Murdoch</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Corrie Hale</p> <p>Carried</p>
<b>Donation of monies from fines</b>	<p>There is \$233.50 which has been collected from fines. It is proposed that this be increased by the Club to \$250 and be donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the Club Donate \$250 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Jemma Brocks</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Tim Neville</p> <p>Carried</p>
<b>Meeting closed at</b>	8.06 pm

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms - Edgerton Road, Lovely Banks
Date	Wednesday 11th September 2024
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Graeme Jeffrey

## Agenda

Meeting opened at	8.23 pm
Welcome to everyone present	Welcome all
New members	Nil
Visitors	Kaleb Horrocks, Corey Allsop
Present	Ron Bastin, Darcy Brocks, Justin & Sophie Brocks, Levi & Jemma Brocks, Matthew Brocks & Catie Dixon, Trevor Brocks, Werner Brocks, Richard Brown, Corey Chrystal, Geoffrey Connors, Jake Cook & Millie Turner, Geoff Davey, John Goodall, Rob & Samantha Gunn, Jimmy Halikias, Graeme Jeffrey, Daniel Jennings & Kaylie Scott, Scott Latham & Brooke Forrest, Joel Martin & Grace Spano, Mark Mensch, Matthew & Juanita Mountjoy, Daniel Murdoch & Jennifer Carpentier, Keith & Belinda Murdoch, Rick Neville, Tim Neville, Paul Oberli, Harry Parke, Harry Preston, Kelvin Rogers, Bella Rotheron & Bryan Innes, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Jack & Alanna Stratford, Geoff & Sharon Van Ingen.
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## Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes

Moved	Justin Brocks
Seconded	Tim Neville
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>TJM Reopening Day</b> - Saturday October 19th - 7am til 5pm BBQ throughout the day - volunteers requested, not just committee. Details in event calendar.</li> <li>2. <b>Not for Profit (NFP) self reporting to the ATO</b> Ongoing - still waiting on paperwork vial mail process.</li> <li>3. <b>FWDV Chainsaw Course</b> - Expressions of interest Numerous attendees expressed interest - contact Geoff Davey if you are definite.</li> <li>4. <b>Presentation Night</b> - 12th October. 6pm start - solo music performer through the evening.</li> <li>5. <b>Daylight Savings BBQs</b> - commence next meeting 6:30pm before the general meeting at 7:30pm.</li> <li>6. <b>Track Clearing</b> - 26th &amp; 27th October. Working with Children Check required and chainsaw certification if using a chainsaw. Overnight camping. This is a good chance to catch up with the other clubs.</li> <li>7. <b>General Business</b> - nil.</li> </ol>

## Correspondence

In	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>FWDV - email, chainsaw course expressions of interest</b></li> <li>b) <b>FWDV - email, AGM 16/9/24 RSVP reminder</b></li> <li>c) <b>FWDV - email, free tafe courses</b></li> <li>d) <b>Australian Recreational Motorists Association - email, monthly newsletter</b></li> </ol>
Out	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Driveline Magazine</b></li> </ol>

## Treasurer's Report

Presented By:	Juanita Mountjoy
Moved:	Tim Neville
Seconded:	Keith Murdoch

## Regular Reports

Association Rep	FWDV AGM - 16/9/24. Manningham Hotel
Regional Rep	Track Clearing - 26/27th October
Trip Co-Ordinator	<p><b>Trips Out</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil</li> </ul> <p><b>Upcoming Trips</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Coffs Harbour Trip</b> - 14 - 27 September - Mountjoys.</li> <li>• <b>Grand Final Weekend @ Little Desert</b> - 27-29 September - Geoff Davey.</li> <li>• <b>Grand Final Weekend @ Lake Burrumbeet</b> - 27-29 September - Sophie Brocks.</li> <li>• <b>Track Clearing</b> - 26-27 October - Danny Sparks-Cousins. Camping at Big Hill. All members welcome to join in. Social opportunity with other clubs around campfire.</li> <li>• <b>Melbourne Cup Weekend @ High Country</b> - 1-5 November - Graeme Jeffrey - detail TBC.</li> <li>• <b>Day Trips</b> - to be finalised.</li> <li>• <b>Easter 2025 @ Beachport</b> - Contact Juanita Mountjoy of interested.</li> <li>• Anyone interesting in leading trips etc. please speak with Tim.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reminder club funds available @ \$10 per car to cover eats &amp; drinks.</b></p>
Editor	Nothing to report.
Webmaster	Photos and trip reports have been great, please keep them coming.
Club Permit Scheme	Nothing to report.
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentation Night</b> - 12 October 2024 – Cremorne Hotel - 6pm start</li> </ul>
Fines	
Pist 'n' Broke	
Members Draw	Richard Brown

## Other Business

	Nil
Meeting closed at	9.03 pm
Next General Meeting	Wednesday 9th October 2024 @ Clubrooms from 7.30pm - BBQ from 6.30pm

# AGENDA

## Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 9th October 2024

	AGM Review
	Awards Night - Saturday 12th October at the Cremorne Hotel
	Christmas Party - Sunday 24th November at Queen of the West
	TJM reopen Day - now Saturday 23rd November
	2024 Not for profit self reporting to the ATO - update
	Chainsaw course
	RFDS donation paid

# AGM DOOR PRIZE WINNER



## RICHARD BROWN

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# UPCOMING TRIPS

## CLUB AWARDS NIGHT DINNER

**Date:** Saturday 12th October - from 6pm

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. We will have live music playing through the night.

Please register your interest on Facebook in the event page.



## 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+ | **Vehicle Limit:** 10

**Meeting:** BP Roadhouse Little River 9am

**Note:** Minimum Requirements - rated front & rear recovery points, own recovery gear, minimum all terrains

Need to be self sufficient for fuel, camping etc. There will be river crossings (not expected to be too deep). Friday night camp near Thomson Dam then head through Licola Saturday which will be the last fuel till we exit tracks.



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

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# UPCOMING TRIPS

## ANGLESEA DAY TRIP

**Date:** Saturday 16th November

**Trip Leader:** Andrew Smith | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

**Trip Classification:** Easy / Medium | **Vehicle Limit:** N/A

**Meeting:** Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie - 1200 Great Ocean Road Bellbrae at 9:30am for a 10:00am departure.

**Note:** BBQ lunch will be on the tracks, BYO some meat - salads and bread provided. Trip will be easy / medium but will be weather dependant.

Contact Andrew smith on 0418 503 043 for any more details.



## TJM (re)OPEN DAY

**Date:** Saturday 23rd November

TJM Geelong will be holding a re-Open Day, celebrating the new ownership, management and refurbishments.

Our club has been invited to run a sausage sizzle for the day - plus talk to prospective new members who visit the store on the day. The store will be open plus plenty of outside stalls with many suppliers on hand for the day with promotions and discounts.

We need volunteers from the club to come along and spend some of the day helping with the sausage sizzle - it doesn't need to be all day - if we get plenty of hands up we can split the day into shifts, however we will need a presence there from around 8am til after 3pm. If you can lend a hand, please register on the Facebook event.

**NEW DATE**



## CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Date:** Sunday 24th November - from Middyay

Come along and spend an afternoon celebrating the amazing year the club has had with a fantastic Christmas Party - this year to be held 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 pizza and canapés to members and for the children under 12 a kids meal and ice cream. 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.



Dinner at Hotel Cremorne to celebrate members who have won the annual club awards.  
Live music through the night & great pub meals.  
RSVP via the Facebook event by Sunday October 6.  
Any questions call Keith on 0407 310 931.

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# **CLUB AWARDS NIGHT DINNER**

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER  
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# LAKE BURRUMBEET

26TH TO 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024  
WORDS & PHOTOS: SOPHIE BROCKS



We headed down to Lake Burrumbeet for a casual weekend camping over the Grand Final long weekend.

We all made our way down at various stages over Thursday afternoon. Some of us camping,

others utilising cabins. It was a lovely night sitting around the fire.

On Friday, we made our way into Ballarat to get some bits and bobs before heading across to Lake Wendouree, where the kids had a play in the park, and some went for a

walk around the botanical gardens.

We all took the opportunity to head out on the paddle boats, and make our way around the lake. The weather was beautiful. We headed back to camp for the afternoon, with some fishing and plenty of bike rides

to finish off the day. Another beautiful sunset over the lake to round off the day.

On Saturday, a few headed into the local market while the rest enjoyed the relaxing day (with a good bit of wind). We set up the telly ready to watch the Grand Final.

The afternoon was spent kicking the footy around. The kids had collected some pine cones throughout the day ready to get the fire started. Some marshmallows were toasting and the kids were having a great time.

On Sunday, as usual, the pack up was hindered with rain. It was a miserable morning, however we were packed up and on the road by 9:30. We headed back into Geelong and decided to finish the trip off with a pub meal.

It was a great relaxing weekend and plenty of fun and laughs had by all.

Sophie



# LITTLE DESERT

26TH TO 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024

WORDS: GEOFF DAVEY - PHOTOS: GEOFF & GRAEME

Geoff, Ken and Graeme headed up to Dimboola on Thursday morning to set up camp at Horseshoe Bend. After collecting some wood the group was joined by Geoff Connors and Geoff & Sharon Van Ingen.

The Ranger dropped in on his rounds to check on our camping permits and

decided that our camp should be known as "the Geoff's camp". When everyone was organized, the fire was lit and we settled into a leisurely evening.

The Wimmera River wraps around the campground, surrounding it on three sides. It is a picturesque setting

with shady trees and plenty of room to spread. There are also flushing toilets and (non potable) fresh water available.

The theme for the weekend was one of relaxation so, accordingly, Friday morning was a slow start. Later we set off in a southerly direction along

the meandering river. There is a ford at the southern end of the national park which we crossed and then explored the eastern side of the river eventually coming back to our camp on the opposite side of the river.

Along the way we explored several different campgrounds and side tracks. There were also some soft sandy sections to provide a bit of fun.

The Wail State Forest is on the eastern side of the river and after leaving the river we found some more sandy tracks which eventually led to the designated wood collection area. We stopped there for lunch and to top up our wood supply for the next two days. The afternoon was spent relaxing around the campsite.

Saturday was AFL Grand Final day so we booked lunch at the Victoria Hotel in Dimboola. The pub is a rustic country hotel with plenty of memorabilia to browse. The meals are good and there a few local characters to meet as well as the "tourists" who were there for the grand final.

The Grand Final itself was a bit of an anticlimax, unless you barracked for Brisbane of course! Nevertheless it was another good social afternoon.





That night we were expecting rain which arrived right on time at about 1:30am. Nothing wrong with a cozy sleep with the pitter patter of rain; except for the wet pack up in the morning! The damp morning was relieved by a coffee and a famous egg and bacon roll at the Dimboola Store before returning home.

Thanks to everyone who came along and contributed to a most enjoyable, easy going weekend.

Participants:

Geoff Davey (Trip leader)

Graeme Jeffrey (Trip leader)

Ken Mellross

Geoff Connors

Geoff and Sharon Van Ingen (Tail end Charlie)

Geoff



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