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



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GENERAL MEETING

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

JANUARY

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COMMITTEE MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

24 - 27

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND TRIP

FEBRUARY

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COMMITTEE MEETING

Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

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.

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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

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THE PRES SAYS

G'day all,

Best wishes to all for the upcoming Christmas and festive season.

The Club kicked this off with our Christmas Party at the Queen of the West Hotel. This was a great success with about 50 adults and 20 kids attending. There was a visit from Santa and the kids each received a gift which kept them entertained into the afternoon. Additionally the attached playground was well utilized. The venue provided an easy relaxed atmosphere for parents and other Club members to socialise and catch up. Special thanks to Alanna for organizing the day and to her assistants Sophie and Jemma. Thanks also to Santa for a special visit from the North Pole!

The Club year is still not over as we still have our December general meeting and BBQ on 11th December so come along and enjoy the evening.

The trip calendar will commence in the New Year with the Australia Day weekend to the Abbeyards district near Mount Buffalo and the King Valley. More information in the magazine and Facebook.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Geoff

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms - Edgerton Road, Lovely Banks
Date	Wednesday 13th November 2024
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Geoff Davey

Agenda

Meeting opened at	7.34 pm
Welcome to everyone present	Welcome all
New members	Corey Allsop, Kaleb Horocks, Emma Van Der Wieden
Visitors	Ian Scott, Ron Nordibrook, Will Kambovski, Nathan Mudge, Pula Jayathilaka (PJ)
Present	Ross Barry, Justin Brocks, Sophie Brocks, Levi Brocks, Geoff Connors, Geoff Davey, David Dixon, Josh Eades, Jimmy Halikias, Graeme Jeffrey, Ken Mellross, Mark Mensch, Mathew Mountjoy, Juanita Mountjoy, Keith Murdoch, Tim Neville, John Prowse, Kelvin Rogers, Peter Searle, Danny Sparks-Cousins
Apologies	Ron Bastin, Daniel Murdoch, Jenny Carpentier, Beth Rogers, Jack Stratford, Alanna Stratford.

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes

Moved	Ken Mellross
Seconded	Keith Murdoch
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Christmas Party - Sunday 24th November at Queen of the West. 65 responses. 3. TJM reopen Day - now Saturday 23rd November 9am-3pm. 4. Presentation Night Review - 36 attended. 5. By Laws - Member awareness. 6. Chainsaw Course - Required before next track clearing. In discussion with FWDV and Bellarine club.

Correspondence

In	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) FWDV - Trackwatch magazine address b) FWDV - Melbourne Cup Road closures c) Christmas Party confirmations d) FWDV - re Regional Meeting
Out	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Driveline Magazine

Regular Reports

Treasurer	Presented by Graeme Jeffrey for information
Association Rep	Nothing to report.
Regional Rep	Regional meeting scheduled for 23-24 November. Short notice. Clashes with Christmas party.
Trip Co-Ordinator	<p>Trips Out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track Clearing - 26-27 October - Danny Sparks-Cousins. Camped at Big Hill with Bellarine club. • Melbourne Cup Weekend @ Butcher Country - 1-5 November - Graeme Jeffery. <p>Upcoming Trips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anglesea Day Trip - Saturday 16th November - Andrew Smith – BBQ lunch BYO meat, salad and bread provided. Easy/Medium trip • Australia Day 2025 - Jan 24th - 27th. TBC. • Easter 2025 @ Beachport - Contact Juanita Mountjoy if interested. • Moonambel Muster - Kings Birthday weekend June 6th - 9th 2025. • Anyone interesting in leading trips please speak with Tim. <p>Reminder club funds available @ \$10 per car to cover eats & drinks.</p>
Editor	Nothing to report.
Webmaster	Nothing to report.
Club Permit Scheme	One new club registration.
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TJM (re) Open Day - 23rd November 2024 • Christmas Party - 24th November 2024 - Queen of the West • Social Trip/ Winery Tour 2025 - Keith Murdoch, Jen Carpentier and Juanita Mountjoy. Dates and time TBC. • Sprint Cars - TBC • Barefoot Bowls - TBC
Fines	Geoff Davey 8, Mathew Mountjoy 7, Graeme Jeffrey 5, Tim Neville 4, Andrew Smith 4, James Fitzpatrick 3, Adam Mountjoy 2, Will Kambovski 1, Justin Brocks 1, John Prowse 1
Pist 'n' Broke	Matthew Mountjoy
Members Draw	Kelvin Rogers

Other Business

	Nil
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Meeting closed at	8.24 pm
Next General Meeting	Wednesday 11th December 2024 @ Clubrooms from 7.30pm - BBQ from 6.30pm

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 11th December 2024

	Christmas party review.
	TJM reopening review.
	Bylaws review. Invite suggestions from members.
	Police crackdown on non-compliant vehicles.
	General business.

PIST'N BROKE NOVEMBER 2024



MATTHEW MOUNTJOY



UPCOMING TRIPS

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND

Date: Friday 24th - Monday 27th January 2025

Trip Leader: Geoff Davey | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

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

Meeting: 9am at BP Melbourne Rd, Little River.

Requirements: Standard recovery gear, rated recovery points, UHF radio.

Notes: A relaxed weekend with swimming options and possible winery visit(s).

Friday travel to Manna Gum Camp on Abbeyard Road. The route to camp will be across the back of Mount Buller via Lake William Hovell. There are plenty of options to 4WD in the district and the degree of difficulty can be tailored to the participants. For more information contact Geoff on 0499 905 975.



EASTER 2025 @ BEACHPORT

Date: Thursday 17th - Monday 21st April 2025

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

Trip Classification: Medium+ | **Vehicle Limit:** 7

Meeting: Participants will make their own way to Beachport SA on the Thursday.

Notes: We will run day trips heading out from the caravan park each morning of the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The trip is rated medium, however depending on the tides, the beach driving can also be easy to hard.

Participants must have good ground clearance, long handled shovel, sand flag, basic recovery gear, rated recovery points front and back, Maxtrax (or similar).

Please contact Juanita directly on 0467 809 040 if you would like to attend. There are only 7 places available.



MOONAMBEL MUSTER 2025

Date: Friday 6th - Monday 9th June 2025 (Kings Birthday Weekend)

Trip Leader: Various | **Tail End Charlie:** Various

Trip Classification: Varies | **Vehicle Limit:** N/A

Notes: Come and join us at the club's biggest event of the year! Support your club in what is always a fun social weekend with a variety of 4WD trip & track options to suit everyone.



If you're interested in leading a trip (even if you have never led a trip before) this is the perfect opportunity. Anything from easy to extreme can be catered for. Get in touch with Tim on 0478 065 716 if you are keen.

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

TJM (RE)OPEN DAY

23RD NOVEMBER 2024

WORDS: DANNY SPARKS-COUSINS - PHOTOS: VARIOUS

The TJM (re)open day was an exciting day to celebrate recent changes at the store.

The new owners have made significant updates to the showroom, both inside and out,

creating a fresh and inviting atmosphere. This day was dedicated to showcasing these improvements and celebrating the community's support.

Despite the scorching heat, which

made the day feel even longer, the event was very worthwhile. Numerous suppliers were on site, offering detailed product knowledge and special deals.

Attendees were thrilled with the



discounts, specials, and prizes that were available throughout the day.

The Geelong 4WD Club also contributed to the festivities by running a sausage sizzle, adding to the community spirit. Thanks to everyone who was able to help out on the day.

Although the extreme heat did affect attendance numbers, those who braved the weather had a great time.

The combination of special deals, activities, and the opportunity to connect with suppliers made it a memorable day for everyone involved. The TJM (re)open day was a testament to the dedication and enthusiasm of the new owners and the supportive community.

If you haven't yet popped in, make sure you do - meet the new team and the refurbished store and maybe even grab yourself a bargain.

Danny



CHRISTMAS PARTY

24TH NOVEMBER 2024

WORDS: DANNY SPARKS-COUSINS - PHOTOS: VARIOUS

The Club Christmas party was a fantastic event that brought together members for a day of fun and celebration.

Held at a new venue, the Queen of the West Hotel, the party saw a

great turnout with almost 70 people attending.

The atmosphere was lively and filled with joy as everyone enjoyed delicious food and drinks. It was a perfect opportunity for

members to catch up, share stories and have plenty of conversations.

The event was particularly special for the children, who had a blast on the playground. Their laughter



and excitement added to the festive spirit of the day. The highlight for many was the appearance of a special visitor – Santa Claus, who brought smiles to the faces of both kids and adults alike.

A big thank you goes to Alanna, Sophie & Jemma for organising such a great event. Their efforts ensured that everyone had a wonderful time, making the Club Christmas party a resounding success.

The event was a testament to the strong sense of community within the club, as members came together to celebrate the holiday season in style. The Queen of the West Hotel provided a warm and welcoming atmosphere, making it the perfect setting for such a fun occasion.

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BUTCHER COUNTRY CUP WEEKEND TRIP

1ST TO 6TH NOVEMBER 2024

WORDS: JOHN PROWSE - PHOTOS: GEOFF DAVEY

Friday 1st November:

We met at 9 AM at the Little River BP. Ross popped in briefly on his way to Melbourne before we hit the road. Our route took us through Moe to Thomson Dam for a quick sightseeing stop at the dam wall and spillway. From there, we continued along Whalla Road, aired down, and took Meringtons Track.

By 2:30 PM, we arrived at our first camp, Meeringtons Flat. We found a grassy, slightly sloping area to set up camp.

After rolling out our swags, we went in search of firewood. A trip along Williamson's Spur Track provided us with some suitable wood.

As the night drew in, we could hear Ross arriving in the area via the UHF radio. Our camp neighbors entertained us by dancing around their campfire, illuminated by floodlights!

Saturday 2nd November:

The next morning, we woke up to icy

swags and quickly packed up. We left via Williamson's Spur and Flats Track. We encountered a particularly steep section of track with substantial gates preventing further exploration.

We then made our way towards Licola, taking White Star and Middle Star Tracks. We paid a flying visit to Lloyd's Hut before continuing along Army North and Spring Creek Tracks, which brought us back to Licola Road, where we met up with Jimmy around lunchtime.





After a quick lunch and expensive fuel top-up, we headed along the Glencairn Road, eventually reaching Black Soil Gully Track. At around 3 PM, we found a small area off the McAllister River Track to set up camp for the night.

Sunday 3rd November:

We traveled a few kilometers to the start of Butcher Country Track. There were plenty of steep rocky sections with some spectacular views as we climbed out of the valley and along the ridge. We made great time, finishing for an early lunch stop at Howitt Hut. We then continued back along the Caledonia River Track, where we found a lovely campsite nestled in a valley with plenty of firewood around.

With the day still young, we decided to take it easy and have a short day of driving. The relaxed pace allowed us to enjoy the surroundings with a beer in hand, we even managed to fit in a refreshing dip in the river which was definitely needed by that point in the trip.

Monday 5th November:

We continued along the Caledonia River Track. The initial plan was to take Dingo Hill Track, but a road closure sign and advice from locals warned us of blockages, so we decided against verifying the closure.

Will, who had not been feeling well, chose to head back home early. The remaining convoy continued along Blue Plains Spur Track with a planned lunch stop at High Cone Peak. Unfortunately, the Grimme Creek Track proved a little



too challenging, and we couldn't make it all the way to the peak.

Next up was the Son of Bitch Track, which proved to be quite overgrown, leaving plenty of scratches on the vehicles as we navigated through. The track definitely lived up to its name, presenting its fair share of challenges. The only recovery of the trip occurred towards the end, when Graeme's car got caught in a bog hole. Unfortunately, the lack of rear diff clearance was the culprit, but we managed to pull him out without too much trouble.

Our final night was spent at an unmarked, overgrown campsite at the end of Clear Creek/Nobs Track.

Tuesday 6th November:

On Tuesday morning, we had a leisurely pack up packed up and headed back along Brock's Road, finally reaching Merrijig before making our way back to Geelong.

John



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