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FEBRUARY

12 GENERAL MEETING

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

26 COMMITTEE MEETINGClubrooms @ 7:30pm

MARCH

1 SPRINTCAR NIGHT

1 - 2 CHAINSAW TRAINING COURSE

7 - 10 LABOUR DAY WEEKEND @ MOONAMBEL

12 GENERAL MEETING @ ARBBBQ from 6:30pm
Meeting @ 7:30pm

26 COMMITTEE MEETING Clubrooms @ 7:30pm

29 WINERY TOUR **APRIL**

GENERAL MEETING
Meeting @ 7:30pm

17 - 21 EASTER WEEKEND @ BEACHPORT

23 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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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 and Happy New Year to everyone,

The first meeting of the year is on Wednesday 12th February at the Clubrooms, with the BBQ kicking off from 6.30pm. Come along and catch up with the activities of other members over the Christmas / New Year break.

We are planning to hold the March General Meeting at ARB as we did last year.

We have kicked off the year with the Australia Day Trip to Abbeyards which is reported in the magazine.

At this stage there is no trip planned for the Labour Day weekend from 8th - 10th of March so if anyone is keen to lead a trip, talk to Tim. We are looking at a couple of day trips soon as well.

Planning is already under way for Moonambel on the King's Birthday weekend in June. This promises to be another fantastic event which is not to be missed so mark it in your calendars.

See you on the tracks, Geoff

Geoff



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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms - Edgerton Road, Lovely Banks
Date	Wednesday 11th December 2024
Chair	Sophie Brocks
Minutes taken by	Jenny Carpentier

Agenda — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	
Meeting opened at	7.34 pm
Welcome to everyone present	Welcome all
New members	Nathan Mudge
Visitors	Harley Miller, Mark Rodger
Present	Sophie Brocks, Richard and Kerry Anne Brown, Geoffrey Connors, Josh Eades, Jimmy Halikias, Kaleb Horrocks, Emma Van der Weiden, Graeme Jeffrey, Ken Mellross, Jennifer Carpentier, Daniel Murdoch, Keith Murdoch, Tim Neville, Kelvin Rogers, Peter Searle, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Jack Stratford.
Apologies	Geoff Davey, Juanita and Matthew Mountjoy, Jemma and Levi Brocks, Mark Mensch, Byron Willey, Alanna Stratford, Daniel Jennings, Justin Brocks, Beth Rogers.

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes		
Moved Seconded	Keith Murdoch Ken Mellross	
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	 Christmas party review - Sunday 24th November at Queen of the West. 67 people attended. TJM reopen day review - Saturday 23rd November. Extremely hot weather and small turnout. By-laws review - Invite suggestions from members. Suggestions: None discussed at this stage. Police crackdown on non-compliant vehicles - Explanation: Police will be looking out for 4WDs that aren't compliant. Photo based and not inspection based. 	

Correspondence		
In	a) Insurance Renewal	
Out	a) Driveline Magazine b) Geelong City Council - re: lights	

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Regular Reports		
Treasurer	Presented by Graeme Jeffrey for information	
Association Rep	Nothing to report.	
Regional Rep	Nothing to report.	
Trip Co-Ordinator	 Anglesea Day Trip - Saturday 16th November - Andrew Smith – BBQ lunch BYO meat, salad and bread provided. Easy/Medium trip Upcoming Trips Australia Day 2025 - Jan 24th - 27th. Abbeyard District, Geoff Davey, Easy/medium. Swimming options. Easter 2025 @ Beachport - Contact Juanita Mountjoy if interested. Medium / hard trip. Moonambel Muster - Kings Birthday weekend June 6th - 9th 2025. Anyone interesting in leading trips please speak with Tim. Reminder club funds available @ \$10 per car to cover eats & drinks. 	
Editor	Emails have been updated.	
Webmaster	Driveline December.	
Club Permit Scheme	Renewals.	
Social	 Winery Tour 2025 - Keith Murdoch, Jen Carpentier and Juanita Mountjoy. Dates and time TBC. Sprint Cars - Saturday 1st March 2025 - Keith Murdoch. Barefoot Bowls - TBC - Keith Murdoch. 	
Fines	Tim Neville x 2, Geoff Davey x 3, Rob Gunn x 3, Danny Sparks-Cousins x 1, Josh Eades x 1	
Pist 'n' Broke	Geoff Davey	
Members Draw	Keith Murdoch	
Other Business		

Other Business	
	a) Free handouts - Books, TJM merch for any member.
Meeting closed at	7.57 pm
Next General Meeting	Wednesday 12th February 2025 @ Clubrooms from 7.30pm - BBQ from 6.30pm

AGENDA

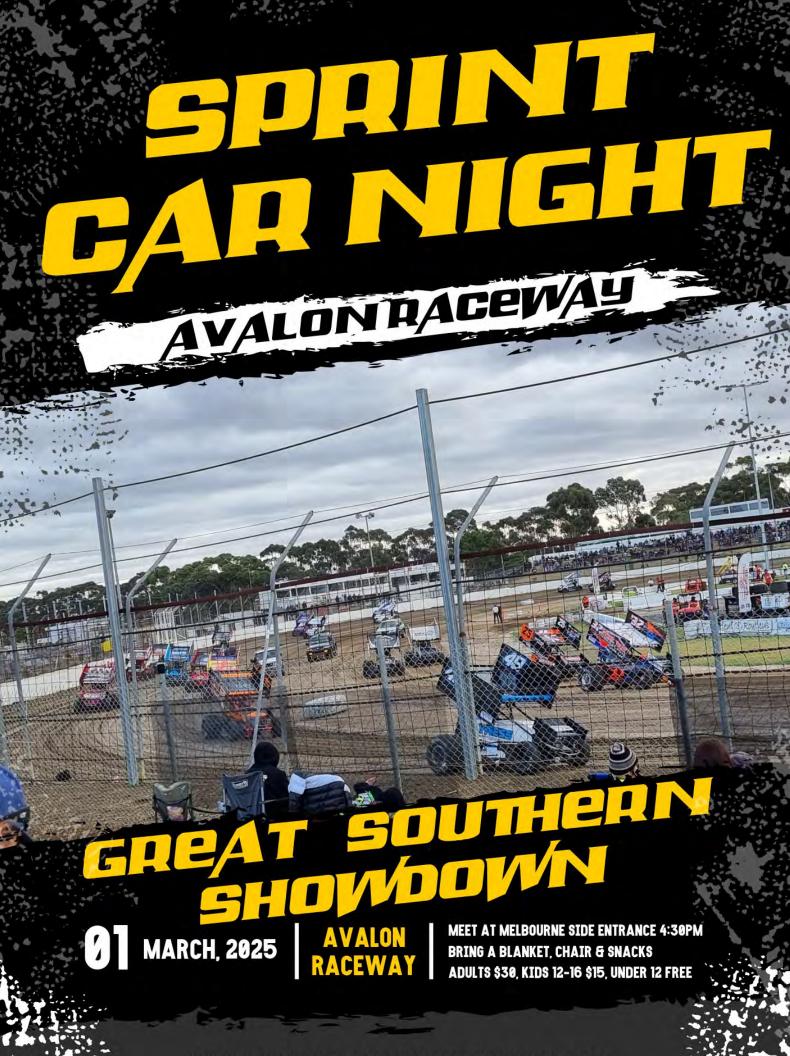
Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 12th February 2025	
	Bylaws review.
	Moonambel Muster.
	Not for profit tax update.
	Club boards updated.
	Police crackdown on roadworthy compliance.
	Chainsaw course.
	General business.

PIST'N BROKE DEGEMBER 2024



GEOFF DAVEY

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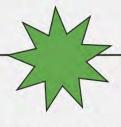


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CHAINSAW TRAINING COURSE







Join the upcoming chainsaw training course covering Chainsaw Maintenance and Trim and Cut Felled Trees.

Theory: Wednesday evening 26th February 2025 (Geelong)

Practical: Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd March 2025 (Gellibrand)

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CONTACT GEOFF DAVEY TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST 0499 905 957





LABOUR DAY WEEKEND @ MOONAMBEL

Date: Friday 7th - Monday 10th March 2025

Trip Leader: Geoff Davey | Tail End Charlie: TBA Trip Classification: Easy/Medium | Vehicle Limit: 10

Departing: 9am Friday from the Clubrooms, Abe Wood Reserve

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

Notes: This will be a relaxed weekend with possible winery visit(s).

Reasonably close, fixed camp, showers and toilets, wineries nearby, camper and caravans are fine, there is power available if required, suitable for beginners and new members. There are plenty of options to 4WD in the district and the degree of difficulty can be tailored to the participants. There is an option to travel up Friday evening or Saturday morning if a day off Friday doesn't work for you. 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.







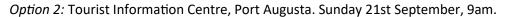
GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT

Date: Saturday 20th September - Sunday 12th October

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

Trip Classification: Medium / Hard | Vehicle Limit: 8

Meeting: *Option 1:* Ampol, Bannockburn. Saturday 20th September, 6.15am. Be prepared for four long days of driving to reach Esperance, WA. You will have two days of rest in Esperance before beginning the main leg of the trip.



Be prepared for three long days of driving to reach Esperance, WA. You will have two days of rest in Esperance before beginning the main leg of the trip.

Option 3: Esperance, WA. Arrive no later than the night of Thursday 25th September.

Trip Details: We will begin our trip by crossing the Nullarbor along the Eyre Highway, followed by a few days of rest in Esperance, WA. From there, we'll make our way back across The Great Australian Bight, exploring beaches and costal tracks.

This trip has been rated as medium to hard, as the beach driving becomes increasingly challenging the further east we go. The return leg across the Bight, from Esperance to Ceduna, spans approximately 1,400 km. We'll aim to cover about 100 km per day in the more difficult terrain, which, while it may not sound like much, will involve slow and demanding driving.

We've allocated 15 days to complete the crossing, finishing in Ceduna, SA. Should we finish ahead of schedule, an optional trip up Googs Track will be available for those interested.

Requirements: Participants must have the following:

- A reliable set of recovery tracks (e.g. MaxTrax).
- Front and rear recovery points.
- Spare tyres and a tyre repair kit.
- Long Handled Shovel
- Basic recovery gear, including a snatch strap
- Sufficient fuel, water, and food to last the duration of this remote trip.

Our first opportunity to refuel will be on Day 7, and the first water resupply will be on Day 9, likely from a bore water source. This trip will be strictly tents and swags only—no campers. For those interested, fishing and surfing opportunities may be available along the way.

For further details, or to register your interest, please contact: Juanita Mountjoy on 0467 809 040 or Matthew Mountjoy on 0400 389 230

Notes: If you are new to beach driving, you'll be required to attend the Beachport trip being run over the Easter school holidays as a prerequisite.



ANGLESEA DAY TRIP

SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2024
WORDS: ANDREW & TYLER SMITH - PHOTOS: GEOFF DAVEY

We met at the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie in Bellbrae at 9:30am, where several people took the opportunity to grab a morning coffee.

The group left at 10am and we all made our way to Gumflats Road near the Proving Ground to air

down. After airing down we took Tanners Link Track which is quite a long track, and very rutted out in places with some water still available for the mud rats on the trip.

The first obstacle was a short steeper section where some

bumped and bounced over two tree roots, but all made it up without incident. Further up the track was a deep mini gunshot that Tim Neville decided to tackle, but managed to get stuck, requiring a winch recovery. Rob Gunn decided that his Hilux was going to one up Tim's Patrol - but



ended up with a winch recovery also. The Hilux's bull bar decided to bend under the load of the recovery, so Tim helped with the addition of Toby's winch, only to require an anchor from Ken's car to get Rob out.

We then finished Tanners Link Track at Tanners Campground for a quick break to use its facilities.

Knights Track was up next with several bog holes, then down an unmarked track which was steep and slow going through trees. PJ decided he needed some new side steps for his car so he clipped a tree so he could price up a replacement.

We finally ended up where we aired down for a BBQ lunch and a yarn over lunch. After lunch and some camp chair evaluation we headed back towards Anglesea along Denham and Alladyce Tracks where we aired up and headed back home.

Thanks to all that came along and made it a great day out.

Cheers, Tyler and Andrew Smith.











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MASTERING THE ART OF SAFE BEACH DRIVING

WORDS: JUANITA MOUNTJOY

Beach driving is an incredible way to explore coastal scenery, but it's not as simple as hitting the sand and flooring it. Staying safe on the sand requires preparation and awareness. Here are some essential tips to keep your trip fun, safe and trouble free.

One of the most important tools for beach driving is a reliable set of recovery tracks, such as Maxtrax or TREDs. These are a game changer when it comes to getting your vehicle out of soft sand. Another crucial piece of equipment is a long handled shovel, which makes it easier to reach under the vehicle and clear low areas, like the differentials. Always ensure your recovery gear is in good condition and easily accessible before you set off.

Lowering your tyre pressure is essential for increasing traction on sand, but be cautious. Over deflating can lead to the tyre coming off the rim or even damage it. A good starting point is around 16-20 PSI,

but this may vary depending on your vehicle and the beach conditions. Always carry a tyre pressure gauge to monitor adjustments and an air compressor to reinflate your tyres once you're back on solid ground.

Tide times can make or break your beach trip. Check tide charts in advance to know when high tide is and whether the tide is coming in or going out. Plenty of vehicles have been caught out because their owners didn't keep an eye on the rising tide.

When driving on sand, keep a steady pace and avoid sudden braking or sharp turns, which can cause your wheels to sink. If you feel your vehicle losing traction, ease off the accelerator rather than flooring it, as spinning your wheels will only dig you deeper.

Even the most experienced drivers can encounter unexpected challenges on the beach. To stay

safe, avoid driving on unfamiliar beaches alone. Travel with another vehicle to ensure backup in case you get stuck or need assistance. Having backup makes all the difference if things don't go to plan.

If you're part of a convoy, the trip leader's guidance is key. They often know the area and the conditions, so their advice is worth paying attention to.

It is also worth noting that road rules still apply when driving on the beach, including speed limits, drink driving rules and giving way to pedestrians.

Beach driving is great fun, but preparation is the difference between a memorable adventure and a day you'd rather forget. So pack your gear, plan ahead, and hit the sand with confidence—you've got this!

Juanita



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