

March 2012



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Meetings of
THE SUBARU 4WD CLUB of WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.
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Ian Johnson, Peter Andruszkiw and Ron Counce.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT March 2012

Fellow Members,

By the time you read this, Jeanette and I will be on our cruise. However, the Club will not be too far from my mind!

There are some great camping trips coming up – John Cahill's 'Hamelin Ramelin' on the March LWE, Keith Low's Coolgardie Woodlines at Easter, my Cool Collie Capers on the June LWE and Dave Peck's the Central Circle trip in July (now closed). Get in early if you do not want to miss out!

There are also plenty of other trips and activities on the go, including the Kaarakin busy bee on the morning of Saturday 12 May. I encourage you to put your name down for the busy bee. As it is a 4WD Association activity, we want to see the Club well represented.

Although not certain at the time of writing, we should have another speaker for the March General Meeting – Ian Glyde of 4X4 Equip – see <http://www.4x4equip.com.au/>. Ian will bring along a sample of their gear for us to see (and buy) and will tell us all about it. Please see page 4 of this mag.

I look forward to catching up with you all at the March meeting.
Tony Richards

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Email: editor@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au in Word format or plain text

Subaru 4WD Club WA Website:

TRIP CO-ORDINATORS REPORT March 2012

Despite it being the hottest weekend for a long time, we had a great turn up for the trip to the Blackwood River with 13 cars in total. We had stayed at Barrabup Sanctuary a couple of years ago and Glenn has done some more work. We got the new campsite which has better facilities, though we didn't bother lighting the chip heater for a hot shower.

Adrian's Wilbinga trip was also well attended with 14 cars going along with four guests and much banter on the radio which made it entertaining. Unfortunately it was too windy for fishing but Ray D shared some of the trout he caught in Tasmania which were delicious. My heart had to go out to Taza who damaged the sidewall on an all Terrain tyre that had less than 500 km on it.

With a couple of more long weekends coming up we have some more good trips planned so put you name down to come along.

Cheers David

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HAMELIN RAMELIN

3 March-5March

Come join us as we ramble around Hamelin Bay, exploring the many little points, hideaways and bays - some

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taking a little bit of effort to get to! plus take in some of delights of the area such as the berry farm, chocolate factory and wineries.

Places like Cosy corner, North Point and along the coast an old sea eagle nest on an island peak just off the coast - still to be re-discovered. In between the exploring we can enjoy the many delights of the region such as the Laurence winery, berry farm and others.

The intent is to camp in the DEC Boronup Campground for the modest fees of \$7/person/night. It is a smaller ground with plenty of shade, facilities and quiet.

The Camp Ground cannot be reserved online or otherwise so to secure the sites we need the hope that some trippers can travel down on the Friday and take possession of the sites needed.

For those travelling down on the Saturday the convoy will meet at the Caltex Servo Baldivis, just off the freeway, 8:15 AM for an 8:30AM departure

.Please join the trip on line or call John on 0439 922 338 to secure your place.

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Join us for a trip to the Wanneroo Botanical Gardens for breakfast followed by Mini Golf.

Breakfast is at the Leap Frogs Café and ranges from Toast & Jam for \$8 up to a full cooked breakfast at \$20.50. See their menu on www.leapfrogscafe.com.au.

After that it is a leisurely putt around the 18 holes through the landscaped gardens. Mini Golf prices are \$16 adult, \$14 Concession & \$4 for non-playing adults.

Those wanting to breakfast I will need final numbers a week before. Those who want just to play golf that is fine.

Where: 25 Drovers Place (off Joondalup Drive) Wanneroo

Date: Sunday 11 March

Time: 8.30am for breakfast, 10.00am for golf.

Contact: Keith W



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**CAMP OVEN COOKOUT AND
GYMKHANA**

April 28-29

Flock to Wickepin for this event.

Actually, it is a bit East of Wickepin but the principle is we head out to the wheatbelt for several days of fun and good company.

Thanks to family connections, we will be camping on a farm. Apart from lots of space, there are assorted livestock (sheep, cattle etc), a kaolin mine site, old ruins etc.

The big cook up takes place on the Saturday.

Sunday provides the opportunity to participate in a gymkhana based on the Red Bull Air Race but closer to the ground (even for those with lift kits). This should be fun for both participants and those who choose to watch. Gymkhana participation is restricted to paid up Club Members.

We should be finished by 12.00 and head back about 14.00.

Meeting place:

In front of Kelmscott Getaway Outdoors, 2938 Albany Hwy.

Meeting time: 08.30 for 9.30 (expect to get to farm by 12.30)

Trip Leader: Travis Maskey
043 3424659



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CLUB CALENDAR

March 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
				1	2		Sat 3rd - Mon 5th: Hamelin Ramelin LWE. Page 6
			7	8	9	10	Tue 6th: Committee Meeting Sun 11th: Breakfast & Botanic golf. Page 8
	12		14	15	16	17	Tue 13th: General Meeting Sun 18th: Moore River TBC
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Thurs 29th: magazine articles deadline
25	26	27	28		30	31	

April 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
							Tue 3rd- Committee Meeting
1	2		4	5			Fri 6th-Mon 9th: Coolgardie Woodlines Page 9
			11	12	13	14	Tue 10th- General Meeting
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Mon 23rd: Magazine articles deadline
22		24	25	26	27		Sat 28th-Sun 29th: Camp Oven Cookout/Gymkhana Wickepin. Page 11
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May 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
							Tues 1st Committee Meeting
			2	3	4	5	Tue 8th General Meeting
6	7		9	10	11		Sat-12th –Sun 13th Karaakin working bee and Wandoo wander Page 14
	14	15	16	17	18		Sat 19th:- Fiddles and Nibbles Page 15
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Mon 28th: magazine articles deadline
27		29	30	31			

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June 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
					1		Sat 2-Mon 4: Collie Capers
							Tue 5th: Committee Meeting
			6	7	8	9	Tue 12th: General Meeting
10	11		13	14	15		Sat 16th: Casserole Night TBC
17	18	19	20		22	23	Tue-21st: magazine articles deadline <i>(Please note early deadline)</i>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

July 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
							Tue 3rd: Committee Meeting
1	2		4	5	6	7	Tue 10th: General Meeting
8	9		11	12	13	14	Sat 21-Sun 22: 2 Day trip TBC
15	16	17	18	19	20		Tue-26th: magazine articles deadline
	23	24	25		27	28	
29	30	31					

SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

School Holidays: Apr 6-22, Jul 7-23, Sept 29-Oct 14, Dec 19-

Public holidays: Mar 5, Apr 6-9 (Easter), April 25, June 4, Oct 1

Potential members are most welcome to come along on any Club activities before joining. Please phone the Trip Leader for further information.

Register with the trip leader if you are wanting to join a trip or social. Also contact the trip leader if you have to cancel, as we don't want to wait for someone who does not turn up!

Some trips are ideas only and may be subject to change. Some of the later trips need trip leaders – volunteers please.



Carnaby's Black Cockatoo— Photo. B. Knott

KAARAKIN WORKING BEE AND/OR WANDOO WANDERINGS MAY 12,13

Come up to Kaarakin and help out with some Planting and Traffic Control on 12/5

The 4WD Association has volunteered to help the people of the Black Cockatoo Preservation Society with their regular busy bees at Kaarakin and our Club has selected this date.

More information about what the Black Cockatoo Society does can be found on their website

<http://www.blackcockatoorecovery.com/>

Meet at Kaarakin

322 Mills Rd. East Martin. The work is planned for Saturday morning from 8 till 12. Why not camp at Kaarakin on Saturday then join the:

WANDOO WANDERINGS.

Come join us for a trip on easy forestry tracks through undulating Wandoo woodlands.

A day trip along a series of forestry tracks stopping at Mt Dale for an optional climb. Then circling the edge of the water catchment area through the Wandoo National Park (probably doing some of the 4WD days out of Perth Wandoo North trip in reverse). Also stopping at Mt Observation and ending up at "The Lakes".

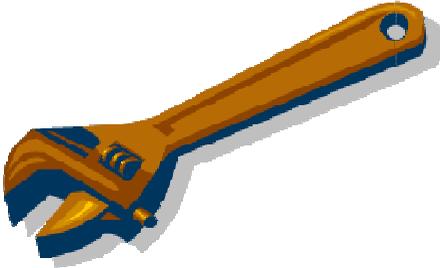
Meeting Details

Where: Kaarakin, 322 Mills Road East

When: Sunday 13th May at 9:00

Bring: Radio, Full tank of fuel, food & drink.

Contact: David Peck on 0402 177 886



FIDDLES AND NIBBLES

SATURDAY MAY 19

Are there any jobs that you would like to do on your car and maybe need a bit of guidance to achieve them? Well this is the idea of the day. It allows you to get in there and tackle projects that you otherwise may not do.

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TRIP & SOCIAL REPORTS

BLACKWOOD RIVER TRIP Day 1 Jan 26

Was my first camping trip in over a year with the club, so it was lovely to meet up with 10 of the 13 vehicles going on the trip, on a hot sunny Australia Day. Plus we had 6 canoes/kayaks between us. David had planned our route well to take us the scenic route through to Donnybrook without seeing the highway or the freeway, it was a lovely drive.

David, our trip-leader had arranged to meet up with his daughter, a vet who lives in Donnybrook, at lunch time, so we all met in the car park in the town centre. A particularly good spot as the bakery was just over the road and a few of us, well, probably all of us actually, managed to spend up big there. I chose to have a locally grown/made apple pie which I jokingly said I would not eat yet but would warm it up in the oven, which given the temperature, meant the car, which was as hot as an oven. As often happens on trips, the timing of our arrival in Donnybrook was also good for Keith, Fiona and Teleah who were not in the convoy but arrived in town just as we did.

So the afternoon drive was equally as pleasant as the morning, with David taking us the back way from Donnybrook to Nannup in what I would describe as “meadowlea” country. On approaching Nannup we crossed the Blackwood River and when I looked down from the bridge, the river looked more like a stream, so was wondering if my efforts of bringing my kayak were worth it, but when we arrived at the

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campground at Barrabup Sanctuary, the water level was much higher and definitely kayakable.

Given the high temperatures, as soon as we arrived, the race was on to find the shadiest spot, but there was no need to race as the whole area had shade a plenty so we were able to take our time and set up camp in relative comfort. I managed to get the prime real estate with a river view! Wendy and Rob got the camp with the permanent shower as there was a leaking pipe which sprayed water; the birds enjoyed it too.



About 6 of us decided to have a swim later in the afternoon, but that all ended abruptly when Keith got a leech so then we all made a big fuss and leapt out of the water instantly! It was hilarious, many funny moments that were to be had over the weekend.

Beer o'clock could not come quick enough, and so by 4.30pm we were all sitting in the shade in the group kitchen and made the most of the bbq facilities. I sat there with a cold flannel on my neck. By this time Nina and Ian had arrived, then at dessert time, just on dark our final vehicle with visitors Leanne and Nick also arrived. This was a relief as we wondered if they would find us in the dark.

So after a relaxing drive, cool swim, bbq and drinks, the day could not have been better. I look forward to reading tomorrow's trip report

and how the morning's events are recalled....., makes me laugh just thinking about it... read on!

Jo

BLACKWOOD RIVER TRIP DAY 2

Following a very hot night it was decided a drive in the air-conditioned cars and a swim in the afternoon was the plan for the day and about 10 cars took off the wrong way into the bush. Fortunately for them Anne and I had the radio on the wrong channel still at camp and missed all the radio chatter which I gather was very amusing. However, I know where they went as I did the same dumb thing yesterday when I went off to phone the pub about the Meals! No good following my tyre tracks Folks.

After a regroup Dave in the lead took us around the old logging tracks and railway formations at Cambray siding heading up some steep tracks into the forest. One part was particularly rutted and steep which had a few struggling a bit but all got the hang of it. Lots of up and down with humps across the track to help control water drainage and erosion. Some of these were savage but no one managed to get stuck on them as we have seen before to much amusement! Very pleasant drive in the forest above the river.

Out onto Jalbarragup road to the Blackwood River crossing which now has a bridge replacing the old dangerous ford crossing .With the temperature over 40 now we headed to Barrabup Pool, one of the



best swimming holes in the south west. Lots of people there, mostly families with fearless kids leaping off the platform into the pool while most of our group slid slowly down the slippery steps emerging from the pool only to eat lunch.

Back to camp where it was hot and humid as hell itself must be, so a trip to the Nannup Hotel was on. As we left camp I mentioned on the radio that it looked like a storm was coming and by the time we got to the pub there was no doubt so a few of the guys hurried back to camp. They did a very good job zipping tents and covering things for everyone and soon after it bucketed down.

The temperature dropped sharply and a nice cool breeze blew through the pub which probably saved my life after booking the meals there and telling everyone it was air-conditioned. The South West has yet to come to terms with Global Warming as the aircon was a 9 inch desk fan mounted on the bar wall. If it hadn't rained my head would have been mounted next to it as the pub resembled Dante's Inferno when we arrived.

However, plenty of fluids and very good meals came out of it all and a much cooler night back at camp hopefully for a better nights sleep. Simon and Anne Newton.

BLACKWOOD RIVER TRIP DAY 3

Saturday, 28 January (pm) - Let's go to Balingup for iScream!

On what seemed like the hottest day of the century we set off from camp in air-conditioned vehicular luxury to re-discover the town of Balingup, travelling along as many off road tracks as our fearless leader David Peck could find.

First turning right off the scenic Nannup-Balingup Rd, the convoy headed south (well I think it was south) via lots of crossing and switchback gravel tracks with names like Telephone Rd, Strobus Rd and Ellis Creek Rd - each leading in directions that challenged the oldest (and the newest) GPS devices available. Perhaps the graders had been here before us and rearranged the road design!

Past mixed vegetation, blocks of pines and native bush, and a sign to an old saw mill, we periodically compared the outside temp readings over the radio – agreeing on an average 41dec C. But this driver was often too busy concentrating on the track ahead to notice the flora, let alone the fauna, but did finally realise there was a temp reading on the dash.

After some more fun exploring the trails, came the spontaneous, but consensus decision, to re-trace our steps and head back to see the old Saw Mill. There we discovered a deep cavity filled with rusting band saws and metal debris - an untidy jumbled history of fallen trees and ruined tools. A little bit sad really that local history had not been more sympathetically saved or restored.

By this time, we were just too hot to dwell too much on the past and when someone said “ lets go get that icecream” , there was no argument (at all).

So we ventured back to the main Balingup–Nannup Rd, (via a few detours), and were grateful that some of the tailenders were allowed to take a “short cut” to avoid a tricky uphill track.

In Balingup, then, we headed straight for the French Bakery for pastries and cold drinks... not sure how many actually had icecream, though!! And across the street we checked out the craft stores, apologising for not taking more interest in the woolly craft made by the local sewing circle. Some of us cast a cursory eye over the alpaca gear and retro trinkets on sale though, and Val compensated by buying some lemons!

Back at camp, (not sure how we got here) the Happy Hour was on everyone's mind. So we formed a magic circle round the candle "fire", enthusiastically consumed drinks and nibbles, an impromptu dinner and a grand finale of mini pancakes topped with Val's lemon and maple syrup drizzle. 'Twas a GREAT day ;)

Dianna

WILBINGA BEACH PICNIC

AND NIGHT DRIVE. JAN 8

This was very well attended. Hopefully, a full trip report and some individual views will be in the next issue. As a "taster", Daniel B. shares his perspective below... Ed.



I spent most of the time somewhere in the middle of a large convoy of 15 cars. My handheld radio apparently gave a weak signal although I could hear other transmissions clearly except when some became distorted or broken up presumably because of the terrain and extended length of the convoy. This led to a little confusion at times when messages about turns and hazards were heard (or not heard) quite a while before (or after) my car was where it mattered. In the thick scrub and intersecting tracks it was essential to keep contact between cars to avoid wrong turns as I nearly went off the wrong way having lost sight of the car ahead of me.

Once again lack of technique in driving soon showed up when losing momentum I got well and truly stuck at the tea stop. It is good to have competent help at hand! Fortunately I didn't need to call on it again although things got dicey several times along the beach and on the hills in the play bowls. I am sure it would have been a lot worse if I had not had some practice on the beach run and at Lancelin. The final

circuit in a bowl at night was exhilarating with the uncertainty of what would show up in the headlights. The sight of head and tail lights moving through the dunes was very entertaining. The trip was a great opportunity to get more practice and challenges under a variety of conditions.

The sunset picnic was a great way to relax after the afternoon of driving. catering was excellent in a perfect setting. Pity the wind was too strong for effective fishing!

THE “BITS THAT DON’T FIT ELSEWHERE” SECTION

Trip Notes ?

Do you have an old guitar languishing in your garage that you are prepared to donate for the use of “Central Circle” participants during July? Josan’s



Canadian friend will be on the trip and apparently knows how to drive one. This could help keep the dingoes away whilst we huddle round the campfire in the cold desert nights. Depending on the conditions, this could be a one way trip for any instrument so we are not after anything precious or valuable. Contact Josan if you can help.

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