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SUBARU 4WD NEWS

Meetings of
THE SUBARU 4WD CLUB of WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.
are **normally** held at
7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month at the
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Fred Offer, Keith Anderson, Jonel Householder, Ray Stewart,
Ian Johnson, Peter Andruszkiw and Ron Counce.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT June 2012

Fellow Members,

There was a good turn up at the May general meeting, which is always pleasing. Thanks to those who attended.

Thanks also to the Club members who attended the Kaarakin Busy Bee on Saturday 12 May to assist the WA 4WD Association to meet its obligations to the Black Cockatoo Preservation Society.

Further to the May GM, I confirm that the Club's Annual Dinner will again be held at Yanchep Inn. It's a great venue, so it was an easy decision to return again this year! The date has now been fixed for Saturday 3 November, so put it in your calendars!

Thanks to Tom for his "show and tell" on split CV boots at the May GM. Most interesting. I encourage all members with any similar sorts of "finds" or discoveries to share them with their fellow members at a GM. Bring on more show and tells!

Not long now to the Central Circle extended trip that leaves on 30 June. However, even though this trip is not yet "under our belt", no harm in thinking about a destination for next year – always good to have lots of time to plan! If there is somewhere you would like to go on an extended Club trip, let other members know and perhaps we can make it happen?

See you at the June GM. I have been looking through my Club photo archives recently and thought there might be some interest in photos of "early" trips and socials that happened in 2003/4/5. I'll bring them along to show. **I also confirm there will be a door prize at the June GM – a copy of Roads & Tracks WA, 10th Edition, just issued.**

Tony Richards.

TRIP CO-ORDINATORS REPORT June 2012

Thanks again to Travis & Katie for all the work they did preparing for the camp oven cookout and Gymkhana at his uncles farm at Wickepin. The dunny was a work of art but unfortunately it got blown over along with a few tents when a Willy Willy went through the campsite. Luckily everything was soon put right with some innovative thinking and duct tape. The surroundings were good and the food excellent as always.

Thanks also to those who turned up to help out with the busy bee at Kaarakin, we managed to plant quite a few trees which will eventually provide food for the Black Cockatoos nearby.

Six of us ended up returning for the dinner and quiz night put on by the Mitsubishi Owners club which was a good night and we ended up winning more than our fair share of raffle prizes, the main prize for the quiz night and Andy won the door prize as well.

The following day we had a couple of visitors in Subaru's on our day trip to mount Dale and through the Wandoo country to end up just past mount Observation. It was a pleasant drive with only a couple of challenging sections where the track had been washed away.

Adrian has organised a couple of fishing trips so all you fishing types put you name down on the trip sheet.

Good luck to the people heading off on the centre circle trip, we expect lots of photos and stories when you get back.

Cheers David

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TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

COOL COLLIE CAPERS – **JUNE LWE – SAT 2 TO MON 4**

Join us on a trip down south to Wellington National Park. We will be staying at one of the DEC camp grounds in the National Park (hopefully Honeymoon Pool) and exploring the local area and tracks.



The plan is to do a combination of two “4WD Days out of Perth” trips – “Down Around the Coalfields” and “Collie Climbs”. Both of these trips have been pre-tripped. **They both have challenging/difficult climbs.** As a result:

unfortunately, **only experienced drivers will be eligible to undertake the trips** – however, other members are more than welcome to attend the weekend and undertake other activities;

because of its poor approach angle, Outbacks will not be able to participate;

I doubt that diesel Foresters (with no low range) will be able to make the climbs;

unlifted Foresters should be OK; and
autos are also OK.

However, if the tracks are wet or rain is forecast, other tracks will need to be found, as the climbs will become impossible and the descents too dangerous. Of course, DEC may also have closed the tracks by the time we arrive.

Full details (and photos) of the Honeymoon Pool camping ground can be found at the DEC website.

The winding road into the camp grounds is suitable for small vehicles only – no caravans are allowed. The prices for this campground are – Adults \$7/night; Concession card holders \$5/night; Children (under 16) \$2/night. In addition, a National Park entry fee of \$11.00 per vehicle is payable.

Contact: Tony Richards on 9386 7705 or email to: president@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au

MEETING DETAILS:We will meet at the corner of Albany and South Western Highways, in the car park behind the Inne - **9.15 for a 9.30 departure.**

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CASSEROLE NIGHT

– Bring A Plate

Sat 16th June

Come one, come all to a chilly winter's feast of hot foods – the humble and slightly retro 'casserole' makes a comeback!

Everyone brings a hot casserole – either main or dessert – and assemble at Ian and Nina's house for a tastebud tickling evening. Everything to be a hot casserole – no soups or salads or cakes – so you may have to exercise your ingenuity! (Get out those 70's cookbooks... they made EVERYTHING into a casserole!)

Bring your casserole piping hot as there is limited oven space – a casserole will stay warm for several hours if well wrapped in newspaper in a cardboard box. Please also bring your own plate and cutlery as well as liquid refreshment. Ian and Nina will supply coffee and tea and have plenty of cups and wineglasses for you to use.

Register on the website, and please ring Nina to let her know what type of casserole you will be bringing – to prevent duplications and ensure a good ratio of sweets to mains. Venue details provided once your casserole choice has been confirmed!

The date is Saturday, 16th June. Drinks begin at 6.00 and because there will be so much food, we will probably not have much in the way of nibbles and just dive in at 6.30.

Bake until bubbly!



GREENHEAD FISHING CHAL- LENGE

July 21 & 22



GFC - when times are tough, lets go fishing! A quick cruise up the highway to camp at Greenhead or Sandy Cape, relax, and get stuck into some fishing and socialising!

Arrive at Greenhead/Sandy Cape around midday and settle into our camping location. Get the fishing/kayaking gear out for a fun-filled afternoon exploring the nearby bays, beaches and reefs all in convenient access with a easy bit of sand 4WDiving up and down the nearby tracks. Once the sun settles we'll gather round for a small feast and a few drinks.

On the Sunday morning, hoping for some good weather, we'll get up for a beach fish, and even take a boat or 2 out for some more fishing and exploring. When the bait runs out we'll group up for lunch (cooked fresh fish). While enjoying lunch there'll be some presentations for the winners of the challenge with a few great value and comical prizes up for grabs!! Heading back to Perth after lunch ***Gather around Wanneroo as the meeting point. approx 8.30am***

Trip Leader : Adrian 9279 8993 / 0424 723 558

WESTWAYS WILDFLOWERS – 11-12 August

Westways is a 2000ha wildflower, sheep and tree farm in the Kwon-gon heathlands. Situated just north of Moora it produces a large range of wildflowers which it preserves and exports mainly to Japan. Westways promotes self drive 4WD tours around the property to view the various wildflowers. It also has panoramic views of the Yal-lie Meteorite Crater which was only recognised in 1990.

The plan is to travel up Saturday morning and stay overnight in their basic campsite. It has a toilet but no shower, a couple of tables and benches, a firebox for campfires and plenty of trees for shelter. You can take your caravan, camper trailer or tent but there is no powered sites. We will be driving around the property stopping frequently to see the wildflowers and anything else that seems interesting. The 4WDing should be fairly easy with maybe a little soft sand depending on the weather.

Meet: Gingers (Gull) Roadhouse, Great Northern Hwy, Upper Swan

Time: 9.00am for a 9.15 start

Bring: Everything for a bush type camp. Full tank of fuel. Drinking water etc.

Cost: \$10 per adult, children free

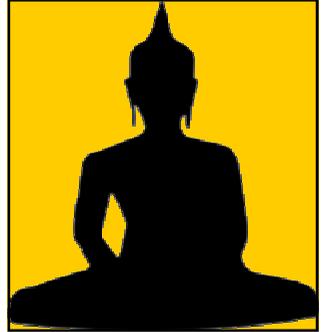
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RESTAURANT MEAL

SATURDAY 18/8, 7 PM.

AT: THAI WITH STYLE



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Parking and entry is from Salisbury Ave.

Join fellow club members in a meal out at this excellent Thai restaurant.

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We will have our own section of the restaurant.

The cut off day to commit is Friday 10/8 so why not put your name down on the website before that.

QUESTIONS ? Call Tom on 93824678

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CLUB CALENDAR

June 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
					1		Sat 2-Mon 4: Cool Collie Capers. Page 6
							Tue 5th: Committee Meeting
			6	7	8	9	Tue 12th: General Meeting
10	11		13	14	15		Sat 16th: Casserole Night Page 8
17	18	19	20		22	23	Thur-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	
							Sun 1st to Sun 28th: Central Circle (Trip closed)
1	2		4	5	6	7	Tue 3rd: Committee Meeting
8	9		11	12	13	14	Tue 10th: General Meeting
15	16	17	18	19	20		Sat 21-Sun 22: GFC-Greenhead Fishing Challenge. Page 9
	23	24	25		27	28	Thur-26th: magazine articles deadline
29	30	31					

August 2012

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

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September 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
						1	Tue 4th: Committee Meeting
2	3		5	6	7	8	Sun 9th: Moore River
	10		12	13	14	15	Tue 11th: General Meeting
	17	18	19	20	21	22	Sun 16th: Social Hills Walk
23		25	26	27	28		Mon 24th: magazine articles deadline
							Sat 29th to Mon 1st October: Helena and Aurora Ranges (TBC)

October 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			3	4	5	6	Tue 2nd Committee Meeting
7	8		10	11	12	13	Tue 9th General Meeting
	15	16	17	18	19		Sun 14th: Day Trip (TBA)
21	22	23	24	25		27	Sat 20th: Quiz Night
28	29	30	31				Fri 26th: magazine articles deadline

SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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

Public holidays: 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.

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DAVID'S CHEAP SAND FLAG RECIPE

Get a length of 20mm orange electrical conduit and cut to how long you want the sand flag. One recommendation is the top should be at least 3 metres above the ground

Get a 10mm coach bolt as long as possible a couple of plain nuts and a nylock nut to suit.

Grind down the diameter of the head of the coach bolt until it just fits inside the electrical conduit.

Heat the bottom end of the conduit and force over one of the plain nuts (easier if the nut is on the bolt) then remove the nut from conduit.

To stiffen the conduit up insert approximately a metre of 12mm x12mm square wood inside the bottom end of the conduit. This is slightly larger than the conduit and it needs the corners sanded off until it fits.

Decide how much thread you will need at the end for mounting.

Put the head of coach bolt into conduit and then fill up with something like liquid nails. Get as much in the gap as possible.

Put the plain nuts on the bolt and run them down to the desired position to leave threads for mounting. Tighten them up against each other then force one nut into the conduit, leaving the other out of the conduit. It's good to have some liquid nails around the nut and on the thread.

Secure the flag (\$5 orange safety vest) with cable ties.

Mount the sand flag and secure with the nylock nut using the exposed plain nut to stop the sand flag rotating.



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TRIP & SOCIAL REPORTS

Wickepin Camp Oven Cookout and Gymkhana 28-29th April 2012

Early Saturday morning, under an overcast sky, 14 Subarus gradually assembled in the carpark of Getaway Outdoors in Kelmscott. There were 10 Foresters, 1 Red WRX, 1 Outback, 1 sorta Liberty and 1 Blue Brumby, quite an assortment. After picking up a couple of items from Getaway (15 % discount, thanks, Travis), the party headed south down Brookton Highway. Morning tea was home-made sausage rolls from the Brookton Roadhouse, then down the Great Southern Highway. The obligatory roadworks were encountered just before Pingelly but we soon reached Wickepin and continued for another 40 minutes to our destination which was the farm owned by the uncle of Travis.

Sure enough, there was Aunty Margaret and Uncle Geoff (and Oscar the dog) there to greet us and looking a little overwhelmed at the arrival of a horde of Subarus. Oscar the kelpie soon had Liam and assorted people hurling a stick for the dog to chase, although they had to wait patiently until Oscar had slowly edged the stick off

of his front paws onto the ground before they could pick it up, quite amusing. Then Travis & Katie led the party up to the paddock campsite and everyone set about erecting tents and camper trailers. Travis and Katie had done a lot of work on pre-trips and there was a long-drop already dug with a timber frame built around it. A bit of work with a tarpaulin and a battery powered drill produced a three-sided toilet with a nice view of a sheep paddock.



A long fire pit was excavated and a pile of firewood accumulated from the abundant dead wood laying about generated from the grove of large Eucalypt trees on the edge of the paddock. By this time, it was late afternoon but there was still time for the party (excepting Nina & Ian who were cooking a roast rump) to head off to see the kaolin mine in a nearby paddock. The kids were treated to a ride in the back of the Blue Brumby. The mine appeared deceptively as a few low mounds of white clay at first but then further exploration on foot revealed a huge hole in the ground which the party accessed *via* a long sloping ramp, wide enough to drive trucks down it. The



white clay is a product of *in situ* weathering of the Precambrian (> 500 million years old) granites of the Yilgarn Craton.

After inspecting the mine, everyone drove up to the top of a high gravel mound (which was probably the overburden from the mine)

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and lined up for a group photo of the Subarus. During this process a squall of wind and light rain passed over us. On the way back to camp we stopped at the site of the 100 year old farmhouse of which only the foundation posts (and an enormous old mulberry tree), remain today. It wasn't until we had returned to the campsite that we discovered that the wind had been through there as well. Several tents were looking a bit bent and the dunny had blown over. The wind had been like a mini-tornado through the



campsite and had caused the coals in the fire pit to glow red hot according to Nina who thought her roast rump was going to be incinerated (fortunately it wasn't). About this time, Keith L arrived, bringing the Forester car count to 11 and the total car count to 15.

Tents and the toilet were repaired, then people got down to the serious business of preparing the various dishes on the menu. It wasn't long before a whole row of camp ovens appeared along either side of the fire pit, decorated with mounds of hot coals. David produced some baked cheesy corn chips and onions done in the camp oven which was a tasty snack



while waiting for the main meals to cook. My lasagne took longer than I expected to cook but I did have an 8 litre camp oven full. Eventually the meals were done and we got our plates to tuck into a great feast of delicious dishes. Nina's roast wasn't incinerated after all and was quite moist and tender. Everyone ate too much so there was a bit of a wait until desserts. Our resident Bush Poet, Keith L gave a masterful rendition of Banjo Paterson's "The Man from Snowy River". Everyone was so quiet you could hear the dog bark a mile away (it was Oscar). Then dessert was served including Glenda's famous Tiramisu and Tony R's chocolate mousse. Aunty Margaret and Uncle Geoff had joined us for dinner and were amazed at the variety of dishes on offer, even ice cream for dessert. Many thanks to Travis and his kind relatives for providing a perfect venue for the camp oven cookout. It was a very pleasant, successful social event.

Joy

(Tony H. was inspired to dash off some verse-see below)

Last night I slept with my friend Subi, I hadn't done 4 years,
With friends and wine and too much food i soon forgot my fears,
At 5pm some people frown, the wind has blown the dunny down,
Some campers say their poles are wrong but my sweet Subis stand-
ing strong;

I join the fire with Brad and Matt, let's all relax and chew the fat.

At 10 o'clock no light on head I now sneak off to find my bed;

It's 12 o'clock I spy the moon and ponder who's got Tony's spoon,

Its 3 am I need a wee, I'll stoke the fire the woods 4 free;

The seats so tight, I'm snug and neat. But don't you call me HAPPY FEET.

Last night I slept with my friend Subi, Good folk be warned you can-
not movey.

Kaarakin Busy Bee & BBQ/Quiz Night – Saturday 12 May 2012

The Black Cockatoo Preservation Society currently leases the whole of Kaarakin (the former Cohuna Wildlife Park) from the City of Gonnells. The Society, in turn, has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the WA 4WD Association under which the Association has the use of the office area attached the old revolving restaurant and the restaurant itself. While no rent is payable for the use of the agreed areas, the Association is required, under the terms of the MOU, to participate in an agreed number of busy bees each year, to support the Society and its objectives.

So it was, on a beautiful, fine and sunny, Saturday morning, that 11 Club members participated in a busy bee at Kaarakin. We were joined by a member from the Compact 4WD Club and a member from the Roam OZ 4WD Club. The Mitsubishi 4WD Club was also going to assist with the busy bee, but they had the afternoon shift.

The purpose of the busy bee was to plant Marri and Wandoo seedlings in a paddock located across Mills Road from the main buildings. The paddock was formerly an orchard, which had been cleared by Association members as part of an earlier busy bee. Marri and Wandoo are species favoured by Black Cockatoos as a food source. So, in time, the paddock and its trees would form an ideal habitat for the black cockatoos.

After a little bit of instruction on what was required, we quickly set to work planting the seedlings. The paddock had been ripped and we were to plant the seedlings in the rip lines. Dig a hole (with trowel provided), add a teaspoon of fertilizer and mix it in, put the (unpotted) seedling in the hole and then add a plastic protection “sleeve”. In



no time at all, the paddock began to fill.

At 10.00, we went back to the office for a (very nice) morning tea. After morning tea, most of us then headed back to the paddock to continue planting for about another hour. At the end of that time, close to 500 trees had been planted and the



majority of our designated area had been covered – an excellent effort by all concerned.

After their afternoon tree planting session had been completed, the Mitsubishi 4WD Club were (for a small cost) putting on a BBQ and Quiz Night for their members in the old restaurant at Kaarakin. Very kindly, they also issued an invitation to our Club members who attended the busy bee. Six Club members accepted that invitation.

It was a great night – the food was good and the quiz night was well run. And there were plenty of prizes – a door prize, spot prizes, raffle prizes and, of course, a prize for winning the quiz. Needless to say, we “cleaned up”, not only winning the quiz and door prizes, but also more than our (proportionately) fair share of the raffle and spot prizes. Very enjoyable indeed!

My thanks to Dave Peck for organising the event.—Tony Richards.

WANDOO WANDERINGS

SUNDAY 13 May

David organised this Sunday trip. The event followed on from the previous morning of tree planting at Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Society. Our club took part on Saturday along with members of the Compact 4WD Club.

The cross club elements of the preceding day continued with some of our club members joining the Mitsubishi Club on site for their Pasta and Quiz Night. Apparently, the limited number of Subaru Club members won almost every prize- even those involving luck rather than skill. It may be some time before our next invite.

Sunday saw 11 Subarus arrive. Unfortunately, Diana’s arrival in her Outback involved some smoke and fumes. She had just had a CV

boot split which sprayed grease on the hot exhaust. She was newly familiar with the issue having had the other front inner boot replaced only 2 weeks before. This reporter could empathise with her situation having also just had the 2 front inner CV boots on his Forester split within one week. Clearly the CV boots must be in the same union and go out in sympathy. This does strongly suggest that if you have one CV boot go, checking the others should be a priority.



Our trip was not returning to the start point so travelling as a passenger in another vehicle was not an option. Diana therefore headed home having been advised on her next steps to fix the problem.

This left 10 vehicles (7 Foresters, 2 Outbacks and Andy's distinctive Blue Brumby).

David welcomed 2 visitors-Alex in his immaculate Black

Forester and Mark (+ passengers Kylie and Shane) in his less immaculate Outback. These guys represented opposite ends of the experience continuum. However, the club welcomes diversity of experience. Rod's 2 children (Darcy and Zoey) plus Rod's friend Merv also came along for the day.

The trip was based on "4WD Days out of Perth". Some adjustment was needed with a 20 km detour to keep out of dieback affected areas. First stop was Mount Dale -apparently the highest spot in the Darling Scarp. Many of the group knew nothing about it though David was able to fill us in on the history. The view was great even though it was overlaid with misty rain.

Next stop was "Christmas Tree Well" for a wander round. The well itself seemed largely filled



in with leaves though we could see a slight glitter of water. Then it was back on the dirt roads. Lunch stop was at a terrific spot in Wandoo Woodland (pretty much as per trip title). The colour of the Wandoo trunks was fantastic- relatively little will apparently grow under Wandoo so the area is very open with virtually no understo-
rey.

The next feature was Pony Hill. Rod's kids were very cute on the radio speculating as to why the hill may have this name. The pony involved must have been surefooted as the descent from the hill was pretty steep and rocky. This reflected a general trend for the terrain to be more difficult as the day went on. Some sections of the bush were very close and somewhat scratchy.

Afternoon tea was at Mt. Observation. There was a well equipped high clearance truck in the parking area when we arrived. They had an off road motorbike hanging off the back. Stan Wysocki got chatting with them (do people of Polish background have a secret handshake?). Stan advised that they were an extremely interesting Polish couple who live in the Sorbonne in Paris. Andy kindly shared some of his spoils from the previous day with the M&M's (Mitsubishi Maltesers) much enjoyed.

We continued on to Manyuering Springs and associated convict ruins. These are rather unprepossessing remnants of mud brick chimneys made by convict workers. With the location right near the water and swampy terrain, it must have been rather a miserable place to be living.

The final sections of the trip involved the opportunity for those who wished to drive through pools of muddy water across parts of the track. Mark went for this with gusto. His theory was that if you have been four wheel driving you have to look like you really have. Andy employed a moderated version of Mark's approach.

Thanks Dave for a great day out with a nice range of terrain for fun and learning.

————— Tom



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