

June 2014



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Ian Johnson, Peter Andruszkiw and Ron Counce.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT June 2014

Hi Everyone,

Its unfortunate to see another event cancelled due to a lack of numbers (the Mundaring Trifecta postponed). Whilst we realise that people may be unable to commit to an event so far in advance or may want to wait and see what the weather is going to turn out like, the trip leader does need some idea fairly early to see if anyone is interested in the particular trip. So please put your name down as early as possible.

A couple of worthy events happening with the Sh*tbox Rally heading off from Perth to Darwin on May 31st. They are raising money for cancer research on the way and this has become more personal for Thelma & Louise as the lady they were going to stay with over here before the event passed away from cancer. The other event is the Convoy for SIDS Kids which should be a fun day out as they have a carnival planned at the Kwinana Motorplex.

I came across <http://www.ala.org.au/> recently and there is some really interesting stuff there. "The Atlas of Living Australia (Atlas) contains information on all the known species in Australia aggregated from a wide range of data providers: museums, herbaria, community groups, government departments, individuals and universities." As they are after contributions & photos from individuals and I reckon a few of our club members could make valuable contributions. Have a look.

Cheers
David

TRIP CO-ORDINATORS REPORT June 2014

Hi All,

Here are all the trips that are going on over the next few months. The GFC3, and the Sh#tbox rally send off over the May/June long weekend. The Camp oven cook out is on the 14th of June. Convoy for Kids is on the 29th of June. Breakaway get away starts on the 5th of July. The Dowerin 4WD gathering is on the 11th of July. Boxing Day in July is on the 26th. And Ian's Vistas al Desierto starts on the 12th of August.

Once again I'm appealing to those out there who have a great place that they may have hidden away somewhere to share it with the rest of the club. We have gone to some really wonderful places and would like to head out to more. So if you are holding back don't. Please let me or one of the other committee members know.

See you all out there.

Trav

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CAMP OVEN COOKOUT & OBSTACLE COURSE

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June 2014



Come join us for a great night camping out around a massive campfire where we bring out the camp-ovens to cook our favourite dishes to share. The next day we can try our hand traversing a few obstacles and exploring the property which is set up for 4WDing.

The venue we have selected is on the outskirts of Toodyay where we had such a great night and weekend back in 2010. There is a large camping area (with flushing toilets not far away) and a campfire pit that will be fully stocked with wood for us to enjoy a winter's night camp fire.

It will provide an opportunity to try out those favourite Camp Oven recipes, sample each other's offerings and to share the famed good company of the club. Should it not be so hospitable for camping out, there are sheds around for us to take shelter if needed. The idea is to go up to the site at about 4pm on Saturday the 14th to set up for the Camp Oven Cookout and camping overnight.

On Sunday morning the 15th at about 9:30AM we would start the obstacle events and trips around the property. It has a large flat area where we can try our skills reversing and driving through witches hats in manners which do not bring too much embarrassment to the drivers, plus it has a whole range of hills, valleys, streams and tracks of varying degrees of difficulty where we can see what the cars and we as drivers are capable of doing.

The cost of the event is \$50/car. For those wishing to travel in convoy we will leave at 3:30pm from Cnr Toodyay Road and James Road near Jane Brook Estate. If you would like to participate in any or all parts of the event please register your interest on the trip sheet or call trip Leader John C. direct on 0439922338.

TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

sids and **kids**® Convoy for Kids 2014
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Come join the 2014 Convoy for Kids on the 29th of June! Anyone with a 4WD can join in by registering your vehicle and participating in the drive. The Convoy departs Arena Joondalup at 9:30am and travels south along the Mitchell and Kwinana Freeways to Kwinana Motorplex. When you and your passengers arrive, the Convoy Carnival will be awaiting you. The carnival will provide fun, food and entertainment for all!

Date: Sunday 29 June 2014

Start: Arena Joondalup

Finish: Convoy Carnival at Kwinana Motorplex

Registrations: 8:00am \$25/ vehicle

Drivers Meeting: 9:15am Sharp

Departure: 9:30am

SIDS and Kids WA have helped out by hosting the registration page on their website at <http://sidsandkidswa.org/convoy-for-kids.aspx>

It may be worth bringing a folding chair and a lot of patience. Last year the first cars were arriving at Kwinana before the last car left Joondalup!

For more info contact David Peck on 0402 177 886 or dpeck@ozemail.com.au

Sh*tbox Rally Send-off

Saturday May 31st

Rally cars will assemble at 6.45 am in Lovekin Drive, Kings Park, and depart at 8.00 am.

There will be 250 rally cars parked here so best for the club to park somewhere else and walk over to Lovekin Dr and find "Snowy" and "Thelma & Louise" to wave goodbye. Aim to arrive about 7.00 - 7.15 am.

Map of Kings Park parking:

http://www.bgpa.wa.gov.au/images/bgpa/docs/brochures/pdf/parking_guide_0612.pdf





BOXING DAY IN JULY DINNER

Sat 26th July to Sun 27th July

Dinner at Jennacubbine Tavern with overnight stay at Jennacubbine Hall.

Meet on Sat 26th at 11am. Leave at 11.30am from Gidgegannup Bakery. Will be stopping at Goomalling for lunch and a look around town then off to Jennacubbine Hall to set up for the night. We will have a little time in the afternoon to explore before dinner.

You are more than welcome to meet us at the Jennacubbine Hall if you wish. Please let Trav know (0422 815 737).

We will be camping at the Jennacubbine Hall and will be able to use their facilities. There are limited places at the Tavern if you do not wish to camp, first in best dressed.

Dinner will be at 6.30pm at Jennacubbine Tavern.

Register on the website as soon as possible as reservations must be finalised.



WANTED *Breakaway Getaway* WANTED

5th to 19th July

Another car (2 people) for this trip please. See the web promo for details. Regards, Ian & Nina.

Editor's Note: This trip is fantastic, don't miss out on this lucky opportunity to experience the unforgettable Great Victoria Desert.

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Dowerin 4WD Gathering

Date: Friday 11th to Sunday 13th July 2014

Brief: After last years successful 4WD gathering at Dowerin, with over 125 vehicles, 248 people from 21 clubs, the 4WD Association are doing it again this year.

Details: It is only open to the WA 4WD Association member clubs who along with the Dowerin shire have spent time building a 4WD track on the land provided for the event. Activites include Test Track, Raffles, Door Prize, Mini Gymkhana, Touring and Entertainment. There will be a Sausage Sizzle on Saturday the 12th and Breakfast Sunday the 13th with all proceeds going to SIDS for KIDS. Camping is at the showgrounds and is free and there will be a large campfire with live entertainment. This is a great opportunity for clubs to combine as an association and share information amongst one another.

For more info contact David Peck on 0402 177 886 or dpeck@ozemail.com.au

Rating: Easy / Social to extreme if you want to try the 4WD track.

Equipment needed: Camping gear. Some food will be available with Saturday's dinner and Sunday breakfast planned to be catered for.

Pets Allowed: No



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CLUB CALENDAR

June 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			4	5	6	7	Sun 1st-Mon 2nd: GFC-III LWE Tue 3rd: Committee Meeting Tue 10th: General Meeting Sat 14th-Sun 15th: Camp Oven Cookout & Obstacle Course p7 Sun 29th: Convoy for SIDS Kids
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	16	17	18	19	20	21	
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July 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			2	3	4	5	Tue 1st: Committee Meeting 5th -19th: Breakaway Getaway Tue 8th: General Meeting 12th & 13th: Dowerin 4WD p11 Sat 26th-Sun27th: Boxing Day in July at Jennacubbine p 9
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August 2014

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September 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Tue 2nd: Committee Meeting Tue 9th: General Meeting Sat 27th-Mon 29th: LWE tba
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October 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Tue 7th: Committee Meeting Tue 14th: General Meeting
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31		

SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

School Holidays: July 5-20, Sept 27-Oct 12, Dec 19 - Feb 1 2015

Public holidays: Jun 2, Sep 29, Dec 25 & 26

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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Vistas al Desierto (Desert Views)

~12th - 26th August 2014

An exciting remote desert trip using some of Len Beadell's 'roads' into an area where I don't think any of us have ever been. (New members welcome; may need some vehicle modifications). A spectacular remote expedition through parts of the Great Victoria and Gibson Deserts with constantly changing tracks, scenery and vegetation with relaxing campsites. Some parts with easy to challenging driving, scratchy bush, wheel ruts, washouts, sand, rocks and corrugations.

Meet on ~12th Aug at Warakurna roadhouse ([Giles](#)). You drive ~4 days 1800k from Perth on Great Central Road [GCR]. (Ian & Nina ex Arnhem Land).

Duration ~14 days Warakurna to Perth.

Distance ~2980k Warakurna to Perth with some challenging driving on remote dirt tracks/roads. Longest fuel leg ± 700 k, all on dirt tracks/roads = 2-3 gerrys and high consumption.

Catering, water, fuel, tyres, spares, tools will be planned in detail.

Vehicles of club members or friends, heavyweight or Subarus. We will be in our Hilux D. Strict expedition scrutineering. Nothing towed, Two people per vehicle. Restricted to ± 6 vehicles.



TRIP & SOCIAL REPORTS

Western Wanders – Day 1 – Good Friday 18 April 2014

I arrived at Gingers Roadhouse on time at 9.00, for a 9.30 departure. Tom and Jenni and the Lee family were already there. Nickie and Dave arrived soon after and Adrian and Tony Hawkins (with kids) arrived together just before 9.30. We were meeting Jon and Val at Galena Bridge and Ray and Jo, Jo Norton, Brad, Jane and Shane O'Neil and Nick and Leanne at Tamala Station.

We got away shortly after 9.30, heading out along the Great Northern Highway, passing the Pearce Air Force base at Bullsbrook. Dave kindly identified a plane that we could see on the tarmac as a P-3 Orion – presumably one of the planes searching for missing MAS flight MH370.

A little further on, we had a communications issue with Tony Hawkins' CB radio. Apparently, he had managed to turn the radio's VOX function on and could not turn it off. I didn't know then exactly what VOX was, but I do now. It is a feature or function (usually used in conjunction with a headset) that allows you to activate your radio (transmit) when it picks up the sound off your voice over a certain pre-selected volume (sensitivity). As a result, we were hearing him talking to his kids in his car. Adrian lent Tony a spare handheld, which solved the problem.

We continued on, past the turn-off (at Muchea) to the Brand Highway, with no-one in the convoy realising at the time that we should have turned left. After all, we were all just following the trip leader! It wasn't until we were approaching Bindoon that Jenni asked Adrian why we were on the Great Northern Highway and when were we heading across to the Brand Highway!? Thanks Jenni! Adrian responded that he was not aware that we had missed the turn-off – he must have had other things on his mind! Needless to say, we took the next turn east – Mooliabeenie Road, just after Bindoon, heading to Gin Gin and from there on to the Brand Highway.

Traffic was good, with just the odd van or two slowing us up until we could overtake. Lunch was at Badgingarra from 12.00 to 12.30. I didn't fill up as my fuel economy was better than expected and I had

enough petrol to get to Geraldton. We arrived in Geraldton at about 3.00. On the way there, we saw plenty of Banksias in amongst the low scrub and bush lining the highway. We filled up at the Gull on the way into town. Dave went on looking for a Caltex or Shell.

I rang my daughter, Jennifer, as we had agreed that she would meet me at Geraldton (where she had been staying visiting friends) and join us on the trip for a couple of nights. She told me she was at the McDonalds just out of town. Speaking to Dave on the radio, he said he was near the McDonalds and would join Jennifer there, so they could join the convoy together, as we passed.

From Geraldton, we continued further north, heading for Galena Bridge on the Murchison River, where there was free 24 hour camping. We reached the bridge at 4.45 and immediately proceeded to set up camp.



There were quite a few people there already, but we managed to find spots for our tents. No camp fires unfortunately, as a fire ban was in force!

A few stats (for those interested):

18 April – Perth to Galena Bridge – 575kms, which took 7.0 hours at 8.9 LHK (very good economy – at least it is for my XT!).

19 April – Galena Bridge to Tamala Station – 274kms, which took 4.0 hours at 9.1 LHK.

20 April – day trip to Steep Point – 237kms, which took 7.6 hours at 13.9 LHK.

Thanks to Adrian and Dave for organising the trip. It was a great trip; record setting (I believe) from a Club perspective, as the longest time (7 nights) spent at a single base camp during a Club trip.

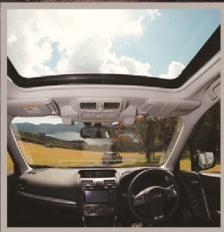
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DAY 2-Galena Bridge to Tamala Station 19-04-14

The packed campsite started to stir early. A number of the caravanners set off around 6am. They did appear to be doing their best to be quiet but the sounds of heavy turbo diesels firing up did rather cut through our tent walls. Somehow, we were all ready a little ahead of schedule so departed around 20 minutes earlier than planned. The Hunters travelled separately as they found themselves with a new gas stove that had no hose. Their plan was to call into Billabong in the hope they may be able to get a replacement. The extended Read family was also making their own way to their own accommodation in the Shark Bay area

The radio chatter was wide ranging as usual. A new phenomenon we noted was the change in the “Wicked “ camper vans. The former psychedelic paint jobs which appeared to have been produced with 3 inch brushes by drug fuelled hippies have almost all disappeared. The current crop seem to be modern white vehicles with rooftop tents and black and white pictures of Albert Einstein etc with accompanying quotes. We even spotted a 2013 Forester.

Lunch was at Hamelin pool. The caravan park has a small museum which one can view for a small fee. The store had a number of French and Japanese backpackers working there. One amiable young French lad was assigned the task of leading us to the museum and unlocking it so we could view it. Chatting with him made it clear that the role of French explorers in the area was news to him. After lunch it was a very short drive to view the stromatolites from the boardwalk. Numerous interpretive signs were very useful. Next stop was the Overlander Roadhouse where we all fuelled up. A mother with 2 young children was asking for assistance as their family ute had shredded a tyre nearby and her husband found the handle to wind down the spare tyre was missing. Nothing Subaru related was



going to work for the task so we left her hoping someone with the same model ute (+ handle) would eventually stop at the roadhouse. We wished we had been able to assist but were unable to do anything more.

Tony H. and children turned off to the Nanga Resort for a somewhat more civilised experience. The rest of us continued on to Tamala Station.

Tamala has a whole series of gates which need to be opened and shut before arriving at the homestead where we booked in. The homestead area has assorted baby joeys, kids (goats) etc. The kids (non goat) were all very taken with this. Armed with access keys we then made our way to the inauspiciously named “Prickly Point”.



The station said they had 500 people camping on various sites over the Easter weekend. A number of them were at the “Tent Landing” area we had been allocated to. However, we did manage to find spots to camp.

Ray and Jo had arrived the day before and set up a “Taj Mahal” size gazebo, tents and masses of equipment right near the boat launching ramp. Ray had bought his boat along. Nick and Leeanne were also already on site with their camper trailer and new inflatable boat.

The challenge for those of us looking to set up a tent was the extremely strong wind. We deferred even trying with the hope that the near gale might settle down by late afternoon. As nightfall approached and the wind kept up there was no option but to battle the wind. As usual, help from others in the group helped overcome the problems.

Tom (photos Jenni)



.CAPE YORK 2013

Day 17 (17-08-13)- Loyalty Beach & WW2 sites 120km 4.6 hrs

Warm again overnight, down to 24 degrees in my tent, and though the others said there had been a shower of rain overnight but I didn't hear anything.

As we were not going far today we decided we did not have to leave until 9, but everyone else around us was making a noise packing up, so we were still up by 7. Had a casual start into Bamaga to check when the supermarket is open and to get something for lunch for the bakery.

The first stop was on the road to the airport, which is in the same spot as it was during WW2, and the wreckage of a DC3 which crashed in 1945 and a memorial to the crew who were killed.



Then up a track behind the airport and there were a few bits of Kittyhawk wreckage, but there wasn't much to see.

A bit further down the same track was the remains of a Beaufort and it looked like it had been dismantled for salvage. The front fuselage was missing, the wing outer sections had been unbolted off the centre section which had been turned over exposing the wheel wells and there was no sign of the engines. We had morning tea here and then took a shortcut, which was badly corrugated and rough, back to the main road and it was not much better.

Our objective was the mouth of the Jardine River and we wound through tracks that kept getting smaller and smaller. When we finally made it to the bank of the river and there was a tag along group there with half a dozen vehicles, so we only stopped for a photo.

We carried on towards the mouth and the sand got very soft and I ended up getting bogged. I let the tyre pressures down a couple of times with no success and ended up using the fibreglass grating that I had bought along which worked well and finally made it out.

We stopped by the beach for lunch and a couple of other ve-

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hicles came in and one got bogged to the floor pan and had to be snatched out. We left when they did and then stopped by the river-



bank to reinflate my tyres as they were down to 10psi. My compressor failed again and whilst I was attempting to repair it with a bit of feeler gauge Tony and Keith reinflated my tyres so I don't know if it will work/last.

We tried a couple of side tracks before finding the radar in the bush on the headland at Muttee Heads and

then a couple more to the remains of the jetty which was used to restock the military in the area.

Back to Bamaga just in time before the supermarket closed and restocked for the next few days then back to the caravan park to repack the car.



We had decided to go to the Seisia jetty for a sunset dinner and found out there was a market at the local fishing club so we stopped and had a look. We got burgers from the kiosk at the Seisia caravan park and watched the sunset (but it was behind an island which shelters the jetty).

Back at camp I got a phone call from one of the young guys at work that had recently transferred to WA with Qantas and he was about 30kmm up the road at Punsand Bay. Unfortunately we didn't get a chance to catch up as he had just arrived at the tip and we were just about to leave.

Day 18 - Loyalty Beach to Bramwell Station 273km 5.8hrs



Again 24°C minimum in my tent and up at 7 for a slow start and I had enough time to read for a while whilst the others had a shower. We left at 8:30 and went into Seisia for fuel and stopped at Bamaga to get some bread.

Heading south now and when we got

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to the Jardine River we had to wait a short time for ferry. Once across we decided to stop and have morning tea. Then south again and onto the Old Telegraph Line track and north to the old ford across the Jardine river which we dipped the wheels in for a photo.

We then followed the track south until we reached the infamous "Nolan's Brook" which is the crossing that stops so many vehicles. We stopped for lunch and watched while a few vehicles came across and they all made it ok.

Back out onto the main road and we headed south and the road, which was again badly corrugated in places, slowed us down as we still did not want to damage our cars. We drove on the verges in places as it was smoother than the road. Once we passed the turn off to Captain Billy's Landing the road got better and we were able to pick up the pace and we made it to Bramwell Junction just after 4:00.



We refuelled and had an ice cream and went a few kilometres down the road to Bramwell Station which we had been told was a good place to camp. We checked in and found they had a Sunday roast dinner as the special of the day and we all decided it sounded great. They also have a bar which is very rustic with corrugated iron roofing and fencing post uprights, with three open sides.

After setting up camp and having a shower it was back to the bar for happy hour and a talk about the station by Ken who was managing the tourism side of the business. The station was initially started by a guy who left his share to his hard working aboriginal stockman in his will, but it was sold at auction in 2001. As the price has dropped out of beef, from \$1100 a head to \$130, they have decided to diversify and started a campground with bar. They are also holding annual music festivals with fun events for kids and adults like catch "the poddy" and "greased pig". Another of their ventures is they have got the contract to maintain the main road and have a 20 person road crew working constantly grading the road from Archer River north to the Jardine ferry crossing.

The roast dinner was very nice and we sat chatting until it was time to go back to camp and do our journals. **David P.**

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