

August 2014



SUBARU 4WD NEWS

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT August 2014

Hi Everyone,

Unfortunately we have had to cancel some trips recently and that had us wondering if we were doing what you wanted. To try and get an idea of where you want to go and what you want to do John & Phil have done a great job of creating a survey.

If you haven't completed it yet please take the time to do so as it will help the committee refine our trips.

With the annual dinner not that far away it is time to start thinking about who you would like to nominate for our various awards. The main ones are "Club Member of the Year", "Trip Leader of the Year", Trip of the Year" and of course the many "Silly" awards that are always so much fun.

We are always after speakers at our meetings and they don't even have to be guests - so if you have a particular passion please share it with us. We have some great photographers in the club as well as many people who are off doing interesting things.

You may have some new gadget or camping toy so let us know and we will do a "show and tell". I will bring in a couple of things that we used on the 'Beakaway Getaway' trip to the August meeting & put some product reviews in the mag for those who can't make it.

Last but not least, we are after a volunteer to store some of the clubs property. It is stuff that is not used often like 2 gazebos, 2 thunderboxes and about 4 plastic crates. If you have room in the back of your shed could you please let us know as Simon who has been so graciously looking after it is planning on moving to Queensland.

Cheers,
David

TRIP CO-ORDINATORS REPORT July 2014

Hi All,

Just came back from Jennacubbine Boxing Day in July. I thought it went well. The Steaks were Massive if a lot underdone. Thanks to Michelle, John and Jo for coming as trip Guests. And a bigger thank you to the new Jo for writing the trip report.

There are a few trips that have just gone up over the last week or so. David is running the Augusta whale watching trip mid-August. Adrian is going to try to NOT wreck his car out in Wilbinga at the end of August.

There are a lot of other trips to come over the next few months so please have a look at the calendar and the website for more details. Also please fill out the survey if you haven't already. If you haven't received an email with the details of the survey please let John or myself know.

Trav

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AUGUSTA WHALE WATCHING 15th - 17th AUGUST

The idea is to make our own long weekend and go down to Augusta on Friday for a whale watching cruise on Saturday. This is an ideal spot to watch the whales up close, and it is one of the only places where Southern Right and Humpback whales actually interact as they head for warm waters to mate and breed. Legend Charters have many good reviews and they have a 23 person boat that does charters in Flinders Bay. Tours depart 10.30am and 1.30pm daily from the Davies Road Boat ramp, returning 2 to 3 hours later. If we do the 1:30 tour it will give people who may want to come from Perth on Saturday morning the chance to come along. You will need to make your own booking online at <http://legendcharters.net.au/whale-watching-tours/>

or call them on 0419 908 742 and tell them you are with the club to get a Concession rate of \$69. We plan to stay at the Molloy Island Caravan Park as it was liked by people who stayed there on a recent club trip. This will allow for people to bring their camper trailers or caravans if they want. There is also some on-site accommodation or if people wish a bit more luxury they could stay in Augusta and meet us for the cruise.

You can book your site at the Molloy Island Caravan Park at molloycp@westnet.com.au or 97584515

See the website for more details or contact David on 0402 177 886



TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

WILBINGA WINTER BEACH RUN

Sunday 31st August

Winter Beach run in Wilbinga Area driving through assorted sandy bush terrain We will take on the beach sand, dunes and back tracks of the offroad Area known as Wilbinga, which lies between Two Rocks and Moore River.

We normally do a summer beach run but this will be a good change to see how the terrain and conditions change between the seasons and how you need to adjust your driving accordingly.

Standard Subaru Foresters should be able to get around everywhere we need to.

This trip is good for sand drivers of all abilities, for beginners to learn the basics, and advanced drivers to further their skills and intermediates drivers to improve their confidence.

Check the website for more details or contact Adrian on 0424 723 558.





PASSING THROUGH PORONGURUP

27th-29th Sept LWE

Fossils, Flora, Fauna and a whole lot more!

Over the September long weekend, I'll be taking those who are interested down to the Porongurup Ranges. This is the smaller range formation 30km south west of the Stirling Ranges. There should be a wide variety of wildflowers out at this time of year and the weather should be good (yep I jinxed that one, I know).

On the way down we'll hit the Gold Medal Wining Mt Barker bakery to "test" their pies, to make sure they meet our Subi club standards. There may be a need to "test" them again on the way home.

We'll be staying at the Porongurup Caravan Park. They have a wide range of accommodation that may take your fancy. If not, there are other places in the area that will cater to anyone's needs: <http://www.porongurup.com/> Please let me know if you are staying elsewhere to arrange a time and a place to meet up Saturday morning.

There are several places in the area that look good, including the Twin Creeks Nature Reserve. It's a Community Conservation Reserve that was purchased a few years ago to rehabilitate the area. There are wild flowers including a few rare orchids and fossils on some of the walks that the Friends of the Porongurups have created.

If there is enough time we'll head up to the Stirlings to have a look around there as well. Join the trip on the website or contact Trav on 0422 815 737.

TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

MUNDARING WEIR BBQ DINNER SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

Head to the picturesque and historic Mundaring Weir for a family friendly BBQ picnic dinner to relax after exploring through the Mundaring Forest.

Time: ~ 4pm to 7 pm. Start time depends on when Mundaring State Forest trip finishes.

Gas BBQs, water & toilet facilities are available.

Bring your own BBQ food and drinks, we may share salads.

Check the website for more details or contact Adrian on 0424 723 558.

See the brochure & map of the Weir on the web trip page



Convoy for Kids 2014



CHANGE OF DATE: 5th of OCTOBER 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 see the website or contact David Peck on 0402 177 886 or dpeck@ozemail.com.au

Mundaring State Forest & Powerlines Sunday October 12th

Mundaring State Forest offers some great 4 Wheel Driving, in between the many gravel roads and tracks lays some awesome hill climbs and picturesque scenery through the valleys.

With the infamous Powerline Track nearby our aim will be to start along the powerline track to refresh our rock driving skills before embarking on a trek through the State forest. We will slowly wander our way back to the Mundaring Weir where this trip links up with the Mundaring Weir Social Dinner. (Members can leave from here or stay for the dinner).

This trip is aimed at experienced members but new members and beginners would benefit greatly from this sort of experience.

Please Contact Adrian, the trip leader for any queries on the area, your vehicles current set up, and your confidence in this terrain.
0424 723 558/ 9279 8993 adrian_longwood@hotmail.com

Bogometer: Moderate - Unlikely to get bogged, with small chance of getting hung up on the terrain

Scratchometer: Light - There will be scratchy areas, but predominantly open tracks

Snatchometer: Light - small chance of a light snatch

Temperature: Warm/Cold /Rainy/Windy (End of Winter)

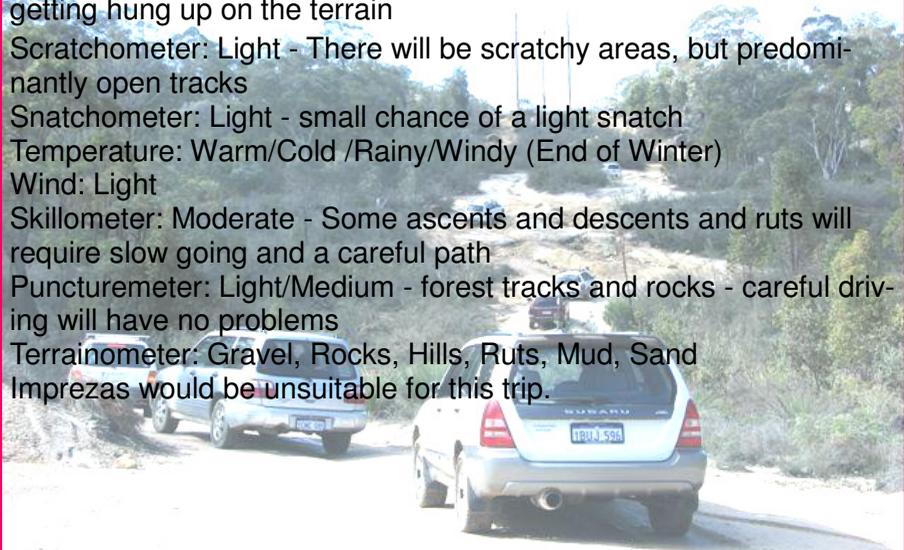
Wind: Light

Skillometer: Moderate - Some ascents and descents and ruts will require slow going and a careful path

Puncturemeter: Light/Medium - forest tracks and rocks - careful driving will have no problems

Terrainometer: Gravel, Rocks, Hills, Ruts, Mud, Sand

Imprezas would be unsuitable for this trip.



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CLUB CALENDAR

August 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
					1	2	Tue 5th: Committee Meeting Tue 12th: General Meeting 12th-26th: Vistas al Desierto 15th -17th: Augusta Whale Watching Sun 31st: Wilbinga Beach Run
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September 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
	1		3	4	5	6	Tue 2nd: Committee Meeting Tue 9th: General Meeting Sat 13th: Social Dinner tba Sat 27th-Mon 29th: Porongurups
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October 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			1	2	3	4	Tue 7th: Committee Meeting Sun 12th: Mundaring State Forest & Mundaring Weir BBQ Tue 14th: General Meeting Sat 25th: Annual Dinner
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SUBARU 4WD CLUB of W.A. INC

November 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Tue 4th: Committee Meeting 7th - 9th: 4WD Show Tue 11th: General Meeting 15th & 16th: Bush Dance Sun 16th: Lancelin Dunes
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December 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Tue 2nd: Committee Meeting Tue 9th: General Meeting
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SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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

Public holidays: 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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After waiting at the meet point for Adrian (who was at the wrong end of Toodyay road) we hit the road. Well John, David, Stef and Me. We collected Adrian in Toodyay, not quite Jane Brook. The Wilcox's arrived shortly after us.



When we arrived first job was to get the fire going ready to cook. Peter and Wombat came down to greet us,

Fire going and the 4pm nibbles became 5.30 nibbles. The sun went down and it started to get a little chilly.

Entree was my Pumpkin soup and damper from Adrian.

The main course was the Wilcox's chicken cacciatore, John's Coq of Van and Dave's beef stew.

Dessert was peach cobbler from Stef and bananas stuffed with marshmallow & chocolate from me and then Adrian broke out the S'mores and popcorn.

Once again way too much food.



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It was a great evening of socialising, getting to know each other and telling fishing stories,

Sunday morning we woke up to ice. It was freezing. John was first up and ever so kindly got the fire going for us. Peter, the farm owner, turned up about 9am to take us out on our adventure.



Up hills, down hills, through a bit of water, in and out of gullies around rocks and tree branches and stopping so lambs weren't split from their mum. Oscar had to take the chicken track at one point, wheel base

was a little long. We all had some good fun testing our skills and pushing the limits a little. Dave had to leave a little early so missed the end of the before lunch play. There are a few new war wounds on the cars. One of Oscar's tail pipes is not quite the right shape, Stef's trailer plug is no longer fixed on and Adrian broke something (surprise, surprise). Back to camp for food and to pack our now dry tents. Most of us headed home except Adrian and Stef who went out for a bit more fun. Adrian lost a little bit of plastic. He tells me the afternoon was far more rocks, far more water, much chunkier rocks, And then they cut sick at the mud



flats. Turns out mud is slippery.



Another great trip. Just a pity there weren't more of us. I think Stef will be our next new member, John was quick to give him the membership form at the meet up point.

Joanne N.

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INDIAN RESTAURANT LUNCH SAT 28TH JUNE



A group of hungry Club members and guests filled up a table at the Mela Indian Sweets & Eats establishment in William Street. Members were pleased to meet Alex's Mum & Dad and hear their tales of trips to Thailand. Jenni & Tom, as previous patrons of the restaurant, were able to provide us with recommendations from the extensive menu.

While waiting for lunch to arrive, we admired the lush Indian decor, particularly the lighting arrangement and lovely Indian wall murals.

Once the food arrived, in good time, the adventure began as those not familiar with Indian cuisine were amazed by some of the dishes.

In particular, the Dosa, a southern Indian specialty that looked like a giant crispy pancake and came with a vegetable & lentil soup and coconut & tomato chutney. Chris, who had ordered the Masala Dosa assured us that it was very tasty but so large she had trouble finishing it all. There were the traditional Korma and Vindaloo curries and a most delicious Butter Chicken. Joy managed to win the Wooden Duck (or possibly Wooden Peahen) by ordering Thali, a selection of curries, rice and naan bread on a silver tray, noshing down all the curries & bread, *then* discovering the rice hidden under a bowl in the centre of the tray!

A very pleasant afternoon was spent chatting and eating the scrumptious and quite reasonably priced Indian dishes. Thanks to Katie for organising this enjoyable social outing.

Joy U.



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BOXING DAY IN JULY- JENNACUBBINE TAVERN 26-07-14

It was a cold & rainy Saturday but that didn't stop the troops from gathering at the Gigegannup Bakery to stock up on the yummys before heading off along the Toodyay-Goomalling Road. Six cars were in the convoy including newcomers John & Jo in a brand new blue XV and Michelle in a white Forester. We were to rendezvous with Nick & Leanne and John C later down the track.

The weather let up a bit as we passed Toodyay and soon the distinctive domed wheat silos of Goomalling came in sight. Parking up opposite the historic town buildings, we had lunch while waiting for the others to join us. There were some rustic metal sculptures to look at in the park. Jeanette discovered an amazing little gift shop full of crafty knick knacks and a whole room dedicated to teddy bears - quite a surprise. John C arrived and we headed off to Jennacubbine.





There had obviously been some rain previously in the area and as we went off the bitumen onto the dirt, the cars went through some muddy puddles. John & Jo were very happy about this as friends had predicted that they would never take their shiny new car off-road and get it dirty. Arriving at the Jennacubbine Tavern, we found that it was closed until 4.30 pm but Katie got the key for the Jennacubbine Hall across from the Tavern, where some of us would be camping. Others were staying in the tavern accommodation units.

It had started to drizzle again and was very cold, so after arriving at



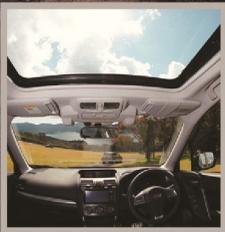
the Hall, we set up our tents inside on the wooden floorboards. Nick & Leanne arrived and set up their camper van. Fortunately the Hall had a large verandah that we could sit under while waiting for the pub to open. John & Jo's XV got a good looking over. I believe that this was the first time an XV had come on an overnight Club trip.



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As we were having afternoon tea (Hedgehog Slice from the Gigie Bakery), a small black dog could be seen racing across the tennis courts towards us. This turned out to be

Lizzy, a staffy belonging to the Tavern manager. Lizzy promptly adopted us, coming round for pats from everyone, even going for walkies with Leanne & Nick.

Eventually it was time to get the glad rags on and totter over the railway track to the Tavern. There was a welcoming fire in a closed stove and local patrons had already gathered at the bar. John discovered the pool room and quickly got a game going with Travis, Tony and Nick. Then the ladies joined in with Leanne and Michelle wielding the pool cues. It was a lot of fun for spectators as well as players.

Besides the sport paraphernalia mounted on the walls (footy gurnseys, etc.), there were historic photos of the local pioneers of the area with some interesting background on the tavern's history. The tavern was built in 1902 and was then known as the Jennacubbine Hotel.



Dinner was the usual country tavern fare (steak, chicken [marinated], fish) with a salad bar, cauliflower curry thing, good crispy wedges and a very tasty potato bake. However, the steaks were ENORMOUS- giant rump steaks and chunky scotch fillets, 500 g or 300 g sizes.

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The manager cooked these to order on a large BBQ. Little flags were stuck in the steaks indicating rare, medium or well-done. Everyone was so full after consuming this repast that few assayed the Banana-toffee, citrus or apple pie offered for dessert. No wonder the place was packed with locals as well as Club members.

Then the cubbyhouse and camper trailer group made their way back over the railway line to the hall to tuck in for the night. Someone had turned all the power off to the hall so there was a bit of fiddling with torches and the power box to get the lights back on.

Next morning, breakfast was done, tents & trailers packed up, and people went their separate ways. Some were stopping off in Tooday at the Lolly Shop and Coke Cafe. I wanted to have a look around

Goomalling and headed off to visit near-by Oak Park (small granite outcrop with gnammas, wetlands, and Aboriginal heritage) and Lake Walyourmuring.



Thanks to Katie & Travis for organising a great Boxing Day in July trip .

Very enjoyable.

Joy

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