

October 2014



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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Club member of the year 2013: Jim Wilcox

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Fred Offer, Keith Anderson, Jonel Householder, Ray Stewart,
Ian Johnson, Peter Andruszkiw and Ron Counce.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT October 2014

Hi Everyone,

The Annual General Meeting is coming up in November and I would like to encourage everyone to attend. Remember that to vote you need to be financial.

This leads me on to a reminder that it's time to renew your membership. This can be done in person by giving it to John Cahill or Alex Tayler, or a direct deposit can be made into the club's bank account. If you do it this way please let John or Alex know so they can reconcile who has paid.

The Annual Dinner at York is this month, and that means that we need nominations for the various awards we hand out each year.

The main ones are "Club Member of the Year", "Trip Leader of the Year" and "Trip of the Year".

Don't forget that we also have an almost unlimited number of "Silly" Awards for the worthy contenders.

You can place your votes in a number of ways. On each of the previous trip web pages there is a link to 'Nominate for award'. Or you can place your mouse over a name in the members section and a gold 'Nominate for award' star will appear which you can use. Or you can send your nominations through to Tom at secretary@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au Lastly, you can fill in a paper copy and put it in the box at the general meeting.

The 4WD Association will again be running the Test track at the PERTH 4wd AND ADVENTURE SHOW and is after volunteers to come down and help introduce people to 4 wheel driving.

Cheers
David

TRIP CO-ORDINATORS REPORT October 2014

Hi All,

We are participating in the Great Aussie Campout this year with a trip out to Lake Leschenaultia. This would be a good starting point if you would like to head out on the Mundaring State Forest trip the following morning, or the dinner in the afternoon. Details for all of these are up on the net.

The Annual Dinner is rapidly approaching so start thinking about voting both seriously and silly. This year it's in York, accommodation and meal options are on the net as well.

We are looking for members to man the stand at this year's 4WD show. There should be free entry as in previous years for those who volunteer.

See you all out there.

Trav

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Mundaring State Forest & Powerlines Sunday October 12th



Explore the back tracks and fire trails throughout the Mundaring state forest. there will be moderate hills climbs and some picturesque views over the valley. Our Plan for the day is to start as the western edge of the Wandoo Forest and cruise around through the bush until reaching West Talbot Rd where we will head

North until reaching the "Powerlines Track" which we will follow westward. We will leave the track at Bunyip Rd, exploring more bushland until reaching Flynn Rd, from here we will continue back on the Powerlines towards the very beginning at the water tanks in the back of Sawyers Valley. Once at the tanks we follow the pipeline until reaching Mundaring Weir Rd. We will wander up the road to the picnic area and settle in for an afternoon Social BBQ. Members can either stay for the Social Gathering, or return home at their leisure.

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

More details at <http://www.subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au>

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

Trip info taken from <http://www.4-wheeling-in-western-australia.com>

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



SUBARU REAR WINDOWS FOR SALE

Geoff Burt at Windscreens West (www.windscreenswest.com.au) has a new OE tailgate glass assembly (still in its bag) for the BH out-back/liberty wagon along with a second hand Forester (series 2) tailgate glass. Fitting can be arranged, or he can supply only.

Great Aussie Camp Out - GACO

Date: Saturday 11th October 2014

Brief: Great Aussie Camp Out (GACO) 2014 will bring together thousands of Australians for one big night where they will share the experience of camping out under the stars... in their backyards, on a river bank, in a camp, a park, a caravan park, in fact, anywhere they may feel like!

We will join in and head to **Lake Leschenaultia** which is nestled in the bushland of Chidlow on Rosedale Road just 50 minutes drive east of Perth. Relaxed afternoon to catch up and enjoy time with friends and family in a tranquil location by the lake. Those that want can do the Mundaring State Forest & Powerlines trip on Sunday.

Two campsites in the tent area have been booked and each camp site is 6m x 6m and caters for up to 10 people and 2 (average 4 man) tents. The \$20 non-refundable site booking fee has been paid and it's \$8.50 per person/per night (under 2's FOC)

All sites are powered and approximately 15m from the closest power. Check in from 12:00.

Facilities: toilets, drinking water, camp fires, BBQs, picnic tables

Swimming & canoeing/kayaking allowed; Pets: **Not** allowed

More Information <http://www.mundaring.wa.gov...>

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or join the trip on the website.



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LANCELIN DUNES SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

The Subaru 4WD Club wants to invite all XV, Forester and Outback owners to our Annual Lancelin Dunes Trip.

This is a fun, safe day out to see what you and your car can do, in a controlled environment, with very experienced 4WD enthusiasts. We'll demonstrate techniques to drive on soft sand and over dunes. Show how tyre pressure can affect your car's performance in sand, and if the opportunity arises, how to safely recover a bogged vehicle.

Due to the way we run this trip, numbers will be limited. For more information or to put your name down for the trip, either send an email to trips@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au or call Travis on 0422815737



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CLUB CALENDAR

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- York,
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	13		15	16	17	18	
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November 2014

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December 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
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January 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Tue 13th: General Meeting 24th-26th: Aust Day LWE tba
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		27	28	29	30	31	

February 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Tue 3rd: Committee Meeting Tue 10th: General Meeting
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	

SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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

Public holidays: Dec 25 & 26, Jan 26, Mar 2, April 3 & 6 (Easter)

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.

TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

**ANNUAL CLUB DINNER AT
CASTLE HOTEL, YORK
25TH OCT**



The meal choices are:

Entree - Soup of the Day
Cajun Prawns

Main - T-bone steak with pepper sauce, chips and salad
Chicken Parmigiana with chips and salad
Grilled Barramundi with mash potato and veg

Dessert - Chocolate Mud Cake with ice cream or cream
Sticky date pudding with butterscotch sauce & ice cream

Please give an indication of your preference for dinner so that the hotel can have a rough idea of the number of each meal needed. If you have any special dietary requirements please let me know as soon as possible (contact Jo on 6468-2774).

The hotel has reserved 18 double rooms at a cost of \$140 per night. Please mention you are part of the club if you are booking a room or they may tell you they are booked.

Contact number for Castle Hotel is 9641 1007

Some alternate accommodation options are:

York Caravan Park (not walking distance) - [9641 1421](tel:96411421)

The York Hotel - [0455 253 374](tel:0455253374)

Settlers House - [9641 1884](tel:96411884)

The rooms at the hotel include a continental breakfast. They can upgrade to a buffet cooked breakfast for a cost of \$21.50 provided we have a minimum of 20 people. Please indicate if you will be wanting a cooked breakfast.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FOR THE AWARDS !

TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

PERTH 4WD AND ADVENTURE SHOW 7- 9 NOV

SUBARU 4WD CLUB WA STAND

We need members to "man/woman the stand" for the 3 days. Come along and enjoy the company, the people, the 4WDs and what's on offer.

There are 6 "shifts" and I am looking for 2-3 members per shift (up to a maximum of 4 members per shift):

- Shift 1 is Friday 9.00 to 1.30;
- Shift 2 is Friday 1.30 to 6.00;
- Shift 3 is Saturday 9.00 to 1.30;
- Shift 4 is Saturday 1.30 to 6.00;
- Shift 5 is Sunday 9.00 to 1.00; and
- Shift 6 is Sunday 1.00 to 5.00.

If you can help man the stand, please register on the website.

I expect that entry will be free for those helping on the stand.

Tony Richards.

**The 4WD Association will again be running the Test track at the
PERTH 4WD AND ADVENTURE SHOW**

We need volunteers to come down and help introduce people to 4 wheel driving, from Friday to Sunday, morning & afternoon shifts.

Cars will be supplied by Vendors around a purpose built (mild) track.

If you are from a club that is a member of the Association, you don't mind talking to people and you have the experience to competently drive our fairly mild course (we will guide you around for the first couple of laps if you are new to this event) .

Please contact the Association Secretary with your availability via the link on the Associations Web Site - secretary@wa4wda.com.au

You will receive free entry to the event .

There will be a combined Track Care, 4WD Association and Department of Parks and Wildlife stand at the 4WD Show. They looking for members who would be able to volunteer some time to assist in manning the stand.

Please contact the Association Secretary at secretary@wa4wda.com.au

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**BREAKAWAY GETAWAY - GREAT VICTORIA DESERT
(CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH)**

Another 50km on we stopped for lunch at the eastern end of Lake Rason and I realised I had lost one of my camera lenses. Knowing I had last used it at the saline lake, Jim got into rally mode and drove back and found it easily lying in the sand. From our lunch stop it was only an extra 20km to our designated camp for the night so with our 100km diversion we still got to camp around 4pm with the others set up with the fire going.



Our first task when arriving at our campsites was to gather firewood not only for the evening but enough left over for the morning. Having a fire is an important part of the trip not only for cooking but for keeping warm when the sun goes down. Most of the trip the minimum hovered around -2 to +2 degrees so warm clothing and a good sleeping bag was essential.

The next few days were travelled slowly stopping frequently at selected spots in the Doctor Hicks Ranges north of Lake Rason. Euros, a herd of camels and a few different birds were spotted including a Wedge-tailed Eagle soaring along a breakaway. The route took us to a hill which Nina said just had to be climbed so we did, there was a great view from the top. Unfortunately Dave slipped and hurt his back but luckily no broken bones and he managed to get down unaided. Next was a visit to a secret rockhole where Frank Hann a pastoralist and explorer was saved from dying of thirst. A

nearby tree has a blaze cut out carved with his initials. We camped here and viewed another beautiful sunset on the rocks.

A short drive the next day took us into the next valley where a Peregrine Falcon had been spotted last year, unfortunately it was nowhere to be seen. Shortly we got to a great sheltered spot in the ranges where we spent two nights. With a whole day away from driving it gave us all a time to relax and do our own thing most went on walks around the area. It was beautiful walking weather with fine clear skies and temperatures around 20degrees. I went off on my own up the breakaway hill and although the birds were skittish I found that by standing still for 10-15 minutes they would often come closer. I managed to get good photos of a few different birds including Mulga Parrots and to my delight Western Bowerbirds. A shower had been set up so a welcome clean was the order of the afternoon.



The convoy carried along the Doctor Hicks Range and we circum-navigated Table hill before finding a suitable campsite. After lunch we all set off on foot to Table Hill 800m away. The climb got steeper near the top but was easily accomplished. The view from the table was great with clear blue skies you could see to the horizon. On the way back I spotted an Echidna which started digging when it heard me. I called over Ian & Nina on the CB and Ian said he had seen evidence of Echidna tracks but I was lucky to find it. How it got to the top of the hill and what it found to eat was a mystery as there were not many termite mounds or ants around.

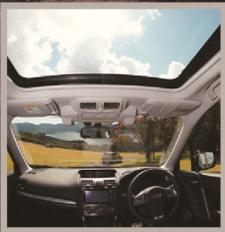
The next morning we woke to find one of Dave's tyres to be flat with a



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stake in it. This was soon repaired with a plug and we set off through the bush trying to follow the last year's tracks which were also overgrown. The track went over a couple of creeks which last year were wet but this year was dry. The second creek had a steep descent and a rocky ascent but after some bangs and scrapes we all got through relatively unscathed. We eventually came out onto a geo line that ran directly east-west. This was pretty much dead straight and in places we scraped through shrubs either side of the track. Another lone camel was spotted, only the top half visible over the scrub. The flora here was a lot more colourful and abundant than seen previously and red and yellow *Hakeas* were prevalent. All through the trip various types of *Eremophila* were flowering in all shades of pink through to red. Further along the geo line it became a highway where a grader had widened the track no doubt for mining exploration. A suitable camp was found and Jim and I were sent on to scout the area for the proposed track north. Much to our disappointment this track too had been graded to a highway. The mood in the camp changed and a more sombre evening was spent.



Our final night in the bush became 'windy camp'. A front came through with strong winds which nearly blew down Jim's tent, luckily there was no rain. It continued in the morning and some discussion was had about concluding the trip early. Simon and Jon decided to head home as Simon was worried about wear and tear on his car as it was to be up for sale soon. The three remaining cars decided to keep going not knowing how long the conditions prevailed. We headed north up the

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'highway' and passed a grader and a mining ute, a call on the CB informed us the road was like this all the way up to White Cliffs. A track was found going west from this road and it was agreed to take this track to see how it progressed. It proved to be very navigable and it felt good to be out in the desert again. After lunch it continued through pleasant country eventually getting harder to follow and for some inexplicable reason it seemed to peter out altogether. We were now only a few km from the White Cliffs road so a track was forged through to the main road. I was tasked with driving Jim's car following Ian's exploratory track. All was well until we got to the road and on getting out regrouping I discovered a small stake in one of Jim's tyres. The pressure was still up and no air had escaped but I guess it had been done on my shift so it was another case of the 'Wilcox curse' with tyres. It was soon plugged and being only a couple of hours from Laverton with the wind still blowing we headed back to a hot shower and a pub meal. On arrival at the campsite we found Simon who had taken a different route back and with a couple of misdirection's had only arrived half an hour before us. Dinner was had at the Laverton pub again and I am glad to report the portions were bigger, so much so that I had to offload of some of my Chicken Parmi to a grateful Tony who had had a kid's meal!

Thanks to Ian and Nina and the rest of the group for a great trip to an area I had not been to before. It does not get visited by too many people but the intrusion of mining companies exploring for new mineral resources is starting to make an impact on this pristine region. Luckily it is a large desert and there are still many areas they are presently not interested in, so it is well worth a re-visiting. **Keith Wilcox.**

Birds seen on the Breakaway Getaway (42)- next page.



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Australasian Magpie	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>
Australian Raven	<i>Corvus coronoides</i>
Australian Ringneck	<i>Barnardius zonarius</i>
Australian Wood Duck	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>
<u>Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike</u>	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>
Brown Falcon	<i>Falco berigora</i>
Crested Pigeon	<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>
Emu	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>
Galah	<i>Eolophus roseicapillus</i>
Gilbert's Whistler	<i>Pachycephala inornata</i>
Grey Currawong	<i>Strepera versicolor</i>
Hardhead	<i>Aythya australis</i>
Hooded Robin	<i>Melanodryas cucullata</i>
Laughing Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>
Little Corella	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>
Little Crow	<i>Corvus bennetti</i>
Little Woodswallow	<i>Artamus minor</i>
Magpie-lark	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>
Mulga Parrot	<i>Psephotus varius</i>
Nankeen Kestrel	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>
Pied Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i>
Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>
Red Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera carunculata</i>
Red-capped Plover	<i>Charadrius ruficapillus</i>
Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus banksii</i>
Redthroat	<i>Pyrrholaemus brunneus</i>
Singing Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus virescens</i>
Slaty-backed Thornbill	<i>Acanthiza apicalis</i>
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater	<i>Acanthagenys rufogularis</i>
Splendid Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus splendens</i>
Striated Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>
Wedge-tailed Eagle	<i>Aquila audax</i>
Weebill	<i>Smicrornis brevirostris</i>
Welcome Swallow	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>
Western Bowerbird	<i>Chlamydera guttata</i>
Whistling Kite	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>
White-browed Babbler	<i>Pomatostomus superciliosus</i>
White-fronted Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris albifrons</i>
Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>
Yellow-plumed Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus ornatus</i>
Yellow-throated Miner	<i>Manorina flavigula</i>
Zebra Finch	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>

TIRE DEFLATOR REVIEW

Adrian Longwood

I recently purchased the ARB E-Z Tire Deflator, RRP~\$70. Comes in a bright orange pouch which is easy to locate.

I have known about the product for a couple of years, but didn't rate it too highly, but now trying it, I believe it is far better than I imagined. The device screws onto the tire valve, and has a second spindle that actually removes the valve core (but keeps it safe inside the unit).

Once the valve core is removed you slide the main body towards you and air blasts out, then to check psi, using the large dial gauge, you simply slide the main body back. After your tires are down to the pressure you want, you just screw the valve core back in, and unscrew the deflator. After using my previous deflator (Bushranger 3 in 1), which was good but not as fast, I found I went from around 10 minutes to about 5 minutes. Halving your airing down time was quite a benefit and I am pleased with its performance.

Not the cheapest product on the market, but priced cheaper than Stauns (Pre-set deflators @ \$99), and certainly more accurate and just as fast. For anyone looking to get a tire deflator, or upgrade from what they have, to save time airing down then this is certainly worth considering.



ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Here are some recent news items from the Dept of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW):

- ◆ First Chudditch (Western Quoll) sighting in the Albany area for 15 years was recorded at Two People's Bay by a Park Ranger.
- ◆ A new 5.5 km canoe trail through the Esperance Lakes system of Woody Lake, Lake Windabout and Lake Wheatfield has opened. Information boards are located at launch sites and routes are available for beginner, intermediate and experienced paddlers.
- ◆ It is Outdoors October month and you can join in healthy, fun outdoor activities by going to [Outdoors October](#). The Subaru Club is participating with the Great Aussie Camp Out at Lake Leschenaultia (page 9).
- ◆ It's whale watching season! The Dept of Fisheries & DPaW have created an iTunes app so you can reporting any sightings and support research into whale migration. [Whale Sightings WA](#)



SUBARU CLUB MAGAZINE PAST ISSUES AVAILABLE

Thanks to many years of careful storage, the last being with Simon Newton, we have a large cache of club magazines (hard copies) dating back to the 1980s.

Due to Simon & Ann sadly (for us) departing to Queensland, these are now available to any members who may want to complete their collection (or who would like to start a collection).

This is a unique opportunity for those interested in the history of the Club and past models of Subarus.

Please contact me editor@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au if you would like to view the issues or require more information. **Joy Unno**

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