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PRESIDENT'S REPORT November 2014

Hi Everyone,

The Annual General Meeting is coming up and I would like to encourage everyone to attend. Thanks to John and Travis for the great job they have done over the last two years. Their term of office is up and we are seeking nominations for the positions of President, Treasurer, and Trips Coordinator. If you would like help in setting the club's direction please nominate for a position on the committee.

I would also like to thank the other committee members for their contribution during the year. We have had some good trips and socials events over the year and seen the membership numbers increase.

The Annual Dinner at York was a great event, thanks Jo for organising it. The numbers were down a bit on previous years but the 33 people who went enjoyed themselves.

It was good to see Adrian Longwood take out the "Club Member of the Year" and well deserved because of his ongoing contributions to the club in leading trips and offering his assistance with all things Subaru.

The "Trip Leader of the Year' award was jointly awarded to Adrian Longwood for his Western Wanders trip to Shark Bay and Ian Johnson for his Vistas al Desierto trip. The "Trip of the Year" went to Adrian Longwood for his Western Wanders trip to Shark Bay. Katie Maskey cleaned up all the social awards for her great events during the year.

A special mention must go to Elsa Bhinda who had not been camping before but was voted to be 'Rooky of the Year' for her enthusiasm during an extended trip into the desert. There were also the various "silly" awards and thanks to those people nominated for providing some light relief .

I would also like to thank our advertising sponsors and Subaru Australia for the support they have given to the club over the last year and we can show our appreciation by directing our business their way.

Another reminder that its time to renew your membership, this can be done in person by giving it the 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.

Thank you to all the members who volunteered to look after our stand at the 4WD show this year. If you are still keen on going and would like to take advantage of the chance to get FREE ENTRY the 4WD Association are looking for volunteers to help out at a combined 4WD Association/ Track Care/ Dept Parks & Wildlife stand as well as drivers for the test track. Cheers, David.

TRIP CO-ORDINATORS REPORT November 2014

Hi All,

Well, my 2 years are up as Trips Co-ordinator for the Club. Besides coming up with something to write every month I've had a good time in the role.

Thanks to all the Trip Leaders. You guys have put a lot of effort into putting together each trip that has been run this year. Hopefully some more people will put their hands up to do the same next year. Really people it's not hard and there is a lot of experienced oldies that are more than happy to lend a helping hand.

Also thanks to all those who did support the leaders by going on the trips. To all the newbies that headed out with us, thanks for coming and having a look at what we do. I hope that you see more of what we do in the future.

See you all out there.
Trav

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KAARAKIN OPEN DAY TOURS

SATURDAY 1ST & SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

The Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre is opening to the public for pre-booked tours. Tours must be booked by emailing fundraising@kaarakin.com with your preferred day / time and the number of people in your group. Tours are $10 per person and run every 30 mins from 8 -11 am..

See the majestic birds cruising in the 100 m flying aviary and get to hold a Black Cockatoo. Visit the dingos in their new enclosure.

Sausage sizzle, Cool Drinks & Cockatoo Merchandise are available (No EFTPOS).

Adopt a dingo or cockatoo for $30/year and help to pay for its care. Lovely adoption certificate with photo provided.

Join the trip on the website-Alex will be there both days.

Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre
322 Mills Road East, Martin Ph: 93902288

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 great bargains for the 4WD enthusiast!

- Shift 2 is Friday 1.30 to 6.00 - **2 Vacancies**
- Shift 4 is Saturday 1.30 to 6.00 - **1 Vacancy**
- Shift 5 is Sunday 9.00 to 1.00; - **2 Vacancies**
- Shift 6 is Sunday 1.00 to 5.00 - **2 Vacancies**

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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.

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

TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS PARTEEEEEEE!

DECEMBER 6th 2PM ONWARDS @ JO'S

Join fellow Club Members for a relaxing BBQ & a swim to catch up before Christmas.

What to Bring:

- Meat for the bbq (I can make sure any vegetarians get their alternative cooked before the meat or using another method)
- A salad or dessert to share
- Drinks (soft or alcoholic)
- Bathers, towel, suncream if you wish to jump in the pool.
- Throw a chair in the car just in case I don't have enough
- A smile and your laugh!

Join the party on the website and see the address details.

NEW GEOLANDER TYRES FOR SALE

4 absolutely brand new unused Yokohama Geolander ATS tyres 205/70/r15. They retail for $160 each I think. Anyway would anyone in your club be interested in the tyres? I am open to offers.

Ring Mike on 0411112892

TRAVELLERS' REST

MARCH LONG WEEKEND: 28TH FEB - 2ND MARCH

Every traveller needs a rest at some point and this is it.

Camp sites have been booked at BIG 4 Peppermint Caravan Park on the eastern edge of Busselton (3 blocks away from the beach). The caravan park has children's play facilities, swimming pool and bbq area.

The plan is for a relaxing time, to read, swim, explore visit wineries etc. The only planned 4wd trip is on Sunday near Yallingup followed by a swim and picnic dinner at Meelup Beach via the Dunsborough Bakery. The rest of the time is to pursue your own interests with traditional beer o'clock about 5ish.

There are 2 powered sites (remaining) and 7 unpowered sites. Caravans and camper trailers MUST be on a powered site. Unpowered sites are for tents ONLY. If more powered sites are needed it can be arranged. Powered site: $75 for one or two people per night.

Unpowered $60 for one or two people per night.

Register for the trip on the website or call Phil Read. You must then make a booking with the Caravan Park-see below. Mention you are with the Subaru 4WD Club & pay the deposit.

Convoy Arrangement.

Meet at Stocklands Bullcreek Shopping Centre, on South St - Caley drive entrance Sat morning at 7:45 am for a 8 am departure.

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BON VOYAGE SIMON AND ANNE

Long-time Club Members Simon and Anne Newton have bid the western shores of Perth farewell and gone to the Queensland tropics to live. They will be sorely missed by all and the Club wishes them well in their new home. Read their parting email below:

"Well, we have sold our house and will be on the road to Queensland on October 15.
We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the great trips and good times over the years. It has been a long time since we read Veronica Webber's article on the club in the West Australian and bought the Brumby to join in. No doubt you will see us pop up on the Queensland club website in the future.
We would like to remain as country members as it's possible we may still be able to join a trip at some time such as the trip Tony did to Cape York. Our email remains the same but we will be homeless people for a while when we leave Perth!

If anyone would like a nice sunny holiday and a trip to Fraser Island let us know and we can do that as soon as we get somewhere to live. We have no plans to work again so will have plenty of time. We won't need a mag from now as we can read it on the website and the club property has been passed on.
Our regards to everyone and we wish you all the best for the future.
Simon and Anne."

CLUB CALENDAR

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Sat 1st & Sun 2nd: Kaarikin Open Day

Tue 4th: Committee Meeting

7th - 9th: 4WD Show

Tue 11th: Annual General Meeting and General Meeting

15th & 16th: Bush Dance

Sun 16th: Lancelin Dunes

December 2014

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Tue 2nd: Committee Meeting

Sat 6th: Xmas Party -page 8

Tue 9th: General Meeting

Bring a plate & trip photos/videos to show on the digital projector.

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Tue 13th: General Meeting

24th-26th: Aust Day LWE - Yaegerup Dunes Hut

February 2015

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Tue 3rd: Committee Meeting
Tue 10th: General Meeting

March 2015

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28 Feb-2nd Mar: Travellers' Rest
Tue 3rd: Committee Meeting
Tue 10th: General Meeting

SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

School Holidays: Dec 19 - Feb 1 2015, Apr 3 - 19, July 4 - 19

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 & SOCIAL REPORTS

ANNUAL DINNER AT YORK 25th FEB

Another successful Annual Dinner was celebrated at the historic Castle Hotel in York.

Club Member of the Year was awarded to very deserving Adrian Longwood who accepted the award gracefully, saying he was proud to be among the great names inscribed on the perpetual award.

Phil Tiang won the award for Best Photo with his amazing fish-eye shot of the Pororongorup night sky at the caravan park campsite.

SEEN AT THE ANNUAL DINNER IN YORK ...

Photos: Tony Rchards

TRIP & SOCIAL REPORTS

PASSING THROUGH THE PORONGORUPS 27-29TH SEPT

Day 1 Perth to Porongurups (Saturday)

When I arrived at the North Bannister meeting point at 8.30 (for 9.00) most of the crew was already there. Tony rolled up just on 9.00 am and Phil and Souk caught us up at Arthur River, our morning tea stop. The highlight of the trip down was lunch at the Mt Barker bakery with their award winning pies and yummy cakes. A couple of our group (mentioning no names trip leaders) managed to get there on all 3 days!

Despite the inclement weather, some of the party went to Mondurup Reserve opposite the Mt Barker Hospital. They were rewarded with wildflowers: Donkey Orchids, Stylidiums, Pixie Mops, etc.

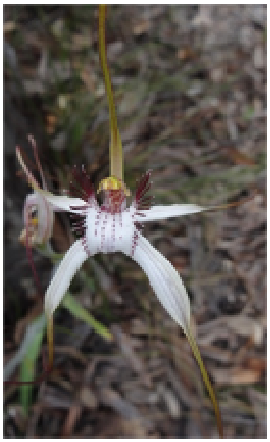
From the bakery it was then a short drive to the Porongorup Range tourist park, our home for the next 2 nights. We arrived to see the second half of the AFL grand final, less said about that the better. Expecting to have Pizza for dinner at the park that night we discovered it was on the following night and we had previously booked the close-by Thai restaurant for Sunday. Consensus was that we head back to Mt Barker and eat at the hotel the food and the company was very good.

There were a few showers overnight but my pop-up tent kept me cozy and dry.

Keith Wilcox

Passing through the Porongurups – Day 2 – Sunday 28 September 2014 – Tony Richards

Thankfully, no rain overnight, or at least not that I heard! We left the caravan park after 9.00, headed for Twin Creeks Conservation Reserve, which is a natural haven for native flora and fauna. We arrived about 9.30 and spent the next two and a half hours walking through the Reserve.



Keith and I were originally going to do Self Guided Walks 2 and 3, but at the end of Self Guided Walk 2, we decided to go cross-country and simply walk through and around the middle of the Reserve, away from the established paths, hoping to see birds or flowers not usually seen by visitors to the Reserve. And, while we did see plenty of wildflowers, particularly orchids, unfortunately we did not see a lot of birdlife, even though there are supposed to be some 75 different species of birds within the Reserve.

The diversity of the flora was incredible, with a large number of different plant and flower species on display. Apart from a number of different species of orchid, we also saw plenty of acacia, conostylis, hakea, gastrolobium and drosera. With so much to see, the two and a half hours allocated for the walk went very, very, quickly! And very enjoyable it was.

At midday, we met at the food shelter for lunch. While we did get a bit of rain while we were walking, it was not heavy, but it became heavier over lunch. Thankfully, we were under a shelter. After lunch, we drove to the local shop and the local market that was next door. The market ran until 1.00 but, by the time we got there (at quarter to the hour), most of the stall holders had packed up. Still

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Joy and Chris managed to pick up a few items of interest, including a native *Kunzea* plant.

After that visit, most of us headed for Castle Rock, which is a popular local tourist attraction in the Porongurup Range. When we got there, the lack of available parking spots (in a large car park) was testament to the popularity of the attraction.
We all wanted to get to the Granite Skywalk, a 4.4km, 2 hour, return journey. I think we saw it as a bit of a physical challenge (which it most certainly was) that we all wanted to take on. We set off individually, at our own pace. Naturally, being the competitive person that I am, I was the first to reach Balancing Rock. I stopped to take it in and marvel at the forces of nature that produced it.

Unfortunately, when I arrived, the top of the Porongurups was shrouded in damp mist and cloud, significantly reducing visibility and completely obscuring the views! I proceeded on to Karri Lookout (a sturdy, easy-access metal structure) which, in good weather, would have great views north out over the surrounding country-side. I saw plenty of cloud and mist.

I then went back a short distance to the entry point for the Granite Skywalk. As stated in the notice at the beginning of the walk, you did indeed need to be "*agile and capable of pulling yourself up by your arms and legs over and under large rocks and up a vertical 7m ladder*"! But the effort was certainly worth it. The structure itself was a marvel of engineering and it was very exhilarating, as you stood suspended over mid-air by a walkway that "clung" to the side of Castle Rock. Pity about the weather! But then,

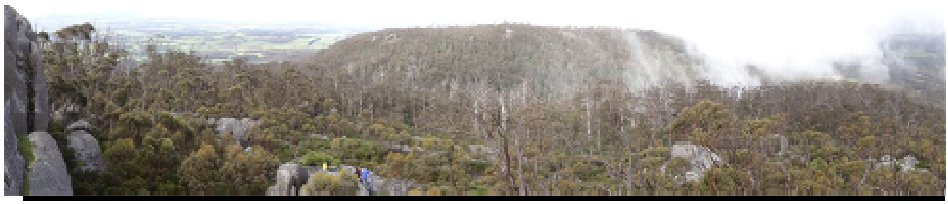
just as I was about to go back down the ladder, the mist and cloud lifted, almost magically, revealing all. Hallelujah, I was now able to see the wonderful views on offer. They made the whole Granite Skywalk experience just that much better! And I was also able to get some decent photographs.

I spent a bit of time up there. Phil Read arrived, followed by the Lee family – Vernon, Joyce, Tim and Claire. And then it was time to go. Some might say walking downhill is easier than walking up, but that is not what my knees told me. The notice was about right. The return journey had taken me 2 hours. It was after 3.00. And I was looking forward to a nice hot shower and some clean clothes. However, the day was not done. I decided to take the scenic route home, completing a circumnavigation of the Porongurup Range. There were plenty of great views to take in, especially from the southern side of the range, including a long range view of the Skywalk (from the other side).

Before returning to the caravan park, there was time for a quick stop at the local shop, for a nice hot coffee and a little bit of chocolate. They do go so well together! Then back to camp (about 4.30) for a shower. I do love showers. They can be life giving; and also necessary if you are hot and sweaty and going out to dinner. We had a booking for 6.30 at a Thai restaurant (Maleeya's Thai Café) not far down the road.

Notwithstanding that we were going out for dinner, Club tradition still required that we partake of nibbles and we certainly respect Club traditions. So, nibbles were consumed in the camp kitchen. Then it was time to head off to the restaurant. The food was good. I enjoyed a "Maleeya's Special Thai Massaman Sirloin Beef with Fresh Coriander". Very tasty. And what a great way to finish off an excellent day.

My thanks to Travis and Katie for organising the trip.
(Ed: see the full report with more amazing photos on the web)



Day 2 Porongurups (Sunday)- Chris & Joy's Version

We were very keen to get to Twin Creeks Nature Reserve despite the drizzly weather. Trip leader Travis had seen the signs warning of die-back (*Phytophthera*) on his recce trip so was prepared with antiseptic foot-cleaning gear. Club members duly cleaned their shoes although Vernon somehow managed to get young Tim to scrub his dad's boots.

Then it was into wildflower wonderland and progress on the bushwalk was slow with new discoveries every few metres. We spotted about six or seven different species of orchids, including a Dragon Orchid (*Calendenia barbarossa*), and the King Spider Orchid (*Calendenia pectinata*).

Later after lunch when the fitter people scaled Castle Rock, we hit the wineries. Between the two of us we accumulated several very nice bottles of the local vintages (except merlots) to take home, and learned that no-one grows merlot vines here as it is a favourite snack for the kangaroos. Along the way, we took the Scenic Drive to the north of the range which provided a mist-free view of huge granite monadnocks and peaks.

Returning to our lodgings at rustic Karribanks, I took a walk around the beautiful gardens before going out to Maleeya's.

Thanks Katie & Trav for a wonderful weekend in one of the most magical parts of WA. (Days 3 &4 next month)

SUBI SHOP – CLUB MERCHANDISE (Available for purchase by Club members only)

The Club has a number of "standard" merchandise items for sale and the Merchandise Officer can also arrange for the purchase of Zazzle merchandise items, all with a Club logo on them.

"STANDARD" MERCHANDISE

The "standard" merchandise items and current prices are as follows:

Royal blue and white "Contrast" poly cotton polo shirts (with pocket). The most recent actual cost was approximately $31.00. However, purchases are currently subsidised by the Club, reducing member cost to $15.00.

Royal blue and white "Podium Bold" 100 poly polo shirts (with pocket). The most recent actual cost was approximately $26.00. However, purchases are currently subsidised by the Club, reducing member cost to $15.00.

Navy blue Everest Zip Polar Fleece jacket. Selling for $55.00.

Beanies – selling for $12.00

Caps can be ordered through Zazzle

Embroided Badges – $5.00

Subaru Stickers – $2.00

Flat pack neoprene can coolers – $5.00.

ZAZZLE

The website address for Zazzle is http://www.zazzle.com.au/
For orders, please contact the Merchandise Officer.

TIPS & TRICKS

SAND FLAG QUICK RELEASE ISSUE

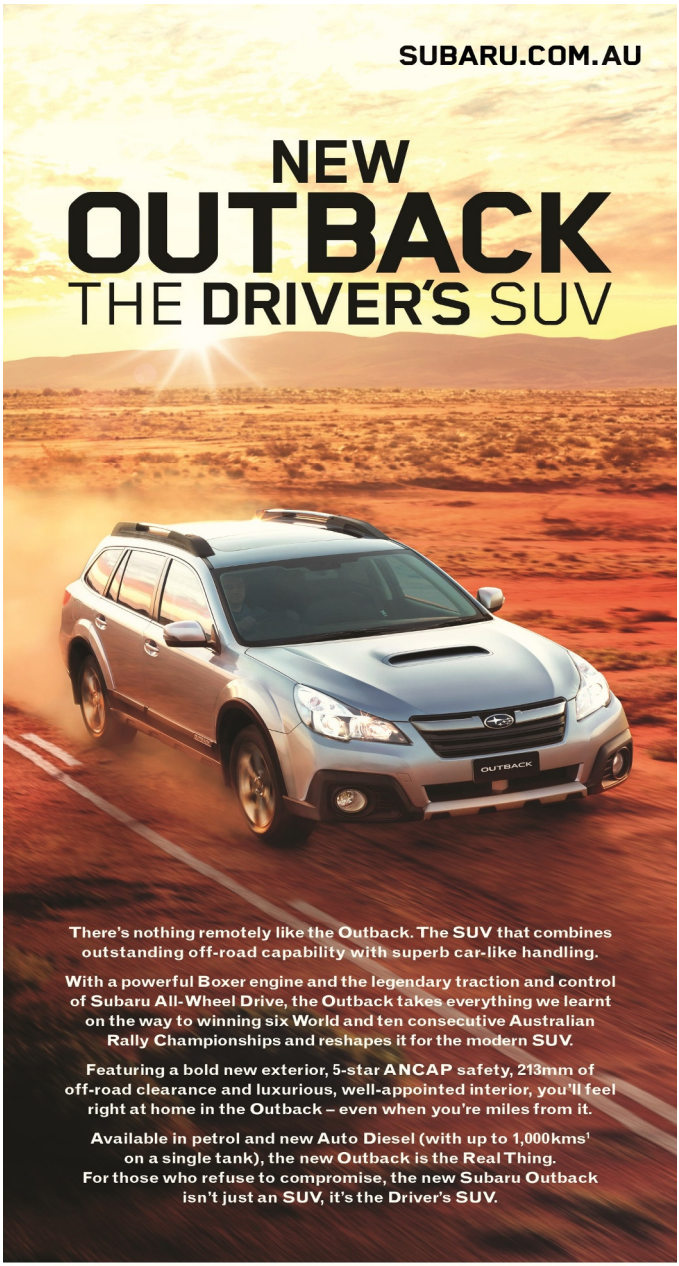
After recently purchasing a Sand Flag for offroad use, I had an issue with vibrations when driving offroad that caused the quick release clip to loosen. When I removed the flag from the mount the ball bearings all fell out, and when you are in sand, those lil tiny things are near impossible to find...

Jim Wilcox also had the same problem on the Gibson Desert trip with the ball bearings falling out after driving over continuous corrugations on the Gary and Gunbarrel Highways.

I then went back to the supplier and he replaced the quick release clip but we investigated the cause as he had never seen it happen. We found that it had simply unscrewed itself, only slightly, but enough that the ball bearings could slip out. To rectify this I simply pulled the clip apart, used the low grade thread locker (readily available from hardware and auto stores) and then screwed it back together.

The sand flag has been used often and has no further problems. Most of these sand flags are designed the same and other brands are likely to have similar problems.

From: Adrian Longwood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