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SUBARU 4WD NEWS

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Ian Johnson, Peter Andruszkiw and Ron Counce.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT June 2015

Fellow Members,



At the May General Meeting, members approved the purchase of a Defibtech Lifeline View defibrillator (and training and support) from Red Cross under the **Project Defib** Programme. Under this programme, schools and sporting clubs (we qualify as a sporting club) are eligible for a Red Cross subsidy of \$1,600.00. The total retail cost of the package is \$4,200.00, so the net cost to the Club after the subsidy was only \$2,600.00.

Project Defib (<http://www.projectdefib.com.au/>) is a Red Cross initiative which aims to reduce the number of deaths caused by sudden cardiac arrest, by making defibrillators and related training and support, accessible to all sporting clubs and schools across Australia.

More than 30,000 Australians suffer from sudden cardiac arrest every year, of which only 5% survive. Immediate access to a defibrillator can lead to a 70% survival rate if applied quickly.

Your Committee strongly believes the purchase of the defib is a very worthwhile investment in the health and safety of all Club members.

Daniel Peeney from the Red Cross will be coming to the July General Meeting to deliver some training on the use of the defib. Club members will also have access to online training.

At the May General Meeting, I asked for an expression of interest in doing a Senior First Aid course. Some 10 members put their hands up. Given this level of support, your Committee is now looking to arrange a course for Club members. By the time you get this mag, details of the course should be in the trip calendar on the website. I have tentatively included it in the calendar for 18/19 July, but this date may need to change. Initially, I am simply seeking to firm up the number of members interested.

I hope those members who attended the May General Meeting enjoyed Keith Wilcox's video of the Club's Canning Stock Route trip in May 2005 – now 10 years on!

At the June General Meeting, we will be having a presentation on Blu-Bags Portable Drinking Water Solutions (water bladders). Should be interesting.

Regards, Tony Richards

TRIP CO-ORDINATORS REPORT June 2015

Hi All,

It was a pity to see that we had to postpone the Collie trip partly due to the lack of numbers and partly because of the weather over that weekend.

But it was pleasing to see so many come along for the Yarloop to Baden Powell trip, especially so many new members and visitors. With 14 cars in the convoy, and a few of them only weeks old, I had to do some last minute changes but it ended up better than I expected. We even managed to make it into Jarrahdale for dinner within 5 minutes of what I had planned. The dinner there was attended by 24 people and was good and delivered really fast – well done.

Adrian deserves a special mention this month for his contribution to the June magazine with epic trip reports from Murchison Off Road Adventure and Yarloop to Baden Powell. Whilst researching for that latter trip we found a new track called the “Nanga 4WD Heritage Circuit” which we will be doing in the future.

I have had some luck finding interesting web sites;

www.home-camp.com Similar in concept to community accommodation website Airbnb, Homecamp connects travellers looking for alternative campsites with like-minded home or land owners willing to rent out a slice of back garden, driveway or paddock for a small fee.

<http://www.camplify.com.au/> allows people to rent out their caravan or camper trailer.

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Cheers, David.



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**CAMBINATA CAMP OVEN COOKOUT
SAT 13 – SUN 14TH JUNE**

This year's cookout is at **Cambinata Yabbie Farm**



<http://www.cambinatayabbies.com.au/>

Bring your camp oven and your appetite, as both will be needed!

Cambinata Yabby Farm is just outside of Kukerin, about 3hrs drive south -east of Perth. There we'll be cooking and camping out under stars, or clouds if the weather is that way inclined, so please be prepared for both. Also it may get cold down that way so warm woollies may be needed. Caravans, camper trailers are welcome to come along, and the property is dog friendly.

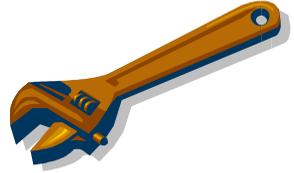
The cost is \$10 per head (bank details on the Club website). If you would like to have a tour of the Yabby processing Thing, it's \$5 per person, and I'll have to get numbers before we leave. If you would like to purchase any of their Yabbies or Abalone, they will open the shop for us (not sure if they offer free samples). From what they say fire wood will be provided for us, and they'll tell us where the "designated fire spots" will be for us to cook on.

Join on the website or contact Travis 0422815737 for more details.

FIDDLES & NIBBLES SUNDAY 28TH JUNE

Want help with installing a second battery controller? Or just want to check underneath your car? Come to the Wilcox Subaru Garage!

Bring drinks & nibbles, and a BBQ is available to use for lunch (bring & cook your own food).



There are limitations on the complexity of tasks that can be undertaken on the day (no lift kits!) so check with Jim before the day.

Even if you have no bits to work on, members are welcome to come along for a cuppa and a chat. Dogs are welcome.



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**PSOT Sand Training & Recovery Day
SUNDAY 12TH JUNE**



Adrian from Premium SUV Offroad Training (PSOT) will be running this half day course for Club members.

A super soft sand day trip aimed at mainly training and recovery methods. We will be exploring a few sand bowls in the Gngarara Pine Plantation (what's left of it) going through sand driving and techniques, tire pressures, and vehicle recovery options when someone gets stuck. The day will start around 8.30am and finish shortly after lunch.

Bring: Morning Tea, Lunch, Plenty of Water.

Wear: closed in shoes, pants, t shirt, sunscreen, rain jacket,

What you need: Full Tank of Fuel, UHF Radio

What we'll do: Sand driving in flat and hilly areas,

Why: to increase skills and understanding in difficult terrain

How: reducing tire pressures, maintaining momentum

Suggestions: Sand Flag, Camp Chair, hat & Sunnies

It will benefit inexperienced drivers a lot, but drivers of all experiences will learn something from the day. We will also do some simulated recoveries over the day showing a variety of options while keeping safety and timeliness as high priorities. All equipment is provided for deflating/pumping tires and doing recoveries.

Join the trip on the website: <http://www.subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au>

PROVIDE FIRST AID COURSE

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

I am looking to arrange First Aid training for those interested. At the May General Meeting, approximately 10 members indicated they were interested in doing this training, but I expect there are other members who did not attend the meeting who would also like to undertake the training. This training, formerly Senior First Aid, is now called "Provide First Aid" (code HLTAID003) and it includes CPR.



There are several training providers offering course options which the Committee will decide on at the June meeting. I will then be able to confirm details at the June General Meeting. At this stage, I have tentatively included the event in the calendar for a possible date in July.

Please contact me if you are interested in gaining this valuable certificate. Tony pH:9386-7705

KAARAKIN BUSY BEE SATURDAY 19TH SEPT

Come to Kaarakin and help to give the Black Cockatoo facilities a general clean-up and have a fun day out.



The 4WD Association (on behalf of member clubs) has volunteered to help the Black Cockatoo Preservation Society with their regular busy bees at Kaarakin and our Club has offered to help on this date.

More information about what the Black Cockatoo Society does can be found on their website:

<http://www.blackcockatoorecovery.com/>

Meet at Kaarakin, 322 Mills Road East, Martin (turn right off Mills Road at the 4WD Association sign).

Any queries, please give Tony a ring on 93867705.

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HI VALLEE FARM 10th - 11th OCT 2015

Join us as we spend the weekend at Hi-Vallee farm just north of Badgingarra near the Mount Lesuer National Park. It will be approximately a 3 hour drive from Perth.



Our hosts will be providing a guided wildflower tour on Saturday afternoon around the farm and surrounding bushland.

The farm has **wildflowers** (some endangered, see photo), native birds, bushwalking and photo opportunities. We will be camping on the farm and toilets are available at the campground as well as cold showers. Hot showers are available at the homestead about 500 metres away. We will be having a campfire so bring your camp oven.

Join on the website: <http://www.subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au>



ANNUAL DINNER & AWARDS NIGHT

SAT 17TH OCT

Come and join us at Dwellingup Hotel for a fun-filled night, great company and huge laughs!

Vote now for your favourite Trip, Trip Leader, Club Member of the Year and Silly Awards.

More details including meal choices on the website:

<http://www.subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au>

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CLUB CALENDAR

June 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			3	4	5	6	Mon 1st: LWE Helena & Aurora Range
7	8		10	11	12		Tue 2nd: Committee Meeting Tue 9th: General Meeting
	15	16	17	18	19	20	Approx 11th -19th: Quick Hicks 13 -14th: Camp Oven Cookout-p6
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	23rd - 2nd Jul: Exmouth & Coral Bay
	29	30					Sun 28th: Fiddles & Nibbles p7

July 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			1	2	3	4	Tue 7th: Committee Meeting Tue 14th: General Meeting
5	6		8	9	10	11	Sun 12th: PSOT Recovery Day p8 Sat 25th: Xmas in July- tba
	13		15	16	17	18	Fri 31/7 - 7/8: Burrup Rock Art First Aid Course date tba p9
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31		

August 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
30	31					1	Tue 4th: Committee Meeting Sat 8 - Mon 17th: Karajini & More Tue 11th: General Meeting
2	3		5	6	7	8	Sat 22nd: Social tba
9	10		12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21		
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September 2015						
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 27	 28	29	30			

Tue 1st: Committee Meeting

Sat 5th-Sun 13th: Woodland Woodlines - see website

Tue 8th: General Meeting

Sat 19th: Kaarakin Busy Bee p9

26 –28th LWE: Warriedar Station tba

October 2015						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Tue 6th: Committee Meeting

Sat 10th-Sun 11th : Hi Vallee Farm Wildflowers p11

Tue 13th: General Meeting

Sat 17th: Annual Dinner p11

SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

School Holidays: July 4 - 19, Sept 26 - 11 Oct, Dec 18 - Jan 31

Public holidays: June 1, Sept 28, Dec 25, Dec 28

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

Beaut Barrabup, Day 1, 25 April 2015 by Jenni I.

Warning! This report will not feature exact times or any fuel economy reportage. So be it.

Started from Masters car park in Baldivis. By good fortune Tom and I arrived almost half an hour before the due time, expecting to be first. Surprised to find half the cars already there. Katy and Travis had stayed at Wellard overnight and already been to the dawn service. Jo likewise at Osborne Park. We left at 9 after being notified that David, Bryan, Ann and Clare were delayed due to trailer problems and would meet us in Donnybrook. Adrian's father Lesley would meet us at Nannup or Barrabup, since he lives in Cowaramup. So leaving Baldivis were eight cars: Dave as leader, Adrian, Jo, Stephan, Di, Keith & Fiona with a trailer, Travis and Katy (who would like a trailer), Tom & Jenni.

Heading down the Forrest Highway towards Bunbury we turned off the Australind Bypass at Hines Road using the Dardanup short cut towards Donnybrook where we sampled various bakeries and cafes and linked up with David and family. After a half an hour break we left for Boyanup, Kirup, Balingup, Nannup and Barrabup. We stopped along the Balingup - Nannup Road at Wrights Bridge, a beautiful stopping place with a very pleasant day use area and camp site. Took some good pictures beside the river. We all took note of the location for future travels. Dave had planned to lunch at Revely Bridge a little further on, but that looked fairly unimpressive, so we continued to Nannup for lunch, stopping in front of the caravan park.



Despite the chilly start the weather turned out perfectly. We reached

Barrabup Private Sanctuary at about 2pm and met up with Lesely, David's dad.

This time we were using camp site #2, rather than the one we'd stayed at on the last two occasions that the club visited. It is quite wonderful. There were many inset bays to camp, two toilets and two showers with a chip heater running hot water! That's not camping. But the big covered area and fire ring came in handy that night, and it was a chilly one.



Photo: Blackwood River by Jenni.
Other photos: David P.



The happy hour started early as we were all set up quite quickly. We'd already been for walks around the sanctuary, checked out the bird hide near this camp area, but best of all, encountered countless scarlet robins, thorn bills, twenty-eights, honey eaters and wrens. Keith was busy all over the place with his giant lens.

By the time it got dark we were huddled around the beautiful fire, sharing chocolate and marshmallows for afters. The end of a wonderful day, the start of our Anzac weekend away.



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Yarloop to Jarrahdale Day Trip May 23rd by Adrian

As a late unofficial attendee on the trip, lucky enough to scam a ride as Jo's passenger, I arrived at her place (in a rush but on time sort of) and we got into Oscar and on our way to the meet point. Having a decent run on the freeway we arrived on



time to find a small collection of Subarus waiting. It wasn't long before the small group of Subarus expanded to around 14. Dave Peck suddenly interrupted our social communications and gathered us around for a brief. With the plan explained it was time to roll out, that's where the fun began, getting that amount of Subarus out together. It wasn't long before the group was split exiting the carpark. Jo, Oscar, and I ended up near the back of the group and passed a couple of members whose cars 'kissed' at the roundabout. They quickly checked to find unfortunate scratches but were back on way quickly to catch the group. While most of us turned right heading south onto the freeway, Marylyn went through the lights but doubled back to join in with the group.

We all ended up on the freeway south, and the convoy was spread out and in 2 main parts, but not to worry, we all had clear communications. It wasn't long before we took the Pinjarra Rd exit inland and stopped to regroup. We then moved on and got split in 2 again by a bus, with Jo the new leader of group 2. Further down the road we caught them at lights, the convoy passed through Pinjarra and on towards Yarloop.



A few clicks on, it was time for some gravel, coming in the back of the Lane Pool reserve. A few corners in and a turn was missed. Turning the convoy around was slow, but we back-tracked and turned off to what was supposed to be a picnic spot with some basic facilities and caravan friendly, when

TRIP & SOCIAL REPORTS



really, there wasn't anything other than a small clearing where someone had a strong clothes line and camp fire. It was time for a break and late lunch anyway so we relaxed for a short while having a chat in scattered groups.

Time to move again along the tracks, which were in decent condition with minor bumps, corrugations, until finding a small puddle, then a bigger one, and a few more, mostly shallow but a few were rutted deep enough to tickle the underside of a few cars. Despite Dave's effort to straddle most, he ended up slipping in more often than not. The rain also came and went, mostly light, patchy and drizzling, but not too wet where it made things slippery. There was almost no wheel spin from anyone over the day and traction was good.

Stopping in the back of Dwellingup at Yarragil Camp Site for an arvo snack and toilet stop by the river, Dave organised the weather well to be sunny and not raining. Unfortunately all his efforts were in vain as our next stop at Baden Powell day use area proved a trap, as the group wandered down to the waterfall, the rain returned with a bit more intent and saw us scattering back to cars over the rocks. Certainly the quickest way to round up the troops and keep us on schedule. Exiting the Lane Poole reserve and swinging past Dwellingup on our way to Jarrahdale to complete the trip, we wound our way along the roads in a good convoy. It wasn't long before a few ventured off home that weren't staying for the pub meal. Dave had spoken with the Time gods and miraculously arrived the group to the Jarrahdale pub at 5.55pm ready for our 6pm dinner reservation.

Photos by Wayne



ADRIAN'S EPIC MURCHISON OFFROAD ADVENTURE (MOA) Day 1, 3rd April 2015

The late night rush and early morning start to finish packing was done in the usual fashion, and done successfully, as I managed to arrive at the regular meet point for these northern trips, Gingers Service Station, where I found JoJo and Oscar waiting to the side. I joined JoJo in purchasing a Bacon and Egg toasted sandwich from the shop for breakfast to fuel the body for the drive ahead. I also helped her open the lids to her jerry cans that she was having trouble with, at least she now knows what that pin does.

Tim R and his passenger James arrived shortly after and we soon got on our way, in what may be a first for club trips - I was outnumbered (but certainly not out powered) in my Forester by Outbacks, in what seemed an unusually small convoy for an Easter trip. The roads weren't too busy to our surprise and we had a good run, stopping for what now seems to be a traditional stop at Badgingarra Roadhouse where the local school sets up small stalls with assorted items with a tremendous selection of cakes, cookies and jams. We all fell willing victims and purchased ANZAC cookies and cupcakes which were progressively devoured over the coming days.

Back on the road for a nice run until we passed the back of Dongara where we came across some roadworks with an unmanned, automated/timed traffic light controller which had traffic banked up for over 1km for a fair while. Once passed, it was smooth sailing again heading to the '440 Roadhouse' where we fuelled up both the cars and bellies. Jo forgot which side the fuel cap was on, but luckily a fellow motorist helped her re-align the car so the pump would reach. After stocking up with our last chance for food supplies (custard for dessert) Jo led us further north stopping for fuel one last time at (ask JOJO). The flies were certainly making themselves known by this point, but gladly filling up was a short task. Back on the road and working hard to clear the flies out we continued on, before long arriving at our turn off to MOA on Coooooooooocalalalalalaya Rd, pretty sure that's how it's spelt anyway.

I encouraged the group to let our tires down now before hitting the corrugations to make the journey in smoother and safer, which we

did, but as quick as possible as the flies and now midges were out and super friendly. Back in the car and on the move we



marched on to the homestead, checked in, got some quick advice to 'head straight through the middle of any puddles we see and she'll be right', grab a refreshing cold beverage from the bar and got on our way to camp.

One puddle, two puddles, three...it wasn't long before Oscar was making waves through seemingly deeper and deeper puddles. We got to about the 5th or 6th deep long puddle and decided the next was seemingly unpassable, given it was edging on to what appeared to be a large lake. After remembering another track to camp I led the group through what I remember the track was, since all the rain unfortunately the tracks were considerably washed away. It took my memory to its limits and after a few small wrong turns, did manage to keep going in the right direction, coming across small stream crossings, and then a small muddy crossing, which I barely made it through, only done at 5000+RPM and mud flinging everywhere from the tires. Jo and Tim found a track around and we continued on.

With more washaways destroying the tracks, we chose to cross a small (currently) dry stream down by the river's edge, half sand and half clay. I went first and made it down and up comfortably, so I thought. Walking back down it seems I had sunk in the mud and not realised how sticky it all was. Jo was next, and her crossing didn't go very well. Stuck in the mud we had a recovery on our hands, not what we wanted after a long day's drive, slightly humid weather, and now flies and midges to deal with. Maxtracks weren't enough so Tim snatched Jo back, we then laid the maxtracks in the difficult parts, and Jo charged through with success and plenty of relief. Tim's turn next, with the adjustment of the maxtracks he went through also. Now that we were all across, camp was in sight and we started getting it all set up. With Riverside views and the shade of a large tree on reasonable flat ground, it wasn't long before the fortress was assembled and

the drinks were flowing.

With the sun dropping the cameras came out, but so did the mozzies and the repellent wasn't far behind. With Tim over-catering we all shared his pasta dish. Beyond the thick clouds we could see glimmers of the



Moon, but no clear sight of the eclipse was possible. Ending up by the fire with drink in hand, we reflected on the day we had before calling it a seemingly early night.

MOA Day 2, 4th April 2015

Today begins with awakening by the Picturesque Murchison River on our doorstep, and the reminder that you're definitely in the bush, with the flies and midges persistent as always. It wasn't long before the camp fire was lit back up so we could start the day with bacon and egg jaffles. After breakfast was demolished Tim and I ventured out to see if there was another way back to the homestead and explore the 4wd park. It wasn't long before we came across a few muddy puddles, which got deeper and longer every new puddle. Getting to a puddle that seemed too risky to cross, I attempted going around the side, which didn't turn out well as it was almost a small swampy marsh, and I was sucked in. Shoes off, climbed over the car and got the recovery gear out, walked through the mud and hooked up the snatch gear, Tim ready and waiting to pull me out backwards.

While doing this recovery another 4WD passed us and went through the puddle, they did make it across, but not without dropping into deep ruts and bouncing around a bit. Certainly confirmed that it could have been a bad idea for us to attempt it. We turned around and went back the way we came in on the first day, unfortunately I managed to reverse into a tree along the way when taking a path around a puddle and did some panel and tail light damage which I didn't notice until some time later in the day. Tim and I went out looking for other cars that may have been playing around, firstly looking to cross the river, which in previous years has been a completely dry crossing. This year with the recent rains there was a decent amount of water and a solid flow. We watched a landcruiser cross it slowly, and they managed it somewhat comfortably, but with no snorkel and not as much clearance

it wasn't worth taking the subies for a swim.

Back to other areas on the search for people playing, despite hearing people having fun over the radio we couldn't see anyone at the main areas, so we ended up finding some flat mud water and let loose for a short while. Both Tim and I had issues with traction and driving in straight lines.

We got the itch out of our system, and headed back to camp, it wasn't long before Tim realised a knocking noise and power issues in his car. Switching cars I drove it back and quickly discovered he had managed to pop out the front drive shaft. We decided to continue on to camp carefully, in **3WD**. It was a bit more challenging as the car couldn't transfer the power to the other wheels very well and struggled up hill. To our surprise it did enough to get us to camp, but had to find a way around the muddy stream that caught Jo out. Rolling into camp, both with damaged cars and tail between the legs we told Jo of our adventures. After lunch we decided a swim was necessary to cool off. Carefully trudging through slippery edges in the river we waded out to the centre where the water was flowing and the base was sandy, we really enjoyed the cool down and rinse off in water that was a nice temperature in an amazing place. After some time soaking we crawled back out, across the muddy banks to camp and had a quick rinse with fresh water.



Feeling refreshed and invigorated it was time for afternoon nibbles and board games. Between cursing at the flies we had to work out how we were going to deal with Tim's car, to A, get it to the homestead, B, get it home, and C, make sure they got home with all their gear. Before coming to a conclusion it was time for another amazing feed for dinner. Drinks, camp fire and laughs finished off the night.

MOA Day 3, 5th April 2015

Another cloudy night meant it wasn't too cold so a decent sleep was had by most. Breakfast happened a bit sooner today as we were off to Kalbarri for the day. Convoying in one car seemed to be the best idea so we took the Forester, giving us the best chance of getting out

alone. No recoveries needed gladly, but I did manage to set off the MAF sensor going through a puddle and getting water through the air filter. (never a good thing). The Ultragaugage quickly cleared that code and we ventured on out. Being able to check and clear codes when the check engine light comes on in the middle of nowhere is well worth the \$120 investment. The car would have remained difficult to drive had I not been able to correct it, and trying to find a mechanic capable of helping would have been a couple of hours drive. Then paying whatever they feel like charging you. So I would highly recommend the device, as it can also monitor fuel usage, temperatures very accurately, and about 50+ outputs of the car.

With the excitement of cleaner water to swim in, flushing toilets, and restaurants for a nice lunch we couldn't get to town soon enough. Pulling straight up on the beach and jumping in, my friend Tarran popped by for a catch up and we headed to a café for lunch. We had all been keen for a Caesar salad from talks in the car on the way in.



With Lunch dealt with, we made a quick few calls enquiring about parts for Tim's car before fuelling up and heading back into MOA. Stopping via the homestead to see if there was anything lying around we could use, they gave us access to the workshop. Returning to camp to collect Tim's car, we headed back with my car and Tim's, hoping to repair it that night and leave it at the homestead o/night. Taking the opportunity to shower and freshen up at the same time, and with the help of the fellow camper who had drowned his car, we removed the drive shaft completely after not being able to get it back in place. At least this way it couldn't be dangling and spinning dangerously on the drive home.

After we were all cleaned up it was time to return to camp. Heading back at night, even with a light bar was still a challenge as I almost drove straight through a large puddle without realising! Thanks for pointing that one out Jo... Making it back to camp we noticed the river had been rising and the dry stream crossing we first made on the way in had now had water on its edge. Hoped it would start dropping again the next morning for us to get out.

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