

August 2015



## ***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  
**Rotary Hall, 55 Sandgate St., South Perth**

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# SUBARU 4WD CLUB NEWS

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**Club Member of the Year 2014 - 2015: Adrian Longwood**

### LIFE MEMBERS

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

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT August 2015

Fellow Members,

At the July General Meeting, we were meant to have Daniel Feeney from Red Cross provide us with some basic training on the use of the Club's new Defibtech Lifeline View AED (Semi-Automatic External Defibrillator). Unfortunately, something came up and he couldn't make it. I am hoping he will be able to attend our September meeting.

As the end of the Club year is 30 September, we all need to start thinking about our nominations for:

**Club Member of the Year;**

**Trip of the Year;**

**Trip Leader of the Year;** and

**Trip Report of the Year,**

which are all presented at the **Annual Dinner**, which is being held this year on Saturday 17 October, at the **Dwellingup Hotel**.

So, can I ask you please to start thinking about **Silly Award** nominations. These Awards form a very important part of our Annual Dinner proceedings and are an opportunity to recognise a Club Member for their contribution to the enjoyment of a Club trip or activity.

In the past, these nominations have usually been called for closer to the Annual Dinner. However, we now all have the capacity to nominate Club members for an award easily, using the Club website. Just click on the "Nominate for Award" button on the right-hand side of the individual trip page. Please get your nominations in sooner rather than later, to give us more time to prepare.

Finally, even though there is still a little way to go until the AGM in November, I would also like to get you thinking now about whether you may be able to help out with the management of the Club by taking a position on the Committee. It is very rewarding. Further mentions will follow in the coming months, as the date draws near.

I will be an apology for the August General Meeting as I will be on Ian Johnson's Burrup Rock Art Trip. Tom Minto will be standing in for me at the meeting. See you all when I get back.

Regards,

Tony Richards

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**TRIP CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT August 2015**

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Hi All,

The first aid course was well attended and everyone thought it was good and we now have 16 new senior first aiders in the Club. Thanks to Jo for finding the trainer (Karen) and Tony for organising it. Thanks also to Ray for allowing us to use his college in Jandakot which was a good venue.

Adrian did a good job providing a free training day for sand driving techniques and recoveries. By all accounts it went well with everyone learning something.

Adrian is planning a mega adventure for his birthday and everyone is welcome to come for any of the events he has listed on the website. The annual dinner is on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Dwellingup pub and all the motel/hotel accommodation has been booked. There is still plenty of non-camping accommodation available from B&B to cabins. Dwellingup has a great website that lists all the options available in the area:  
<http://www.dwellingupwa.com.au/directory/accommodation>

Snatch straps and their correct use have been getting a lot of discussion at the WA 4WD Association recently with the general consensus being that they should be the LAST form of recovery that is tried. All other options should be tried first and only if they all fail should a snatch strap be used. Unfortunately there has been another fatality using a snatch strap, this time it appears the shackle broke and was flung through the back window of the car doing the recovery hitting the driver in the head.

There will be a demonstration on the correct use of snatch straps at the busy bee at Kaarakin on September 19<sup>th</sup> everyone is welcome to come just for demonstration and a sausage sizzle will be provided.

Cheers, David.



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ADRIAN'S BIRTHDAY ADVENTURE

SATURDAY 22nd AUGUST



The Master Plan:

Starting with a **Big Breakfast** cookup to start the day at home under the patio, then wandering off just down the road for a game of **Golf**, (possibly Altone Park depending on booking availabilities, TBC).

Next will be **Lunch**, at probably a nearby Brewery. Following Lunch will be **Ten Pin Bowling**, and **Pool/Snooker**, both at Rosemount in North Perth (pending availability confirmation). That should take us through to around 3-4pm and at that point we will trek back to my place for a BBQ dinner shed party where ping pong and foosball, or just relaxing will see us into the evening.

Once venues and numbers are confirmed, a small bus may be organised to get a group around.

**Please, No presents are needed for the day, just come along, share your company and cover your own costs over the day for the events.**

Partners are welcome, the breakfast and dinner will be kid friendly. A **BBQ Dinner** will be provided, but if you have your own preferences, or dietary requirements, bring your own food and feel welcome to cook it up.

BYO drinks for the BBQ dinner, You will have to purchase drinks at the licensed venues we attend. **Join on the website.**

The event is also open to my own friends and family, so its not just a Subi Club Social event, hence the flexibility of options.

## 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).

The 4WD Association will be putting on a SNATCH STRAP demonstration and a sausage sizzle.

Any queries, please give Tony a ring on 93867705.

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

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## WARRIEDAR WANDERING SEPT 26TH - 28TH LWE

Wander around Warriedar Station and surrounds. The historic homestead is located ~340 km from Perth in the Yalgoo Shire. A former pastoral lease, the station is now managed by DPaW, and the 4WD Association have done restoration work on the homestead and sheds.



There are numerous tracks to explore on the property passing through a variety of terrains from rocky Warriedar Hill (546m) to sandy eroded creek beds and extensive salt lakes. The “Picata Joker” gold mine which operated in the 1940s is nearby. Many Spring wildflowers will be in bloom.

Have a look at Rob Griffith’s aerial view of the homestead:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aMGuRm-PlEe>

I am looking at going up on Thursday as I would like to have a look around our old stomping ground of Lochada and Kadji Kadji and probably camping at Lochada, again depending on what is still there and other campers. Then meeting rest of group at Warriedar on Saturday.

Join the trip on the Club 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 ON WEBSITE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE TRIP, TRIP LEADER, CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR AND SILLY AWARDS**

<http://www.subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au/uploaded/pdf/SUB1701.pdf>

**More details including meal choices on the website:**

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

**(e.g. Sticky Date Pudding - yum!)**

**Accommodation at Dwellingup website:**

<http://www.dwellingupwa.com.au/directory/accommodation>

**NOTICE OF CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER**

7.30pm at the Rotary Hall, 55 Sandgate St., South Perth

Committee Nomination Forms available here:

<http://www.subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au/uploaded/pdf/SUB1702.pdf>

A blue Subaru Forester SUV is shown driving on a road, with a cityscape and mountains in the background. The text 'NEW FORESTER' is at the top. Below it, 'GET MORE DONE' is written vertically, followed by 'HAVE MORE FUN' in large, colorful letters. In the bottom right corner, it says 'AUTO DIESEL HERE NOW!'.

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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), 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>

**PERTH 4WD & ADVENTURE SHOW**

**6-8 November 2015**

**McCallum Park, Victoria Park**

The Club has a stand in the 4WD Club section at this event to promote the joy of off-road driving in Subarus. The Committee will be asking for volunteers for various shifts at the stand over the week-end:

- 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



Entry is free for those helping on the stand.

Register on the Trips page on the Club website or call Tony on 9386 7705 or mobile 0414 224 734.

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## CLUB CALENDAR

### August 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
30	31					1	<b>Tue 4th:</b> Committee Meeting <b>Fri 31st - Fri 7th:</b> Burrup Rock Art <b>Sat 8 - Sun 16th:</b> Karajini & More <b>Tue 11th:</b> General Meeting <b>Sat 22nd:</b> Adrian's Birthday Adventure page 6
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### September 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			2	3	4	5	<b>Tue 1st:</b> Committee Meeting <b>Sat 5th-Sun 13th:</b> Woodland Woodlines - see website <b>Tue 8th:</b> General Meeting <b>Sat 19th:</b> Kaarakin Busy Bee p7 <b>26 -28th LWE:</b> Warriedar Station Page 8
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### October 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
				1	2	3	<b>Tue 6th:</b> Committee Meeting <b>Sat 10th-Sun 11th :</b> Hi Vallee Farm Wildflowers p11 <b>Tue 13th:</b> General Meeting <b>Sat 17th:</b> Annual Dinner p9
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### November 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2		4	5			<b>Tue 3rd:</b> Committee Meeting
	9		11	12	13	14	<b>6th - 8th:</b> Perth 4WD Show p 11
	16	17	18	19	20	21	<b>Tue 10th:</b> Annual General Meeting & General Meeting
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	<b>Sun 15th:</b> Lancelin Dunes
29	30						

### December 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			2	3	4		<b>Tue 1st:</b> Committee Meeting
6	7		9	10	11	12	<b>Sat 5th:</b> Xmas Party
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	<b>Tue 8th:</b> General Meeting
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30				

### SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

**School Holidays:** Sept 26 - 11 Oct, Dec 18 - Jan 31

**Public holidays:** Sept 28, Dec 25, Dec 28, Jan 1, Jan 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.**

TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

**LANCELIN DUNES SUNDAY  
15TH NOVEMBER**

The Subaru 4WD Club wants  
to invite  
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. We split into groups depending on experience and start off easy, progressing to something more challenging. Due to the way we run this trip, numbers will be limited.

This is a trip for all members in all model 4WD Subarus (except unlifted Libertys or Imprezas). Outbacks have had a few front clearance problems in the past, so if these owners have any concerns please contact the trip leader. Also it pays to remove the plastic splash tray under the engine if it has not already been replaced with a sump guard. Prospective, new and existing members are all invited to learn the capabilities of their vehicle and their driving ability.

For more information or to put your name down for the trip, either send an email to [trips@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au](mailto:trips@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au) or call Travis on 0422815737

## TRIP & SOCIAL REPORTS

### Pub Dinner in July (the 25th)



After googling “Xmas in July” and looking at a number of third party organised Xmas in July events, the price per person did not seem reasonable. We therefore ended up with a “Pub Dinner in July” at the Captain Stirling Hotel in Nedlands.

I thought the venue was good; thankfully there was no loud music and, for a Saturday night, there didn’t actually seem to be all that many people there. I had booked a table, but need not have worried as there were plenty of spare tables in the dining room.

The food was standard pub fare. I opted for the “Fisherman’s Catch”. A couple of others chose Burgers. Most in attendance seemed happy with their meal. Some of us enjoyed a wine or two while we ate and others enjoyed the amber fluid. Designated drivers were in place. A good night was had by all.

Tony Richards.



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PSOT SAND TRAINING AND RECOVERY DAY 12-07-15



Nine Subarus assembled at the Sydney Road entrance to the Gnangara Pine Plantation on a chilly Sunday morning. Two XVs were in the crowd, good to see an increasing number of these on Club trips.

Adrian Longwood, a Club Committee member and also owner of Premium SUV Offroad Training (hence the PSOT) was our Trip Leader and instructor for the day. First lesson was deflating tyres- we ended up with a range from 20 to 10 psi, the last being Adrian's choice.

We drove into the Plantation on our way to the first sand playground and several comments were made about the horrendous amount of dumped rubbish we passed, sad evidence of the less thoughtful members of the population.

Arriving at the Pines Skate Park Bowl, Adrian showed us how it should be done, zooming effortlessly up the sand hill. The rest of us had a go and we soon discovered why low tyre pressures are IMPORTANT when sand driving. Some of us needed to reverse back and have another go at the hill. Others needed a bit of digging and pushing. Adrian went up a hill in reverse just to be encouraging.



## TRIP & SOCIAL REPORTS

Then it was on to the Sand Bowl for morning tea, then lots of playing in the sand by everyone. Katie & Wayne took their blue XVs for a workout and one of them kindly provided an opportunity for Adrian to demonstrate recovery techniques using maxtracks (combined with digging and pushing).



Not to be out-done, a Forster obligingly bogged on the top of a hill affording Adrian a timely opportunity to demonstrate recovery with a snatch strap. Adrian uses a bridle to spread the load and a snatch strap rated 7 tons or less. 8 ton straps sold by 4WD shops are not correct for Subarus, make sure you purchase the correct rating.



Adrian also demonstrated the correct way to join an extension strap to the snatch strap and the correct way to connect the straps to tow points on the car. NEVER attach a strap to a tow ball. Many people have been killed when the towball detaches under the strain, snapping back to fatally strike someone in the car or a bystander. Tie-down points should not be used for a hard snatch.

For Safety Guidelines using snatch straps see this link:

<https://www.juststraps.com.au/pdf/Snatch%20Straps%20Industry%20Guidelines%20Final%20March%202008%20Amended%20pdf.pdf>

The 4WD Association of WA is conducting a snatch strap demonstration at the Kaarakin Busy Bee on 19th Sept (see page 7).

.Adrian demonstrated the reverse sand hill ascent & descent again, which was quite impressive as many of the group would attest it was difficult enough not getting bogged while going forward let alone trying it backwards! An ongoing discussion ensued with Katie calling her XV “Xena (the Warrior Princess)” for zooming up the sand hills, and Travis insisting on “Dougie” (as being dug out several times). The jury was still out as the convoy left the Bowl and drove through the Pine Plantation to the last stop of the day - the Triple Hills.



Here the sand was even boggier if possible, with the added excitement of great lumps of broken concrete scattered about. It was the other XV's turn to star in Adrian's demo of recovery by digging and judiciously placed maxtracks. Tyre pressures were all very low at this point and people were gaining confidence in the capabilities of their cars in the sandy terrain.



Day's activity finished with a slow drive (due to the low tyre pressures) to Jim's place where every one aired up. A late lunch was had in the comfort of the patio and much re-telling of the day's adventures. Thank you Adrian, for organising and leading the trip. I learned some very useful recovery techniques. Joy Unno.

**MAINTENANCE MATTERS**

**Subaru Cabin Pollen Air Filter Replacement**

**Adrian Longwood**

Most vehicles have a Cabin air filter, to stop pollen and dust from the outside air, or even in the inside air in the cabin when the aircon is set to re-circulate. It acts in the same way the air filter for the engine does and also needs replacing from time to time.

The cabin air filter isn't actually on the service checklist for any of the service intervals, and is often not known about. For these reasons its something that can easily clog up over time without anyone knowing.

It's fairly affordable to replace, at around \$80 from local auto parts stores or around half that online.

Installation takes around half an hour, but after you've done it once, it's even easier second time around. It's a matter of removing about 8 screws that hold the glove box in, then another screw holding a small electrical module, then you can remove the side lid/panel and slide out the air filter. You will probably notice that it is very dusty and wonder how your aircon was even still working!

Once removed you slide in the new air filter, clip the panel back on, mount the small electrical components back on with the single screw then put the glove box back together. Now you're done and you will notice an instant improvement in the flow from the air conditioner.

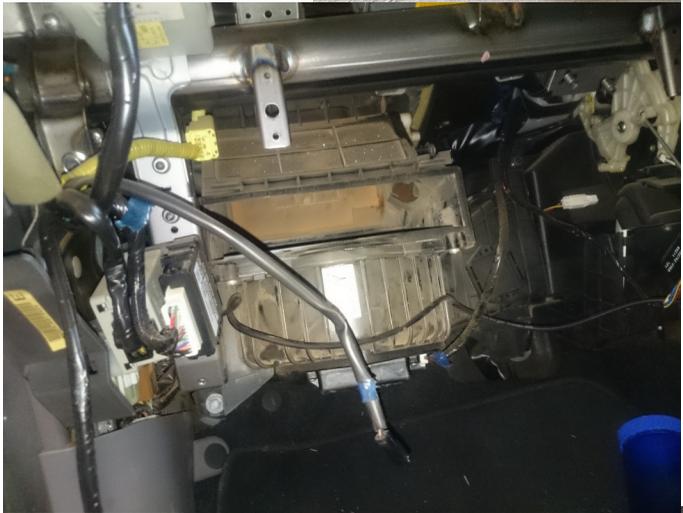
For anyone that has been in a convoy a few times on dusty roads, or who has a car older than 5 years, it's certainly about time you should replace it. Happy breathing!

## **Subaru Cabin Pollen Air Filter Replacement**

1. Remove glove box.



2. Remove old filter.



3. Insert new, clean filter.



### Tyre Pressure Opinions

Ian Johnson says :

Tyre pressures make a never ending discussion. Manufacturers are very interested in selling a quiet, comfortable ride which you get on lower tyre pressures. They are not interested in tyre wear which you get on lower tyre pressures. We (car buyers, owners and enthusiasts) are interested in tyre wear, handling and braking.

So, my opinion, for both my Subarus (Forester & WRX) is:

Pump up tyres to 32 psi (220 kPa) front/rear minimum empty in town. (34/235 for the WRX).

34 / 235 front/rear minimum empty touring. 36/250 for the WRX).

36F/38R (250/264) front/rear loaded touring/camping on bitumen.

For gravel or dirt , loaded, slow down and drop pressures to ~32/34 (220/235). Gravel & dirt is where the discussion comes in, so feel free to ask others. The lower the tyre profile, the more difficult this issue becomes. Yes, it's a lot of fiddling, but it is worthwhile in reducing tyre wear, or damage, particularly in the country, or off the bitumen.

This is a quick psi/kPa converter:-

<http://www.csgnetwork.com/presskpapsicvt.html>

Hope this helps you and others.

The manufacturer's car sticker for loaded with a trailer or van is a guide – but use the highest number for both the front and rear (not just for the rear).

For many years I (and long joined members) have used Stetho gauges (variously badged). Usually very accurate, but I have had a few that did not hold their reading (leaked a bit).

My suggestion is to give the Dr Air TG3 (red plastic?) a go. Also the SCA Digital or Stetho. Shop around! Currently, I am using a Dr Air digital N11912 which looks exactly like the SCA with a different sticker! So far it's been good.

Got a tyre pressure opinion? Send it to:

[editor@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au](mailto:editor@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au)

## Tyre Gauge Information

**Tyre Gauges Choice Jan 2015** (These were given 100% in performance score.)

<https://www.choice.com.au/transport/cars/tyres/reviews-and-tests/pressure-gauge#comparison-table>

<p>Dr Air Dial Tyre Gauge 10-75 psi TG3 <b>\$13</b></p>	
<p>Ridge Ryder 4x4 Tyre Gauge with Hose TDG-03B <b>\$40</b></p>	
<p>Calibre Tyre Gauge with Stainless Steel Hose PLU 284480 (TE-081) <b>\$40</b></p>	
<p>Pro-Kit Stetho Gauge RG2712 <b>\$25</b></p>	
<p>SCA Digital Tyre Gauge PLU 10924 <b>\$25</b></p>	
<p><b>Other Major Brands</b></p>	
<p>ARB E-Z Tire Deflator, RRP-<b>\$70</b></p>	
<p>Bushranger 3-in-1 Tyre Gauge RRP <b>\$32</b></p>	
<p>Lion Dial Gauge (Stetho) RRP <b>\$28</b></p>	

Thanks Ian & Adrian for contributing to this list.

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