

June 2016



## ***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 2015 - 2016: David Peck**

### LIFE MEMBERS

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

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Fellow members,

At the last Committee meeting, the Committee decided to put in place a door prize for members attending general meetings. Tickets will be handed out to attending members and a draw will be made for a prize valued at around \$10.00 - \$20.00. The idea behind the door prize is to encourage more members to attend general meetings. "The more, the merrier" as they say!

On 1 July, a new Associations Incorporations Act is expected to commence. As the Club is an incorporated association, it will apply to the Club and the Committee. The key features of the new Act include:

- a requirement for larger clubs and incorporated associations to prepare formal financial statements and have them audited – it does not apply to incorporated associations with revenue of less than \$250,000.00, so will not apply to our Club!;
- a flexible approach to what contact information a member must provide to an association, as well as limits on what can be done with that information, in recognition of the strong public interest in the protection of personal privacy – Club members can now legally provide:
  - their residential address; or
  - postal address; or
  - email address
- Committee members will be subject to new statutory duties which reinforce their existing common law duties – these include:
  - a duty of care and diligence;
  - a duty to act in good faith in the best interests of the Club and for a proper purpose;
  - a duty not to misuse one's position; and
  - a duty not to misuse information obtained through the position to gain an advantage for themselves or someone else, or to cause detriment to the Club.
- a requirement for associations to have an internal dispute resolution process written into its constitution – this will mean a review of the Club constitution at some point, noting that there is a lengthy transition period of three years to allow for this updating; and
- the Club will need to give each new member a copy of the Club constitution.

For information on upcoming trips, please see Dave's Trip Co-ordinator's Report and the Trip Calendar.

Tony Richards

**TRIP CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT**

We had a good turnout for the night drive with two guests and a new member joining on the night, welcome Sebastian. Adrian did a good job taking us down some interesting tracks which are a whole lot different at night and we were home reasonably early too. Thanks Adrian.

The Fiddles and Nibbles at Jims saw a number of jobs being done with the largest being fitting a dual battery into Deborah's car (to go with her new Engel fridge) and some o'rings and hoses replaced on the oil cooler on Tony's car.

As there was not a lot of interest for the 4WD Association gathering in Albany for the long weekend in June Keith has kindly volunteered to run a trip down to the Dryandra Woodland which is a bit closer to home. Have a look at the trip promo on the website and come along.

On June 18<sup>th</sup> you have lots of options, you can choose to:

- \* Just come for the day trip through Avon Valley NP and not participate in the cookout;
- \* Just participate in the cookout and not come for the day trip;
- \* Camp under the stars or go home after dinner; or
- \* If staying for dinner. Cook on the camp fire using a camp oven or not or simply cook on your gas stove.

All very flexible!

The annual dinner in Toodyay this year is up on the website so put your name down quick as there are limited numbers.

Cheers David

**Problems with Website**

Many of you may be aware that the clubs website has had a few days down-time in May. This has been caused by hardware problems at our hosting company that were outside of our control.

The main impact of this has been the requirement to reset everyone's password. So if you've not been to the site lately you'll need to reset your password before logging in. Instructions have been placed on the main page.

## TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION

### **Dryandra Woodland nature LWE - Sat 4 to Mon 6 June**

With only two people going to Albany for the 4WD gathering it was decided to hold another event for the Western Australia Day long weekend. I will be leading a trip to Dryandra 180km south of Perth. We will be staying at the Congelin campground just north of Williams. There won't be any organised four wheel driving involved as it is all good gravel roads in the area.

It is planned as a 'get back to nature' weekend the emphasis being looking for animals, birds and flowers. Dryandra woodlands are one of the best places to see our state emblem the Numbat which is one of the few native animals which can be seen during the day. Other animals sometimes spotted are echidnas, woylies, tamar wallabies, brushtail possums and kangaroos. More than 100 species of birds live in the area, including the mound-building malleefowl.

Dryandra is an especially scenic area with magnificent woodlands and spectacular wildflowers particularly later in the spring. The open eucalypt woodlands of white-barked wandoo and powderbark covered much of the Wheatbelt before it was cleared for farming. Thickets of rock sheoak provide habitat for several of Dryandra's rare species.

See more at: <https://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/park/dryandra-woodland#sthash.2zhH9111.dpuf>

**Bring:** Everything for camping for a long weekend including water, food (we will have a group BBQ Saturday night). Tents, camper trailers and caravans are all OK. Also walking gear, backpack, water bottle, cameras and binoculars if you have them.

**Camping cost:** \$10 adult, \$6.60 concession, \$2.20 child (5 to 16) a person per night

**Facilities:** Toilets, gas BBQs and open ring fire pits (firewood provided)

**Dogs:** No as it is administered by DPaW

**Trip leader:** Keith Wilcox 0413 266 245

**TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION**

**Camp Fire Cookout/Overnighter - Sat 18 to Sun 19 June**

The Annual Camp Fire Cookout is back! However you can choose not to participate in the cookout and just come for an overnight camp under the stars. Or you can participate in the cookout and go home after the meal. All very flexible!

We will be camping at our own group site in the Avon Valley National Park. The plan is to travel from Gingers to the northern side of the National Park, stopping to look at places connected with Western Australia's best known bush ranger, Joseph Bolitho Johns, alias "Moondyne Joe". It should be an easy, scratch free, scenic drive.



We will then continue on towards Toodyay via Julimar Road, turning south down River Road before reaching Toodyay and then from there on to the southern entrance into the National Park and our campsite. Toodyay township and Cobblers Pool are optional extras which we can visit, time permitting.

The intention is to get to our campsite by early afternoon, in plenty of time for camp oven meals to be prepared and cooked. We will be staying at the Cec Barrows Group campsite. We will have exclusive use of the group site. Camp fires are permitted only in the fire rings provided. However, I have spoken to the Ranger and he understands that to cook in camp ovens we will need to use hot coals outside the fire ring. Provided we dispose of the hot coals responsibly, this will not be an issue.

Firewood is not supplied and collecting firewood within the park is not allowed. **We will need to bring our own firewood. Can you please bring some firewood with you.**

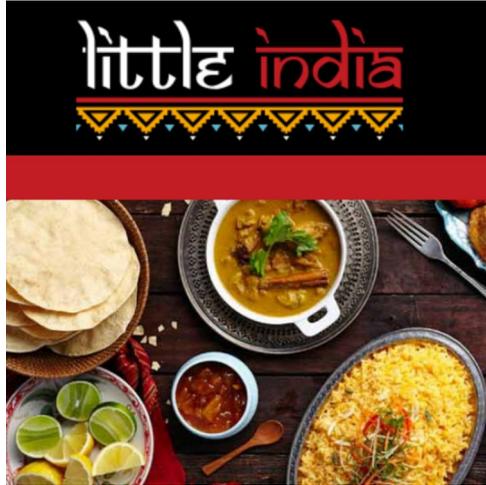
Unless you have a Parks Pass, you will need to pay an entry fee of \$12.00 per vehicle (or \$6.00 per vehicle, concession). Camping fees are \$7.50 per adult (\$5.50 concession) and \$2.20 per child, per night. All fees are payable at the park registration station.

On Sunday, there are no planned activities. Participants can make their way home in their own time.

Trip Leader: Tony Richards **9386 7705**

TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION

LITTLE INDIA RESTAURANT MEAL – Sat 23 July



Little India is a cosy restaurant with authentic Indian food and a welcoming atmosphere. Delicious vegetarian options are available and a \$30 Banquet Buffet offers a variety of scrumptious dishes including Indian desserts. Suitable for those not keen on hot curries or those that like it hot! All tastes catered for.

**Time:** Saturday night 7 pm

**Address:** Warwick Entertainment Center, 1/639 Beach Rd, Warwick WA 6024 (next to Video Ezy)

**Parking:** Underground parking available

**BYO:** \$3 corkage fee for wine

**Numbers:** Limited space, so get in early

**Menu:** <http://www.littleindiarestaurant.com.au/dine-menu.html>

Contact Joy on 0429 473 709 with any questions

**TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION**

**Mundaring Powerline Cleanup - Sat 3 September**

Joint 4WD Association, Track Care and Parks & Wildlife organised cleanup of the Powerline Track at Mundaring. Further detail to follow.

Contact: David PECK 0402 177 886

**Kings Park Picnic/BBQ lunch - Sunday 18 September**

Come and have a Picnic/BBQ lunch in Kings Park at the "Synergy Parkland", which includes Zamia Café and Bovell Ki-  
osk, at the western end of the park on May Drive.

From 10.00am onwards. Parking can be an issue, so the earlier you get there, the easier it should be to get a park.



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## TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION

### Two Trips – Expressions of Interest – Get in Quick

*Two 9 day bush camping trips. Both will have car places reserved to mentor and encourage 'newish' members to go bush. Places are limited so get in quick or join the unlimited waiting list. A couple of 2-night camps on both trips. Full details of theme, locality maps, itineraries from Ian.*

Soon I will update the website and add detailed info to the "Uploads" section. Check occasionally.

**1: Kurrajong to Credo.** August 20<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Great Western Woodlands NE of Southern X exploring some new (to me) tracks through Die-mals, Kurrajong RH, Jaurdi to Credo. Superb woodlands, salt lakes, claypans, gnammas, rockholes & ranges. Maybe some gilgies/yabbies! A rare option to join/depart if car-shy or time-short. Terrain dirt tracks, a few rocks - nothing is impossible!

Some of the best camping in Australia. *Cook on open fires or gas both trips - we love food!*

**2: Israelite Bay.** October 8<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. Israelite Bay, Point Malcolm, Mt Ragged, Balladonia. Bring small fishing kit. Many historic settlers huts have been lovingly restored and we will visit some. It is spectacular country to drive through with a surprisingly wide range of habitats, terrain, scenery and bush camping on well-travelled tracks - mostly dirt or sand; some corrugations.

If interested as a driver (or as passenger with an experienced member) please contact Ian & Nina ASAP for more details.

Ian Johnson 0419936566 [echidnawrx@westnet.com.au](mailto:echidnawrx@westnet.com.au)

## TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION

### Collie Camping - 10-11 September

A trip down south to Wellington National Park. We will be staying at one of the P&W camp grounds in the National Park (hopefully Honeymoon Pool) and exploring the local area and tracks.

**Driver Experience:** The trip is open to drivers of all skill levels. It will be a good opportunity for members to improve their 4WDing skills.

**Options:** Those members wanting to laze around camp will be free to do so. Apart from exploring the local tracks, other potential activities include swimming, bushwalking, picnicking, canoeing and fishing.



**Camping:** Hopefully at Honeymoon Pool camp ground. If full, we will need to look at other camping grounds within the NP. Full details (and photos) of Honeymoon Pool can be found at the P&W website: <http://parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au/camp-finder/viewproperty/honeymoon-pool/73/en>

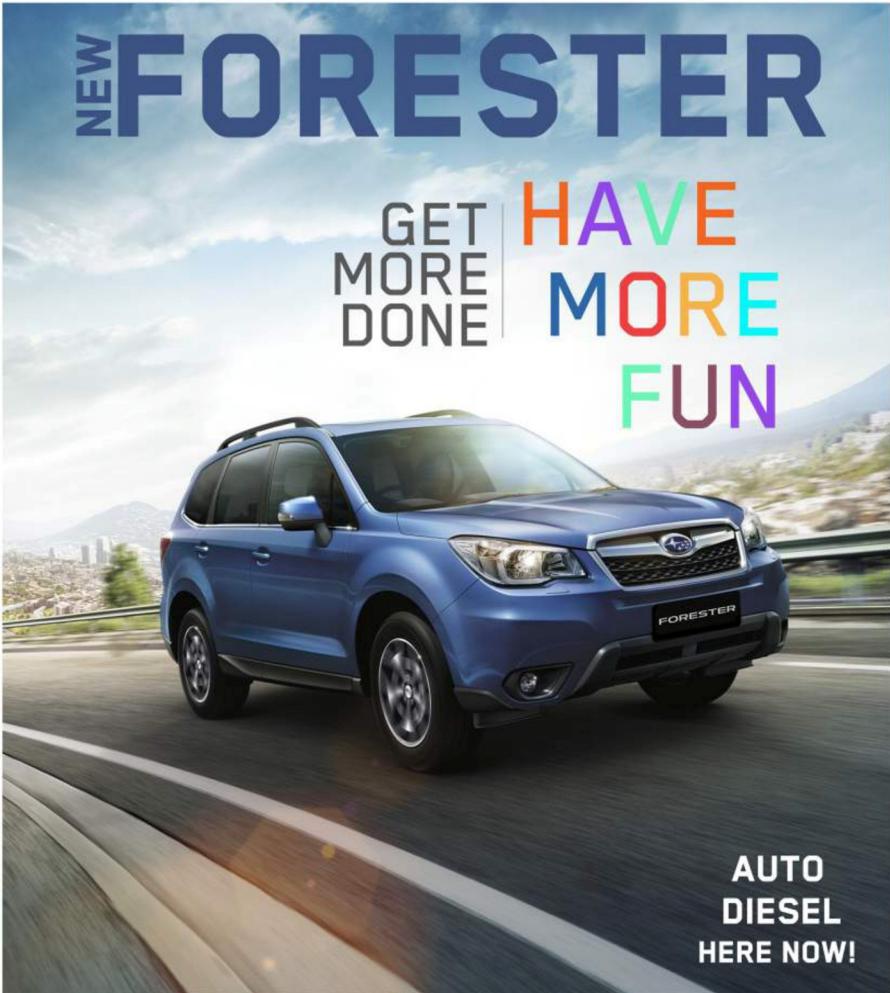
**Cost:** Camping – Adults \$10.00 per night (Concession \$6.60). In addition, unless you have a Parks Pass, a National Park entry fee of \$12.00 (concession \$6.00) per vehicle is payable.

**Meet:** At the corner of Albany and South Western Highways, in the car park behind the Inne - **8.45 for a 9.00 departure.**

**Bring:** Everything needed for a overnight camp

**Contact:** Tony Richards on 9386 7705

or email to [president@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au](mailto:president@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au)

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

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## CLUB CALENDAR

### June 2016

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			1	2	3	4	<b>Sat 4th - Mon 6th:</b> LWE - Dryandra Woodland Page 5 <b>Tue 7th:</b> Committee Meeting <b>Tue 14th:</b> General Meeting <b>Sat 18th:</b> Camp Fire Cookout Avon Valley Page 6
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30			

### July 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
31					1	2	<b>Sun 3rd:</b> Start of Lorna Glen Getaway - Through to 12th <b>Tue 5th:</b> Committee Meeting <b>Mon 10th:</b> Start of Red Centre Ramble - Through to 3rd Aug <b>Tue 12th:</b> General Meeting <b>Sat 23rd:</b> Little India Restaurant Page 10
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### August 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	<b>Tue 2nd:</b> Committee Meeting <b>Tue 9th:</b> General Meeting <b>Sun 14th:</b> Mt Observation Page 8 <b>Sat 20th - Sun 28th:</b> Kurrajong to Credo in the Great Western Woodlands Page 9
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### September 2016

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				1	2		<b>Sat 3rd:</b> Powerline Cleanup Page 4
							<b>Tue 6th:</b> Committee Meeting
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	12		14	15	16	17	<b>Tue 13th:</b> General Meeting
	19	20	21	22	23		<b>Sun 18th:</b> Kings Park Picnic BBQ lunch Page 8
		27	28	29	30		<b>Sat 24th - Mon 26th:</b> Camp Oven cooking learn how Page 14

### October 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
						1	<b>Tue 4th:</b> Committee Meeting
30	31						<b>Sat 8th - Sun 16th:</b> Israelite Bay Page 9
2	3		5	6	7		<b>Tue 11th:</b> General Meeting
9	10		12	13	14	15	<b>Sat 29th:</b> Annual Dinner at Toodyay Page 15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28		

**Upcoming trip: November - 4WD Adventure Show**

#### SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

**School Holidays:** Jul 2-17, Sep 24-Oct 9

**Public holidays:** Jun 6, Sep 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!**

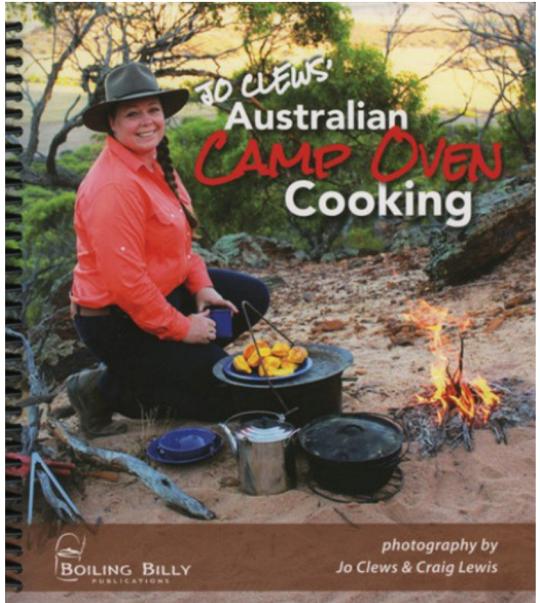
**Some trips are ideas only and may be subject to change. Some of the later trips need trip leaders – volunteers please.**

TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION

**Camp Oven Learn How Sat 24<sup>th</sup> to Mon 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**This is a camp oven cookout with help from bush cook Jo Clews**

This will be held at Jo's new home, Melangata Station, NNE of Yalgoo, around 650km from Perth. We will learn to cook a dish, that we bring to share, for the Sunday evening. Some with mains and some desserts. If you don't have a camp oven you may be able to borrow one or join in and help out someone else. Jo will do a damper class that you can join in on and also a scone and bread making on Monday morning before we leave.



Camping cost \$35 per person for 2 nights including Jo's cooking expertise.

Bring your own meals for Saturday night, lunch and breakfasts.

Hopefully there will be wildflowers around to have a look at on Sunday morning.

Looking at a number of around 20 people for this trip.

After that it will be cut off.

Bring everything for a bush camp. Water and firewood available on site.

Also bring: Camp oven with ingredients for your chosen dish and heat beads for cooking.

Trip leader: Joy 0429 473 709

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**TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION**

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**Annual Dinner - Saturday 29 October**

Join us for our Annual Dinner and Awards Night. Dinner will be at the Freemason Hotel in Toodyay from 6pm. The cost of the 3 course meal is \$40 per head. They will put on a buffet breakfast in the morning at a cost of \$17.50 per head if we have enough people interested.

Numbers are limited so get your booking in before you miss out. Don't forget to get your votes in for the awards.

Please put your meal choice in your booking. These will be ordered a week before.

**Entrée**

Chefs Soup of the Day  
Bruschetta  
Mini tempura seafood platter

**Main**

Chicken Parmigiana with chips and salad  
Fish and chips with salad  
Rump Steak cooked to your liking with mushroom, pepper or garlic sauce with chips and salad

**Dessert**

Homemade apple crumble with ice cream  
Sticky date pudding with cream  
Mini cheeseboard with dried fruits

Please let me know any dietary requirements that are not catered for above and they will be able to cater for these.

**Accommodation**

The hotel has pencilled us in for all of their rooms. Please call them on 9574 2201 to make a booking. Prices are from \$85 per night.

The Toodyay Caravan park has sites from \$32 and cabins from \$85. This is a decent walk from the hotel. Call them on 9574 2612.

The Victoria Hotel is a short walk and can be called on 9574 2206 to book a room.

There are many bed and breakfasts a bit further out of town see <http://www.toodyay.com/accommodation.asp> for other accommodation options.

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**PRODUCT REVIEWS**

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**2 Litre water container**



I was looking for a water container that would fit in the car fridge without taking up much room and found this one at Masters. It only fits in the fridge one way but then becomes the divider. The only problem is that the opening is very small making it hard to fill up.

**Tissue Box Holder**

For years I have had a box of tissues supported by a nifty little tissue box holder that I first noticed whilst holidaying in Bali. I bought my first one there but bought another through eBay for my new car. I removed the roof light then bent over the attaching bracket to fit around the roof liner and refitted the light so I didn't need to drill any holes to fit it.



David

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**TRIP & SOCIAL REPORTS**

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**Bremer Bay - Day 4 (The main group)**

It had been dry overnight with clear skies and the temperature dropping to about 15° though there was heavy dew in the morning. Jo had planned to leave at 9 so it was a fairly relaxed pack up and we were all ready on time. Andy & Karen were staying a few days more at the Bremer Bay resort as they were Glamping, and Keith was off to Cheynes beach to hopefully photograph some birds. That left just six of us and Stephan was only going as far as Jerramungup as he was continuing on to spend the night at Peak Charles before heading up to Kalgoorlie.

We refuelled at Gnowangerup again as it was much cheaper and continued on to Broomehill to have lunch at Henry Jones Winery & Café which was well worth the visit and everyone enjoyed the food.

Though lunch had barely settled we had to stop for the kids (Adrian, Lauren & Tony) to play on the 'All Ages' playground at Katanning which was well done with some adult sized playground equipment.



A quick rest stop at Brookton and we were pleased with the amount of traffic on the road but the closer we got to Perth the worse the other driver's behaviour got. As we approached Perth we all started going our own way and I introduced Jo and Joy to a more relaxed route from the Brookton highway to the Tonkin highway via Canning road and Welshpool road.

Thanks Jo for putting the trip together and doing a great job of leading it.

David

## Wheatbelt Way Day 2 Sat 24 May 2016



Woke to the piping tones of a Rufous Whistler (thanks Keith), had a leisurely breakfast, then went walking with the group over Beringbooding Rock, an extensive granite monadnock. After looking at the amazing, almost full giant water tank, we went to Kangaroo Hole, a water-filled rock hole under a multicoloured, slightly wave-form rock face- very

picturesque but we all agreed that we wouldn't drink the water.



Then we climbed to the top of the rock for a group photo next to the cairn. Tony added a rock to the cairn to commemorate our visit. Walking around to the rear of the rock, we discovered the balancing boulders, another good photo opportunity. A search went on to find the aboriginal hand paintings in a hollow under a big boulder to the east of the rock. I only discovered them by looking through the camera viewfinder, they were very faint.

Continuing around the perimeter along the low rock wall, we all marvelled at the effort it must have taken to construct this feature. Emma and Julie found a Quandong tree but the fruit was still very green.

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Eventually we ended up at Kangaroo Hole again and then back to camp.



We headed off in convoy to Ellachbutting Rock, an even bigger granite monadnock, where at the first stop we saw the rainbow rock wave-face, walked through Monty's Pass, a tunnel formed by a giant fallen rock slab and had fun in the echoing Kings Cave. Keith obligingly took pictures of people sticking their heads out of a tiny hole in the rock. Back at the car park Jo saw a sign to another Well which prompted a pun from Travis on how over-"well"-ming it all was. Driving around to the other side of the monadnock, we found a place for morning tea and

climbed up to explore the rock.

There were some good sized gnammas with water in them spotted around the rock surface. A smaller gnamma had large orange ostracods and tiny black leeches in the water while a larger gnamma supported a population of tadpoles. Wayne got his quadcopter drone flying, surprising some tourists way down the other end of the rock. Lunch was at a spot further along the track before



driving out past the camp ground and the aforementioned Well.



The next stop was about 30 km away at Bonnie Rock, a former railway town in the 1930s now a ghost town with only the Town Hall remaining and signs indicating the location of past businesses.

A longer drive along good but very dusty gravel roads took us north to Emu Proof Fence Road and then Billiburning Rock - yes, another granite monadnock. Wayne flew his quadcopter again and got a great images of the cars parked around in a Subaru Circle. We hope to see this video sometime on his webpage:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=vigor3d](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=vigor3d)

A desire was expressed for an ice cream stop so we stopped by Beacon on the way back to camp only to find nothing open, very typical of small Australian country towns. Back at camp we found the place had become a caravan park with the addition of two enormous vans.

Braving the biting midges we sat and watched the sunset over the rock and were somewhat dismayed when a loud chorus of whooping frogs started up. Keith and I went looking for the culprits and found a fat burrowing frog, before having dinner and heading for bed.



Thanks, David for organising the trip. I have learned a lot about the natural and cultural history of our north-eastern Wheatbelt.

Joy Unno

## Wheatbelt Way Day 3 Sun 24 May

An early start for Travis and I to get to the Anzac service in Bencubbin. Everyone else there met us at the service station before we headed out to the Pergande Sheep Yards.

Edward James and his wife Ann Pergande took up land here in 1920. There is still the ruins of the homestead and sheep yard here. They also built a swimming pool at the base of Wiacubbing Hill along with a 9 hole golf course and a tennis court.

Quick drive through Gabbin to see the town that was. The school shut in 2002. The old bus out the back has a dummy sitting in the driving seat. Should have stopped for a photo.



Koorda was the stop for lunch. Then an afternoon tea stop at Toodyay Coca Cola cafe.

Jo

### “The Breakaways” Upgrade

131k east of Hyden on the Hyden-Norseman road.

The shire of Kondinin has received a NRM (Natural Resources Management) grant so the environmentally sensitive area can be better protected and managed. It is now heavily used by transient visitors and campers (like us) and features as a stopping place in the brochure – “*The Granite and Woodlands Discovery Trail*”. It is also the site of a priority one (P1) plant *Eremophila lucida* and is a nesting site of the migratory White-backed swallow *Cheramoeca leucosternum*.



Some of the rehabilitation measures include: -

- 1 main camping ground at the top entry point to the site. [I assume this is in the woodland trees]
- 1 day picnic area at the bottom end of the track.
- Removal of fire pits to main camping area.
- Bollard work.
- Installation of second pit toilet.
- Update of interpretive and educative signage.
- All tables and camping sites removed from face of the breakaway.
- Closure of vehicle access around southern end of the loop.

I don't have a problem with any of this, but it will be interesting to see if the 'bogan' element are able to cope.

Info from the Dundas & Kondinin Shire websites.

Regards, Ian Johnson.

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