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## ***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.

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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Fellow members,

Congratulations to Jo on winning the first of our regular door prizes, which was a 3-in-1 LED torch. There are more to come!

I have just returned from the Camp Fire Cookout. I think all the members attending had a good time. I know I did! See the trip report later in the mag.

The Association's "4WD Gathering" in Albany on the June LWE, which Adrian and I attended, was also a good event, with a total of 157 members from 15 Clubs. The next 4WD Gathering will be held considerably further north at Geraldton on the June LWE next year. It will be sponsored by the Geraldton 4WD Club. Hopefully, given the warmer latitude, a few more members might be interested in attending.

I recently sent a broadcast email (with attached flyer) to all members about the new Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council Member Rewards Programme. The programme is paid for by the National Council. It costs them something like \$1.50 per member and they have paid for 13,000 members (Australia-wide)! There is no cost to Club members. No harm in having a look to see what it has to offer.

I mention now that my August President's Report will be sent from Africa and I will be an apology for the August General Meeting. Dave Peck has kindly offered to chair that meeting for me. Thanks, Dave.

Given our Annual Dinner (Awards night) is not all that far away, I again encourage all trip participants to complete a silly award nomination online if there was someone on their trip whose conduct and/or actions deserve to be recognised!

Tony Richards

**TRIP CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT**

By the time you read this there will be a group of us heading towards Lorna Glen station which we have been looking forward to for a long time. Unfortunately that means that we will not be doing any day trips during July but everyone is welcome to come along for a meal at the Little India restaurant on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We had a very successful day trip and overnight camp in the Avon Valley National Park thanks to Tony for the good idea. We made it to camp fairly early and stoked up the fire trying to get some good coals for cooking. There was heaps of good food (as usual) and everybody seemed to enjoy it and what's more the weather was dry and not too cold.

Between Aug 20-28 Ian is leading a trip to Kurrabung to Credo and it would be the perfect opportunity for new members to learn from one of the most experienced bush campers that I know. Between Ian and Nina they have a wealth of knowledge and they are very happy to share it with everyone.

**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:

		<p>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.</p>	 <p>Embroidered Badges – \$5.00.</p>		
		<p>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.</p>	 <p>Subaru Stickers – \$2.00.</p>		
		<p>Navy blue Everest Zip Polar Fleece jacket. Selling for \$55.00.</p>	 <p>Beanies – selling for \$12.00.</p>	 <p>Caps – selling for \$20.00.</p>	 <p>Flat pack neoprene can coolers – \$5.00.</p>

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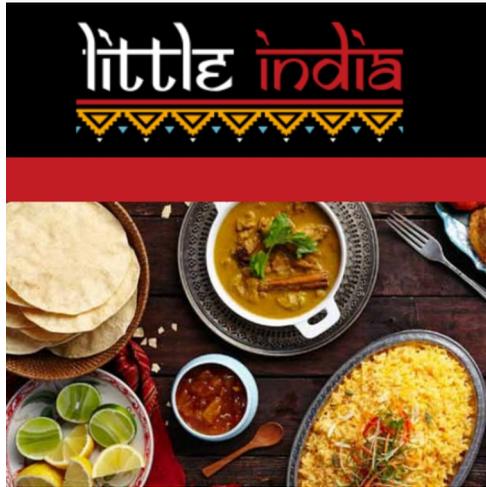
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LITTLE INDIA RESTAURANT MEAL – Sat 23 July



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

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**TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION**

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**Mount Observation & Wandoo country  
Sunday 14 August**

Come join us for a trip on easy forestry tracks through undulating Wandoo woodlands.

A day trip along a series of forestry tracks stopping at Mt Observation. Then circling the edge of the water catchment area through the Wandoo National Park (probably doing some of the 4WD days out of Perth Wandoo North).

The track is a bit scratchy on the way to Mt Observation but this section can be by-passed if you are worried about your car.

**Departure Location:** Toolmart car park Great Eastern Highway Midland (just east of Roe Highway).

**Departure Time:** 0915 for a 0930 start.

**Distance:** Approx 150km.

**Rating:** Easy. Mostly forestry tracks.

**Toilets available:** There are long drops at the Mt Observation.

**Equipment needed:** Radio, Full tank of fuel, food & drink.  
Sorry No Dogs.

**Trip Leader:** David on 0402 177 886  
or email [tripcoordinator@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au](mailto:tripcoordinator@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au)

## TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION

**Kurrajong to Credo - now open to all members August 20 - 28**



Typical camping in the GWW

A 9 day trip through The Great Western Woodlands. Cooking on open fires [or on gas], camping in the trees and exploring. The terrain and tracks will vary from dirt to a few rocks, perhaps creeks and a few wheel ruts - some 'gardening' or track repairs - as per most trips. We have never been stopped!

Eucalypt forests, scrublands, salt lakes, flowers, granites, ranges and the wonders of nature. We will visit some pioneer wells, gnammas & rockholes. No rush - several 2 night camps. Includes Diemals, Johnson Rock, Kurrajong Rock, Menzies, Ularring Rock, and Credo to Jaurdi. Please contact me for more details ASAP, or join on the website.



Damper by Ian 2008

Vehicle numbers restricted. **New and experienced members welcome.**

**Ian Johnson**

### TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION

#### **WHITEMAN PARK WOODLAND WALK AND BBQ LUNCH SUNDAY 28 AUGUST: 11.00am WALK AND 12.00pm ONWARDS FOR LUNCH**

Come for a free guided walk through the bush at Woodland Reserve, Whiteman Park. The walk will be led by Reg Woods, former Club member who is now a volunteer guide at the Park and recently gave a talk at the General Meeting. Meet at the Visitors Information Centre (see map on trip page) just before 11am. The walk should take approximately an hour. Afterwards, join us for a BBQ/picnic lunch at Mussel Pool. There is another Woodland Walk at 1.00pm if you miss the first one.



Let's go on a picnic BBQ at pretty Mussel Pool, Whiteman Park!

We have booked a three table Picnic Shelter (Q on the map) near the Wedding Island at Mussel Pool. The shelter seats 24, has a roof, and there are gas BBQs nearby which operate on \$1 coins. The Picnic Shelter has been booked for the Club from 9 am to 5 pm so if you are a member by all means make use of it in the morning or afternoon. Lunch is scheduled to start at 12pm and will go for a couple of hours.

Why not make a day of it at Whiteman Park checking out the numerous attractions including the Children's Forest, the Transport Museum, the Tractor Museum, the Village Gallery, Handcrafts & Pottery, Caversham Wildlife Park, and Woodlands Reserve Interpretive Centre. Then swing by the Picnic Shelter for lunch with the group. Bring your own food and drink, and games to play on the lawn.

Join the trip on the website or contact Joy on 0429 473 709.

**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 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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### 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>

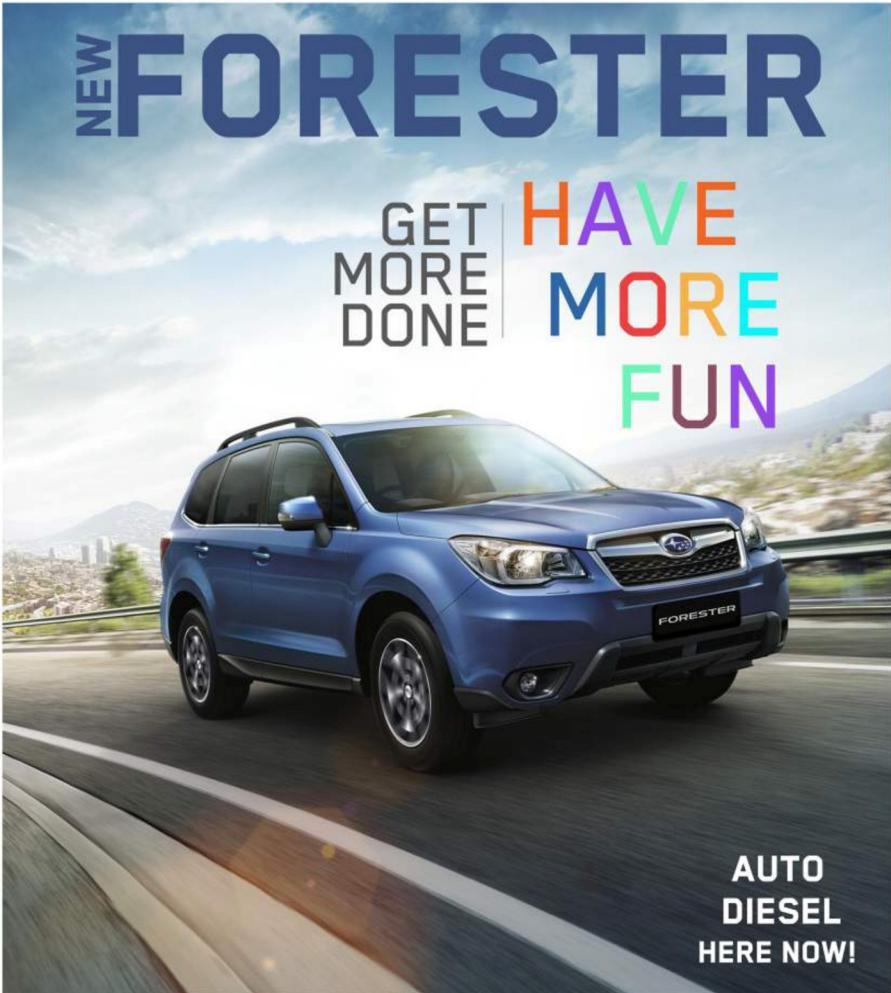
**Cost:** Camping – Adults \$10.00 per night (Concession \$6.60). In addition, unless you have a Parks Pass, a National Park entry fee of \$12.00 (concession \$6.00) per vehicle is payable.

**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)



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## CLUB CALENDAR

### 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 5
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### August 2016

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### September 2016

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**Tue 4th:** Committee Meeting  
**Sat 8th - Sun 16th:** Israelite Bay Page 16  
**Tue 11th:** General Meeting  
**Sat 29th:** Annual Dinner at Toodyay Page 15

November 2016						
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**Tue 1st:** Committee Meeting  
**Tue 8th:** General Meeting  
**Fri 11th- Sun 13th:** 4WD Adventure show  
**Sun 20th:** Lancelin sand dunes

**Upcoming trips see website:**  
**September 26 to 28 - Coalseam NP and wildflowers**  
**December 3 - Christmas party**  
**January 21 to 26 - Esperance trip**  
**April 14 to 17 - Murchison house Easter escape**

### SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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

**Public holidays:** Sep 26

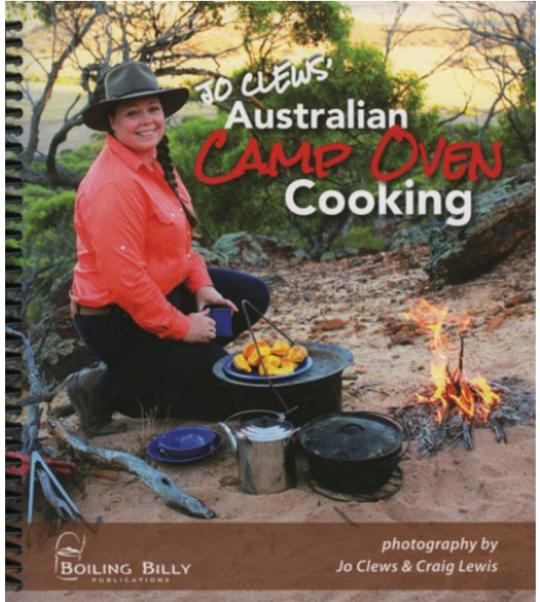
**Potential members are most welcome to come along on any Club activities before joining. Please phone the Trip Leader for further information. Also contact the trip leader if you have to cancel, as we don't want to wait for someone who does not turn up!**

**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

**Option on the way home 26-28 Sept to Coalseam NP - see website.**

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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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**TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION**

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**Israelite Bay - October 8 – 16**

Israelite Bay, Point Malcolm, Mt Ragged, Balladonia.

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.

Bring small fishing kit.

**NOTE:** The trip has been marked as full to allow new members a chance to reserve a place on this trip as Ian & Nina's trips are very popular and fill up quickly. There are 3-4 spare seats for passengers (Newbies or others) with long term members - grab a ride!



If interested as a driver (or as passenger with an experienced member), please get back to Ian ASAP for more details.

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

More details will be added closer to the departure date.



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**TRIP & SOCIAL REPORTS**

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**Dryandra Day 1 - David Peck**

There were 7 people in 5 cars that gathered at the Lions car park in Armadale at 9:30; Keith & Fiona (towing their cub camper), Ian & Nina, Joy, Alex and David. Off we went down Albany highway under overcast skies but luckily no rain. Shortly after North Bannister we turned east towards Wandering and as we passed through we were wondering where all the people were?

Turning off again onto a good gravel road we headed to our campsite at Congelin Dam. We arrived at 11:00 and found the group campground was pretty full and we were lucky to find two bays next to each other in the individual campground. As the options for the camper trailer were limited Keith decided to have a look at a new campground not far away. He soon reported back that it was even fuller so we decided to stay where we were. We figured we could get two cars in each bay and unhook the camper trailer and put it in the middle. Soon the tents were put up and everyone was gathered around for lunch.



Afterwards we sat around for a while before going for a walk following the old railway form. This had a number of interpretative signs telling the story of the area, how the land was cleared for 20 metres either side of the railway and how the train drivers would throw a wire over a telegraph wire that ran along the railway to send messages. The Congelin dam

collected water for the steam engines which was fed by surrounding streams but there was very little water in it. Back at camp for a sit down and a chat before an early dinner as we wanted to leave at 5:30 to go to Barna Mia.

We all got rugged up for the night expecting it to be cold, and it was around 7 degrees. When we got there after a 15 min drive we found a number of people there already there. We were given a brief introduc-

tion to the area and the animals we were hoping to see. We went off with one guide and about 20 people for a short walk into the fenced off 4 hectare compound. We sat down on some logs and the guide put out some diced fruit and pellets to attract the animals. She had a spotlight with a red lens and lit up the woylies, bandicoots, rufus hair-wallabies or mala, quendas, possums, bilbys and the boodies which chased each other around to everyone's delight.



Boodie



Bilby



Mala

After spending a while there we moved onto another station then another but the first one was the best. Back at the information centre some club members decided to do some retail therapy and with polo shirts for \$5 it was easy. Heading back to camp around 8:00 the temperature had dropped to 5 degrees and the skies were clear. Not having a fire we all retreated to our tents for the night.

### **Day 2 - David Peck**

The skies were clear and it was 2 degrees when we got up in the morning with frost on the windscreen and Alex had trouble getting his car to unlock with his remote. After breakfast we had a slow start before going for a drive further into the woodlands so we could do a walk to look at an ochre pit. The walk was listed as 5km loop but we took it slowly taking a couple of hours looking for birds, plants & flowers and some gigantic fungi. Along the way we had to look out for bicycles coming down the track that were doing an off road race. We saw some of the Dryandra after which the area is named but we were unable to see a numbat, the states emblem, as there are only estimated to be 1000 left.

We went to the Dryandra village for lunch which was buzzing with cyclists and their support crews as well as orienteer's. This was an old forester's village and mill site for the mallet tree which was wanted for the tannins in its bark, to tan leather, and the wood which was good for tool handles.



After lunch we went to the old mill dam and did a shorter/easier walk through some lovely open wandoo woodlands. Keith was able to photograph the white eared honeyeater which he hadn't got before. Back to camp for beer/wine o'clock and to start a fire in the fire ring at the campsite, just what is needed when it's cold.

We had planned on having a BBQ for dinner but had problems getting the one at the campground to keep going so we just used our gas stoves and frying pans. Sitting around the fire was much more pleasant than last night and with the clear skies there was some star gazing happening with people trying to identify the stars. A few of us went for a walk along the railway form to see if we could see any of the nocturnal wildlife but all we saw was a kangaroo with a joey in its pouch which did not seem disturbed by the lights shining on it. By 8:30 we all started drifting off to bed for another cold night.

### Day 3 - Alex Tayler

With another cold morning of 2 degrees and a slow start of packing. We headed off through farmland and nature reserve to Boyagin Rock for morning tea. Some of us decided to do the Boyagin walk trail. According the aboriginal custodians if you walk all the way to the top non-stop you will live a long life.



After morning tea we headed to Brockton for lunch and a fuel up. As we were having lunch Dave mention of a short cut via Tonkin Hwy. on the way home via Dave's short but wet way home the heavens opened up and started to wash our cars for us we got to Perth around 2/3pm.

## Camp Fire Cookout/Overnighter – 18 to 19 June, 2016

Everyone arrived at Gingers on time and we were away by 9.30. Up the highway to Bullsbrook, right on to Chittering Road, then right on Wilson Road followed by another right on Smith Road across the Brockman River and in no time at all we were in Avon Valley National Park.

Our first stop was at the old Plunkett Saw Mill Site, about 100 metres off the track. There is not much left to see. What was originally a wood lined well did not appear to be wood lined any longer, but you can clearly see the earth channels that were used to supply water to the mill. We could not find any remains of the actual mill itself. However, we did manage to find a very colourful mushroom, called the rhubarb bolete (*Boletellus obscurecoccineus*). Back at the cars, it was time for morning tea.



From there we drove through to Sapper Road and the entrance to Sapper Camp, but as the descent to the camp site was steep, and there was some water about, we did not go down. Instead, we watched as a number of heavies went down the track.



Wayne and Robert also took the opportunity to get their drones up into the air for some great video footage and panoramas.

We returned back along Sappers Road a short distance to a foot track (part of the Survey Heritage Trail) leading to Joe's cage, which is the re-

main of one of Moondyne Joe's horse traps. Joseph Bolitho Johns, alias "Moondyne Joe" (or Moonie" to his mates), is Western Australia's best known bushranger.

I was then going to head straight to our camp site for the night but, with some encouragement from members of the group, we decided to "explore" the track along the edge of the national park, as it appeared we might be able to get down to the river. Alas, it was not to be, as we were stopped by a watercourse across the track, that was about 150mm deep in the wheel ruts (thanks Wendy for walking it for me). While I expect we could have got through OK, as we didn't need to make the crossing to get to our destination, I left it for an-



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other day! Still, it was a pleasant spot, so lunch was called and Wayne and Robert soon had their drones up in the air again.

After lunch, we headed north up to Julimar Road, towards Toodyay, across the river and into Cobbler's Pool for a look. There was a bit of water in the river and the rapid was running. Again, the drones went up.

Then on to the Cec Barrows group site in the national park, to set up camp. We arrived about 2.30. The camp site was good, with flushing toilets, a dam water tap and a shelter. As the weather was great – a clear, sunny sky, we would not need to use the shelter. However, it was cooling down quickly.

I had wanted to get to camp early so we all had plenty of time to relax and make dinner preparations. Tents were erected and the camp was established in quick order. All that then remained was to get fires going in the 2 fire rings; not a problem – firewood, fire starters, heat beads and other combustible material was quickly sourced from the cars (thank you all for bringing it) and the fires were soon spluttering into flame. Camp ovens came out.



What followed later (after extended nibbles!) was a magnificent meal with plenty of food for all – most of it cooked in the camp ovens, but some on stoves. We had damper, BBQ'd corn, corn chowder, beef stew with dumplings, beef stroganoff, jambalaya and a number of other dishes. All very delicious! And for dessert, we had apple crumble and chocolate mousse. What more could you want!?

After dinner, more wood was thrown on the fires and we willingly soaked up the warmth. It had been a while since I last sat around a camp fire in the bush and I happily enjoyed the good humour and camaraderie engendered by all.

The following morning was not without some note, as it was Jo Norton's birthday! And Jo kindly provided birthday cake for all! Thank you, Jo. And not only that, Adrian then put on his chef's hat and cooked bacon, egg and cheese wraps for everyone. Thank you, Adrian. What a great way to start the morning. As there were no other planned activities for the day, attendees were free to make their own way home in their own time.

Thanks to all for attending. I hope you enjoyed the trip as much as I did.

Tony Richards.

## Running Costs Per Week.

The RAC Victoria has released their annual vehicle costs survey which is interesting from the point of view of Subaru followers. I have extracted the figures for total cost per week over 5 years which includes purchase, trade-in value after 5 years, depreciation, paper work (on road, stamp, rego, Ins, club), fuel, tyres & service. You will have realised that your WA license 3<sup>rd</sup> party fee has increased \$99 from June. See all the figures for all 125 vehicles surveyed via the link below.

**Subaru Forester** 2.5 petrol CVT was **7<sup>th</sup>** in class SUV Medium out of 15 cars at \$206.42. Total \$53,669. The worst was Audi Q5 AWD petrol auto at \$309.51.

**Subaru Outback** diesel CVT was **1<sup>st</sup>** in class SUV Large out of 10 cars at \$217.50. Total \$56,549. The worst was Toyota Kluger GX AWD petrol auto at \$254.14.

[www.racv.com.au](http://www.racv.com.au) Owning & Operating Costs

Happy motoring – Ian Johnson

## **Weight Out!**

For long trips I take ~70 pieces of spares, tools and 'stuff', not including camping gear, food and the usual paraphernalia. The list expands considerably for 'expedition' rated trips. When not going far the list can reduce which is what I did for Keith's Dryandra trip June 2016 as per below. That's 20.6 kg weight out of the car which will improve the car performance (handling, brakes, acceleration, tyre wear, fuel economy & ground clearance). One reason to unpack and a reminder that:

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Fridge 240v cable	194	Mallet (HD) for tyres	1293
Axle dummy to tow auto	1608	Gympie	1447
Inverter	732	Alternator	5100
Tube 15”	1204	<b>Total</b>	<b>20641</b>

Cheers, Ian Johnson. Contact me if you would like the lists.

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