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SUBARU 4WD NEWS

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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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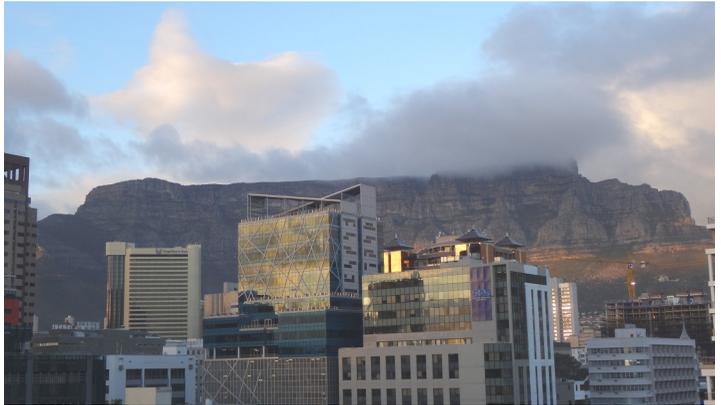
LIFE MEMBERS

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow members,

Well, we made it to South Africa – the trip over wasn't too bad and we are now in Cape Town, staying in a nice apartment in the city. We are on the 6th floor and have a great view of Table Mountain. We have now been to the V&A (Victoria & Albert) Waterfront and to the top of Table Mountain.



I am pleased to announce that the **SEPTEMBER** general meeting on Tuesday, 13 September will be held at the AMCAP distribution facility in Welshpool at 13 -39 Pilbara Street. However, please note that **THE START TIME IS AN HOUR EARLIER AT 6.30PM**, as Amcap has kindly offered to make available assorted finger foods and light refreshments. For further detail, please see the flyer later in the mag. On behalf of the Club, I extend our thanks to Neil Compton, Client Services/Subaru Divisional Manager, for his kind invitation.

We need a new member(s) to print approximately 25 copies of the Club magazine each month on the Club's colour laser printer. If you can help out, please let me or another Committee member know. My thanks to Travis for his efforts to date.

As mentioned in my last report, Dave Peck will be chairing the August General Meeting at our usual venue in South Perth. Thanks again, Dave.

See you all after I get home at the end of August, if not at the Collie Camping trip on 10/11 September, then at Welshpool for the 13 September general meeting.

VALE: It is with sadness that I report the passing of Jon Hunter at Northam Hospital on 4 July. I enjoyed many good trips with Jon (and Val) and I will miss him. Our condolences to Val and his family.

Tony Richards

TRIP CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The trip to Lorna Glen went well and we managed to get quite a bit done but unfortunately not much sightseeing. We had a couple of rainy days that meant we were unable to drive anywhere and one kept us indoors around the log fire which we were able to monopolise due to the DPaW people, who were due, not being able to make it.

We didn't manage to do the Long Way home trip as we were worried about the state of the Gunbarrel highway and thought it was not worth the risk. As there were so many people keen to do this trip we are looking at running it again next year, but later probably late August. Stephan had to go to Leonora where he met up with Ray and Dena and they were able to carry on the Red Centre Run up the Great Central road.

We have a couple of picnics coming up and are going to try another weekend overnight camp, this time at Collie, after the success of the one in the Avon Valley National Park.

Don't forget to put your name down for the annual dinner and book your accommodation if staying in Toodyay for the night.

Perth 4WD and Adventure Show Fri 11th - Sun 13th November

There are 6 "shifts" and the club is looking for 2-3 members per shift (up to a maximum of 4 members per shift):

- 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.

If you can help man the stand, please indicate on the website the number of the shift you can help with.

Entry is free for those helping on the stand.

TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION

**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

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 Kiosk, 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

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

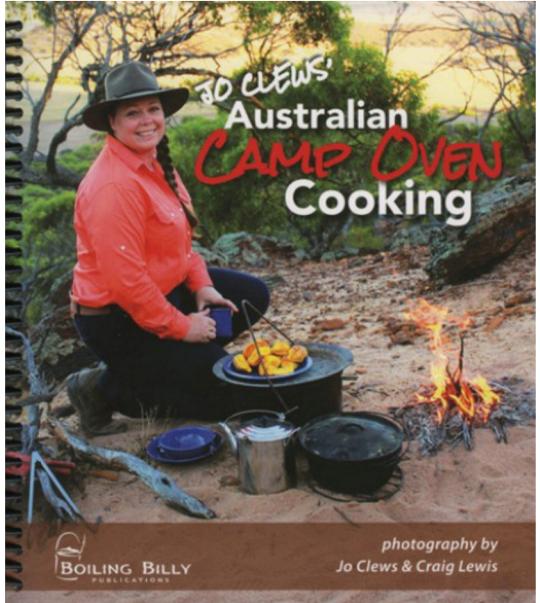
or email to president@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au

TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION

Camp Oven Learn How Sat 24th to Mon 26th 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.



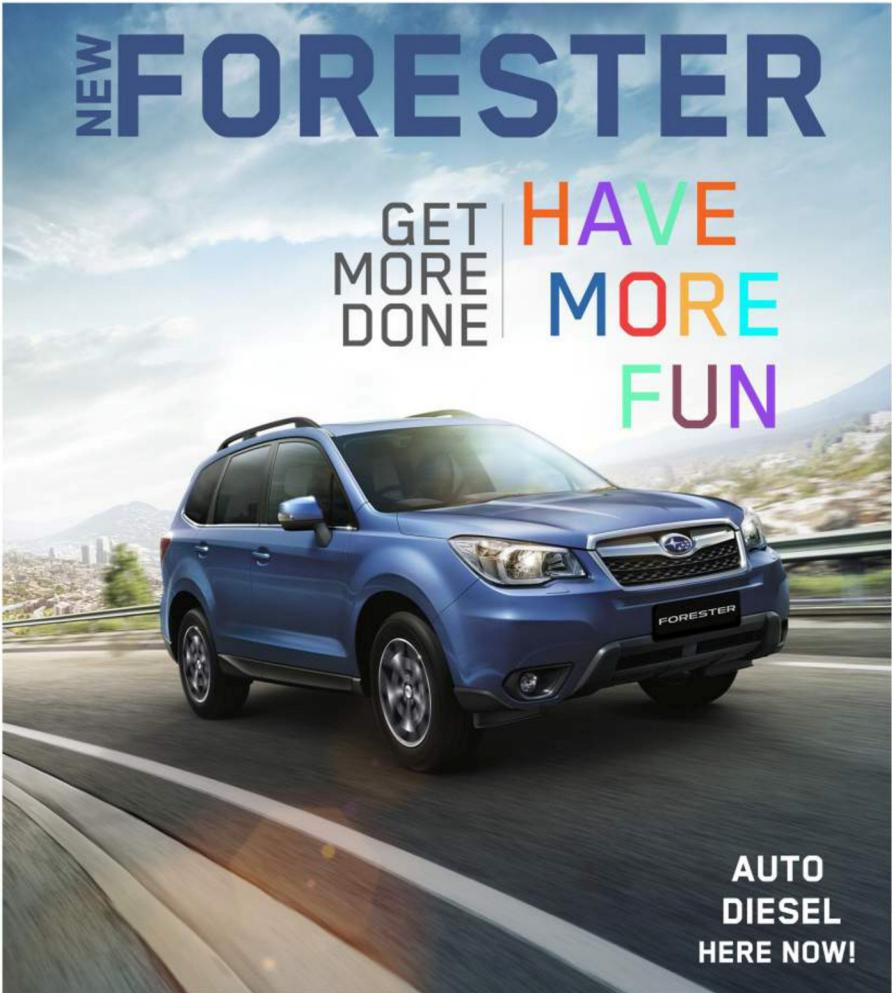
Camping cost \$35 per person for 2 nights including Jo's cooking expertise.

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 page 14



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CLUB CALENDAR

August 2016

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| 7 | 8 |  9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | Tue 9th: General Meeting |
|  14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |  20 | Sun 14th: Mt Observation Page 5 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | Sat 20th - Sun 28th: Kurrajong to Credo in the Great Western Woodlands Page 6 |
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September 2016

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October 2016

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| 30 | 31 | | | | | 1 | Tue 4th: Committee Meeting |
| 2 | 3 |  4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |  8 | Sat 8th - Sun 16th: Israelite Bay Page 16 |
| 9 | 10 |  11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | Tue 11th: General Meeting |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | Sat 29th: Annual Dinner at Toodyay Page 15 |
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| November 2016 | | | | | | |
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Tue 1st: Committee Meeting

Tue 8th: Annual General Meeting

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Sun 20th: Lancelin sand dunes

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Sat 3rd: Christmas Party at Jo's

Tue 6th: Committee Meeting

Tue 13th: General Meeting (Bring a plate)

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: Sep 24-Oct 9, Dec 16-Jan 31

Public holidays: Sep 26, Dec 26 & 27

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

COALSEAM NP AND WILDFLOWERS Mon 26 - Wed 28 September

This is the Long Way Home from the Camp Oven Cooking Learn How LWE near Yalgoo.

Leaving Melangata Station on Monday 26, we travel to Miners Camp-ground at Coalseam Conservation Park to explore the Park and stay one night.

On the Tuesday we travel southwards, exploring wildflower spots and Lesueur NP to bush camp at Smokebush Reserve.
Home on Wednesday 28, possibly via Nambung NP and the Indian Ocean Drive.

Will need all gear necessary for self-contained bush camping.

Trip leader: Joy 0429 473 709



Subaru 4x4 Club Members Monthly Meeting

13 SEPTEMBER 2016

AMCAP and Subaru Parts WA would like to invite The Subaru 4WD club of WA members to attend the September monthly meeting at AMCAP's Distribution Centre in Welshpool. The evening will provide an opportunity for members to tour the AMCAP warehouse facilities, meet with Subaru appointed panel repair experts and specialist mechanical repairers and also view the latest Subaru vehicles.

- 1800 Arrival
- 1830 Welcome, housekeeping and introductions
- 1840 Club monthly meeting
- 1915 AMCAP warehouse tours, vehicle inspections
- 2100 Event ends

RSVP David Peck
dpeck@ozemail.com.au
by Monday 29 August

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TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION

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.

TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION

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

More details will be added closer to the departure date.



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TRIP & SOCIAL REPORTS

Trip Report Lorna Glen Day 1 - Ray Dobson

On Sunday July 3 eleven members of the club gathered at Gingers Roadhouse on the Great Northern Highway. Daniel's vehicle had some technical issues which Stephan solved with his scan gauge and at 7.20am seven vehicles got underway heading for our overnight stay at Sandstone. A brief stop at the Bindoon Bakery for essentials was followed by morning tea at Wubin. We stopped for lunch at Paynes Find which is named after Thomas Payne a prospector who was the first to find gold in the area. You can still see the mining battery and museum a short distance from the roadhouse.

Heading further north we encountered numerous Wedge Tail Eagles which gave Keith some wonderful photographic opportunities. What beautiful creatures they are.



We left the Great Northern Highway at Mount Magnet and at 3.40 pm we arrived in Sandstone. We checked in to the caravan park and put up our tents for the overnight stay. It was a short walk to the Pub where we met up with some members of the Chamberlain Tractor Club for some pre dinner drinks. The club is based in Man-



durah and they were on a club tour towing their caravans which was quite a sight to see. After a hearty dinner we returned to the camp ground.

Day 2 - Ray Dobson

Light rain fell overnight and after packing up our wet tents we set off to find London Bridge a natural formation of weathered Basalt, the rock is believed to be 350 million years old.



We left Sandstone at 8.10 am and arrived at Leinster around 9.45 for morning tea. We met

up with a group of “heavies” who were bound for the Canning Stock route. We headed north on the Goldfields Hwy and stopped in Wiluna for lunch. Some club members had difficulty with ATM's on this day, in particular Fiona who at one stage was given a message that her account had a zero balance. It was not till the following day we found out it was a state wide Bank West crash and all was well.



We finished our lunch surrounded by half the dogs in town and headed for Lorna Glen. The dirt roads were in magnificent.

We arrived in Lorna Glen at 3 pm and met up with DPAW officers Tjokkie and Katherine as well as the Station caretaker Dave and Corrie. We all

settled in to our accommodation and after dinner had great conversation around a wonderful campfire before turning in for the evening.

Day 3 - Deborah Thyne

It was overcast for most of the day with the cloud breaking around 4.30pm but it soon gathered again. The maximum temperature for today was around 13° C. Rain is forecast but predictions are ‘broad’ from 5mm to 50mm! I am sitting in my donga writing this report and by 7pm

it has started raining!

The day begins with a briefing from Tjokkie the DPaW ranger on the work that has been requested to be done – demolish and rebuild a bough shed and shower facility in the Martu camp about 1km from the Lorna Glen homestead. With so many hands and skills hopefully this will not be a daunting task?!

The Martu community members arrived after dark last night and on arrival at the camp this morning the group are introduced to Mo, another DPaW ranger and he introduces us to the Martu members. Present is a Martu elder who worked on Lorna Glen when it was a fully operational station. He used to muster on a motor bike and tells me how sheep were trucked from an adjoining station north of Lorna Glen and shearing would take about 2 ½ weeks. I asked him if he ever fell off his motor-bike and he laughed and said, 'Yes'!

The new bough shed will be some 20m x 9m in size, and have a metal shell. One section of the roof will be of laser lite with brush over the top to stop the heat but will provide protection from the rain. The remainder of the roof will be wire and brush like a more traditional bough shed.



Work began on taking down the existing bough shed. In combination, the wire roof and brush are taken off and then the mulga uprights. Although concreted in some of them don't appear to be in very deep! For the uninitiated wire has a mind of its own but is carefully rolled in case it can be re-used

and the metal pipe from the 'roof' section is also stacked.

Mathematical calculations beyond my comprehension are made and the team set about digging holes for the new steel uprights. Whilst some are easy, others need the jack hammer to loosen rock to make them deep enough. One hole I am helping to dig needs a branch cutting off an adjacent tree and then a thick root from the same tree is found while digging the hole. Katherine, another DPaW ranger makes short work of it with a crow bar!

While this work is underway another group begins work on dismantling the existing shower block entirely including the chip heater and floors.

After a well-earned lunch everyone comes together to begin putting in the uprights for the bough shed.

Soon there is a human resource 'drain' from the bough shed work and the crew are drawn away to the rather exciting prospect of moving a 4m x 4m shed across the camp to create the new shower block! The first idea is that through the power of numbers the shed can be lifted and carried but it soon becomes clear the jagged corrugated iron base could take some 'finger souvenirs'!!



Problem solving swings into full gear and the painstaking task of manoeuvring the shed onto a trailer to move it across the camp begins! Much laughter, shouted instructions and further improvements and sugges-

tions to the plan are heard across the camp and soon anxious eyes watch the shed inch it's way some 200m across the camp like a giant corrugated iron Winnebago!! The process assisted by temporary removal and reinstallation of a corrugated iron camp section and moving tree branches out of the way.

Well done with reversing the trailer into the correct position for unloading! OK, so the shed has reached its destination and time to get it off the trailer!! Careful positioning is done before lifting the shed off the trailer to reduce the amount of physical effort to get it into place over an existing screen but, in front of the shower heads!

Expert skill, physical effort and great teamwork see the new shower

shed in place in no time!! Well done everyone, great job!!

By the end of the day all outer uprights of the bough shed are concreted into place. This leaves 5 'inside' uprights to be put in place, weather permitting, tomorrow. Work will also be started on connecting the taps and shower heads to the inside wall of the shower shed and concrete the floor.

It was agreed there was a great sense of achievement from the team effort today and how much progress had been made already. Wow, what a great first day at Matuwa (Lorna Glen)! Tomorrow is another day and depends on what the weather will bring and I can hear rain on the roof.....

During pre-dinner drinks and nibbles a 4WD arrives delivering Avgas for the aircraft that will be conducting aerial cat baiting. The plane has been delayed in Newman due to 'bad weather' but no-one is able to say exactly what that means!! The delivery man and his trailer are gone within the hour due to impending rain and possible road closures.

Lorna Glen feedback

Received from Tjokkie the supervising ranger from DPaW Kalgoorlie. Sent around to some of DPaW staff about our efforts.

Just an update on the work that we did out at Lorna Glen with the Martu rangers and the Subaru club last week.

Most of us arrived on Monday 4 July and we got settled in. Jim arrived on the Sunday and by Monday had installed the first new solar setup on the fence line. It was at this point that we discovered that the plan to run the system over 40km did not work. After some discussion on Monday night it was decided to move the panels back to where they were originally and reinstate the electric fence from there.

Tuesday morning a few members went out to do the fence work whilst the rest of us tackled the old bough shed and demolished it. This looked like an easy job, but it was hard work to cut all the wire off and do it in a safe manner. We then looked at the holes and found that most of the existing holes (where the old timber posts were) were in the wrong spots. To reinstate the new shed we had to dig new holes before we could cement the poles in. By the end of the day we had cemented the 2 x 5 rows of poles in. During the day the group decided to carry on working the whole day as the next day was forecasted for rain. We also worked on the shower block and the old shower structure was taken down. And the shed that will serve as the new shower block was put in

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place. We first tried to lift the shed by hand and move it, but this was not the best idea around and failed miserably. Eventually we were able to move the shed by loading it onto a trailer and slowly making our way over to the shower block. We managed to put it in place and got it ready to cement it in.

Wednesday was very wet and very cold. As it was only drizzle it was decided that Martu would take the group out to do some sightseeing and experience some cultural stuff. Unfortunately the roads were wetter than expected and they group had to turn around. We worked around the shed fixing small things and getting the water pump sorted. Being so wet and miserable the rangers decided to leave early and departed at about 16:00 on Wednesday.

Myself and Katherine decided to leave early Thursday if conditions did not change. Thursday the rain had stopped and the sun was trying to break through. It was still very wet and we decided to tackle the airstrip and clear the regrowth from it. After that we decided to do some cactus control and armed with buckets and tongs we picked our way through the bush looking for cactus. This was a great success, which is very unfortunate as it showed that our efforts to control cactus were not very successful.

After lunch most of us went back to the shed and we managed to cemented the last poles in and put a supporting structure in place.

Myself and Katherine left early Friday morning and the Subaru club members continued with the work on the shed (see attached photo) and on the shower block. They did a lot of work on this, but could not connect all the pipes. This will have to be done when we are up there next.



I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone that were involved with this work and organising everything. It was a most successful volunteer, ranger, P&W and caretaker operation under very difficult circumstances.

Thanks Tjokkie

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