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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hoping you have all had a safe, merry and joyful festive season and looking forward to the new year ahead.

Firstly, thanking all those who have donated to Royal Flying Doctor Service and the FoodbankWA charities, raising \$160 for RFDS and Dave Peck delivered a boot load of non-perishable food to assist those in need.



Coming up this meeting we'll have Dave Peck demonstrating his skills on his plastic welder, showing how you can fix plastic body parts and other items. Certainly useful for fixing plastic side skirts on the car (thanks for that Dave).

I'd like to welcome a few new members and recommend coming along to the January Beach Run, it's a great trip to start with and no gear is required, as fellow members can assist with deflating and inflating.

We have a few exciting ideas coming up this year so stay tuned for what's to come, in the mean-time please get your name down on trips early to guarantee a spot and make running on the day easier for the trip leaders so they can plan accordingly.

February meeting has landed on Valentines Day, so for those that make it along we'll make it special for you all. March meeting is likely to be at Getaway Outdoors Bentley, and a guest speaker for April is likely to present on Numbats.

Your President, Adrian Longwood

TRIP CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Hi All

I hope that everyone made it through the silly season unscathed, and relaxed. I hope Santa was generous this year as well.

This year I want to get as many new members out on trips as possible. So I have a few questions to ask of you. Is there anywhere you want to go? What do you want to do when we get there? Would you need camping gear (eg tent, sleeping bag, stove, etc)? When would you like to go? Those new members who would like to get back to me can do so by the trip co-ordinator email.

We have a few trips that will be good for new members. And there are old members who have a LOT of gear that would be happy to lend it out if people need it. I personally have at least one tent and a swag spare back at home doing nothing when ever we go out with the club. Plus a lot of cooking gear that would be handy for someone else to use. So if you need any gear to head out with us let me or Adrian know, and we'll hook you up with what we can.

If you don't want to borrow someone else's gear, you don't need to spend all that much. All the major players have a sale before every long weekend, and a few other times through out the year. Like most things, buy the best gear that you can afford. Look at the reviews, and most important go in store and feel the quality of the product before you make your final decision.

See you out there

Trav

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TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION

Soft Sandy Summer Beach Run - Sunday January 8

The ever popular summer beach run is back! The trip is planned for the beaches between Whitehills and Myalup, including Preston Beach.

We will decide closer to the day as to whether we go North or South. This is always an excellent day to experience beach driving and suitable for everyone. If you have just joined the Club please come along. Weather permitting you will get a chance to have a swim at the lunch break.

Trip is suitable for all experiences and guests are welcome. Please get your names down as this trip often fills fast.

The beach is generally pretty easy going; however it gets soft in patches and narrow along some sections.

We often find a nice spot for lunch so we can relax, swim, kayak or fish for a while before continuing on.

Meeting spot: Edge of Masters Car Park at Safety Bay Rd exit,

Meeting time: 8.30am (8.45 Briefing and Departure)

What to bring: usual picnic lunch and plenty of drinking water, chair and table, sun protection gear, bathers, camera, UHF radio*, tyre gauge and deflator*, air compressor* (not needed if you are a visitor or first timer).

* If you don't have these items a UHF can be hired from the club and other members will assist with the deflation and inflation of tyres.

Suggested items:

Shovel, plastic chopping board, self-recovery tracks, snatch recovery gear, first aid kit, fishing rod, kayak, Frisbee.

Difficulty: suitable for all drivers, but most vehicles, Imprezas and Liberty's aren't suitable for this trip.

Finish time: Depends on how much fun we are having, what the weather is like and what you feel like. I would like to be around the Mandurah area by 3pm.

If you need to leave early that's OK too.

Contact: Adrian 0424 723 558

TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION

Sunday Sunset Soiree - 5th February

Join us for a picnic meal at City Beach. Bring along a picnic or buy dinner from one of the cafes at City Beach.



Pack the bathers if you fancy a splash in the waves meet us at 4.30pm on the grass area to the north of the beachside cafes.

Leader: Jo Norton 0411 151 024

Cliff Head North - February 18/19

Cliff Head North is a free camp within the Shire of Irwin. It is situated on Indian Ocean Drive, approximately 6.5kms south of the junction with the Brand Hwy.

Other than for a toilet, there is not much else at the site in the way of facilities; after all, it is a free camp! Sorry, no open fires as there will be a summer fire ban in force.

No activities are planned at this stage. Assuming the weather is good, you can go for a swim, do some fishing (which is supposed to be quite good) or simply relax on the beach. Or you could explore the coast by car. Sounds good to me.

Trip Leader: Tony Richards 9386 7705

TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION

Esperance Trip - 28 January to 3 February 2017

Whitest beach, fish leather, a tank, skylab, pink lakes and, ah, stone henge.....

Esperance, on the south coast, is a picturesque town that has had a couple quirky events in it's past. From a freak storm, that caught a French research vessel off guard, to an American space station falling on it, but for the most part that's not what we're heading down there for.



Lucky Bay, Cape Le Grand. Photo credit: Tourism West Australia

The National parks down there are hidden gems. Cape Le Grand national park has the whitest beaches in Australia. The view from the top of Frenchman's Peak is magical.

Pink Lake is just out of town. The colour changes with the temperature, and is never the same.

Pink Lake. Photo credit: aussieheliadventure



TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION

Day 1. It is a big day to travel down there we should get into Esperance around 4ish.

Day 2. A relaxing look around Esperance see the Pink Lake and perhaps the magnificent beach at Twilight Cove.

Day 3. A full day visiting Cape Arid NP, Duke of Orleans and Cape Le Grand NP.

Day 4. Option of a half day Woody Island cruise and/or more sightseeing around the town including the Mermaid fish leather factory or the Museum which includes pieces of Skylab.



Stonehenge. Photo credit: WeekendNotes

Staying: Bathers Beach caravan park

Difficulty: Depends on the beaches really, will need to lower the tyre pressure a bit, but it should be straight forward.

Scratchometer: Practically nil. To and from are on bitumen and the gravel roads are supposed to be good.

Fuel: As we're heading to the bottom corner of the state fuel is a little on the expensive side.

Previous experience is not necessary, and would be good for a new member. Book and see more information on the website.

Any questions? Email travismaskey@gmail.com or call 0422815737

TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION

Margaret River “The Project” - 4 to 6 March 2017

A laid back long weekend camping just out of Margaret River. We will do a day trip to some of the less touristy beaches along the coast.

Only three kilometres from Margaret River “The Project” has 70 acres of bushland filled with frogs, birds and wildflowers. The owners bought this property to protect and restore the natural values, as well as start an organic farming enterprise on the adjacent 50 acres of paddock. Linked to the town centre by the ‘Rails to Trails’ cycle and a walking track this private bushland paradise has an open grassy area next to a dam perfect for a camping.

The campsites have been booked so no need for individual bookings. Suitable for caravans and camper trailers but only ONE powered site.

Unpowered camp site:

10 available | max occupancy: 20 per camping site (unpowered)
There is a range of areas suitable for the self-sufficient traveller.
\$17.00 per person per night.

Powered camp site:

1 available | max occupancy: 6 per camping site (powered)
There is one powered camp site with water supplied to it. It is off grid power so not so good for hairdryers, electric ovens and electric heaters but fine for caravan fridges, lights etc. \$20.00 per person per night.

Limited numbers of campsites available and the trip will be closed off when full.

Rating: Easy - social

Equipment needed: BYO camping gear and gas cooking gear as we may not be able to have a wood fire. Binoculars, Camera etc.

Trip Leader: David Peck, 0402 177 886
or contact: trips@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au

TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION

Aviation Heritage Museum Experience - Saturday March 18

The Aviation Heritage Museum provides a unique museum experience of civilian and military aviation through its extraordinary aviation displays, helpful guides and special tours.



Spend a few hours amongst a truly amazing array of aviation displays including 30 aircraft and thousands of artefacts. From the helpful gift shop attendants to the meticulous restorers, the Museum's hundreds of volunteers have truly built one of the most exciting aviation museums in the Southern Hemisphere or even the World.

Be there at 12pm when they fire up the Armstrong Siddeley Cheetah engine.
Have a cup of coffee or lunch at the Cafe.

Adults (16+) \$10, Concession \$7.50, Children (4 -16) \$5, Family \$25

Meet at 10 am at:
Aviation Heritage Museum of WA, Air Force Memorial Estate
Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek

Contact: Joy UNNO 0429 473 709

Finska Cup - Sunday April 7

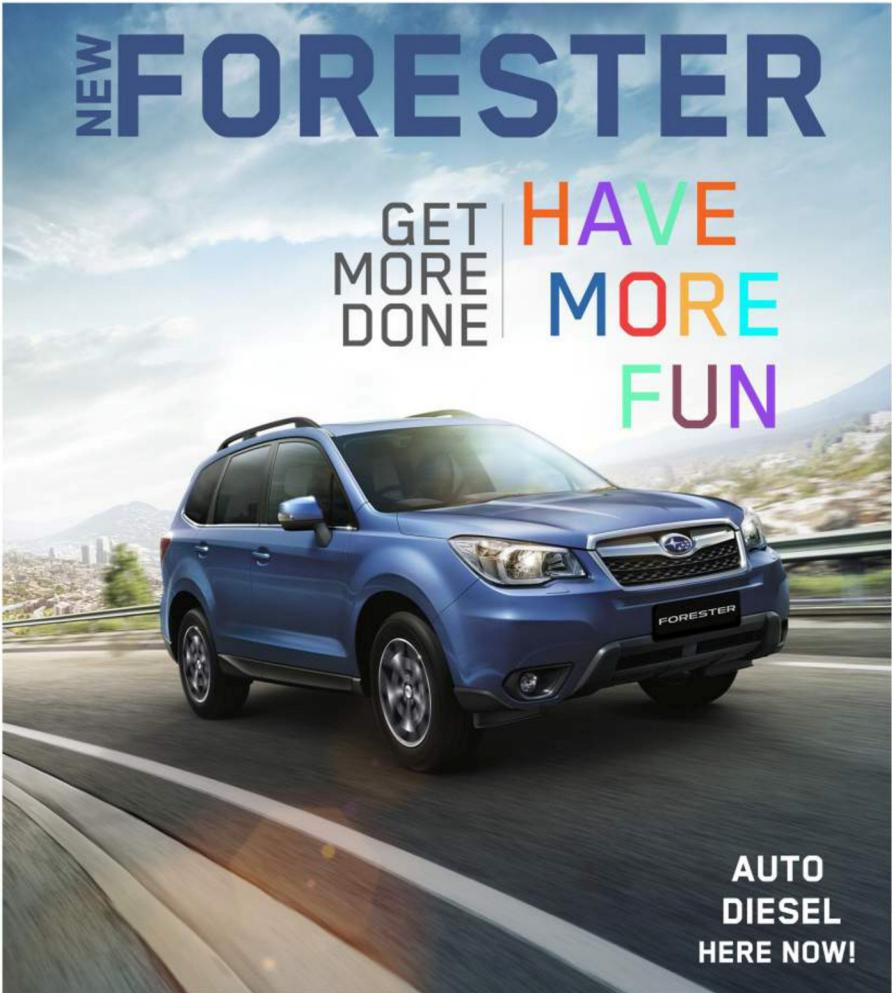
The first ever Subaru 4WD Club of WA Finska World Championship is on. Get your game face on people! It's about to get real!

Finska is a great game, involving knocking down numbered sticks. The aim of the game is to get exactly 50 points.

This is going to be a great day out. Bring lunch and drinks. If you just want to have a look and a laugh, the more the merrier.

Venue to be advised later.

Travis & Katie MASKEY



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CLUB CALENDAR

January 2017

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Sun 8th: Soft Sandy Summer Beach Run - Page 5 Tue 10th: General Meeting Sat 28th - Fri 3rd Feb: Esperance Trip - Pages 7 & 8
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February 2017

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Sun 5th: Sunday Sunset Soiree - Page 6 Tue 7th: Committee Meeting Tue 14th: General Meeting Sat 18th-Sun 19th: Overnight trip to Cliff Head North - Page 6
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March 2017

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April 2017

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 2	3	 4	5	6	7	8	Tue 4th: Committee Meeting
9	10	 11	12	13	 14	 15	Tue 11th: General Meeting
 16	 17	18	19	20	21	22	Fri 14th - Mon 17th: Murchison House Easter Escape - Page 14 and Long Way Home - Page 15
 23	 24	 25	26	27	28	29	Sun 23rd - 25th Back to nature caravan park near Moore River

May 2017

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
	1	 2	3	4	5	6	Tue 2nd: Committee Meeting
7	8	 9	10	11	12	 13	Tue 9th: General Meeting
 14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Sat 13th-Sun 14th: Try camping
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Sun 28th: Sunday lunch at Mundaring Hotel plus walk.
 28	29	30	31				

Upcoming trips:

June 3 - 4WD Association Gathering, Chapman Valley

June 10 to 18 - Jaurdi see page 16

August 18 to 27 - Lorna Glen again

October - Israelite Bay expressions of interest to Ian Johnson

SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

School Holidays: Dec 16 - Jan 31, Apr 8 - Apr 23

Public holidays: Jan 2 & 26, Mar 6, Apr 14, 17 & 25

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

Murchison House Easter Escape - 14 to 17 April 2017

Join us for a new venture, into the pristine working station that is Murchison House, Located 12km from Kalbarri it's a short drive from town but a complete remote camping experience.



Gee Gei Outcamp.



Murchison River. Photo credits: Murchison House

Spending the 3 nights of the Easter weekend on the station camping self-sufficient on a property that's bound by ocean, and river.

The plan is to drive up Friday, stay for the 3 nights camping remotely to ourselves, but be a short drive away from the homestead so we can use the shower and toilet facilities available,

There are camping fee's and also a 4WD fee which includes unlimited access to the property over the stay.

\$12.50 per person per night (less for kids)

and \$50 4WD fee, single charge per vehicle (Mandatory)

For more information find the link below

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

Attendees must be self-sufficient campers, camper trailers are allowed
Pets are TBC contact the trip leader nearer the time.

Basic 4WD gear is recommended, gauge, compressor, deflator,

Trip leader: Adrian Longwood 0424 723 558

TRIP PROMOTIONS/ INFORMATION

Karijini NP - The Anzac Long Way Home - 17 to 25 April 2017

Following the Easter long weekend escape at Murchison House Station, we shall embark on an extended journey home via Shark Bay, Coral Bay, Cape Range NP (Exmouth/Ningaloo), Karijini NP and Kennedy Range NP

Combining two LWE's to gain a holiday of 12 days, made of up of only 5 days annual leave (for those who still need to apply for it) we believe it's a great opportunity to see a chunk of the north west.

Continuing on from the Murchison House Station trip for most, we then go on to do 8 nights and 9 days of touring.

The rough plan is to spend 1 night in Shark bay or Coral bay, 4+ nights in Karijini, a chance of 1 night around Kennedy Ranges, and a final night within a day's drive from home around Murchison or surrounds. Most of this is during the second week of the school holidays so we expect crowds at all major caravan parks but the plan is to be at rest areas and bush camping facilities.

Self-sufficient minimalist camping is essential for the remote area travel with a minimum of 20L surplus of each fuel and water.

No pets are permitted on this extended trip due to entering a few National Parks.

Trip leader: Adrian Longwood 0424 723 558



Kennedy Range. Photo credit: DPaW

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Great Jaurdi Gilgies – 10th – 18th June 2017



Typical camp in Blackbutts 2016.

Dates to be confirmed. Featuring the Great Western Woodlands - **the largest intact temperate woodland left on Earth - 16 million ha**). It's all about bush camping and exploring tracks with short transit legs. A great opportunity to practice or learn more about your car, camping, cooking and many bush skills with experienced members. Let's see if we can (again) get a bucket of gilgies at Jaurdi!

Relax in eucalyptus forests, scrublands, salt lakes, flowers, granites, ranges and all the wonders of nature. No rush - Minimum of three two-night camps. From Jaurdi north to the Hunt Range, Mt Manning Range, Pigeon Rocks. Home via Southern Cross and Palmers Find at a new final night camp spot. Extra fuel needed.

The terrain and tracks are mostly good and vary from smooth dirt to a few creeks and wheel ruts - as per most of our trips. We have never been stopped! Standard Subaru's. Trailers on application - ask first.

If you are interested, even slightly, please contact me ASAP for a comprehensive handout and get on the list and your calendar. Vehicle numbers restricted. **New members especially welcome.** Join as a passenger with a member. **Let's go Camping in the Bush!**

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Doin' the dunes

The day started for most of us at Drivers' shopping centre in Wanneroo, where, after a brief explanation of the day from Adrian, Tony and David we headed off on the annual trip to the shifting sands of the Lancelin dunes.

After the obligatory stop at the bakery in Lancelin, where an assortment of apple turnovers, pies and cakes were scoffed and we picked up a few more cars, the final group of 18 cars headed for the dunes. Of those 18, six were guests who were coming with the club for the first time. Most of them had found out about the trip at the annual 4WD show the previous week, where the Club had a marquee and stall.

Once at the dunes we let down our tyres and Adrian gave a clear explanation of why we had to reduce the pressure in our tyres down to 14psi and the effect of going lower if needed. That done we broke into three groups led respectively by new president Adrian, past president Tony and our club member of the year, David.

Along with Greg, Cameron, Karl and Daniel I joined the group led by Tony. The group was for "more experienced" members but given my lack of experience I took this to mean that this was the group that was going to go up and down the steepest dunes to be found and other challenging stuff. This assessment turned out to be right on the money. Unfortunately on the ascent of the first significant long dune face I found one of the few disadvantages of driving a manual diesel: the power band is good for low down power, but runs out eventually on a long dune. After four attempts and lots of questions about whether I had taken traction control off, whether I still had cruise control on etc. I

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had to give up and take one for the team. Well, I actually had to take a few gibes from Tony as well about the superiority of a 2.5 litre petrol XT Turbo over pretty much anything else, anywhere. Smug man. I let some more air out of my tyres (down to 13 or thereabouts) and had no more issues getting up and down all the dunes after that.

There were lots of challenging ups and downs during the before-lunch session on the dunes. And after joining up for lunch at "the Bowl" on the northeast corner of the dunes we would do some more. But on the way to lunch (set for 1pm) we got a call that



Dominique and Francine had bottomed out on the way up a dune and were bogged. Tony arrived first and tried to tow them out forward, but to no avail. When I got there it was apparent that their Outback was at risk of sliding sideways down the slope and possibly rolling over. I dug out the worst of the sand under the car taking care not to dislodge sand from under the down-hill, left-hand-side wheels. Others I could not see did more digging behind the car. After digging out the sand and inserting Dom and Francine's MaxTrax under the left wheels, Tony pulled the car free with a snatch strap. During that manoeuvre the Outback appeared to hang perilously over the precipice and had Tony and Dom not kept the power on, the Outback might have gone over the

edge. All ended well and we made our way to lunch. Dom and Francine had recently attended one of Adrian's sand driving courses and had bought new recovery gear that proved really helpful. Everyone kept their cool



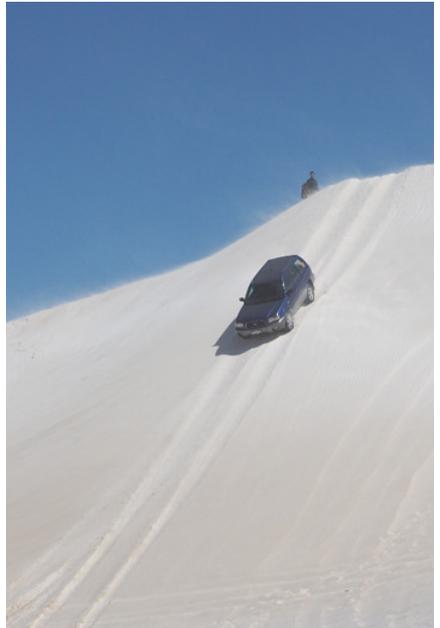
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and the successful recovery made lunch just that little bit more rewarding, the event providing a few more to the club's bank of war stories. Lunch was also an opportunity to try out my new side awning, which although very cheap seemed OK for the work I wanted it to do.

After lunch our crew went looking for, and found, steeper and steeper dunes to try. There were also a few areas where a higher-speed 'bog lap' of a slope was called for. The last dune of the day was a beauty. It was steep going up the back way to get



to the top and looked almost vertical on the down slope. Tony drove to the top, looked at the downslope for a while then moved his car across and drove off the edge. A whooping Yee-Hah! on the two-way told us that he had made it and that it was a good ride. One after the other we went up. However, this was not a dune-top where you could stop and check things out before going over and we were presented with the unusual site of two bystanders pushing Greg off the lip ... and down. So, we simply drove up without stopping and did a huge duck-dive down the slope ... each car's backside stuck inelegantly up in the air for a while. Gravity then took over and the car fell into space until the sand itself help slow the free fall. We all made it ... and then did it again! There was such a smile on my face as we moved off to find the others in Lancelin, pump up our tyres and head home. It was a great day, with mild weather and a strong breeze. Thanks to Adrian, Tony and David for leading such a good trip.



Stephan Millett

Load Arrangements

Soon after I got my first Forester I realised that with space being at a premium I had to come up with a better arrangement for loading the car. My first arrangement (which I still use for short trips) consisted of some wire shelves from Bunning's which I used as the vertical support for a plywood shelf. This only went about 2/3 of the width of the cargo area as I put my esky and later my fridge in the remaining 1/3. This allowed me to put my chairs underneath the shelf as well as my table which was supported on a couple of aluminium angles. Above it I had the plastic storage boxes for food and cooking gear. The shelf was secured to the cargo tie down points with short webbing straps.



Wire shelving used as edges for the shelf

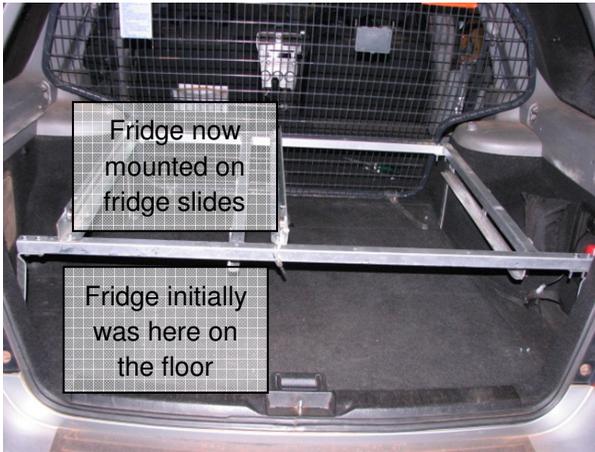


Shelf and fridge secured using (blue) webbing straps. The plastic drawers are also secured by a webbing strap

My next arrangement was based on something one of the other club members had done with a full width shelf which allowed the spare tyre to be removed without unloading the whole of the cargo area. I made up some metal brackets which are secured by the cargo tie down bracket bolts. These stay in the car permanently and the shelf is made with a 25mm square metal frame which bolts on at each corner. This was initially made so my fridge sat down on the floor on one side but I have since put on a fridge slide so the fridge is now on the shelf itself.



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Showing bare metal frame bolted to the brackets in the corners. The fridge initially went in the left hand 1/3. The two fridge slide support angles are bolted on top of the frame

Showing fridge slide extended and right hand top fitted.

Another thing to consider is to keep the air inlet & exhaust for your fridge clear as it will not have to work so hard and your battery will last longer



I have made new brackets for my Diesel Forester but use the same frame as before.

This picture shows the completed set-up with a new pull out table

David Peck

Trip checklists

Over the years I have used lists to help with preparation, preservation and packing. There are dozens, but don't worry I am not going to put them in the magazine! I am, however, very happy to hand them out on paper or via email. 40 years of trips in, and fiddling with Subaru's has taught me a lot.

Lists certainly help, especially for long trips and are vital for 'expedition' or remote trips where there may be scant assistance for any vehicle.

On those trips, and short trips, parts, gear and tools can be shared. You may not have all things for all situations, but someone else might have the precious item of desire and then you stand a chance of being assisted or giving assistance.

Have a look on the Subaru club website for these additions and other lists:

Trip Planning Check Daily – What about your car.

Parts & spares Ian (Puggle).

They are in Knowledge/Trips, driving, navigation, maps.

Contact me if you would like some more detailed information.

Regards, Ian J.

Fuel Prices in 1983!

STATE PETROL PRICES.

As you are probably aware the Government has now set maximum petrol prices throughout the state. The following list may help you in the planning of future trips.

Metropolitan Area	42.9 C.P.L.
Albany	43.3
Boulder	45.9
Bunbury	43.2
Busselton	43.9
Dampier	46.9
Esperance	44.8
Geraldton	44.8
Kalgoorlie	45.9
Karratha	46.9
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