

March 2018

**Note: March meeting at Ranger Outdoor,  
Bentley. 7pm Wed March 13**



## ***SUBARU 4WD NEWS***

Meetings of  
THE SUBARU 4WD CLUB of WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.  
are usually held

At 7.30pm on the second **Wednesday** of each month in the

**John McGrath Pavilion, South Perth**

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## SUBARU 4WD CLUB NEWS

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**Club member of the Year 2017-2018:** Adrian Longwood

**Life members:** Fred Offer, Keith Anderson, Jonel Householder, Ray Stewart, Ian Johnson, Peter Andruszkiw, Ron Counce and Jim Wilcox

NEWS

**New rooms, new website**

The Club held its first meeting in the John McGrath Pavilion last month. Most found their way to the right room on time, and the early birds moved chairs and tables to set the room up. The room had disappointing acoustics, making it hard to hear – especially when more than one person was speaking – and the concertina wall we had to move into place was missing the key to lock it solid. However, the meeting went well. The highlight was Rob giving a preview of the Club’s new mobile-friendly website, which went live late in February after many, many months of meticulous work by Rob, with considerable help from Jim. Rob’s shirt said “I write code”, which he clearly does well. Thanks Rob and Jim!



*The first meeting in the John McGrath Pavilion*



*Rob Griffiths previews the new website.*

**New passwords**

For the new website, you will need to request a new password and change your browser bookmarks.

**The next meeting is at Ranger Outdoors, Albany Highway, Bentley, starting at 7pm. Don't miss this meeting as the whole store is being opened with store-wide discounts just for us on the night.**

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello all and welcome to your March edition. We have plenty to keep you informed about, so please read on and get the latest.

We've just had our first GM at the new hall in South Perth. The new rooms are a nice upgrade on the 'character' facilities we last had. Although we just moved into the new rooms we're running away already! Ranger Outdoors Bentley are hosting our meeting

on Wednesday March 14. They'll be offering exclusive discounts on the night, so come along and grab a bargain. The start time will be 7pm, with doors open slightly earlier for those wanting extra browsing time.

I've got to make special mention of Rob and Jim who've spent months voluntarily putting our new club website together, which has just gone live! It's responsive to a variety of devices and has a few extra features. You should all have instructions (check your junk mail if you didn't get the notice) and login to check it out. Next time you see either of them thank them for their efforts!



*Express an interest in going to where Subaru makes its cars. Visit the factory and the museum (pictured above). And take in a baseball game and maybe a Sumo match.*

Next year's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations are being considered and a trip to Japan, (to the home of our beloved vehicles) has been proposed. We're thinking of going mid-year and are asking for those interested to put their names down. Travis is doing some research, so ask him for further details or register your interest on the new website.

There's a handful of new trips appearing every month, so it's important to come to meetings and read the mag for the latest

updates. Some classics are back in the pipeline, like our camp oven cookout, but with a new location. And Christmas in July.

We're organising a range of presentations at meetings again this year, with the following months to be confirmed soon!

**The Pres, Adrian Longwood.**

## TRIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT



We are approaching the time of year with lots of long weekends and therefore lots of good trips to go on. At the time of writing we only have 4 cars going to Yeagarup for the March long weekend which is disappointing. To get private camping areas at peak periods we have to book well in advance and places like Yeagarup have a minimum cost. With only a few people going that raises the cost per individual, and the committee will discuss whether the club should step in to cover the shortfall. Or do we expect the people going to pay more than anticipated?

On the other hand we already have 12 cars down for Bremer Bay at Easter, with room for a few more. I have 9 cars going down the back roads to Albany for Anzac Day and I might need to close the trip off at 12 cars as I'm unsure about getting good bush camps for so many.

Ian and Nina are at it again, this time heading up through the granite outcrop country of the north eastern Wheatbelt and into the Great Western Woodlands which is some beautiful country.

**Cheers, David**

*A Trip Leader is never lost, just exploring!*

## Airbag recall affects Subaru vehicles: is yours on the list?

In case you missed the news, there is a nation-wide recall on a large range of vehicles, including many Subarus, to fix faulty Takata airbags.

The bags have been associated with 20 deaths around the world. The airbag's inflators can explode, sending shrapnel into the car's cabin. People have had eyes punctured, and shrapnel in the face, neck and chest. This latest recall is the largest in Australia's history and replaces the earlier recall. Cars older than six years are at a higher risk than newer models. The front passenger airbag is affected in Subaru cars. If you are affected, contact Subaru. All costs will be covered.

### Check your car at

<https://www.subaru.com.au/recall> (which has ALL recalls for ALL models). Below are affected OBs and Foresters. *You will need your VIN number*

**Recall** - MY08-13 Impreza & WRX and MY09-12 Forester (Extended VIN range)

**Recall** - MY10-14 Liberty and Outback

**Recall** - MY09 Liberty and Outback (Extended VIN Range)

TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

## Loafing at The Left Bank

Saturday 17 March, 8 am onwards

Join fellow Club members for a lazy Saturday morning brekky with views of the Swan River at The Left Bank. Club guests welcome.

The breakfast menu has something for everyone:



carnivores (e.g. The Big Breakfast), gluten free (e.g. Smoked Salmon Stack), & vegetarian (e.g. Honey Roasted Muesli)

<https://www.leftbank.com.au/breakfast-menu/>

This is a very popular social so join up on the website or call **Joy on 0429 4737 09** to secure a place



**15 Riverside Road, East Fremantle**

## Beautiful Bremer Mark II

Good Friday 30 March to Easter Monday 2 April 2018

**Let's go explore the Bremer Bay region again for Easter –**

hopefully with less water than last time, when much of the beautiful Fitzgerald River National Park nearby was closed to us. The consolation was some fun puddles on the roads we did get to drive down and a bit of fishing. **Location:** Tozer's Bush Camp. **What to Bring:** There is a full camp kitchen and ablution facilities. All sites are unpowered so all camping gear is required. Basic recovery gear would be handy. **Contact Jo Norton.**



**We have room for more at the Yeagarup Hut this March long weekend.** The Yeagarup Dune system is the largest landlocked dune system of its type in the Southern Hemisphere. The hut is an 8km 4WD from the Southern Ocean and the mouth of the Warren River. There is a large communal dining area, toilets and hot water, and great driving. **Contact: Tony Richards on (08) 9386 7705**

## TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

### Finska World Championship returns April 14

It's on again!! Get your game face – or your game tail – back on for the annual Finska World Championship.

Yes, it's back! And yes, it's bigger! Last year Stephan took out both the championship trophy and the bung chuck. Will he be able to defend his titles this year, or will he buckle under the pressure of the long list of contenders? Will the likes of Ray, Adrian and



Travis step up? Or will it be one of the many dark horses that are lurking on the side lines who will snatch it from out of nowhere? You'll have to come down and find out. You will need to be a member to enter this event.

It all kicks off at 10. We'll draw out names for the knock out stage, then have a warm up game. First two to reach 50 in each game go through to the final. We should crown our winner about 1. Bring along your lunch, drinks, sun screen, hat and chair. And attach a fancy tail to your rear if you dare.

Where will it be? It has to be secret for now to protect those who plan to wear fancy dress tails [For dress code, see Travis or Katie or Jo Norton]

Check the new website for the latest info.

### Back roads to Albany for Anzac Day 21 – 25 April

One of the WA 4WD Association delegates has plotted the back roads and forestry tracks from Mundaring to Albany and the distance between the way points is 820 km!

The plan is to take 4 days to get to Albany with bush camping on the way. We want to be in an Albany caravan park Tuesday night so people can attend the Albany ANZAC



Photo: <http://anzacalbany.com.au/anzac-day-2018/>

Day dawn service on Wednesday if they wish.

Depart 9am Saturday April 21. Bring: Radio, full tank of fuel, camping gear, food and drink. Not suitable for camper trailers or caravans. No pets as we will be in some national parks **Contact: David Peck on 0402 177 886**

**TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION**



*Lake Brown from Eaglestone Rock. Photo: Ian 2018*

## **Wheres Waly? 15th May - 20th May**

This trip with a mystery element offers exciting new areas never visited by club, with some of the best bush camping in the state.

The plan is to take you on a 6-day 5-night trip via Westonia, then north east on three bush tracks (all unfamiliar to us and the club) heading beyond Baladjie Rock and Lake. The explorations into the Great Western Woodlands start from the north side of the lake. On their recce for the trip, leaders Ian and Nina found some stunning camping areas with great 4wd tracks and scenery. It's likely that some sections could need a bit of 'gardening'. There will be a couple of two-night camps for loafing or more exploration of tracks, some of which are only to be found on Google Earth (i.e. not on the main maps). All of the offroad sections are new to the club. The last leg of the trip is south through 'Muka' to another newly-discovered granite outcrop – Eaglestone Rock – a spectacular place facing Lake Brown. The trip home is via Goomalling Road and Toodyay Bakery! Extra fuel will be required. The trip is suitable for all Foresters. New members are especially welcome! As the leaders specialise in cooking on coals, this is a great opportunity to learn about true bush cooking.



*Photo: Ian 2018*

**You can join or depart inside these dates by arrangement.** Get in quick! Phone, text or email Ian Johnson on 0419 936 566 for more info. The 'Waly' bit will be revealed on the trip!

TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

## Logue Brook Dam overnighter 5-6 May

We will travel to Logue Brook Dam via Dwellingup and Hoffmans Mill then camp overnight at the Parks and Wildlife Logue Brook Campground.

From our meeting point, we will head to Dwellingup for morning tea and then head south on either the Murray River Fireline if it is open or, if not, Nanga Road through to Hoffmans Mill and Logue Brook.

We will be travelling through Lane Poole Reserve. Entry fees apply - \$13 per vehicle (\$7 per vehicle for concession card holders). It will cost nothing if you have a National Parks Pass.

It will be a leisurely drive, stopping to look at points of interest. We will be using established forest tracks and, provided the weather is reasonable and there is not a lot of water around, I expect the driving will be easy. The trip is therefore suitable for drivers of all skill levels.

Logue Brook campsite has (non-flush) toilets. There is a camp kitchen with a BBQ plate, picnic table and benches. Bring your own water. The campsite is adjacent to the Lake Brockman Tourist Park which has a café that serves breakfast and lunch, but not dinner.

Fees are: \$11 adult, \$3 for a child over 5 and free for under 5s. **You will need to book your own camp site. The number to ring is 9733 5402** and that gets you through to the Logue Brook Tourist Park who take the bookings. I have booked Site 10 in the Karrak area (ask me for a site map) and they are aware that I am part of a group – Subaru 4WD Club of WA.

There are only 12 tent sites available in Karrak and they are on split levels so the tent is set up below (on a sandy pad) and the car is parked above. If you want to bring a camper, you will need to book a site elsewhere in the campground. On Sunday, we will head out to South Western Highway and home.

**Contact: Tony Richards on mobile 0414 224 734**



TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

## Gander at Googs, frolic in Flinders, gawk at Gawler June 16- July 8

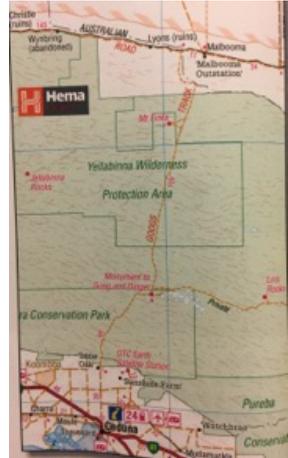
This three-week trip navigates the Nullarbor, gallivants on Googs Track from Ceduna to the Trans Australia rail line before frolicking in the Flinders Ranges and, on the way home, having a gawk at the Gawler Ranges.

We depart from the Lakes Roadhouse east of Perth, heading for Norseman via Hyden and the Hyden-Norseman road. We camp just before Norseman before heading to the Nullarbor where we will camp near Mundrabilla. On the third day we will get to Ceduna where we will stay overnight. The next day we head north up Googs Track, a track across desert dunes that run largely east-west. A sand flag is required. We will camp two nights on the Track before heading for Port Augusta via Glendambo and the Stuart Highway.

We will overnight two nights in Port Augusta, to re-provision and clean up, then head up to Hawker, the Outback Highway and Copley and *Googs Track* from there to Arkaroola in the north Flinders. We will stay in and explore Arkaroola four nights before moving south to the Wilpena Pound area for another three nights.

On leaving the Flinders Ranges we head again to Port Augusta via Hawker, fuel up and head across the Eyre Peninsula, spending two days in the Gawler Ranges before crossing the Eyre Highway at Poochera to head to Streaky Bay for a day on the coast before heading back across the Nullarbor, then to Perth via Norseman and Kalgoorlie. We should be back in Perth on July 7, with a day up our sleeves for the trip back. The above can be changed by group agreement.

**Contact: Stephan Millett (text on 0405221845).**



### UHF radios and club trips

UHF radios are required for all club trips. They can be hired for a small fee from the club by indicating that you need a radio when you sign up for a trip, by contacting the trip leader for your trip, or by contacting the Trips Coordinator:

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



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### CLUB CALENDAR

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**Sat 3-Mon 5.** Yeagarup Hut  
**Tue 6:** Committee Meeting  
**Wed 14.** General Meeting at Ranger Outdoor, Bentley  
**Sat 17.** Breakfast at the Left Bank  
**Fri 30 - Mon 2.** Easter at Tozer's near Bremer Bay -

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**Tues 3.** Committee meeting  
**Wed 10.** Club meeting  
**Fri 30 - Mon 2:** Easter at Tozer's near Bremer Bay  
**April 14.** Finska World Cup  
**April 21 - April 25** Albany run

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**Tues 1.** Committee meeting  
**Sunday 5 - 6 .** Logue Brook overnighter  
**Wed 9.** Club meeting  
**Tues 15 - Sat 20.** Where's Waly?  
**Sat 20.** Soccer golf Wembley

# SUBARU 4WD CLUB OF W.A. INC.

## CLUB CALENDAR

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**June 2-4.** 4WD Assn. Kalgoorlie.  
**Tues 5.** Committee  
**Wed 13.** Club meeting  
**June 16 - July 8.** Googs Track, Flinders and Gawler ranges.

JULY 2018						
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**July 3.** Committee  
**July 11.** General meeting  
**June 16 - July 8.** Googs Track, Flinders and Gawler ranges.  
**22 June - 18 August.** Purnululu and Gibb River Road.

Prize question: In what year did the club last go to Cape York? Email the editor with your answer. Clue: Look at the scrolling pictures on the front of the new website. [editor@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au](mailto:editor@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au)

### SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2018

**School Holidays:** April 14 - April 29; June 30-July 15; September 22-October 7; December 14-February 3 (2019)

**Public holidays:** March 5 & 30, April 2 & 25, June 4, September 24, December 24, 25, 26

**UPCOMING TRIPS** . Easter **Bremer Bay** May **Where's Waly?**  
 June **Flinders Ranges and Goog's Track**; August **Credo**; August **Purnululu.**

## TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

### Purnululu (now with added Gibb River Road)

22 July – 18 August

Purnululu National Park is one of the world's most spectacular places. This World Heritage site – home of the Bungle Bungle Range – is in the East Kimberley about 300km south of Kununurra.

We will be in the Purnululu NP for about five days and will take five (longish) days to get there (WA is a BIG state!). After the long drive, the focus is on the Kimberley and its many attraction of scenery and adventure. There will be as many 2-4 night camps as will fit, bush camping where possible and caravan parks to freshen up.



*Photo courtesy of TripAdvisor*

A trip down the Gibb River Road to Derby has been added to the

itinerary. From Derby the convoy will follow the coast most of the way home. You will have the option to join, depart or diverge from the trip. This may be attractive on the way back for those who cannot get the whole four weeks' leave. Out of the way places will be highlights. Let us know your available dates. It's a long trip, but not rated as an expedition so unmodified Subarus will be ok with a bit of preparation – some compulsory. No restrictions on numbers (yet), but 9 cars / 14 people have signed or expressed their interest. New members are welcome. There are already several solo cars who will welcome a passenger. As with all long-distance and remote trips, for safety's sake, two drivers per car is preferred. **Please contact Ian Johnson, Nina McLaren or Trip Coordinator David Peck for a detailed overview and itinerary.**

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### Get up and go to the Goldfields Gathering

The annual Gathering of the WA 4WD Association this year is at the well-appointed Goldfields Motorcycle Club, Percy Road, West Kalgoorlie.

Entry is free, but there is a \$50 fee for camping, which covers you from Thursday 31 June to Tuesday 5 June. There is unpowered camping on site for tents, caravans and swags. It is likely to be cold, and no fires are allowed except one large communal fire pit. Numbers are needed by 5 May.

SHOW AND TELL

Repairing a tyre: With Adrian and friends.



1. Simulate a puncture by ruining a good tyre with a drill.



2. Get a tyre puncture repair kit. (Get tools with metal handles as plastic can break and hurt you.)



3. Use a reaming tool to widen the hole.



4. Show you don't really need glasses when threading the plug into the insertion tool



5. Insert about half the plug, then remove the tool sharply, leaving the plug in place.



6. Admit it! Bringing the plug tool out is harder than it looks.



7. Trim the plug

8. Show everyone how clever you are!

*Seriously, though, this is a vital skill for any off-roader.*



TRIPS AND SOCIAL REPORTS

## Julimar jaunt gives unexpected jolts and bumps

We were treated to an out of the ordinary experience on **10 February** with a drive through the Julimar State Forest – something I have done by day previously – but never by night – hence when I saw the trip I registered immediately at it. It looks like others in the club did the same with a crew of 13 cars and 19 passengers – including long-time member Matt Ward who appeared with his Forester.



We all met at Gingers Roadhouse on great Northern Highway with many commenting it was a long time since they had been there and how much the road had changed/improved – though the aroma of cattle trucks parked up had not changed. We had a few newbies along and trip guest Daniel in his 2003 Forester. Once all were assembled we made our way onto the highway with Stephan taking up tail and proceeded though Bullsbrook on to the Chittering valley access about 4km

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Stu Rosethorne commented on Subaru 4WD Club of Western Australia's post.



**Stu Rosethorne**  
February 11 at 9:19am

Awesome drive , thanks to David very challenging  
😊

north. As we were driving in it was noted how green it all was – helped by the 100mm rain in January. After about 30 mins we ended up at Blackboy Ridge

Reserve picnic stop where we all tucked into our modest evening meals consisting of sandwiches or sausages and salads. We were all treated to some little birthday cakes courtesy of Rob Griffiths whose birthday it was. The idea of stopping there for an hour was also to give people an opportunity to go to the top of the hill and back. I think cakes and hunger held us back!

The time to move came and we all went back on the road heading up Julimar Road and paralleling the Brockman River for about 30 mins, again through lovely rolling country that was very green. It was a road I had not been on more than once or twice before.

We made our way into the corner of the forest and on to the route Dave and Jim had pre -tripped on Mortimer Road and then onto Pollinelli Road, running parallel to Western Boundary Road and along a creek which in most part seemed to be the road! **Cont. p.17**

## TRIPS AND SOCIAL REPORTS

**From p. 16.** Dave had set the timing so we could be at the most difficult bit he had found before it was too dark. It turned out the 100mm extra rain after the pre-trip may have increased the difficulty a bit more than anticipated, with a bit of a twist at the bottom, and back up needing a bit of guide through for many, though it has to be said that at the front of the convoy Oscar, guided by Jo who was hosting Dave for the night, seemed to amble through. Those with manuals found it a bit smelly on the clutch but all got through. By the time we



cleared there it was well dark as we proceeded along to Brook Road, which by name gives you a clue as what we would find – not a lot of water – but where a lot of water had been! There was a long wide straddle with a jink at the end which needed close attention – assisted by guides. A little further on we found that we had to gently create another little track around a spot that had become a complete boulder field that could cut a tyre or two.

Then we came across the gully that must be the namesake of the road. There was no way any Subi was going to go down there — and get out! The comment was made it was lucky it was very dry otherwise the adventure would have been a nightmare!

By the time we had cleared this little gully it was getting after nine and later than Dave had anticipated so he made an executive decision to cut the planned additional loop out of the trip and to seek out roads to take us back to the bitumen. Being very dark with no moon, travelling along the tracks was at a maximum of 10-15km/hr. At around 10 pm we found our way back to the bitumen having all thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and the good company. It was a gentle drive back to the highway – keeping an eye out for the hoppitys we had seen many of on the way up. When we hit the highway everyone dispersed into the different ways home, thanking Dave and Jim for a great little adventure. **John Cahill**

**TRIPS AND SOCIAL REPORTS**

**Israelite on Bight, Point Malcolm, 17 October**

I woke up early with the dawn chorus of birds at 4:30. Among the varied twittering there was a strange sound like running water which I could not identify (and later none of the birders in the group could place it either). I tried scanning for stations on the amateur radio bands but conditions were too noisy so I set off for a walk to the point along a sandy access track deeply incised into the dunes. The point has very confused-looking geology with contorted mixtures of different rocks producing striking patterns and eroded forms. I was also scouting the area for suitable fishing points on the exposed southern side which had to be carefully chosen for safe access to deep water. After finding



a potential spot I returned to camp to have breakfast just as some others were emerging from their tents.

When everyone was awake and ready we embarked on grilling some mullet for breakfast. Russell Stone, a local fisherman, donated the fish the previous day

after a successful deployment of his net in shallow water close to camp. Scaling and gutting was done at the beach to keep the camp site clean and allow for easy disposal of scales and offal. The Subagrill went into action over hot coals and soon there were nicely cooked fish to share. The fish tasted excellent but I thought some parts of the skin were a little too burnt for my taste. After the fish barbecue we helped Jason and Julie move their tent to a less windy location then relaxed while awaiting the arrival of Tony and Keith.

I returned to the point around 10 o'clock to try some fishing at the spot I had found earlier. On arrival there was a mild breeze over my right shoulder from the north east which would help with casting. I had a missed strike after a few casts but the wind was also rapidly strengthening and changing direction until it was a strong crosswind making fishing impractical. I packed up and walked to the end of the point where Ian, Nina and David were relaxing in the shelter of some rocks. The increasing wind was becoming uncomfortable so they soon returned to camp. I stayed longer trying a smaller lure in the shallow water there. **Cont. p. 19**

## TRIPS AND SOCIAL REPORTS

**From p. 18** This was entertaining, with lots of small fish enthusiastically chasing the lure but not striking hard. Eventually I caught one to identify it as a small herring, which I released then returned to camp.

After Keith had a swim, and not finding any of the sharks Russell warned about, I too had a swim – but in a part of the beach with clear water closer to shore. Others were beach combing and returning with curiosities found in the seaweed banks and beach.

In the evening Ian, Nina and assistants cooked chicken drumsticks and potatoes in jackets with a generous salad. It was an excellent meal, as usual, providing a satisfying end to the day's activities leading into chatting around a decent camp fire before bedtime. **Daniel Bedo**

### Day 5 – Wednesday 18 October

The birds were noisy at 4:44 which was way too early for me. Daniel went fishing in the morning and caught a small salmon, Keith and Tony went off birding and the rest of us did a slow pack up.

We went up a track which led us back to the washed out crossroads and then we went back to Tooke-Jenna for morning tea. The track up the escarpment turned a bit rocky and we averaged about 7 km/hr.

We stopped on the track to Mount Ragged and had lunch there. There were a lot of wildflowers out but most were quite small.

*When we stopped for another photo of Mount Ragged Julia got out of the car and closed the door to stop the flies getting in – and Jason drove off leaving her behind (this is surely worth an award).*

There was not enough room at Mount Ragged campground so we moved on. As we headed north towards Balladonia the bush was too thick for camping but after 40 km or so it cleared out a bit. We looked in at Juranda Rock hole then backtracked a couple of kilometres where we found a nice bush camp with shade and open spaces and plenty of firewood. I cooked 'corn bread tamale pie' under Nina's guidance and afterwards we had fruit cobbler (pudding) and custard. **Ian Johnson**





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### Beach run: hot with a bit of a blowout

Adrian led the Annual Beach Run again this year, taking a large group along Preston Beach. The day proved a bit of a challenge, with Adrian's Forester having heat stress and one unlucky member suffering a shattered sidewall on a tyre.

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