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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

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



June saw a healthy turn-out of members to what was a pretty good meeting. Those attending got to hear me share a recent difficult situation I was in – with two others, being first on scene to a serious vehicle rollover along the Great Central Road, 80km from the nearest town. Luckily the end result was good, keeping the driver alive and using another passing vehicle's sat phone, however things could have easily been different. I encourage you all to carefully consider how you pack your car, what you take, and how you secure it as anything and everything can become a projectile and cause an injury (or worse).

Safety/first aid equipment and a satellite phone proved essential along with First Aid training. It so happens the committee have had first aid training on the agenda recently and we're looking to firm up a date in September, so stay tuned for dates and prices.

There's updates and developments on a few trips so I suggest checking back on the website often to see the latest details. The Christmas in July is this weekend and you can still sneak along if you're quick. We've got a destination for this year's Camping Demo weekend, which is a perfect trip for all to see and demonstrate a wide variety of gear for camping, packing the car and more! I recently led us to WhiteGum 4WD park, which was pretty good fun. Great spot for camping and testing your 4WD skills and limitations.



The new Forester isn't far away and more details are emerging online about its details (see a summary of a press report, p.6). We'll be trying to get one along to a meeting once it's released! Who's excited?

Tending The Tracks is a fairly recent joint initiative between a few organisations, members are getting out and restoring some areas for wildlife preservation and vehicle track access. There's assorted trips coming up and volunteer assistance will be greatly appreciated by them. The WA 4WD Association is one of the organisations involved. Check their website and Facebook page for upcoming events.

Thanks for reading. See you again soon

The Pres, Adrian Longwood.

TRIP CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT



The Flinders Frolickers are back and one flat tyre and a wet map book were the only problems on the trip; so it went well. Keep a lookout on the website and in upcoming editions of the magazine for their stories and photos of what they saw along the way.

We have a couple of social events that people may be interested in, one to Goomalling for a Christmas in July meal in the caravan park and the other a Saturday lunch trip to the Naked Apple Cidery Karragullen.



Karen with Stephan's Forester on one of 363 dunes on Googs track. First reports will be in the next magazine.

On 18 to 21 August we are going to Credo station to go and visit Jim, Chris and Joy as they are caretaking there for August. Credo is an ex-pastoral lease and there are rooms available in the old shearers quarters as well as bush camping. It would also be suitable for camper trailers.

Later in the year we have a camping demo and 4WD weekend on 8-9 September, and a trip to Bluff Knoll in the Stirling Ranges on 22-24 September. We will be staying at the Porongorup Range Caravan Park.

There is a possible joint outing with the Landcruiser Club sometime in October (this is a Jaffles and Cocktails camp) and the Annual Dinner is confirmed for Lancelin on 20 October. There is plenty of accommodation nearby, including caravan and camping.

We are looking at doing a combined Easter and Anzac day trip next year and the committee is after ideas on where you would like to go. One of the suggestions is a trip to Shark Bay or Ningaloo staying at one of the stations in the area. Is there enough interest to start planning this trip? Let me know.



David irons his maps to dry them: or is it taking neatness to a whole new level?

Cheers, David

A Trip Leader is never lost, just exploring



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NEWS

New model Forester launched

The new model Forester has been launched at the New York motor show. There is good news and not so good news, according to motoring.com.au. The new version will come with a 2.0 or 2.5 litre Boxer engine, but will not have a diesel version, or a manual version and... there will be no turbo version. It will, however, have an engine output of 136kW/239Nm and have the same ground clearance (220mm). All versions will have a continuously variable transmission (CVT) and in 2019 an e-Boxer hybrid version will be available. The new models are all based on the Subaru global platform and will look a bit more square and chunky than the current models. There will be a little more room inside, with wheelbase stretched 30mm and the vehicle body being 15mm longer and 20mm wider. Cargo storage is increased by 76 litres with the seats up and 287 litres with the seats folded flat. LED lights are standard and there will be new colours. The EyeSight driver assist technology will be standard, wheel sizes will be 17 or 18 inch and the consumer electronics in the cabin will be brought more up to date. It will run on 91 RON (standard ULP) petrol and fuel economy is touted to be lower, although test figures on consumption have not been released. The range will be available from September.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PROPOSE A SPECIAL RESOLUTION
TO REPLACE THE CLUB CONSTITUTION**

Notice is hereby given that, at the **Club General Meeting on Wednesday 11 July 2018** at the John McGrath Pavilion, Hensman Street, South Perth at 7.30, a Special Resolution will be moved to replace the current Club Constitution with a revised and updated version that complies with the requirements of the new Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

The formal Notice of Meeting, replacement Constitution and Explanatory Memorandum will be sent to you using the email address we hold for you as part of the Club's membership records. If we do not have a valid email address for you or the Club receives notice that the email sent to you is not delivered, we will post a copy of the documents to you. A copy of the documents is also in the Library>Misc page of the Club's website. <https://www.subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au/library/list/member/Misc>

TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

Naked Apple Cider House Lunch

Saturday August 4, 12.30 PM

1088 Brookton Highway, Karagullen

Let's try out this fairly new 5 star eatery set on 6.4 hectares of lush gardens and native bushland in Karragullen, Perth Hills. Just a scenic 40 minute drive from Perth CBD.

Naked Apple Cider House is a family friendly venue where you can kick back, relax and take a big gulp of the serenity. Feel free to bring your fur babies, too. There's an adventure playground for kids on site and plenty of magical gardens for them to explore.



Vegetarian and gluten-free options are available on the menu. Check it out here: <http://www.nakedapple.com.au/>

Join the trip before 30 July on the Club website or **call Joy on 0429 4737 09**

Goomalling weekend

Saturday July 14 - Sunday July 15

This was to have been our catered Christmas in July, but the pub lost its chef and can't do meals on our scale at the moment. Now the weekend is a chance to leave the city and camp in a refurbished caravan park or take a room in the pub – and join in a festive DIY dinner at the caravan park. The drive there is through farm country that has seen good rain, so it is lovely and green. BYO everything, including festive food, and share with others.

Goomalling is a small Wheatbelt town 133 km from Perth. If you come via Toodyay Road, you can stop at the Toodyay Xmas Shop to get yourself into the festive season mood. Goomalling also has the most amazing gift shop called Whispers On The Terrace. It is worth the trip just to browse through this treasure trove. Open Sat 10am-3pm. *There will be The Ugliest Xmas Sweater and Funniest Xmas T-Shirt competitions* so get your gear on and come to the party! Book your own accommodation.

<http://www.visitgoomalling.com.au/stay/caravan-park>. **Trip leader: Joy Unno**

TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

Purnululu National Park and Gibb River Road

22 July – 18 August

This is your last chance to join in a trip to Purnululu National Park – 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 park 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, its 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. New members are welcome. For safety’s sake, two drivers per car is preferred and there are several solo cars who will welcome a passenger. **Please contact Ian Johnson, Nina McLaren or Trip Coordinator David Peck**

Credo, I believe

August 18 - 21

Jim and Christine Wilcox and Joy Uno are caretaking on Credo station for the month of August, so what better time to head out there for a few days and explore the countryside around it. Credo is a former pastoral station, and now a conservation park, about 70km north of Coolgardie. There is camping or shearers quarters you can stay in. The Parks and Wildlife website notes that ‘Credo has old gold mines, large rocky outcrops, beautiful eucalypt woodlands and several dams in which yabbies can be collected. Several ghost towns can also be explored on the property.’

CLUB MERCHANDISE – buy items at the meetings



Bisley khaki 100% cotton long sleeve shirts (in Men's and Women's sizes) are available at a subsidised price of \$40 with logo (but no name) and \$45 with logo and name. If you buy a shirt from Club stock with no name, you can have your name added later by taking the shirt to Hip Pocket in Balcatta and having it embroidered (on the spot if you ring first) at a cost of \$7.



Royal blue and white ("Contrast") polyester/cotton polo shirts (with pocket) are available at a subsidised cost of \$15

JBsWear Full Zip Polar Jackets (in Men's and Women's sizes) with logo (to be added) are available for \$36. Details: 100% polyester for durability; 290gsm low pill polar fleece; 2 front pockets; and adjustable elastic hem with toggles



Cap – royal blue and white. Logo to be added. Cost tba



History Books – reduced to \$10



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Embroidered Badges – \$5



Club stickers \$3



Beanies – \$9

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Flat pack neoprene can coolers – \$5

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Roof rack in good condition

I am selling a Rhino Rack in good condition, used twice otherwise stored in the shed. Measures approximately 120cm x 85cm. Comes with brackets, no rails. Selling due to upgrade. Reasonable offers considered. gayton_au@wn.com.au



Deb Thyne

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- \$88.00 - Digga 3pc H/D Shovel
- \$239.00 - Shade Awning - 2x2.5m
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- \$250.00 - Black Max Compressor
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CLUB CALENDAR

JULY 2018							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Sun 1. Ladies' Day Tues 3. Committee Wed 11. Club meeting June 16 - July 8. Googs Track, Flinders and Gawler ranges. Sat 14. Christmas in July July 22- August 18. Purnululu (Bungle Bungle) and Gibb River Road.
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AUGUST 2018							
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SEPTEMBER 2018							
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SUBARU 4WD CLUB OF W.A. INC.

CLUB CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2018						
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Tues 2. Committee
Wed 10. Club meeting
Sat 20. Annual dinner, Lancelin.
Sun 28. Perth Subaru Alliance - SubiFest

NOVEMBER 2018						
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Tues 6. Committee meeting
Wed 14. Club meeting
Fri 9 - Sun 11. 4WD Show
Sun 18. Lancelin sand dunes

Protect your radiator fans when crossing water

If the fans are running when you enter water, they will act like propellers and can be driven forward into the radiator, damaging it and possibly holing it. So what should you do? If you have a small tarpaulin, drape it across the front of your vehicle. Otherwise, pull up to the edge of the crossing and turn the aircon on so the fans come on. Run for 30-60sec then turn off. Listen for the fans turning off then do the crossing. When the radiator hits the cold water it will immediately cool down and the fans won't come back on until you're out of the water. This also gives your brakes a chance to cool down. Hot brake discs don't like cold streams (which are often at the end of a long descent), it can warp them. Giving them 60 sec to cool a few 100 degrees can make all the difference. **Matt Chaplin** (writing in the Foztrek Facebook page).

Engine problems, missing food and threatening weather fail to dampen Logue Brook weekend



It was good to meet new members Mark and Rowan in their diesel Forester and Stuart in his Outback. There were some new four-legged members too as it was a dog friendly trip but unfortunately during the introductions there was a dog fight, so some of them had to be sent home. This left us with nine cars leaving Armadale on a fine morning for the drive to Dwellingup where we stopped for morning tea. Deborah was celebrating another rotation around the sun and produced a birthday cake for us all to share, which was appreciated by all. Adrian caught up with us there and we were off about

10.30. As we approached Lane Poole Reserve Rob and Wendy, and Jo decided to keep going to our planned lunch spot at Hoffman Mill as there was some debate whether dogs were allowed in the reserve (it ended up that they were). That left us with eight cars heading along the eastern bank of the Murray River where we passed a number of campsites before stopping for a look at Bob's crossing, where Nathan had fun running through the culverts with Rowan.

We finally turned onto the Murray River Fireline track which was generally pretty good with the occasional pothole or wash away. There were comments on the radio about how thick the regrowth was as this area had been burnt out



a couple of years ago in the bad fires that destroyed Yarloop. About three quarters of the way along we found the fallen tree that stopped us last time, which had been cut up and removed. After this the track started getting a bit more challenging with some hills to climb with gutters running down the wheel ruts. Further on there was a mud hole to be

negotiated and Tony went first and stayed right but slid into the hole and scraped the sump guard. **Cont. p. 15.**

Logue Brook weekend

From p.14. The rest of us did some track work relocating some fallen branches that people had obviously used to try and get some traction, and went left which worked fairly well.

Stuart got a check engine light whilst waiting and the car was running rough but he managed to nurse it to the end of the Fireline track. A little later he stopped and David and Jason Moore also stopped to help out. David used his new fault code reader to check the fault code (but should have read the instructions first) and Jason Moore came to the rescue with a dongle that he plugged into the car which sent the info to an app on his phone to find out it was the Oxygen Sensor. A radio call



was made to the rest of the convoy who were in front and they came back and we decided it was a good spot for lunch as there was a pull-off which got us all off the road. Stuart removed the sensor from the exhaust pipe and we attempted to clean it. The car would idle but wouldn't run properly under load so it was decided for Tony to lead the convoy to the campsite and David was going to tow Stuart with the car idling to provide lubrication, steering and brakes. Adrian put his Ultra Gauge in Stuart's car to allow the fault code to be cleared and Jason Peck went along as Stuart's passenger to help out. David only had a shortish strap as a tow rope which along with the gravel roads and hills made for a pretty intense time for Stuart. Adrian provided navigation and clearance for us as we slowly headed the 20-odd kilometres to camp. We got there about 3:30 and left Stuart's car near the cafe to be picked up by a tow truck in the morning. Luckily Stuart was travelling light with just a swag and an Esky which Adrian took into the campground.

The campground was nice with sandy areas for the tents under the trees on a hillside overlooking Lake Brockman. The temperature was a pleasant 23 degrees but no one was keen to go for a swim so we sat around chatting. There were good facilities with good long-drop toilets, shelters with gas BBQs and picnic tables for us to use. **Cont. p. 16.**

Quiz question: find the hidden question, send the answer to the editor. Win a prize.

Logue Brook weekend

From p. 15. Mel was driving down after netball to meet Adrian but she phoned saying the check engine light on her Forester was lit so was going to turn around and go home. The only thing was that she had most of the food in her car. Don't worry, Adrian didn't starve: he had some emergency cans of baked beans in the car and other people had plenty of food that they shared. Julia had some friends who were also staying at the camp ground and they joined us after dinner.



There was some concern about the weather forecast which was for a cold front coming through overnight with 100 km/h winds and rain south of Collie so we crossed our fingers hoping it would miss us. If it turned bad we were all going to head to Derek and Jenny's cabin that they had at the Lake Brockman caravan park, which managed the campground and was close by.

After dinner we missed out on having a camp fire as there was no designated area where we were. Although each campsite did have a fire ring, there were too many of us to sit around one ring. Rowan had an emoji game on his iPad which he got stuck with at a

picture of an artist's palette and what looked like an explosion. We all got involved trying to figure out the six letter word from these clues until someone suggested it was 'POPART'. We were on a bit of a roll after that with everyone putting in suggestions. Even though the evening was fine and mild most wandered off to bed about 8:30 and we got a few drops of rain about an hour later. The wind did pick up during the night and there was some rain too but we were well protected amongst the trees. **Tony Richards.**



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Back roads to Albany – Peaceful Bay to Albany

We had good weather overnight and we woke to ducks wandering around the campsite. A number of people went for a walk along the beach along Peaceful Bay and Jason P showed Nathan a 'sleeping' crab. We had a 9:15 departure, driving north of the main road through coastal scrub on a minor road that also included sections of the MundaBiddi track, so we saw several cyclists. This wound through green cattle pastures then dense forest.



Julia and Nathan enjoy the water at Peaceful Bay

We had morning tea by the Frankland River crossing and found that the river was mostly dry. Deb and Karen were in front so they became the trip leaders. After a short distance we had to stop and move a fallen tree but that was fairly simply managed. We got to the northern most point on this section of the track and as we had heard the track ahead was difficult we decided to head straight to Denmark and the bakery! David and Jo went the scenic way via Scottsdale Road and the others went via the main road. We had lunch in Denmark with many visiting the bakery. After lunch we continued on the last bit of the back roads before reaching the highway.



Just a 'sleeping' crab, Nathan

David, Jason, Stephan and Erica went to the old whaling station (see the report in the June mag) and had a look around and the others went straight to the Caravan Park.

Ross had recommended the White Stag for dinner and we all agreed that they did a good meal. It was an early night as many were going to the dawn service tomorrow. **David Peck**

Back roads to Albany – Albany to Perth

Most were up by 4am and headed off to the entertainment centre where we left the cars and caught shuttle buses to the ANZAC day dawn ceremony. We got there about 4:30 and there was already a crowd but we managed to get a position on one side where we could see the big screen and the main podium. A few showers passed through as we were waiting and the sombre footage of the various conflicts that the ANZACs had been involved with added to the atmosphere.

The ceremony itself was well done and very moving and afterwards Deb placed a wreath at the memorial as her husband's great grandfather had been killed on April 25 in 1918, 100 years ago.

We had a bit of a wait for the buses to return and ended up on one of the last ones. Back at the entertainment centre we queued up for breakfast only to have it run out a couple of people ahead of us.

We went back to the caravan park for breakfast and a wet pack up as it was still drizzling. Jason, Julia and Nathan were staying on for a few days as was Jo. Ross, Ian and Keith were going to wait for the weather to clear. The rest



Exploring a creek crossing during morning tea, north of the Walpole-Denmark road

decided to try and beat the traffic and headed back to Perth at 8:30 and the drizzle soon stopped, but the fields we were passing still looked very dry. We stopped at the Black Cockatoo cafe at Kojonup for a coffee and again at the Woolshed at Williams before saying our goodbyes at Armadale as people went their separate ways. **David Peck**

Where's Waly – overview of a Woodland Breakaway

Having never been in this area, I was content to just follow the leader and savour the journey. We were in a more northerly part of the Great Western Woodlands, past the extremities of the Wheatbelt which we skirted several times. The area looked like more open country than what I had seen further south, interspersed with areas of low shrub, grass or rock depending on the geology. Beautiful burnished coppery trunks of gimlet and other eucalypt trees were a highlight and a welcome sight individually or in large stands.

Ideal travelling and camping conditions made things very enjoyable with sunny low 20's and cool nights down to 4 degrees. Apart from some gang "gardening" to clear overgrown shrubbery, driving was generally easy and enjoyable. Lovely sunrise and sunset lighting enhanced our evening snacks and drinks, especially the sun setting at Eaglestone Rock and sunrise over Lake Champion next morning. The country was dry, in need of rain, and lacking in birdlife. Camping was easy without any mud and with lots of good dry firewood to provide coals for excellent camp oven dinners.

The skills of the cooks producing plentiful tasty meals were greatly appreciated.

Rock outcrops and breakaways were outstanding features for me right from the first night at Baladjie Rock. The impressive cliffs and weathered overhangs and boulders immediately signalled there were plenty of interesting things to see ahead. **Cont. p. 20**



We were here: a campsite in the lee of a breakaway about 100km north of Southern Cross



Afternoon sun on bronze-trunked gums



Baladjie Lake

From p.19. This was perhaps the most prominent rock feature of the trip but everything that followed showed its own character with special points of interest.

Being able to see stages in erosion from granite to sand undercutting the breakaway was particularly striking. Breakaways and rock outcrops may not look interesting until you get close and explore them in detail. Then surprising aspects like the amount of unsupported undercut rock before collapse occurs. Beringbooding Rock had a further surprise with cleverly built contour walls directing water from most of its surface into a large tank supplying water for carting. The walls were exfoliated slabs collected off the rock and cemented together in such a way that water loss to the lowlands was prevented. This would have needed careful planning and clearly is successful but deprived many lizards and small animals of shelter.

I was intrigued by fossil mineralised bee or wasp mud burrows [over 1 million years old] used as gravel for roads in and around Mukinbudin. I wondered how dense and extensive the bee or wasp population would have been and how each burrow was enclosed within its own rock.

This was a relaxing break with good companionship in fascinating country. Ian's motto of *"Let's go Camping in the Bush"* sums it up perfectly and is something I would like to do now and then. **Daniel Bedo**

Where's Waly Day 1

Despite most of us having forgotten that it was a week day complete with morning rush hour traffic, five cars (6 people), assembled on time at the Caltex station on Great Eastern Highway, eager for departure on the Where's Waly adventure. After the obligatory (and delicious) stop at Baker's Hill Bakery, the convoy settled in for the long drive with occasional chatter on the CB radio.

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Where's Waly? Day 1: Kellerberrin, Westonia and beyond

From p.20. A quick comfort stop at Kellerberrin (plus a photo of the colourful mannequin display in a local shop window), then it was on to Carrabin to refuel.

Having done 286 km on 28.6 L of petrol, I was happy with my 10km/L fuel efficiency.

Picnic lunch was taken in historic and picturesque Westonia, named after Alfred Weston who discovered gold in the area in 1910 and where the Edna May Gold Mine is still in operation. The shops and businesses were painted in the style of the early 1900s and miniature renditions of colonial shopfronts dotted the town



Mannequin display in Kellerberrin

roadsides along with old trucks and mining plant. A visit to the Shire Office was rewarded by a recommendation to visit the Hood-Penn Museum for the low cost of \$3. This museum was amazing, with a fantastic collection of historical items donated by the Hood-Penn family, previous owners of the Burracoppin Store. Life-sized mannequins were part of historical reconstructions including a pub, a shop/hardware store, a petrol station/garage, a kitchen, a bedroom and a blacksmith/farm workshop. One of the best early Australian bottle glass collection that I have ever seen in a museum was on display in illuminated cabinets. Well worth a visit.

Moving on about 15 km NE of Westonia, we stopped at Sanford Rocks Nature Reserve for a stroll over the granite. Nina and I were in the lead as we walked the Discovery Trail and were lucky enough to spot a legless lizard with its diagnostic longitudinal stripes (versus transverse stripes in snakes - that's handy!). Of course a granite outcrop outing would not be complete without seeing the weird head-bobbing, rock crevice dragon lizards (*Ctenophorus ornatus*) zipping about. Another feature of interest on the edge of the rock was a newish looking bird hide strategically positioned with a view of a large depression in the granite which, while currently dry, fills up with winter rains and attracts water birds. **Cont. p. 22.**

Where's Waly? Baked apples at Baladjie

From p. 23. We arrived at Baladjie Rock in the late afternoon and found some campers already in residence so we drove around the back of the rock and found a lovely spot amongst the Salmon Gums with a view of Baladjie Lake (no water, but encrusted with salt). First order of business was digging the fire pit and collecting firewood of which there was an ample supply. Some people went for a walk to the Rock but I went for a hike up the sandy track which came to a dead end at the shore of the lake to the north of the Rock. There I watched the sun sinking over the salt lake setting all the Salmon Gums aglow with fiery crimson colour. It was beautiful. Back at camp, the hot eucalyptus wood coals were ready for Nina to work her magic with the camp oven, producing a hearty Chicken Stew with yummy crispy dumplings followed by Stuffed Baked Apples for dessert. We sat around the camp fire after dinner, chatting, watching the stunning stars (Ian had Google Sky going on his phone), and wondering what the less fortunate people were doing right now. Thanks, Ian and Nina for all your hard work, it was a wonderful day! **Joy Unno**



Dragon lizard (Ctenophorus ornatus)



Baked apples from Nina's camp kitchen



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