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Ranger Outdoors, Bentley

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Tuesday, 12 March 7pm

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear fellow Members, welcome to the March edition of Subaru 4WD News.

The committee is planning a lot for this year's range of trips and the big 40th year celebrations. There's plenty to do and extra help is always welcomed so please contact Dave and Joy to see how you can help them.

I've purchased a Camper Trailer (didn't think I'd do that anytime soon) and it will get a trial run this long weekend in Boyup Brook.

Something new to modify and spend time on! Dave's got a fair few trips lined up for 2019 so read on to see what's set up and get your name down early to make it easier for the trip leaders' preparation.

The 4WD Gathering has more details available now. See Dave, or the website.

Those at the February meeting got to see a few show and tell items. Keith brought in his recently replaced DPF and I went in to detail about snatch recovery kits and what to (and not) to use. It's safe to say our club kit was very ancient and unsuitable. Members also realized their own kits weren't up to standard either. I urge all members to check that their snatch straps meet current guidelines and their kit includes the correctly-rated equipment. Read on for more details or contact me any time to check you've got the correct gear.

Got something to show? Bring it to any meeting and share it with all or send a pic and write-up to our editor Stephan (or do both!)

Insurance cover came up in the last meeting and a member mentioned their policy renewal now excluded 'driving in to water' which could be an issue in small puddles and floods on regular roads, let alone any creek crossings we come across. Unsure of what you're covered for? Check your policy and PDS or speak to our insurance guru Jo Norton for help.

The Pres, Adrian Longwood

**Ranger Outdoors
to host meeting**

This month's meeting will be at Ranger Outdoors Bentley where Glen and his team will host us.

The meeting will start at 7pm, but you can rock up early to have more time browsing. There will be a couple of product demos too.

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Members meet a little guest ... and have a great show and tell

The February general meeting was well-attended, with 28 members and two guests – plus a small unnamed guest who took a stand on the top table (in front of Deb).

The yet-to-be-named small feller is the club's gnome – who first put in an appearance at Deb's place during the February committee meeting (below). Deb had helped him with settling in to the Club's colours and he promptly took a stand (not a seat) at the committee table, where talk veered on to his habit of appearing in strange places.

Next we saw of him, he was at the Club meeting! He needs a name, and for all those

people who

suggest he looks like one of our esteemed members – that is not fair. Funny, but not fair. Deb says she had nothing to do with the likeness, this was built in before she helped with the colour-coding.

Our gnome was there for General Business to listen as David showed the problems with the Club's long-forgotten recovery kit, as Keith talked about replacing the particulate filter on diesel models and as Adrian gave a detailed demonstration of recovery gear.

The **Club recovery kit** had little to recommend it: the shackles were not the right type (they had no weight rating and were not bow-shackles), and the snatch strap was frayed. **Cont. p. 7**



From. p.6 We decided not to replace the kit as quite a few members have their own recovery gear.

Diesel particulate filters (DPFs) can clog and the car will stop. There are short-term workarounds for this (basically running at more than 1800rpm for 15 minutes) but the filters do wear out. They look like an extra muffler and they are expensive, so Keith had some suggestions on how to avoid paying a fortune, and one member mentioned a website where well-priced Subaru original equipment parts could be bought. The site is not in Australia, but the parts are genuine and well-priced.

Adrian showed the meeting some of the key items in a recovery kit, showed how to join two snatch straps (basically a reef knot of the looped ends) and gave a clear and compelling demonstration of why we need to have two dampeners on a recovery strap if we are to avoid the worst dangers of a strap snapping under tension. If we have one dampener in the middle (as I thought was needed), then if a shackle comes loose it will likely hit one of the cars before the dampener can take effect. Two dampeners would prevent that. A dampener is usually a bag with two pockets that can be filled with sand and strung over the snatch strap.

The issue of insurance also came up over a policy where a car basically was not covered if it entered a puddle. Jo, who knows about policies, said to check the wording carefully and for members to change policies if they thought their policy might not cover their needs. **Stephan Millett**



Keith explains the DPF



Adrian joins two snatch straps

TRIP PROMOTIONS

Sunset picnic and paddle

Sunday 17 March

For this social outing we meet at the Kent Street weir at 4pm for a paddle in canoes and kayaks. If you don't have one, there

will be spares if you want to try it. At 6pm there is a picnic dinner. Turn up for a paddle and a picnic, or just come for the picnic if you wish. There are barbecues, sheltered picnic tables, children's playground, and pets are welcome.

The section of the river downstream from the weir has some of the best estuarine vegetation in the Swan Canning Riverpark. Contact **David Peck** 0402 177 886.



Kent Street Weir: pic DPAW

Seabird Scramble

Sunday 5 May

This double-option trip starts as a mid-morning beach run from Moore River to Seabird and finishes up at the Seabird Tavern for lunch. You can skip the beach run and head straight to the Tavern if you wish.

The Seabird Tavern is a refreshed coastal tavern overlooking the water with a family-friendly setting. We will be soaking up the views while enjoying a nice lunch and beverages from 12:30 onwards. Before that, we will be meeting early to make a run along the beach and bush tracks from Moore River.

Contact **Adrian Longwood**



Track Care Project

From 18 May to 16 June, Track Care will be building a dunny at Punmu and doing maintenance between Well 33 and Wiluna on the Canning Stock Route. More info from Track Care

[Find the quiz question in one of the pages then send answers to the editor]

Finska World Championship:

TRIP PROMOTIONS

6 April

It's on again sports fans! Finska at its best...and worst!

After dominating last year's competition, Wayne will be looking at winning back-to-back titles. Stephan put in a poor performance last year, and will need to improve this year to be a chance to get back on the top [*where he belongs!* -Ed]. Adrian and Travis made it to the finals again but were not able to take out the title, but with a little luck, either way, one of them could be in with a chance this year. Julie, the dark horse, was also a top performer last year. Coming out of nowhere, she came close, but missed out on the title. Will there be an upset? Will Wayne hold off all-comers to be a



two-time World Champion? Will someone jag the title with a dodgy bounce? Most importantly, who will take out the Bung Chuck? Be quick to register your name, to be in contention for the Subaru 4WD Club's premier sporting event. It is free to enter, but back-handers and brown envelopes are always welcome. This is open to current members only, but spectators and cheer squads will be greatly appreciated. As in previous years it will be at **Tranby Reserve in Maylands** opposite the the Mayland Tennis club at the corner of Clarkson and Hardey roads, where there is plenty of parking. The competition will kick off at 10.30, with the warm-up and knock out rounds. Depending on how many people play and how many games we end up with in the first round, the first 2 to 3 people from each game will go through to the final. After lunch, those still in the running will take centre stage. After the dust settles, the winner will be lauded and the trophy handed over. We should be done about

1. **Contact Travis Maskey.**

Celebrate the Club's 40th Anniversary

Great Sandy, Simpson, Great Victoria – three great deserts in one great big trip!

*Perth to
Karratha.
Karratha to
Alice then via
Simpson Desert
to Coober Pedy
Then maybe via
Anne Beadell
Highway to
Laverton and
then to Perth ...
July-August*



This trip is part of the celebration for the Club's 40th anniversary, and it is set to be a cracker.

It starts with the 4WD Association's Gathering, this year in Karratha, then heads east across the Pilbara, the Great Sandy Desert and the Gary Junction Road to the Northern Territory and Alice Springs via the birthplace of desert art, Papunya.

[Leader David Peck has built in the option for people who don't have much leave to meet us in Alice Springs – they leave Perth on July 20]. From Alice the trip goes past the geographical centre of Australia. Then the convoy crosses the **Simpson Desert on the French Line track**, ending up at

Get on to it
This is a big trip that includes remote and desert country across more than half of Australia, and numbers are limited. So put your name down by the second week in April. If you want to go as a co-driver, or you want a co-driver make sure you contact David Peck.

Celebrate the Club's 40th Anniversary

Birdsville. Then down the **Birdsville Track** to **Coober Pedy**, where the (fool)hardy will travel to Laverton via the Anne Beadell Highway – which definitely is NOT a highway – across the Great Victoria Desert. At Coober Pedy the time-poor people can head back to Perth arriving August 11.

For those with less time, there is Warriédar and beyond. This is a combined Easter / Anzac day trip to Warriédar station for April 19 to 22 and then on to probably another 4 or 5 stations in the Murchison, staying a couple of nights where we can, and returning April 28. if you are working, **take April 23, 24 and 26 off and you will get a 10-day break** 😊

Annual Dinner

*The annual dinner for our 40th year is at the **Woodvale Tavern on 2 November.***

Jim wrangled a great deal for a great venue. So, put the date in your diary and get ready for a great night. The dinner will also be the annual Awards ceremony, so get award nominations in whenever you can.

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CLUB CALENDAR

MARCH 2019							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Sat 2 – Mon 4. Boyup Brook. Tues 5. Committee meeting Tues 12. General meeting Sun 17. Sunset picnic and paddle
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APRIL 2019							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Tues 2. Committee meeting 7pm Sat 6. Finska Cup Tues 9. General meeting 7.30pm Fri 19 - Mon 29 Mid-West Station Hopping
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MAY 2019							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Sun 5. Seabird Tavern Tues 7. Committee meeting 7pm Fri 10. Last day for Gathering details to be lodged Tues 14. General meeting 7.30pm Sat 18. Mystery tour (maybe with overnight stay)
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SUBARU 4WD CLUB OF W.A. INC.

CLUB CALENDAR

JUNE 2019						
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Sat-Mon 1-3. Silo art tour
Tues 4. Committee meeting
Tues 11. General meeting
Sat 15. Noble Falls social

JULY 2019						
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Tues 2 Committee meeting
Tues 9. General meeting
Sat 6 – 20. Gathering short trip
Mon 15-25 Karratha-Alice Springs
Sat 20 – Wed 24. Perth to Alice
Thurs 25 – 5 August. Alice via Simpson Desert to Coober Pedy

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New diesels do not pollute as thought
 A series of independent tests in road conditions by the German car club ADAC has shown that modern diesels are not as polluting as previously thought. Many produce no nitrogen oxide pollutants, and many petrol cars are worse than diesels on this. It may not solve the issues around diesel particulates, but for the club's diesel drivers it is some good news.

A sortie to the silo art trail

1 June - 3 June

This is our chance to explore the Wheatbelt again, this time following a trail which connects world-class murals by local and international artists. These murals have transformed grain silos, public walls and transformer boxes in a number of country towns and in doing so have brought tourists back.

This social event is suitable for caravans and camper

trailers as we will be driving along main roads to view the new public art in Northam, Merredin, Katanning, Pingrup, Newdegate, Ravensthorpe, and Albany.

In Northam internationally-renowned artists HENSE (USA) and Phlegm (UK) transformed eight CBH Group grain silos. The silos were each painted at a height of 35 metres (over an area of roughly 510 square metres) over 16 days and using around 740 litres of paint to create Australia's first silo mural.

In Merredin Kyle Hughes-Odgers transformed four of the eight concrete CBH silo cells. This geometric artwork shows off the importance of the agricultural industry to Merredin and the Wheatbelt region.

In Katanning Western Australian artists Mel McVee, Brenton See, Chris Nixon and Darren Hutchens, plus Karim Jabbari from Tunisia descended on the town in November 2017. Their mission was to transform Western Power electrical transformer boxes at the four Katanning schools, and paint large-scale murals on walls throughout town. Seven days, five murals and seven transformer boxes later, plus a series of youth workshops, the job was done. The colour and variety of the styles show how even the humblest wall or object can be transformed by art.

In Pingrup Dominican-born muralist Evoca1 transformed silos with a visual acknowledgement of WA's resourceful farming communities. **Cont. p. 15**



HENSE and Phlegm, Northam

Silo sortie

From p. 14 Evoca1 took 15 days and 230 litres of paint to create the mural, painted on three silos, each 25 metres high and 15 metres wide.

In **Newdegate** native Western Australian wildlife has taken centre stage in sky-high silo art for the mural at Newdegate. Brenton See's mallee fowl, lizard, phascogale and tree frog dazzle above the treetops. One silo also features a local resident, the Western Bearded Dragon (*Pomona minor minor*), which gives its name to the nearby Dragon Rocks Nature Reserve.

In **Ravensthorpe** Fremantle-based artist Amok Island created the Six Stages of *Banksia baxteri*, a 25 metre high wildflower-inspired mural painted across three of the CBH Group silos. Each silo side shows a different stage of the flowering cycle of this species of *Banksia*: from flower buds, to full bloom, to seedpods developing, drying out and opening'.

In **Albany** Brooklyn-based street art duo Yok & Sheryo created a mural inspired by two species of seahorse found in the coastal waters of South-Western Australia, the Ruby Seadragon and its Leafy cousin. The 35 metre high and 50 metre wide mural sits



HENSE, Northam

at CBH group's Albany Grain Terminal. Information on the trail came from www.publicsilotrail.com.





Who's that in the Tardis, Keith?

TRIP REPORT

A weekend at Deepdene

Saturday 26 January

The meeting place for this trip was the Caltex service station on the Forrest Highway in West Pinjarra. Being a long weekend the carpark was crowded so Fiona stood near the fuel pumps to direct the group to the far end where I was parked. Soon Mark, Deborah, Erica, Jo, Jason and respective partners and kids arrived and at 9.10am we set off down the highway. Tony had gone down the day before to do a bit of birding on the way.

The trip down was free flowing and we maintained a speed of no more than 100km/h as Jason and Julie were towing a trailer. Now having the second child there was not enough space in the car so the trailer housed all the camping gear plus strollers, nappies etc. with room to spare.

We stopped at the Caltex (no I don't have shares in the company!) just the other side of Bunbury for morning tea (coffee). Pushing on we turned onto Sues Road to avoid the coastal traffic. It proved to be a good move as traffic was light. Then it was right at the tee junction onto the Brockman Highway, left onto the Bussell highway **Cont. p. 17**

From p. 16 which left us about 10km to Deepdene camp along Caves Road. We arrived at camp around 12.30 in time for lunch to find Tony all set up and raring to go.

The camp is on 70 acres of rural land just 1km from Jewel Cave and has three long drops and two basic showers – one with a great view over the paddocks and one inside a converted Telstra phone box affectionately as the Tardis (from Dr Who fame).

At 2.30pm we set off for Hamelin Bay, which was fairly close, for a look-see. The carpark was crowded as you would expect for a LWE but we all found a spot. One of the highlights of Hamelin is the stingrays which come in close to the shore. We saw three large and one small ray – they swim by your feet when you stand just a metre off the shore. Tony and I spent some time looking for rock parrots and the tiny emu-wrens which can be found in this area but they did not show this time. We all had an ice-cream before going back for nibbles followed by a BBQ dinner. It was starting to get cool by then so it was not long before people started disappearing to their warm sleeping bags. **Keith Wilcox**

Deepdene: Jewel Cave and the lighthouse

Sunday 27 January

A number of members wanted to do the 9.30 Jewel Cave tour, so that was our first port of call for the morning. Those who did not join the tour either went on the self-guided Karri Walk, which left from just near the entrance to the cave complex, or sat in the Jewel Cave Cafe having tea or coffee until the tour finished.

There was a package deal available for Jewel Cave and the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse and you could pay for this



package at the Jewel Cave reception desk. Or you could just book and pay for the Lighthouse Tour on its own. All members, except the Moores (under 4s are not allowed on the Lighthouse tour!) were interested in the 11.30 Lighthouse Tour, so a group booking was made. **Cont. p. 18**

Jewel Cave and Lighthouse, from p. 18 We needed to be at the Lighthouse by 11.15 and we arrived with time to spare. After checking in, we took in the other parts of the Lighthouse site. The tour was conducted by Bruce, who seemed to know his stuff – no doubt because of the number of previous times he had conducted the exact same tour!

The tour was an interesting experience and it was clear the climb up the narrow winding staircase was a bit more of a challenge for some than others! But the 360 degree view from the top was great. An excellent opportunity for some nice panorama photos!

After the tour finished, we headed off to the historic Waterwheel, which pumped water to the nearby Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse and the lighthouse keeper's cottage back in the 1890s. Water was still flowing down the channel to the wheel, but the wheel has long since given up turning.

The area is a favourite haunt of the Rock Parrot. The Rock Parrot is confined to coastal habitats along Australia's southern coastline in South Australia and Western Australia, where it usually occurs within a few hundred metres of the shore. It is often recorded along rocky shores and islands, among low coastal scrub, or in sand dunes and on sandy beaches, where it is often seen along the strand line among beach cast seaweed. There are not that many of them and the population is decreasing (like many other bird species).

From the lighthouse, we headed into town for some lunch at the Lions Park on Albany Terrace at Hardy Inlet. The weather was beautiful and warm and there were a number of kite surfers taking advantage of the stiff breeze. After lunch, we returned to camp. For those interested, I was leading an afternoon drive through the forest to Round Rock on the coast, leaving at 2.30.

We headed north up Caves Road and then left on to Boranup Drive, for a very pleasant, leisurely drive through Boranup Forest – a beautiful, towering karri forest.

We then took Point Road through to Round Rock on the coast. Point Road was a more challenging drive, tackled easily by all Subarus in the convoy. It goes through the middle of the P&W Point Road camp ground. Arriving at Round Rock, we walked down towards the water's edge for a look-see then back to the cars for a late afternoon tea. From there we took Conto Road back to Caves Road and through to camp for "happy hour" followed by dinner.

It was a good trip. Thank you to all those who attended. **Tony Richards.**

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TRIP REPORT

Woodman Point barbecue: Sunday 10 February

A fantastic sunset over the ocean was just part of the enjoyment for the Club's outing to John Graham Reserve in Woodman Point Regional Park, at the northern end of Cockburn Sound.

In all, 23 people (and one pelican) enjoyed the weather and the view, ate their picnics, inspected the jetty and the historic shed ruins. The weather was fine and not too hot – it even became a bit chilly later in the day to the extent that people wrapped themselves in coats or beach towels to ward off the cold.

The 'ammo' jetty, so named because the area was used to store munitions during the Second World War, was well populated with people fishing and a local pelican that was missing half a foot. Some bright spark in our group promptly named it 'Stumpy' and the name stuck.

Despite the chill wind, Adrian went for a swim – but had no friends willing to 'enjoy' a dip with him. Also despite the wind, everyone had a good time socializing, chatting, having a beverage or two, and eating. It was Rob's birthday so we celebrated with delicious cakes that Wendy provided and after dinner, two rounds of Finska were played enthusiastically by members secretly in training for the World Finska Championships on April 6. When Adrian produced a big box of Drumstick ice creams it was a fitting end to a great evening out – thanks Adrian!

Joy Unno



Cake for Rob, the birthday boy



'Stumpy'



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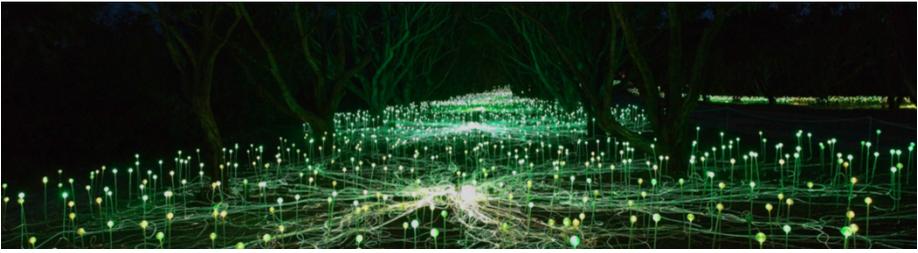
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Albany Field of Light: Avenue of Honour

February 16 - 17

We arrived at Getaway Kelmscott at 7.40am for a scheduled departure at 8am. Once the convoy was on the road we travelled down Albany Highway until we stopped for morning tea at the Williams Woolshed for morning tea. A few things were bought and all of us were fed and watered.

We next stopped at Mt Barker bakery to pick up lunch, then headed to the voluntary fire house,

TRIP REPORT

where Jo's friend Jason showed us around. David Peck's son Jason also an ex-voluntary fire fighter gave us a talk about the fire trucks and the new upgrades that have been made.

We headed into Emu Point in Albany, arriving around 2pm, and set up before meeting up again at the ANZAC Memorial after having a look around. We headed to Middleton Beach for dinner at Hooked Fish and Chips. This was on Jo's recommendation and it was very nice. I too would recommend eating there again.

After dinner we headed to ANZAC Memorial for Field of Light – Avenue of Honour. What an amazing walk! You had to download the app which you used at each of 10 stations to listen to what each section means. It was a beautiful evening walk with the crew: Jo, Wendy and Rob, Dave, Marion and Jason, Max and Heather, Stu, Hailey and Katy, Keith and Fiona, Julia (after putting kids to bed), Phil and Souk with Tabitha and Jackson, Travis – and me.

After our walk we headed back to camp where Travis, Jo and I had dessert and a little laugh. Then it was an early night as we were all bushed from the drive down. Travis and I were up early the next morning, packed and ready for breakfast at Dylan's. Jo met us at Mt Romance (Sandalwood Factory) where we shopped a little and then drove home. Thanks Jo for organising the trip it was amazing – short but sweet. **Katie Maskey** [Pic from <https://www.fieldoflightalbany.com.au>]

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 cost 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.



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Cap – royal blue and white. Logo added. \$15



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