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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



For the third consecutive month I am writing this while out on a holiday ... and what a great time it's been! Now that I have maybe sparked a bit of envy, back to business. The April meeting saw a stellar turnout with a few items of show and tell, and Dave demonstrating his plastic welder. What a neat little device!

May is just as exciting with a guest presenter from Tending the Tracks. Alison will be coming along to give a detailed run down on their trips and working events. Come along to hear what she has to say and see what trips you would like to join in the future.

Parking was tight last meeting, so arrive early to secure a spot, or even car pool if you can. We are looking at alternative venues but it's not the simplest task.

While the Easter Anzac Club trip went through a variety of mid-West stations I was away on a family holiday up the coast. Four adults and a camper trailer had the Forester filled up well. I towed it in to François Péron



NP (Shark Bay) for a few nights, despite the brochure saying 4WDs only, and AWDs are not 4WDs and therefore not suitable... By dropping to 12psi on the car and trailer I went along well. The low range conversion to my 07 XT really proved its worth, making it much easier to get moving in soft sand. Ironically we were blocked by a LandCruiser troopy, not once, but twice! The arrogance and laziness of some drivers is really irritating. Maybe they should ban 4WDs instead?

Some of the products and gadgets I use really paid themselves off. I have written about these, and they will appear in upcoming magazines.

Behind the scenes, the club is gearing up for a few changes and improvements. We will be increasing the meeting show and tell, and learning topics. Most meetings will have a learning topic. That's where we need your help! We have soooo many knowledgeable members in the club and we want to share more of that around. Topics can be anything outdoors or Subaru-related, so please let us know what topic you can present on for 15mins and we will set aside a meeting night for you. **Cont. p. 4**

TRIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Looking for a leader, or two

We had some good trips in April with the Finska Cup being taken out by Mel: well done! We also had the Easter trip to Warriédar with 11 cars – which was very impressive. Six of them carried on to the extended trip through the Murchison, where we were warmly welcomed by the people in the Murchison Shire who looked after us at their ANZAC day service.

There are trips coming up in the calendar for Tending the Tracks and Track Care, and as our club is associated with these groups it means we can join in. You will need to register directly with the trip organiser.



I'm after a trip leader for the Silo Art tour

on June 1 to 3 and it would be the perfect opportunity for someone to give it a go. All you have to do is drive from one town to another! Please let me know if you are able to do this, or if you are willing to lead any trip as we are always looking for people to help out.

The Fiddles and Nibbles is a good chance to come along and see what other people have done to their cars to make them better for camping and touring. There are always new ideas and different ways of doing the same thing. It's also a great social event with a chance just to sit around and chat. All the coming events are in the calendar in the centre of the mag.

Cheers, David

President's Report, from p. 3. Some ideas include: cameras and equipment, using OziExplorer or Hema software, tyre repairs, flora and fauna species identification, dieback precautions, vehicle modifications and accessories, kayaks. If it's relevant to any trip or activity we do, then please share it.

Not only will the meetings include more learning topics, the trips will too, with some specific learning days being planned, such as a recovery day, bushcraft day, and more!

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. His email address is on the inside cover.

The Pres, Adrian Longwood

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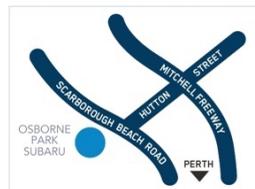
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Great Sandy, Simpson, Great Victoria – 5 trips in one

July-August

This trip is intended as 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.

There is a separate trip, leaving on July 20, from Perth to Alice for those who wish to tackle the Simpson Desert but don't have time for the rest. And on the way home to Perth you can either head home via the Nullarbor, or if things work out, traverse the Anne Beadell Highway to Laverton.

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 Birdsville. Then down the **Birdsville Track to Coober Pedy**, where the (fool)hardy might 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.

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 mural 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. **A leader is needed for this trip.**



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.



Winter lunch for Santa at Summer Creek

Let's have a truly Australian Christmas-in-July lunch experience at the rustic but welcoming Summer Creek Restaurant and Brewery at Bakers Hill (yes, the location of the renown Bakers Hill Bakery, iconic morning tea stop for Club trips starting off on the Great Eastern Highway). Break out your ugleeee Xmas sweaters and shirts! It's their time to shine!

TRIP PROMOTIONS

When: Saturday 27 July at 12.30 pm. **Where:** Summer Creek Restaurant & Brewery, 9 Yates Street Bakers Hill. **Cost:** \$35/person.

Website: <https://www.summertimecreekrestaurantbrewery.com.au/>

Hosts Rupert and Annette are providing a delicious Christmas menu consisting of Turkey and Ham roast with veg plus a special home-made Christmas Pudding. A nut roast is available for vegetarians plus some gluten-free options. Soft drinks and specialty beer and ale brewed on the premises are available. Rupert may lead us on a tour of the impressive, shiny brewery if he is not too busy. Join the trip on the Club website or ring Joy on 0429 4737 09.

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TRIP PROMOTIONS

Jarrah forest mystery tour 18 - 19 May

This is a trip to just enjoy travelling through the jarrah forest. It will be generally easy going and suitable for Foresters, Outbacks and XVs. If you want to camp overnight, camping facilities are available at Nanga in the Lane-Poole Reserve (Entry and camping fees apply).

So, pack a picnic lunch and come for a day trip in and around Dwellingup – and camp out if you want to. Along the way we shall:

Last chance for Karratha

*Our club needs to submit details and money from all members attending the 4WD Association Gathering in Karratha before **10 May**. We need to know names, if you have a caravan, whether you want a free breakfast on the Monday and how many days you are staying.*

There are day trips, a quiz night, an evening meal and the chance to see a bit of WA we don't often get to. Contact David Peck ASAP if you haven't already

- Explore the Royal Commission road,
- Marvel at the railway line that needed two trains to operate
- Search for places of buried treasure
- See where the steam started
- Admire artwork produced by visiting European artists
- Look for a river crossing that's not there.

The trip starts at 9am in Byford where there is a bakery, coffee and a supermarket for those who forgot their lunch: check the Club website for details.

Contact trip leader **Ross Mead** on Phone 0417 920848.

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.

TRIP PROMOTIONS

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**

Fiddle and nibble, and chat, and learn Sunday May 26

Fiddles and Nibbles is on again. If you have not been to one before, come along. This easy going social and practical outing is a chance to get help fixing something on your car, or get great ideas on what you can do to make driving, camping and off-road driving easier, more fun and safer. Bring what you like to eat and drink, and something to share.



Noble Falls Tavern lunch 16 June

Come along to lunch at the historic Noble Falls Tavern Restaurant – a laid-back watering hole turning out sizeable portions of hearty pub food. The tavern is dog-friendly (but you need to eat outside). There are gluten-free options available. Barramundi, steak, salads and many others can be made GF. Just ask the staff when ordering and they can let you know.

Make sure that you take the time to visit Noble Falls just across the road from the Tavern. The entrance to Noble Falls is via the Old Toodyay Road about 120m east of the Tavern.

There is a lovely walk from the Falls along the Wooroloo Brook, which is attractive at all times of the year. Many birds and other wildlife live in the nature reserve. The wildflowers are in bloom in the spring and the waterfall is stunning in winter. Dogs are allowed off the leash as long as the owner has them fully under control at all times. The round-trip walk takes 45 minutes.



Easter at Warriédar – (Good) Friday 19 April

Club Easter trips are a great chance to escape to the bush. And so it was that Jeanette and I “signed up” for our umpteenth (16th?) Club Easter trip. Our first Club Easter trip was in 1994, with 3 children and a trailer! With that in mind, it was great to see Jason and Julia Moore on the trip with their 2 young children and a trailer.

This year’s trip was to Warriédar Station, which the Club has visited a number of times in the past, including when the Club was looking after nearby Lochada Station. Both stations are now part of what is called “Karara Rangeland Park”. We had a good number of attendees (the trip was marked as full), with a total of 10 cars, 17 adults and two children and all were at the meeting point (Gingers) on time. After a quick briefing by Dave, we departed at 8.35 and our first stop was at Bindoon park so that the call of nature could be answered by some. We would, of course, have been at the bakery if it hadn’t been closed, but it was Good Friday after all!

Morning tea (10.05 to 10.30) was at the New Norcia roadhouse and lunch (11.55 to 12.42) was at Dalwallinu at a park on the main street. Thankfully (for me?), it was opposite a café, where I took the opportunity to buy a “proper” coffee. Nathan Moore enjoyed exploring the old steam roller in the park. **Cont. p. 11.**



Julia and Adelaide at Warriedar



Warriedar Day 1, from p. 10. At this point, I mention the weather. It wasn't great at Gingers, but it didn't get any better. It steadily got cooler the further north we went, as a prelude to rain. And it did rain. It came down in buckets and my wipers were on full to deal with the deluge. And it wasn't a particularly quick downpour, lasting 5-10 minutes. Needless to say there was plenty of water lying around afterwards, at the side of the road and elsewhere, and this was on top of earlier rainfall in the region. Thankfully, by the time we turned off the highway on to Warriedar road, the rain had long since stopped.

We stopped at the Karara Rangeland information shelter at 2.46. Basically, the information provided was more or less the same as that found in the online Visitor's Guide. However, it did have images of a Malleefowl and Major Mitchell's Cockatoo, which I have not seen in the wild, but would dearly love to do so. [PS: The next day a pair of Major Mitchell's Cockatoos



Adelaide

actually flew into camp just above the Moores, but they didn't stay long and, as I was at the other end of camp I didn't get to see them. Very disappointing! And, alas, no Malleefowl at all were to be seen]

Next stop was at Warriedar Station itself. We were there for about half an hour, which was time enough for a good look around. The homestead itself was closed due to asbestos issues, but it did look in reasonable condition (for an old deserted homestead). There weren't a heap of people there already. **Cont. p. 14**

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CLUB CALENDAR

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Sun 5. Seabird Tavern
Tues 7. Committee meeting
Tues 14. General meeting
 7.30pm
Sat 18. Mystery tour around Dwellingup (with optional overnight stay)
Sat 18. Dwellingup mystery tour
Sun 26. Fiddles and Nibbles

JUNE 2019						
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Sat-Mon 1-3. Silo art tour
Tues 4. Committee meeting
Tues 11. General meeting
Sun 16. Noble Falls Tavern lunch
Sat- Sun 29-30. Camp oven cookout

JULY 2019						
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Tues 2 Committee meeting
Tues 9. General meeting
Sat 6 – 20. Gathering short trip
Sun 14. Powerlines, Mundaring
Mon 15-25 Karratha-Alice Springs
Sat 20 – Wed 24. Perth to Alice
Thurs 25 – 5 August. Alice via Simpson Desert to Coober Pedy
Sun 27. Xmas in July

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CLUB CALENDAR

AUGUST 2019						
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Tues 6. Committee meeting
Tues 13. General meeting 7.30pm
Sat 17. Breakfast at the Left Bank. 8am
Sun 25. Lancelin Dunes

SEPTEMBER 2019						
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Tues 3. Committee
Tues 10. General meeting
Sat 7. Tenpin bowling. Morley
Sat-Mon 28-30. Coalseam Conservation Park wildflower trip

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT GRAB BAG

David Peck has assembled a bag for Trip Leaders to take on trips, particularly if they are going somewhere remote. The bag contains the Club Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and the Emergency Personal Location Beacon (EPLB). To arrange pick up Contact David 0402 177 886, trips@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au

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Quiz question. What brook are we likely to hear while having lunch on a club day trip in June? Answers to the Editor: editor@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au

Warriédar weekend

From p. 11

From there we went on to Monger's Lake Campground but, as it was a fair distance from the edge of the lake, we moved on further up the road to another spot that was closer to the edge. Camp sprang up quickly. The Lake didn't have much water in it, but the sight of a full moon rising over an island in the middle of the lake was spectacular. Unfortunately, we didn't end up with a fire that night as there was some

uncertainty over the existence of a fire ban. Most went to bed early, as the temperature was chilly and a stiff sou' westerly was blowing. It was a great trip. Thanks to Dave Peck for leading it and to the other Club members on the trip for attending.

Fuel economy:

Over a total distance of 1,929.6 kilometres (which included a diversion to Meekatharra on Monday!), my car's fuel economy reading was 8.4LPH, although I have found that this reading is always optimistic and expect that the real economy was probably more like 8.7.

Tony Richards.



Karara Rangeland Park:

Western Australia's nature, culture and history are alive in this immense 560,672ha park. The rugged yet beautiful Karara Rangeland Park features banded ironstone ridges, permanent water holes, Aboriginal heritage and authentic outback camping opportunities. Wetlands include Mongers Lake which stretches some 200 kilometres around the park. Whether it is a huge shallow lake or a white gypsum claypan depends on recent rainfall.

The long connection of Aboriginal people to this land began well before the arrival of pastoralists and miners in the mid-1870s. The newcomers introduced animals and plants that in less than 200 years dramatically changed the landscape. Now the six former pastoral stations that comprise Karara Rangeland Park are conservation areas and introduced animals are being removed so native vegetation and wildlife can recover ... local Aboriginal people continue to maintain strong ties to this land and welcome visitors who respect the park's nature and culture. From the Park Visitor Guide:



An Outback Anzac Day and a surprise for old Paul

Each Anzac Day, many club members on a trip try to find a ceremony to attend. For the Murchison trip Jo Norton had found that Murchison settlement (it is too small to call a town) was to have its ceremony at 10am. The day before, we headed from Wooleen station toward Murchison hoping to refuel and camp just outside the settlement and come in for the event the next morning. However, on the morning of Anzac Day we were still on the wrong side of the swollen Murchison River. We had come to the river crossing south of Murchison settlement the previous afternoon, and after I waded across the floodway (and felt the pressure of water flowing fast and around 240mm deep) we decided to camp in the expectation that the water level would drop overnight.

The next morning the water level had dropped enough and we negotiated the crossing, with a bit of a splash from some cars! When we got to Murchison settlement the locals were gathering for the Anzac service and we were made to feel very welcome. Several people came up to us to find out why we were there, and seemed to like our response: 'it's Anzac Day and we're here for your service'. We were urged to stay on for morning tea (they called it 'smoko') and so we stayed, spoke with the locals and watched as 80-year-old Paul Lukitsch was awarded Volunteer of the Year (there is another story coming later on the remarkable Paul). It was a wonderful morning and great to see the people of this remote area making the long trip to come together for Anzac Day. **Stephan Millett**





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Garmin RV 775 review

Garmin is a long-standing and high-quality GPS brand with units covering many fields, including vehicle navigation. I've had a Garmin Nuvi 500 GPS On/Off Road GPS Navigator in my car for 7-8 years and it's served me well. But its time had come and the old school TFT touch screen was playing up and not responding, so I was due for a new one.

With the Hema HX-1 a viable choice I didn't really start hunting around but stumbled across the Garmin stand at the recent 4WD Show. At a glance the unit is impressively large, but what caught my eye was its features and the included Hema maps bundle which has campsites and points of interest.

A detailed chat with the rep and I couldn't help but walk away with one. On getting home and playing with it I found the setup very easy, and the map/software updates a breeze. Getting it in the car was just as easy, as they still use mini USB for the charging port.

My first drive was a shock as it was much easier to use the street



navigation than my previous navigator. The QWERTY keyboard gives possible name combinations as you enter streets or suburbs. It also has voice commands, which worked well when stationary or going slowly but struggled at higher speeds with road noise (old car with noisy window seals).

While driving along it also has a variety of helpful warnings, like when the speed limit reduces, animal crossing signs, fixed speed cameras, and more. I'm definitely a fan of these features. It links to your phone and syncs up your contacts so can call anyone via Bluetooth for hands free driving (useful for people like myself with older models and nothing fancy built in)

A couple of weeks in and I'm a big fan as it exceeded my expectations, so now it's time to get it out on a long road trip in the sticks and see what else it does. A big test will be to see how smoothly the Mundaring-Albany Track goes in, and other POI's from other members. Stay tuned for the next review!

Adrian Longwood.

It can also link with the Garmin Reversing Camera. I'm sure those with Caravans would appreciate that feature!

Fitting an automatic transmission cooler

This is another recommended modification that is quite a lot easier than it sounds. It involves fitting an additional radiator inline to the standard transmission cooler in the radiator to provide an additional amount of cooling – critical when towing or engaging in off-road activities. If you are relatively handy with tools the total time from start to finish should be about 3hrs, assuming you don't have a toddler who is eager to "help".

I used a PWR PW05387 6 cylinder universal transmission cooler kit, which includes a 280x150x19mm plate and fin oil cooler, however the method is the same for other brands of coolers as well. This



particular kit included all necessary fittings to mount and complete the installation, including hose, clamps and mounting cable ties. The cost of this kit is ~\$150. I wouldn't use any larger size core as it will struggle to fit nicely.

The following steps are a rough guide for my 2011 SH Forester with the 4EAT, however the logic is the same for earlier models with the 4EAT gearbox as well. If you are unsure there are many Subaru specialist workshops that could easily complete this work.

- Remove front bumper. (Check Youtube videos or ask another club member)
- Relocate the horn bracket to the driver's side – there is sufficient length in the harness and a mounting hole on the opposite side as well.
- Locate a suitable mounting position for the cooler. I found that once the horn was removed, there was plenty of room on the passenger side including room to locate the hoses under the battery and washer bottle assemblies.
- Follow the instructions in the cooler mounting kit in terms of mounting and identifying which incoming hose is the "hot" and "cold" side. It can also be identified by which side of the main radiator is the "hot" side and which side is the "cold" side
- Ensure you slightly top up the transmission fluid to account for any lost fluids during fitment and for the slight increase in volume with the cooler

Jason Moore

Roof console build

I've been looking at finding ways to create some additional storage and have access to extra USB/12v outlets without extensively drilling into the plastic trim. There's always numerous complaints from 'the back seat' about who has which outlet and he/she 'won't let me use the charger', so I eventually decided to build a roof console and here's a quick summary of how it works.

I used 12mm ply for the base and internal supports with 7mm ply for the sides. The centre unit has access from the rear seat and is held in place by



magnetic cabinet latches. It holds a small fuse box (3 x 10A fuses), a neutral link and the removable hatch has the dual USB outlet and 2 x 12v outlets mounted into it. Another dual USB outlet faces the front seats. All wiring in the console is 4sq.mm except for the main supply which is 6sq.mm.

Each side unit has elastic mesh preventing objects from flying forward and has been lined with carpet.

Fixing the console to the roof is via some brackets screwed into the console base and bolted to some aluminium side rails which use the rear passenger grab



handle bolting pattern with some longer bolts. I've also added the Boab Cargo Barrier Net retaining brackets so I can use the net when needed.

The wiring to power the console uses a spare LED lightbar harness I had. It's fused from the starter battery via a 30A fuse, the relay is activated by the ACC switch which replaces the lightbar switch. I also wanted to power the console from my auxiliary battery so a changeover relay is mounted in a project box under the passenger seat. When the ACC is on, the changeover relay is turned on and power is from the starter battery. When the ACC switch is off, the normally closed contact on the changeover relay is able to be powered from the auxiliary battery via a 30A fuse and an Anderson plug. Cabling to the roof is via the passenger door pillar. **Cont. p. 20**

Console build, From p.19 Vinyl covering and some Transformer chrome grille badges give it some bling.

So far it's survived the corrugated roads on the Wedged Tail Eagle Retreat weekend, but yet to be tested by sibling rivalry.

The console is fixed fairly solidly but not drilled into the car frame. It can be removed by unbolting the rear passenger hand holds mounted into the roof as I've used 30mm long bolts replacing the original bolts. The longer bolts go through the hand holds and then through the 3mm aluminium bar used as the mounting rails for the console. There are 45degree brackets bolted to each mounting rail and then screwed (4 x screws) into the plywood base of the console.

There are 2 x twin USB outlets - 1 in the front and another in the rear. These USB outlets are the standard twin 2.1A/1.2A panel mount modules. There are 2 x cigarette outlets in the back but more can be added or they can be changed for any other similar outlet that is required.



The console is one long space that I divided into 5 x parts as follows (from L to R): a small unused space to mount the angle brackets, a large lined space for storage that has mesh guards facing the front so that anything stored in there does not become a projectile, a central space housing the wiring/outlets/fuse box, another lined space as previously mentioned and another small space for the other mounting bracket. These small spaces at each end are effectively 'dead space' as you need to consider the profile of the roof and how you might reach in there to get anything out - it gets pretty narrow.

The fluffy stuff is padding that covers the plywood carcass. I wanted to make sure that there was some soft cushioning in the event that I or anyone else banged their head. It looks untidy, but there was no need to secure it over the top of the central space as it's not accessible or visible once installed. In order to minimise the amount of wiring, a small project box is installed under the passenger seat which holds the changeover relay, that way I only needed to run twin cable up the door pillar not 3 x core.

I'm more than happy to assist people if they are interested, not sure about the commission though - making one was hard enough, especially trying to get the roof profile correct. Happy to do a show and tell some time if needed. **Mark Smithers**

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Bumper gravel grabber

After the Purnululu/ Gibb River Road trip this year I checked under *Puggle* (my Forester) looking for damage. There wasn't any, but there was a surprisingly large amount of rock, gravel, grit and mud. It was captured in both left and right rear bumper pockets immediately behind the mudflaps. This has happened for years with my various Subarus, so I fitted a heavy duty oversize replacement mudflap; but to no avail.

It appears that rubble is thrown up by the wheels and enters the hollow bumper section, then gravitates forward inside the pockets. In doing so it chips and scrapes the plastic under-surface, and the forward exposed edges become frayed.

To remove the junk I removed the inner forward 'window' by unclipping the two lower 'clips' which were badly jammed with fine sand.

Hard to see how to keep the rubble out, but I am working on it! *Ideas welcome!* Ian Johnson.



Mel is the Finska champ

Melanie Streat is the new Subaru Club Finska World Champion. She was a well-deserved winner after throwing truly and accurately every time she had the throwing stick in her hand. She said she was determined to have a woman win the title this year – and her determination paid off. And if this year's form is a guide she will be hard to beat next year. Oh, and there was just a little bit of extra spice in her win due to partner Adrian's faltering performance. Inaugural winner Stephan Millett was second, but several throws behind Mel.



Mel receives her trophy from Adrian

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