



Stirling Range - Joy Unno



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SUNDAY 3RD APRIL 2022 FROM 8AM

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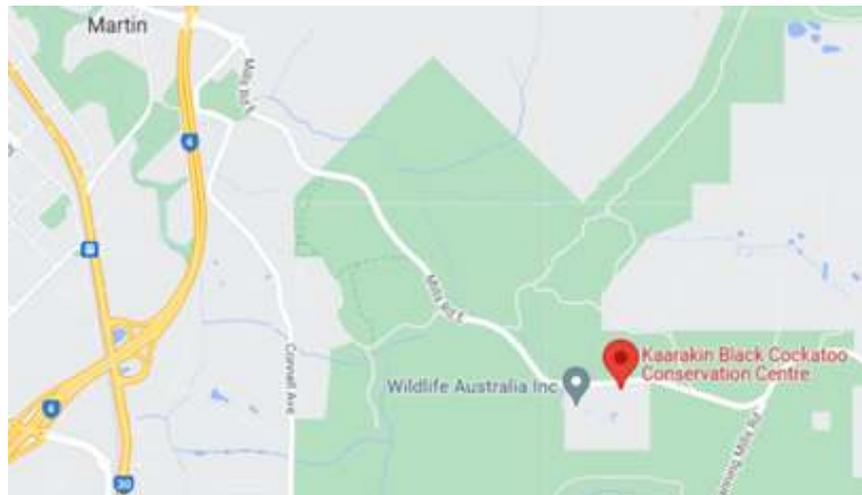
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This will just be a general clean, so please bring along - Leaf Blowers, Gloves, Rakes, Clippers, brooms, shovels, ladders and anything else you think you'll need to help clean up the area.

More hands means less work and early finish time!!
Morning tea will be provided for those in attendance.

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President's Report

David Peck



Thanks to Glen at Ranger Outdoors in Bentley for hosting our March meeting at his new store so we could get on some of the gear that he sells.

Note the capacity limit has been reintroduced at the South Perth meeting room so if you can register to attend online that will be helpful.

It was unfortunate that the Lake Clifton Thrombolites day trip had to be postponed until later in the year but we still have more trips with room and others being planned that aren't up on the website.

If you have ideas for destinations let Adrian 'Trips Co-ordinator' know ASAP.

Remember that when you have signed on to a trip, it pops up on the website home page if you're logged in, so you always can check what you're signed on to.

Members are also welcome to join any WA 4WD Association events, and are especially welcome at the clean-up days at Kaarakin. If you are free Sunday 3 April they would love to see you!

Notes from the WA 4WD Association

- Clean up day at Kaarakin Sunday 3 April - Kaarakin hosts the headquarters of the WA 4WD Association
- Movie night Sunday 10 April - Telethon Community Cinemas Murdoch

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When: **Sunday 10th April 2022**

Time: **Gates open at 6.30pm.
Movie screens at 7.45pm**

Where: **Telethon Community Cinemas Murdoch**

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Day Trips & Socials

Resting on a Ledge - Sunday 27 February

Maria Deyoung

Great day out in the dunes. We had warm sunny weather, sandy tracks that were easy to navigate and lunchtime with a swim in the sea. Even came with a post swim shower!



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To Chingarrup we go!

Day One - Friday 4 March 2022

Joy Unno

Four cars and six people assembled bright and early at Lions Park, Armadale ready to leave at 9 am for the 402 km drive to Chingarrup Sanctuary, Boxwood Hill, about 60 km north of Bremer Bay in The Great Southern. Enthused by the talk the Wajons had given to the February GM (see report in the Feb magazine), we were all looking forward to experiencing this special bush sanctuary for ourselves. Keen also to get away for a while from the unrelenting 35 - 40° C heat in Perth. We would be meeting Leonie and Brian at the Sanctuary later in the afternoon as they were already camping at Miller Point Road near Bremer Bay.

Traffic on Albany Highway was quite busy, especially with trucks and the ever-present roadworks. Quite a few sections of the highway were under repair as the constant road-trains and very hot weather had resulted in huge melted grooves and lumps in the bitumen. Stopping at Arthur River Road house for morning tea, we had a chat with some guys towing Subaru rally cars on trailers down to the Auto One Targa Albany Sprint. The car park was suddenly full of Subarus, one group of the touring and occasional off road 4WD type and the other group with souped up WRXs capable of traversing the 3 km challenging road sprint course between Hybla and Middleton Beach in 1.45 minutes. There were some touring drivers who not so secretly would have liked to try the sprint cars. Meanwhile, to add to the entertainment, the Boys in Blue had set up a breathalyser checkpoint opposite the roadhouse.



Boys in blue



Arthur River morning tea



Gnowangerup Lizzy

Continuing on, we were grateful to bid goodbye to the highway traffic and cut across to the less busy Great Southern Highway via Robinson Road. Just past Broomehill we turned onto the Horsepower Hwy (Broomehill-Gnowangerup Rd). Not quite as fun as the Tin Horse Hwy near Kulin and with less frequent exhibits but undoubtedly of interest to those who like historical farm tractors, some artistically arranged on dam walls or in town parks. Stopping at Gnowangerup, we fuelled up and had lunch with "Lizzy", a huge steam tractor imported in 1889, in the Shire of Gnowangerup Gardens (which have clean public toilets with attractive floral art). Making good time, we arrived at the Chingarrup gate around 2 pm and pulled up in front of the sheds to be greeted by Eddy and Donna.



Gnowangerup toilets

Chingarrup Sanctuary

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Joy Unno



Mallee fowl mound

Eddy wasted no time in getting us involved with the routine of the Sanctuary, asking if we would like to come around with him to pick up the animal cameras and have a tour of the property at the same time. Donna handed out a map with all the tracks and features of the Sanctuary and a photographic information sheet with all the vegetation associations and animal species present on the 572 Ha property. So, we quickly went off to set up camp in a grove of sheoaks (*Allocasuarina*) down the track from the sheds, then came back for the camera collection tour. Eddy asked us to car pool to reduce the erosion of the tracks so I jumped in with Tony since his Forester is lifted unlike my XV. The motion sensor animal cameras are set up in strategic positions on stakes and trees to capture photos of animals on the property including predators. They operate as normal cameras in the day and use flash at night. Eddy says that there could be 25,000 photos on each SD card and he has to scan through all of the images for all of the cameras they have put out.



Collecting cameras



Malle fowl mound



Granite seat

Today we were collecting about eight cameras in the northern block, starting with a small Mallee Fowl (*Leipoa ocellata*) mound where Eddy explained how the monogamous female and male pair spend their time building the mound by kicking the sand backwards with their powerful legs and incorporating leaf litter for compost. After the female lays eggs inside the mound, it is mostly the male that regulates the temperature by digging out and rebuilding the mound constantly. There is no parental caring for the young as once the chicks hatch, they run off alone and hide in the bush. A female bird can lay up to 36 eggs over a period of several months from September to February. Twelve Mallee Fowl mounds have been found on the property although the majority of them are not currently active.

Travelling Westwards between sites there was an amazing view of the mighty Stirling Ranges which, along with occasional patches of Proteaceous vegetation types endemic to the Fitzgerald Bioregion, firmly placed Chingarrup Sanctuary in the Gondwana Link. Shortly after, we climbed up a granite hill to retrieve a camera from a rocky area and Eddy showed us the King's (or Queen's) Throne, a large granite rock with a flat surface perfect for sitting and surveying the landscape. There was a great view of the bush with a lighter silver-green patch of the Tallerack mallee (*Eucalyptus pleurocarpa*), which was a common mallee on the property. Continuing on, we came to a spot that required a turn around and Eddy was a bit worried about Brian & Leonie's low-slung Outback but they managed the 50 point turn without any trouble. We stopped along the track to inspect a metal rod which had held a bait but Eddy was not sure what had taken the bait. It could have been foxes but ravens and monitor lizards sometimes took baits as well. Foxes were a serious threat to the Mallee Fowls, preying on the chicks and even digging up the eggs. Eddy spotted a Robber Fly sitting on the bait pole which instantly attracted the attention of the keen photographers and obligingly remained stationary for the photo shoot for some time.

Corackerup Creek Contemplation

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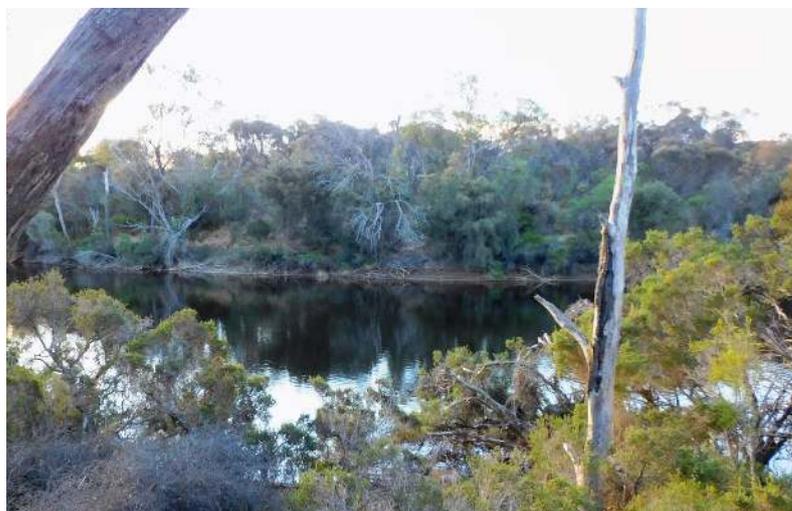
Our next stop involved going through Melaleuca scrub following the pink survey tape trail meticulously maintained by Donna, to arrive at a massive Mallee Fowl mound, several metres in diameter and over a metre high. Donna related the story that this mound had been found but then the location was lost again. A concerted effort by friends and volunteers walking through the bush in a search line the Missing Persons Police search team would be proud of, discovered the mound again – huzzah! Our penultimate stop and certainly the most scenic was a walk through the bush to the Corackerup Creek. Plenty of water in the creek provided picturesque reflections of the trees lining the bank. Some ducks flew off as we walked up but a lone grebe remained, paddling on the water. The last camera pick-up stop was nowhere near as nice as it was at what we came to call the “Dead Roo Dam”. The unfortunate stench caused many of us to remain near the cars while Eddy forayed out to get the camera. This dam had been built by the previous owner who did not include an overflow option in the construction so that during flooding and high water levels, the dam wall had burst.



Bush walk



Dead Roo Dam



Corackerup Creek

It was getting late by the time we returned to camp, so people commenced cooking dinner. We were privileged with an invitation to join Eddy and Donna later in the TARDIS, the mini apartment in the shed where they lived while at Chingarrup. It certainly did look bigger on the inside like its namesake, containing a kitchen, dining area, office and bedroom in one room. Club members Barb and Gus, who were old friends of the Wajons, had arrived and were staying the night before heading off to Lucky Bay. We had a jolly old time chatting and listening to the Wajons as they shared their almost twenty years of experience, trials, tribulations and successes at Chingarrup Sanctuary. **Thank you, Donna and Eddy, for your generous hospitality and the great start to our Chingarrup Ecological Experience!**

Chingarrup Sanctuary

Day Two - Saturday 5 March

Deborah Thyne

Whilst the temperatures were not hot overnight it had been quite humid. It was an early start this morning to get breakfast before gathering at the Tardis at 7am and heading about 300 meters up the track to where some eighty pit traps were located. Eddy and Donna had opened them the day before. The early start is to count and record the animals and release them before the day becomes too warm. In the case of honey possums, they need to be fed to regain their strength before being released. Whilst there was much to be found in the pit traps on this visit it was just not the season to see honey possums.

The pit traps are in an area that, over the past twenty years or so has been restored and revegetated from farmland back to natural bush through direct seeding. Hence the shrubs, now quite mature, are in rows making for relatively easy access.



The pit traps are 20L white buckets that have been put into holes so the lip is level with the ground surface. The lids are held above the buckets on strategically placed large skewers. Each pit trap contains a stubby holder laid on its side to provide sanctuary for some creatures.

Eddy provided information on how to inspect the pit traps – what was immediately seen, carefully looking in the stubby holder but not taking it out of the pit trap so as not to lose any ‘finds’ and gently scraping a stick around the base to find any burrowed animals. Donna recorded all creatures in the pit traps. The only ones not counted and recorded were the varying sizes and numbers of ants. Some ants were small and ranged up to ones with such big jaws they looked like they could demolish a steak!

Once the creatures had all been accounted for in a pit trap they were gently removed and liberated back into the bush.

I found a great deal of excitement opening the pit traps. There seemed to be a correlation between opening a pit trap to see what was inside and opening Christmas presents. You just never knew what you would find inside.

This first morning many traps seemed to contain blue centipedes that I had never seen before and they were very pretty. Other critters I had never seen before were pie dish beetles, tricolour beetles and colourful spiders with dotted abdomens. This, and every other morning, a number of the traps held common field mice drawing a conclusion there must be a plague of them at the moment. The first mouse I found I momentarily thought it might be a honey possum.

More will be told about each morning’s findings in the pit traps, in subsequent days’ reports.

On our walk back to our camping spot Eddy and Donna took us off the track and into the bush to see an active mallee fowl mound. Of all the mallee fowl I have seen over the years while living in the Wheatbelt, I had never seen an active mound. Eddy provided information on the activity of the birds that had been gleaned from motion activated cameras that were on this, and another active mound on the other side of the property. The mounds are dug twice a day. Sometimes the soil is moved away into a very neat crater shape and at other times it is heaped back up into a pile. It is thought this activity is to do with temperature regulation for the up to thirty-six eggs that may be laid during the season! Mallee fowl roost in trees too and are not solely ground dwellers! Mallee fowl are such shy birds and much is still not known about them.

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Deborah Thyne

Eddy is a very keen worker but we managed to negotiate a short break back at camp for morning tea. We then gathered up our tools and headed out to do some track repair work. Most of the damage is due to washaways from rainfall. With crow bar, shovels and mattocks we managed to impress Eddy with our track repair skills. Someone remarked we are used to doing similar things when out travelling remotely! Eddy was very happy with our efforts!! learnt what a bund is but if I knew it was a levee, I would have been better with my earlier building efforts.



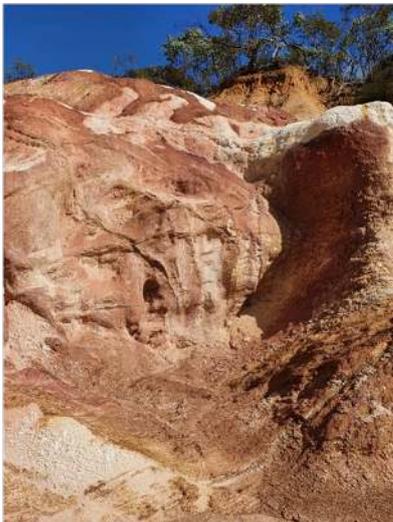
Feeling rather hot but accomplished from the track repair work we retired to camp for lunch and a rest.... but, not for long.... we were off out to the ochre cliffs and a bushwalk!

Despite it being quite warm, once we walked down off the track towards the start of the ochre cliffs, we welcomed a degree of shade from the trees. Eddy provided a very informative commentary on the cliffs such as their composition and age. The cliffs were fascinating and beautiful and changed composition, structure and colour as we walked along them. Not too far away through the bush to our right was Chingarrup Creek.

Please enjoy some photographs that show the landscape better than writing about it.



The group at the Ochre Cliffs



The Rose formation



Chris on the painted wall



Meringue Cliffs

Chingarrup Sanctuary

From p 12

Deborah Thyne

We had a little rest time on the banks of Corackerup Creek at the end of the cliff walk. The water, despite looking very brown is clear but the sediment on the bottom of the creek makes it look brown. The creek does contain small fish.

We walked back along the cliffs to the vehicles and began the drive back to camp. In one part Eddy discovered a tree had fallen across the track and some discussion was held on how to manage the situation. A path was found around the tree with someone holding back one obstructive shrub to allow a less scratchy passage

On return to camp it was time for a well-earned cup of tea and sit down! It was also an opportunity to check for ticks and tick bites and take action! This was my first experience at managing ticks too.



Burrowing bees!

After dinner some of us decided to sit and chat in camp for the evening. It all got a little bit exciting when Keith Wilcox quietly remarked, 'Is that a snake over there'?! As I turned to look across there was indeed a small snake making its way towards my chair but had stopped, partially obscured by Chris' camera bag strap! Keith disappeared, as you do, to get his camera! I put my feet up on my chair with Fiona hanging onto my arm and also lifting her feet in the air!! The snake made its way behind my chair and had begun moving away when Keith returned with his camera! It eventually disappeared into the darkness away from anyone's tent. Despite the surprise, it was a very pretty snake about 40cm long, straw coloured with a very dark brown or black head. Keith got some photos to use to identify it later and we speculated as to what it could be. With the assistance of Eddy's reference book, it was identified as a Gould's Hooded Snake and is described as being non-venomous. I think it should have told us that before entering our camp! Despite a lot of time spent in the bush and on a farm, this was my closest encounter with a snake! It was also a timely reminder to Chris to keep his tent flap closed which he has a habit of not doing!!

**It had been a full day of learning, exercise, the wonders of nature and accomplishment.
It had been a great day!**

Chingarrup Sanctuary

Day Three - Sunday 6 March

Keith & Fiona Wilcox

I went off at 6am to look for the Western Whipbird an uncommon bird native to this area. Unfortunately it was heard but not seen to photograph. At 7am we congregated at the 'Tardis', Eddy and Donna's shed, for the morning trap checking. Today in the 80 traps we had captured spiders, centipedes, beetles, a stick insect and two different scorpions. Also 8 house mice, I guess they must have entered their property from the neighbouring crop field. Back to our camp for breakfast where the smell of bacon and eggs was coming from Deborah's direction.



At 9.30 it was back to the 'Tardis' for the commencement of the chain gang (track repair). Here I showed Eddy the photo of the snake I had spotted last night and looking through his reptile book agreed it was a Gould's Hooded snake the first one that had been found on his property. This snake is pencil thin and only grows to about 50cm in length. It is venomous but is normally considered harmless. Eddy then took us to one of his many tracks where water erosion was washing away one side of the track. We spent the next few hours moving rocks, stones and sand from the centre hump into the hollow flattening out the track. Brian made up work songs similar to the American convicts singing whilst working on the chain gang.



Around noon the group drove the 95km to Bremer Bay. Lunch was had at Short Bay beach with the sun beating down we were glad to find a free pergola to eat in the shade. Chris braved the waves for a short dip (maybe thats why it is called Short Bay!). Tony, Fiona and I went to Little Boat Harbour beach which was packed with 4WD's and long weekend holidaymakers. Back into town we paid \$5 each for a well needed shower in the caravan park.

Chingarrup Sanctuary

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Keith & Fiona Wilcox



We had all separated at this stage with everyone agreeing to meet at Millers Point and we all arrived about the same time. Brian & Leonie had stayed here before going to Chingarrup and said what a nice camp it was. Joy was interested in checking it out for a possible later trip however, it was very windy which put us off a bit but it looked quite picturesque.

Back to camp Keith and Tony went off birding again. Then it was nibbles and dinner after which we went back to the Tardis and Eddy showed us some of the pictures taken on the motion detector field cameras. It featured many malleefowl, kangaroos, birds and unfortunately a few foxes.



Chingarrup Sanctuary

Day Four- Monday 7 March

Tony Richards

Up early again at 5.30, had a quick breakfast and then down to the bottom dam for some birding. I saw a White-faced Heron when I got there, a Willie Wagtail, ravens and a dead kangaroo, but no Malleefowl, or any other birds that came into drink, unfortunately. Keith came down very shortly after I got there. The previous night Ed had shown us some of the thousands of photos that his motion sensitive cameras take at selected spots, one of which was the bottom dam. There were not only photos of Malleefowl, but also of Emus and other animals, including one or more foxes!



Hairy Backed Pie Dish Beetle

From 7.00 until 8.30 we again cleared the pit/bucket traps of whatever had fallen into them since they were cleared the day before. However, this time, as Ed and Donna and ourselves were all leaving on Tuesday, we closed up the pit traps by putting the lids on them and covering the lids with dirt. We also removed the small galvanised stakes which hold the lids above the buckets, as they cost more than a dollar each.

I think the highlight for me from this last collection was the last pit which had 2 or 3 large Hairy Backed Pie Dish Beetles. It is from the same family as the smaller Pie Dish Beetles (of which we saw a number), but a different species.

And, as no doubt previously reported for earlier days, we did see some more mice – 12 to be exact. However, contrary to what happened on those earlier days, the mice caught were not set free and instead were sent to their maker. To me, given their ability to multiply rapidly and the negative impact they can have on the surrounding countryside, this seems an appropriate course of action.

At 10.00, we were all going with Ed and Donna to replace 1 motion sensitive camera and install 2 new ones in their southern paddock, on the other side of Chingarrup Brook. So, after a quick morning coffee, I decided there was time to do a spot of birding before 10.00. I headed down to the creek. When I got there, I heard what I estimate to be hundreds of Purple-crowned Lorikeets drowning out everything else with their chatter. I was back at the shed by 10.00 and we then all headed out to install/replace the cameras in the southern paddock. First stop was on the southern bank of Chingarrup Brook where a camera was duly installed, to monitor what animal/bird life comes to the water to drink. A short distance away on the other side of the track we went to look at their Sandalwood plantation. Donna was surprised that she had to walk further than she expected to get to the sandalwood trees, because she thought they were much closer to the track. It seems some of the trees may have suffered because of lack of water, but there were many others doing well. Further on, we put in a camera overlooking a small dam; again to monitor the comings and goings of animals.



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Tony Richards

At our last camera stop, a replacement camera was put up at an active Malleefowl mound. We new it was active as a Malleefowl had left when the group arrived! I had earlier mentioned to Ed that Keith and I had gone to the dam in the morning, but not seen any Malleefowl. He had then said that one of the cameras being replaced was at an active Malleefowl mound and suggested I could stay and watch the mound if I wanted, to try and get some photos of the Malleefowl working the mound. I jumped at the chance.

So the replacement camera was put in place and Ed then let me stay on hoping that the bird would come back and I could get some photos. And I am pleased to report that the bird did indeed come back (almost immediately) and I got some great photos and video. I then headed just a little bit further up the track to where the rest of the group had stopped. They were checking out a pool in the creek and were now on their way back. That completed the trip and we headed back to the shed for lunch. The plan was to put out a few more cameras after lunch.



After lunch I in fact decided not to go with them and instead went looking for some more birds, mostly in the area south of the shed, down to the creek. I managed to get some good photos, including of a Spotted Pardalote (pictured). I was probably out for a couple of hours then came back to the shed for afternoon tea.

Later on, we had nibbles at the shed and then I cooked my dinner there. After dinner, I went down to Deb's tent for a chat, then moved up to the Ed and Donna's quarters ("Tardis") to get away from the insects. I stayed there until about 9.00.

My thanks to Joy for leading the trip – most enjoyable!

PS: I had to get up that night to close my window tent flap as it had begun to rain!

PPS: For those interested, the total distance I travelled on the trip was about 1,200kms and my fuel economy was 8.5 litres per 100kms fully loaded.

Pack & Adieu Chingarrup Sanctuary

Day Five - Tuesday 8 March

Joy Unno

With no pit traps to check some of us had a little sleep-in on the last day of the Chingarrup trip, especially as the morning was a little damp. Not Tony though, as he was keen to get to the Stirling Range Retreat and photograph birds in their early morning bird bath. Eddy came down to the sheoaks to see how we were getting on. When Keith and Fiona told him that they were going to the Stirling Range he had a laugh because even though being near the National Park (NP) had been a point in favour for purchasing the Chingarrup property, he and Donna had never visited. They were always too busy! As Eddy said, he had his very own National Park right here at Chingarrup.

After enjoying breakfast surrounded by the natural beauty of the Chingarrup bush and watching the Purple Crowned Lorikeets whip by on their morning circuit, I faced up to packing the car. The tent had dried a bit, fortunately and the toilet tent and portaloos had to be demobilised. I had some help from Fiona for that. Tony had gone and Brian & Leonie were leaving with their A-van to go to Esperance. So, it was a convoy of three cars that pulled up in front of the TARDIS (which of course stands for **T**ime **A**nd **R**elative **D**imensions **I**n **S**pace) to bid the Wajons farewell and thank them for their generous hospitality and for sharing their vast knowledge of conservation and rehabilitation. Chingarrup Sanctuary is such a wonderful and precious oasis we were privileged to be able to visit.



Stirling Range long view



Morning tea



Stirling Range close up



Mt Trio

Heading down the Borden Bremer Bay Road, we turned off into Chillinup Road which Donna had told me went to the south of the Stirling Range NP to Chester Pass Road. It actually was a very scenic drive as we passed almost the entire longitudinal extent of the Range. It was a perspective that we hadn't seen before and we were amazed at how long it was. I looked it up later and the Stirling Range is 65 km long. 01The road consisted of part gravel and bits of bitumen with the gravel being quite good since we passed a grader along the way. It was a busy road with trucks and agricultural machinery going past and there were interminable road works that we had to slow down for as it seemed they were bitumising even more of the road. Coming to Chester Pass Road we stopped for morning tea in a layby and took photos of the now looming mountain peaks. 02 & 03The Porongurup Range was visible over to the South as well. Continuing on, we bid farewell to Fiona & Keith as they headed for a stay at Stirling Retreat while we turned down Formby Road South.

Pack & Adieu Chingarrup Sanctuary

Day Five - Tuesday 8 March

Joy Unno

Stopping briefly for photos at Mt Trio we all decided that the almost vertical Class 4 walk was not for us and drove on to turn left into Salt River Road. This bitumen road traversed the northern side of the Stirling Range NP and we had a great view of the thick bush on the left. At one point I had to step on the brakes as a large Southern Heath Monitor (*Varanus rosenburgi*) strolled across the road. I didn't get a photo but here's a good one from Bob McDougall.



Southern Heath Monitor

<https://www.inaturalist.org/photos/43322053?size=large> © Bob McDougall



Emu flock

Salt River Rd was interesting for everyone - to the left were mountains and the bush while to the right were old tractors and agricultural machinery on display as an off shoot of the Horsepower Highway. There was some discussion as to whether a figure, briefly glimpsed on passing standing next to an ancient tractor, was actually human or a mannequin dressed up as a farmer. There were a flock of emus behind a very high fence so it probably was an emu farm.

The road continued all the way to Cranbrook and from there we got back on the Albany Highway. Stopping at Kojonup we had lunch in the park. I had managed to fuel up with 98 ULP at a card operated service station but there was no 91 ULP left so Deb decided that they had enough to get to Armadale. It seemed that everyone had the idea to go back after the LWE on Tuesday as there were many caravans interspersed with trucks and roadworks which made for a very slow trip back to town. Eventually we got to Armadale where I said bye to Chris & Deb and continued on home.

It was a long weekend trip to remember and I would like to thank all my great travelling companions who participated whole-heartedly in the activities at Chingarrup with good humour.

We left a good impression of the Subaru Club even as Chingarrup left an impression on us.

The tick bites will fade but the photos and memories will remain.

CORRECTION: The snake with the black head mentioned in the Chingarrup Sanctuary trip reports turned out to be a juvenile Dugite (*Pseudonaja affinis*) when ID later by Eddy's snake expert. So, not a new species as Dugites have been recorded at Chingarrup previously. Juvenile Dugites are venomous.

Sanctuary Scenes



Mallee Fowl



Spot the Honey Possum



Honey Possum



Western Spinebill female



Big goanna



Eddy at Corackerup Ochre cliffs



Juvenile Dugite

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Murray Valley Meander
Sunday 3 April
Ross Mead

Kaarakin Cleanup Morning
Sunday 3 April
Joy Unno

Outdoor Cinema Night - WA4WDA
Sunday 10 April
Adrian Longwood

Kojonup Kamp Out
15 to 18 April
Jo Norton

Let's Have a Peak at Charles
15 to 18 April
Ross Mead

Motor Through the Anzac Weekend
23 to 25 April
Jo Norton

MAY 2022

Camping Demp Weekend
7 to 8 May
Adrian Longwood

Wilbinga Reserve Clean Up & Moore River Camp Out
14 to 15 May
Adrian Longwood

Cruise to Cunderdin
Sunday 22 May
Jo Norton
Maximum 25 people

JUNE 2022

Karri on in Winter
4 to 6 June
Ross Mead
Maximum 12 cars

AUGUST 2022

Barging around Dirk Hartog Island
15 to 22 August
Tony Richards

SEPTEMBER 2022

Gallivant the Goldfields
3 to 18 September
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