



## Club Member Awards 2022

**Vanessa Carn**

Congratulations to **Adrian Longwood** who has been awarded **Club Member of the Year for 2022**.

The award recognises Adrian's passion and dedication to assist members. Adrian has been prolific this year in creating and leading a whole swathe of trips for Club members. Many were educational and training trips such as the Camping Demo Weekend. Not only that, he has been very active with entertaining and instructional presentations at the General Meetings on subjects including Tyre Deflators, Recovery Gear and GVMs.

Unfortunately, Adrian was not available to attend the Club's Annual Dinner and Awards presentation at Greenhills Inn, so the award will be presented to him at the **AGM Tuesday 8 November** in the City of South Perth Library Mopoke Room and Zoom video conference.

Thankyou to everyone who took time to vote for the awards, and to Tony for presenting the awards on behalf of David. This is the club members' way of saying thank you to the award recipients for the effort they have put in to making the club what it is.

**See inside for more awards.**

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**CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2021 - 2022**  
ADRIAN LONGWOOD

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# President's Report

David Peck



The Annual General Meeting is coming up and I would like to encourage everyone to attend. Thanks to the present committee for the great job they have done over the last year. All positions become vacant and if you would like help in setting the clubs direction please nominate for a position.

The annual dinner at Greenhills was a great event, thanks Jo for organising it. The numbers were down a bit on previous years but the 32 people who went seemed to enjoy themselves. It was good to see **Adrian Longwood** take out the **Club Member of the Year** and well deserved because of his ongoing contributions to the club in leading trips and offering his assistance with all things Subaru.

Thank you to all the members who volunteered to look after our stand at the 4WD show this year and a reminder that our annual beach run is now two weeks after the show on November 20th.

We have changed the format of the Christmas get together on December 3rd to be a picnic at Whiteman Park to provide a bit more 'personal space' due to COVID and to make it easier for Jo who has hosted it at her pace for the last several years. Come along any time between 8.30am and 5pm.

Regards,  
David

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# Writing a Trip Report

Vanessa Carn



On each trip the leader will ask one or more of the members to write a report. If you can't write the report assigned to you, please let the trip leader know. Otherwise, send your trip report(s) in to the trip leader to review and collate as soon after the trip as you can.

Trip leaders please **include photos** with collated reports if you can. Send photos as **separate files**, or send a link to your cloud image storage (eg Dropbox) to share them. Do not embed them in the trip report document(s) as the image quality is reduced if you do.



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# Annual Award Winners 2022

## SUBARU 4WD CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Hosted at the **Greenhills Inn**, the annual dinner was a lovely event even though numbers were down on previous years. We were all made to feel most welcome and all dietary requirements were well catered for.

Congratulations to **Ross Mead** for **Trip Leader of the Year**, in recognition of his willingness to lead multiple trips and share his extensive knowledge of the countryside. There are few trip leaders more reliable and experienced than Ross who calmly deals with whatever dramas occur on his trips and carries on with the journey. His knowledge and experience of trip planning and preparation is invaluable.

**Social Trip of the Year** and **Social Trip Leader of the Year** was awarded to **Jo Norton** for the **Annual Awards at Brookton** as well as leading seven different social events this year to keep the club active and having fun. Thanks again to Jo for organising this years night at Greenhills.

**Trip of the Year** was awarded (Jointly) to **Tony Richards** for **Barging Around Dirk Hartog Island**, and **Ross Mead, Mary Roberts** and **Greg Carn** for **Karri on in Karri**.



Winners are gridders

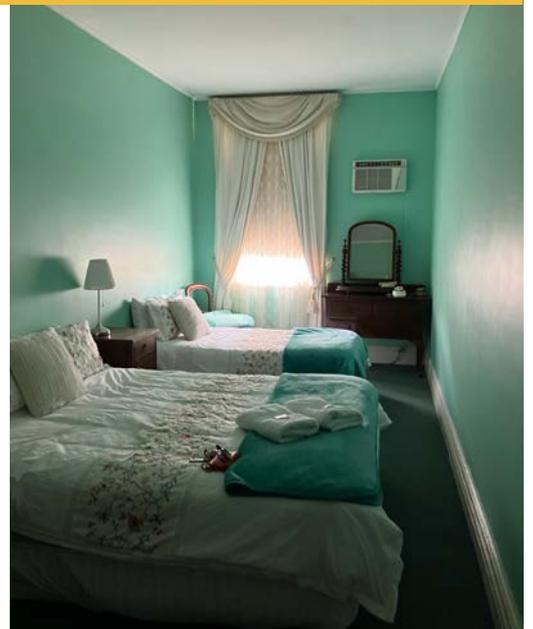


Greenhills Inn function room

## *Greenhills Inn*



*Greenhills Inn is a superb double storey Federation style building, built in 1906 by one of the first female publicans in Western Australia, Mary Ann McMullen.*



# SUBARU OLYMPICS

Saturday 22 October 2022 - Greenhills

Mary Roberts



The Olympics of camping fun and silliness was held in the campgrounds at Greenhills. We had three teams each of four enthusiastic club members participating in a number of activities all focused on camping-related experiences. You know the ones that always seem to take longer than you think. The winner was the first team to complete each task in a relay format. Sadly, I was unable to compete on account of an injury, but this was just as much fun as a spectator.

Instructions were given by trip leader Jo and each team had a chance to investigate the items involved and plan a strategy of attack.

Meanwhile, our club mascot, Jo's dog **Chip**, pretended he was one of the activities.

To be fair I think he did get patted by everyone competing at some point.



Jo explaining the rules



Neil, Rochelle, Bronwyn & David



Allison, Tom, Tylar & Jasmine



Stu, Vanessa, Greg & Hayley



Club mascot Chip



First up was pulling a self-inflatable mattress out of its bag and setting it up to inflate fully. Tom proved to be the master of this activity.



**Tom leading in mat unroll**

The second was sawing through a log or rather stick. Tylar showed his expertise here, sawing it in half in expert time. He admitted later that his choice of saw was the key to his success.



**Hayley cutting a log**



**Tylar shows how it's done**



Next up was to siphon water from one jerry can into another using a jiggle hose. Even though she started with the wrong end in the water, Jasmine proved to be the best jigglers.



**Neil, Jasmine & Stu jiggling**

The final activity was voted by all teams as the trickiest. It involved setting up and packing down (into its bag!) an ensuite tent. Ross was ready with pointers on how to get the right twisting action. Allison was the first to get it in the bag and zipped up, to the sound of cheering from her team.



**Allison in action**



**Greg trying to fold his tent**

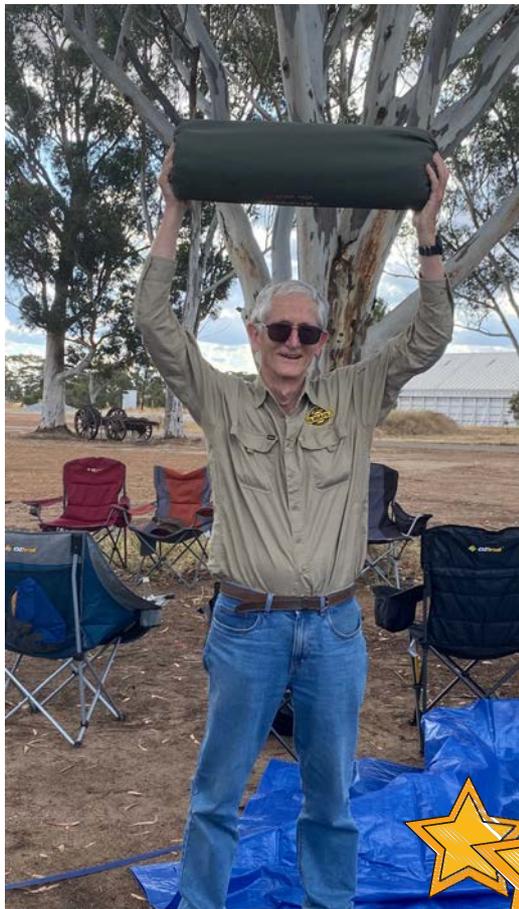


**Neil, Bronwyn & David folding their tent**



**Still trying**

Finally, the competitors of the first event were up again to deflate, roll up and put their mattresses back in their bags. Tom managed to finish this while the other two teams were still wrestling with their ensuite tents.



The overall winning team happened to have been the fastest at each of the four events and allowed me to join in with their spoils of war, consisting of a trophy and some chocolate goodies.



The winning team

***This really fun event set the scene for the annual dinner and awards later that night.***

***Thanks Jo for some belly-aching laughs.***



***Images courtesy of Allison, Mary, Ross & Tylar***

# CLUB WEBMASTER ROBERT GRIFFITHS AWARDED

## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

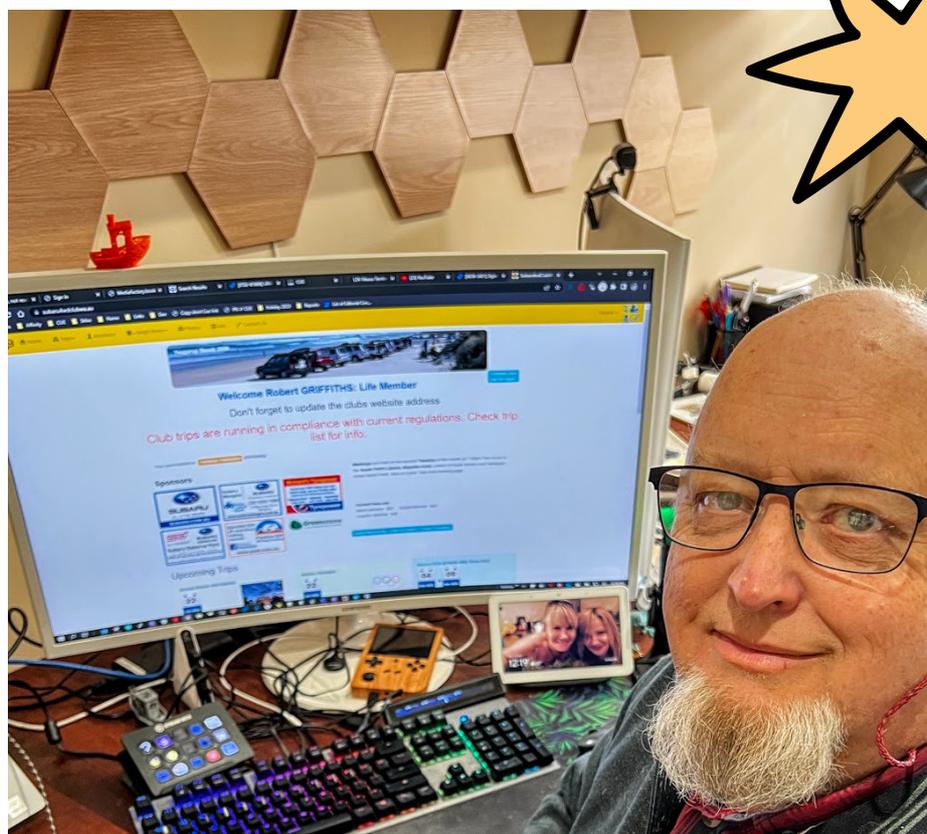
Joy Unno

It was a very surprised **Rob Griffiths** who joined the October 2022 General Meeting (GM) thinking he was going to give a report on the recent software update of the Club website, only to find himself being awarded with **Life Membership**.

Jim Wilcox nominated Rob for his sustained excellent work on first building the current Club website in 2009 and then maintaining and undertaking several major upgrades of the website over the following years. If you look at the October GM Minutes in the Members Library there is a short history of the Club website to read. Nomination was seconded by Keith Wilcox and the vote was taken according to the Club Constitution. All members present agreed.

In the 43 years of the Club's operation there have only been nine Life Memberships awarded (including Rob's), all to very deserving Club Members who have given exceptional service to the Club over an extended period of time. The partners and spouses of Life Members concurrently share the Life Membership.

2022 has been a bumper year with Keith Wilcox, David Peck and now Rob Griffiths being conferred with Life Membership. Rob said he was chuffed by the honour and couldn't stop smiling for the rest of the meeting. Congratulations, Rob. Well done!



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Flat pack neoprene can coolers – \$5



# PETER RABBIT HAS BEEN TRANSLATED INTO HIEROGLYPHICS!

Nambung Station and Stargazing Tour

24 - 27 September 2022

Henry Kujda



A part of the experience of travelling in convoy with the Subaru 4wd Club is listening to the banter on the UHF and hearing some interesting facts. We learn about the geography, landscape and history of towns along the way. And then, out of the blue, to break the monotony of an awkward radio silence, you here about something, totally unrelated. "Peter Rabbit has been translated into Hieroglyphics"! How many people would know that? This was one of many gems of trivia, shared with us by Tom on our way up to Nambung Station on the 24th of September long weekend trip.

## On the road again

This was the first trip lead by Vanessa and Greg Carn. I know Vanessa had been anxious about trip and nervous on the day, but it didn't show. She, with Greg assisting had meticulously planned an action-packed weekend. She gathered the group with the confidence of a seasoned tour guide and had us on the road on a mild Saturday spring morning at the civilized time of 10am.

Nambung Station was only a modest two-to-three-hour drive. On the way we stopped into Jurien Bay for supplies and lunch. Debbie and I called into the bakery. We know it well. Good coffee. I recommend the meat pie with an unusual but scrumptious pizza topping and some Bienenstich or Bee Sting, a German cake made with brioche dough, lots of cream and a caramel almond nut topping.

## Lesueur National Park

September is one of the best times to see wildflowers, especially north of Perth and the Lesueur National Park put on a stunning show.

There are several trails with good interpretive signage on the flora and fauna of the area. Some of us took the high road and climbed the 4km trail to the top of Mount Leuseur. Hats off to Naomi with Graham. Naomi was determined to summit, and her slow and steady approach got her to the mountain top.

If you are into nature, walking trails and looking at wildflowers, I would rate Lesueur National Park as one of the State's best. It's a botanical oasis. The park has over 900 plant species, 122 species of native bird and 52 reptile species.



One of over 900 species of flowers in the Lesueur National Park

*Debbie and I are thinking of doing the two-day Yued Ponar walk in the park next year.  
Anyone interested in joining us?*

## Nambung Station

What a surprise when we arrived at Nambung Station and were shown our site for the next two nights. Not a pleasant surprise unfortunately.

Vanessa booked the site more than six months in advance and had negotiated to have a site set aside for our club. It seems that on this long weekend it was a case of first come first served and our area was reduced to a small, cramped 'tents only' area in a corner of a hay baled walled area. Our space had been encroached on by a battalion of other Toyotas with their campervans, trailers and kitchen sinks. This was supposed to be tents only!

Oh well, we pitched in, pitched tents and settled in.



**Camp ground in full at Nambung Station.**

## Product review – Portable camping fire pit

Greg had purchased a BCF fire pit for the trip. What a beauty! This thing packs away into a carry bag. 56x13 cm and only weighs 3.9kg I'm sure even Mary would be able to find room for it into the back of her XV.

We were able to build a large fire in the pit that generated enough heat for our group campfire get together. But this was a case of if one fire pit was good, three fire pits would be really good. Bonus tip: Don't forget the axe for firewood and kindling and fire lighters.

The BCF Fire Pit also comes with a grill for cooking.



**Greg was very pleased with his latest camping equipment acquisition. And only \$49.99 from BCF**



## Our new members

New members, Harri and Bharathi joined us at Nambung. They had been to Kalbarri and came south to meet up with the group. They managed to pitch their tent in the last small space available, between our allocated area and the Toyotas, campers, trailers and yobos. I don't think it was a good first impression for them. Hopefully our warm, friendly welcome will encourage them to continue their membership and join us again for more congenial trips.

Harri looked vaguely familiar to me and as it turned out, our paths had crossed previously. He had owned and operated a superb Indian Restaurant at Dog Swamp. I had been fortunate enough to occasionally dine there and get a few take outs. Wouldn't it be terrific if Harri shared some of his culinary knowledge and skills at our campfire cookery trip?

Harri and his wife... are also skilled in the art of meditation. I can't think of a better way to start the day (apart from bird watching with Tony) than a group session at sunrise to calm the spirit and soul before firing up the Subaru.

## Campfire camaraderie

Sitting around the campfire, having a drink with friends and sharing a yarn is another one of those experiences that makes going away with the club joyful. And the things you find out about people.

Our very own Guy is a talented stand-up comedian who also performs just as well sitting down in a camp chair. His specialty; Dad jokes. He must have told us 100 jokes on the night but like most people, we have difficulty in remembering them the next day. But I did manage to record my favourite:

***Two weevils were living in a flour bowl.***

***One day, one of the weevils decided to leave the bowl, go out into the world and make his fortune. The other weevil stayed behind. He was the lesser of two weevils!***

If laughter is the best medicine, we didn't need to go to the pharmacy that night. And instead of playing Waltzing Matilda, the Nambung Station generator stayed on all night long.



**A tour of the paddocks**

## Nambung Station Tour

Many of us had good memories of the station tour at Malangata Station last year so we were looking forward to the station tour at Nambung on a sunny Sunday morning.

Unfortunately, Nambung Station once again put on a disappointing show. This was a "follow the tour leader in their vehicle in our vehicles type tour. \$25 per head (not per vehicle)! This was a tour of the paddocks, stopping occasionally to hear about the farming enterprise. We had to stop occasionally to hear the commentary because there were no radio communications. You would think that Nambung would use a UHF in their vehicle to talk to the convoy during a 'guided' drive through the property. About the most interesting fact we discovered on this tour was that the station had been sold to a mineral sands mining company and was being leased back to the previous owners for 12 months at a time. No wonder the operators of Nambung didn't care about happy campers.



### The aptly named Painted Desert

Fortunately, the tour included exclusive access through the Station's back gate to a part of the Painted Desert on the eastern side of the Nambung National Park. Some of our group hadn't seen the Pinnacles before and this was a more intimate encounter with the unique formations away from the crowds. The deep blue sky formed a backdrop to the ochre-coloured sands and made for a beautiful landscape.

We also discovered more of Hari's talents. Photography and sand surfing.



**Bharathi and Hari**



## Lumineer Adventure Tours Pinnacles Sunset and Star Gazing



Sunday evening, the skies cleared, and Jupiter lined up with Saturn.

We had booked Lumineer Adventure Tours for their **Sunset Stargazing Self-Drive Tour** at the **Pinnacles**. This tour wasn't just about star gazing. An unexpected bonus was a brief bush tucker and bush medicine walk at our meeting point at Hangover Bay. This left me curious. Why is it called Hangover Bay? A search on Google did not help. It wasn't even a FAQ on TripAdvisor. Anyway, this place is best experienced without the hangover.

On to the Pinnacles. We had time to explore this touristy section of the Nambung National Park while the Lumineer Tour people set up their telescope. It was a glorious sunset which provided a backdrop for our picnic dinner and glass of wine as the twilight became dusk.



**The Nambung National Park and Pinnacles at Sunset**

How lucky were we. Both Saturn and Jupiter were clearly visible in the east. Through the telescope we could see Jupiter's moons! I think seeing Saturn and its rings is always a wonderful astronomical experience and there were lots of oos and ahs. Especially from people that hadn't seen these celestial bodies through a telescope before.

The drive out of the Pinnacles at night was also a special experience.



***"wow, it was like looking at tombstones" Naomi and Graeme***



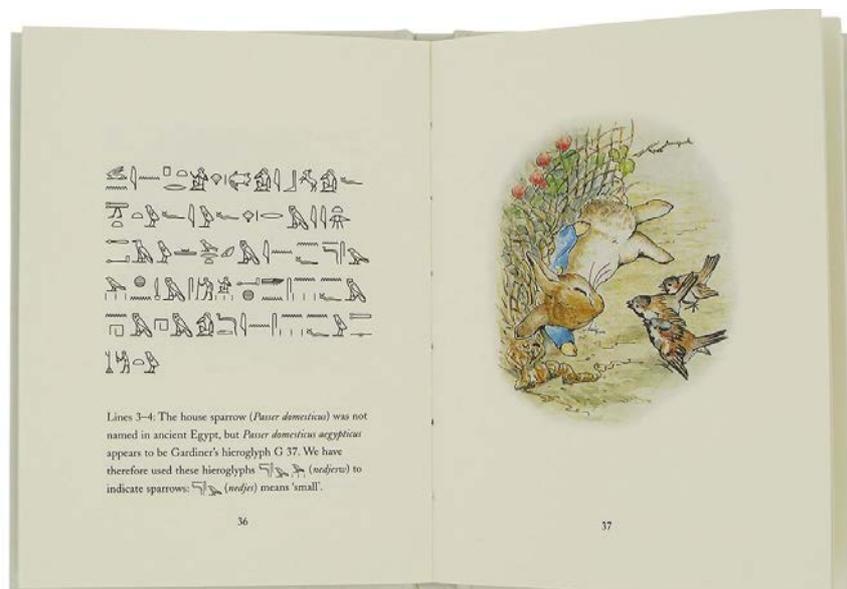
## Great weekend away



Despite a disappointing campsite experience and station tour we all agreed it was a great Subaru 4wd long weekend trip away.

These trips are often more about the camaraderie, the exchange of information and ideas on camping, 4wd driving Subarus and campfire yarns. They require active participation and good leadership. This trip had all those ingredients in spades. Vanessa and Greg leading their first Subaru Club excursion did a great job.

They are planning to lead another trip in 2023, this time south to the Porongurup. It's going to be a ripper.



**Strange but true.  
The Tale of Peter Rabbit translated into ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs!**

# BARGING AROUND DIRK HARTOG ISLAND

Day Four - Thursday 18 August 2022 - Exploring Dirk Hartog Island

Mark Smithers



*So after an interesting night with a bit less wind, the dawn of a new day presented some new challenges, mostly how to not catch Covid from Evie.*



**Dampier's Landing Dawn**



We left **Dampier's Landing** at 9am and tootled north along the eastern track checking out a lookout behind Turtle Bay. A quick assessment of the track down to the beach indicated that not only was it easy to get (ie fall/roll) down to the beach that it would prove difficult (ie hard work) to get back up. We'd have to be content with the view of the sun glistening off the water and a pristine beach.

Our convoy continued along the track and given the previous change of plans, had us arrive at **Cape Inscription** at 9:45am. We tried to seek shelter from the wind as we all went about seeing the sights, checking out the lighthouse, buildings, replica pewter dish and generally taking photos. An interesting and remote part of the island.



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## Exploring Dirk Hartog Island

Our next stop was heading down the west coast of the island where we arrived at **Urchin Point** to some larger waves, they were impressive but little did we know that larger ones would be encountered later in the day. It was here that a few whales were spotted not that far from shore so nearly everyone's focus was where they may surface next. Keith and Tony were focused on the local birds.

Leaving around 10:45am, it was only a short 10min drive until we stopped again at 'The Block' or 'Hartog Hilton' as the shack was otherwise known. Very soon Evie's muffled voice (she was wearing a mask) yelled out 'whales' and we saw them again heading south. A spectacular breach was seen but I was too slow with the camera.

We continued south along the west of the island arriving at **Mystery Beach** around 12:05pm for lunch. A soft patch of sand was encountered and easily navigated by all leading up to the space you might call a car park. Apparently the 'mystery' is what might be washed up onto the beach, noticeably there was already a huge pile of 'man-made' debris with much more scattered along the waterline. The waves were getting bigger.

Lunch consumed, our convoy left around 12:40pm for an hour drive south along the middle of the island where we were met with a fork in the road. Half the convoy (The Carn's, Karen/Tabitha & Keith) opted for the trip east to check out a possible campsite at Sandy Point, whilst the rest (Tony, Mary/Jasmine & Evie/Mark) opted to go west to visit Charles Harbor Lookout and Quoin Head. Both places were equally impressive due to the massive waves and crumbling shoreline. Ironic that a floatation device is available should you fall in, however you'd need someone to throw it to you and you'd be best placed to swim away from the coast due to the pounding waves.



## Ending the day at Louisa Bay

We left Quoin Head at 2:40pm and caught up with Keith who gave us an update on the camp site for the night. Turns out that Sandy Point was (you guessed it) windy, so the decision had been made head further south to **Louisa Bay** as they had found a reasonably sheltered spot. Sandy Point was something the other half of the convoy wanted to see and Keith remarked how Mary's XV would be up for a challenge.

At 3:20pm we approached a descent down to Sandy Point, I was on tail and opted to not go down as it looked a bit 'chewed up'. By 3:30pm I was setting up camp right on the beach at Louisa Bay with the others then shortly after a radio call came through that Mary was stuck. About an hour later, Tony and Mary/Jasmine joined us after having to do a spot of digging. Camping right on the beach was a pleasant experience, with much less wind so far compared to the other sites.



Hartog Hilton

The Block



Mystery Beach



Louisa Bay



# BARGING AROUND DIRK HARTOG ISLAND

Day Five - Friday 19 August 2022 - Island hopping

Karen Eldridge

We enjoyed a leisurely start leaving beautiful Louisa Bay and on to **Quoin Bluff South** and the beach below for morning tea. Then onto **Notch Point** for lunch. Another beautiful idyllic bay. Tony accidentally dropped in to say hi to a couple of nudists! We left them to it fairly quickly but it was noted that they possibly needed to re-apply as they were looking quite sunburnt.

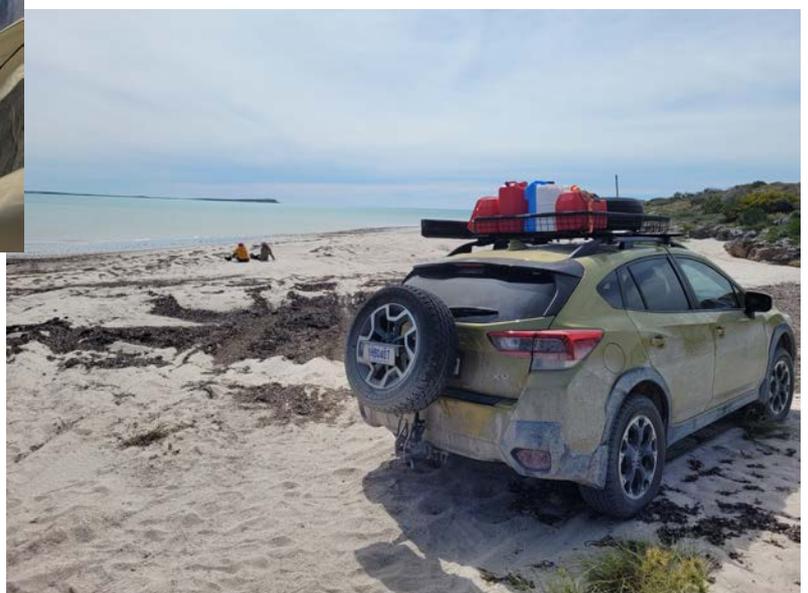
We had some fun coming back over the sand dunes and on to DHI Homestead campground (**Salty's**) for two nights. Unfortunately with Tony's confession that we had a Covid positive member with us, we were banished to as far away as they could get us from the lodge and bar itself. As it turned out, we ended up with our own fully equipped camp kitchen, two hot showers and toilets all to ourselves at Buddy's. They even delivered their home made gin to our campsites so we didn't have to get up. Amazing!

As if we hadn't had enough excitement this week, after some snorkelling with Jas, Mary stubbed her little toe and broke it. Luckily we had some very tasty DHI gin and tonic on hand as it was quite a painful moment and she had to cut her trip short by a day in order to get to a hospital and have it fixed in time for her Switzerland trip!

Tabitha's polar watch Activity goal was only at 96% today so not quite as bouncy as the last two days where her watch informed her that she had reached her maximum activity goal for the day by being a passenger in my car.



Louisa Bay sunrise



Notch Point lunch

**do** more of the  
**fun stuff**



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The day finished with the most beautiful sunset and a sky full of stars



### Scenes from Salty's Campground Dirk Hartog Island



Facilities at Buddy's at the Homestead Camp Grounds include a shared camp kitchen with gas BBQ, fire pit, food preparation area and sink, two bathrooms with a flushing toilet and shower! All within 50m of the beach. Maybe next time we will base ourselves there for the duration of our stay ...

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# TO THE PILBARA & BEYOND

## Part IV - From Karijini to Millstream

Day Eight - Saturday 21 August 2021

Mike Kraus

We woke to a howling tune from the local dingos and a fresh and cloudless sunrise. After a quick breakfast, we packed up camp, topped up our fuel tanks with 20 litres of reserve fuel and then farewelled Dale's camp site at 8:30am. It was already 24 degrees as we headed out for Millstream via a resupply stop at Tom Price. Greg and Vanessa acted as tail end Charlie by popular vote.



Ready to hit the road out of Karijini

Arrival at **Tom Price** was a bit after 10.00am. The first port of call was the local Tourist Information Centre where we were surprised to see locals selling hot donuts from a converted horse float in the car park. A quick quality control check by Greg confirmed the donuts were good. A check was made with the Tourist Information staff about travelling on the Rio-Tinto Railway Access Rd. We had obtained our access permits online before starting the trip. Stu also took the opportunity to add to his stubby holder collection.



The queue for hot fresh donuts

From the Tourist Information Centre, everyone headed off to resupply with food and drink at the Coles Shopping centre and Liquorland. Greg and Vanessa tracked down the Mitre 10 hardware shop to pick up their replacement tent for the one damaged by a dingo at Karijini. Others enjoyed a coffee and cake at the local café. From there, it was off to refill our drinking water containers at the potable drinking water tap provided by the local shire.

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After lunch, we all met up at the Shell servo at 1:30pm to refuel before heading on to Milyanha campground at Millstream via the Rio Tinto rail access road. Everyone agreed that Tom Price was a nice place. The town was well cared for with shady trees, green lawns and friendly locals.



**Securing the load before heading off road**

The **Rio Tinto Rail Access Road** was a much quicker and shorter route between Tom Price and Millstream than the main road and was generally in good condition. Road maintenance works were being carried out in a couple of spots so had to be reduced speed for those. Along the way, we stopped to enjoy, photograph and video the long (2km) ore trains and surrounds. Something must have happened on the train line as we soon noted that the trains had stopped moving and there were maintenance crews moving along the rail line and access road – one rail crane zooming by us put on a little show to acknowledge us.



We continued to Milyanha campground at Millstream arriving there at about 4pm. Unfortunately, our campsites only had a little shade as there were not too many trees around. By now, temperatures were in the low 30's. However, there was a camp kitchen, toilets and water taps only a short walk from our swags.

After setting up camp, we all tucked into dinner before relaxing under the moon and stars for a chat.



**Stu and Mike hydrating before setting up their swags**



**Job done**

## Day Nine - Sunday 22 August 2021 Ross Mead

We woke to another glorious fine morning. Fortunately, no wandering dingo's disturbed our night's rest. Vanessa and Greg pronounced their new tent worked well, even better than their previous one which had been severely damaged by a dingo at Karijini. After breakfast, it was off to explore Millstream and the Fortescue River starting at the old **Millstream Homestead** and the wetlands walk.

Millstream Homestead had been built in 1919. It must have been a really magnificent place in its heyday. There are large verandas all the way around with thick wall and high ceiling construction to help keep the house cool. It had a kitchen separate from the main house with a huge stove to cook all the meals for everyone at the station. All is surrounded by green lawns and shady Jacaranda trees (obviously much appreciated today by the local kangaroo community). The station had the services of a Chinese cook with his own fully reticulated vegetable garden and fruit trees to provide fresh fruit and vegetables.

At the time, the homestead was the centre of the local community with people gathering from all over to play tennis on a "clay" tennis court made from material from termite mounds. There were picnics, and all sorts of festivities and social events held there. Now it is a museum open to the public which illustrates how people lived in that era.



From the homestead, we wandered down to the start of the wetlands trail. This trail wanders through the wetland vegetation and palms via a series of pools and running creeks and is a beautiful spot to spend some time. Unfortunately, the walk was closed due to extensive damage from Cyclone Damien. Given that Cyclone Damien occurred in February 2020 it is a pity that the restoration work has not been completed yet. From there we decided to follow the section of walk through a beautiful Cajeput forest next to the wetland area.

## A lovely way to spend the day

After that, everyone was getting a bit warm so we decided to head off to **Deep Reach** for a swim. On the way, a stop was made at a spot where we could look out over the pools of the Fortescue River. It is quite an amazing place. Truly an oasis in the area. The large pools of water are part of the Fortescue River with a number of springs and wetlands feeding into the river pools. The water comes from an underground aquifer contained in the porous dolomite rock of the area. This aquifer, fed by the Fortescue River catchment, has an estimated area of 2,000 km<sup>2</sup>. It is believed to contain 1.7 billion cubic metres of water. This water comes into the large pools from the south and runs out the north end before vanishing back underground again. The whole wetland area has huge significance from an environmental perspective, an aboriginal perspective (they have lived in the area for millennia) and now as a major source of water for the towns of Karratha, Dampier and others.

There are several picnic benches under shades, BBQ's and toilets at the Deep Reach swimming area. There are also 2 sets of steps leading down into the water to make easy access and egress from the pool. A young bloke was sat on one of the sets of steps feeding bread to a considerable number of Catfish, several of which were in excess of 30 cm in length. Given that catfish can give an excruciatingly painful sting if accidentally touched, it was decided to use the other landing which appeared to be free of them.

I chickened out on the swim but everyone else declared it wonderful. Daniel headed off to traverse a fair bit of the pool declaring on his eventual return that he was missing not having his regular ocean swim.

After our dip, it was time for lunch and a bit of a nap in the shade. It's a rough life but someone has to do it.



After lunch and a nap, it was off to explore Snappy Gum Drive which is a scenic drive traversing around the west, north and east sides of the Millstream pools. On the west side, Snappy Gum drive passes the Water Corporations pumping station which pumps water from the Millstream Aquifer to Karratha. At the northern end of Millstream, the road crosses the Fortescue River via a concrete causeway which had water flowing over it approximately 20 cm deep. From there, Snappy Gum Drive turns off and heads back south down the east side of Millstream back to the main Millstream – Pannawonica Road. Unfortunately, this section of the road was also closed due to damage sustained from Cyclone Damien in February 2020. So there was nothing for but to perform a “U” turn and retrace our steps.

## Capturing the action

On the way back to camp I decided to get some video footage of our cars crossing the concrete causeway through the running Fortescue River. Stu and Mike and myself went first so Mike and I could get set up to record Greg, Vanessa and Daniel driving through the water. This was all good in theory with Mike and me setting up on a flat rock close to the water so we could get some good footage. I then radioed Greg and Daniel to come through. As there was a bend in the road approaching the water from the other side, I could not see Greg coming until he was about to enter the water. Likewise, Greg couldn't see us until he came around the bend.

The error in our planning rapidly became evident as the image through my camera's viewfinder showed a green Outback travelling at a rate of knots appearing around the corner and straight into the water. The view then changed to one of a large sheet of water being thrown up by the car and heading straight for Mike and I. Too late we tried to duck but there was nowhere to go. We ended up with some great action footage of said green Outback ploughing through the river followed by a couple of photographers getting very wet. Daniel's version of crossing the river was done at a much more responsible speed. Fortunately, no harm done other than to our pride. As it was a warm day, our clothes dried quickly.



Checking for damage

After all that excitement, it was back to camp for afternoon tea and a quiet afternoon. Given that water was plentiful and I was already half washed, it was time for a bucket bath before tea. Afterwards, we had our usual day debrief over a couple of beers before hitting the sleeping bag.



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# Trips & Socials

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New members are advised that UHF radio's are required for all club trips. They can be hired from the club by indicating on the website when you put your name down for a trip or by contacting trips co-ordinator Adrian on 0424 723 558 or email [trips@subaru4wdclubwa.au](mailto:trips@subaru4wdclubwa.au)

## NOVEMBER 2022

**Subaru Club @ Perth 4WD Show 2022**  
4 to 6 November

**Kaarakin Clean-up Day and BBQ**  
20 November  
Adrian Longwood

 **Southwest Coast Beach Run**  
20 November  
Adrian Longwood

**Quobba Astronomy Adventures**  
Joy Unno  
16 to 23 April



## DECEMBER 2022

**Club Christmas Picnic**  
Whiteman Park  
3 December 2022

**Christmas Lights in Albany**  
Deb Thyne  
8 to 11 December

## JANUARY 2023

**Scout Around Albany**  
Jo Norton  
26 to 31 January

## MARCH 2023

**Porongorup Wander, Walk & Wine**  
Porongorup Range Tourist Park  
Greg Carn  
4 to 6 March



**The Club is running trips for members in accordance with the latest advice issued by the WA State Government COVID-19 Guidelines.**



# WA4WDA

## KAARAKIN CLEAN UP DAY & MEET THE 2022/23 COMMITTEE BBQ



When: **Sunday 20th  
November 2022**

Time: **Clean up starts @  
9am.**

**BBQ starts @ 11am**

Where: **WA4WDA House**

Hosted by: **Southside  
4WD Club**

**Come along and help clean up around the WA 4WD  
Association House.**

**BYO gloves, shovels, clippers, ladders, gardening gear  
etc**

**After the clean-up, the Committee will be putting on a Sausage  
Sizzle as a THANK YOU to everyone, and a chance to meet your  
2022/23 Committee. Come along and say hi!**

**All Club Members & Family Welcome!**

**RSVP Club Attendance/Members by Wednesday 16th November 2022 to  
[secretary@wa4wda.com.au](mailto:secretary@wa4wda.com.au) for catering.**

Questions – email Dee – [secretary@wa4wda.com.au](mailto:secretary@wa4wda.com.au)

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Ross Mead



Hi All

I hope you have enjoyed your membership of the Subaru 4WD Club of WA during 2022. There has certainly been a lot on!

Annual membership of the Club commences on the 1st October each year and runs through until the 30th September the following year. To remain a member, club fees are required to be paid by no later than 30th December each year.

If you wish to continue as a member of the Subaru 4WD Club of WA, please now forward your membership fee for 2023 to the Club's Treasurer as detailed below. Please note that if you are a new member having joined the Club since 1st July 2022, your membership has been extended to include the 2023 Club year. If you are a Life Member of the Subaru 4WD Club of WA, thank you for your service, you are exempt from membership fees.

## **Annual fees are:**

Metro member - \$50

Country member (including the City of Mandurah) - \$40

Social member (Only able to attend meetings and social events) -\$40.

Life member – Free.

Fees can be paid by direct debit to the Club's bank account.

## **Details are:**

Account name – Subaru 4WD Club of WA.

BSB – 036078 (Westpac)

Account Number – 289726.

**Be sure to include your name with any payment.**

I look forward to seeing you at club events for the remainder of 2022 and in 2023. Please contact me if you have any questions about your membership.

Regards

Ross Mead

Membership Coordinator

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