



VALE IAN JOHNSON

After a long and bravely fought battle with illness, Ian Johnson, Life Member, Club Stalwart, Trip Leader Extraordinaire, Mentor and Friend, has passed away. He was only weeks from his 79th birthday. Our hearts go out to Nina and Ian's family at this sad and difficult time.

Ian joined the Subaru 4WD Club of Western Australia in 1980, a year after the Club was inaugurated. This was not surprising as Ian was already into rallying and was also developing into a mechanical genius, very happy to dismantle, repair and rebuild engines of all types. He had a variety of Subarus over the years including a WRX wagon called Echidna and his Forester called Puggle.

Those trip adventures only became more wonderful when Ian met and married Nina, the love of his life, friend, and companion through hundreds of thousands of kilometres travelling together. They both complemented each other with their keen interest in the bush and natural history. **Cont. Page 6**



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President's Report

David Peck

Presidents Report September 2023 (Joy Unno, Secretary)



David has family commitments this month so I am doing the President's Report. Sadly, this month we bade farewell to one of our longest serving Life Members, Ian Johnson. His wife, Nina, remains in the Club as a Life Member. There was a very good turn-out of Club members at Ian's memorial service, a tribute to one of the Club's most iconic and respected members, who will be especially missed.

The Club has had a busy couple of months with South Australian adventures, Lancelin Dunes, Giants of Mandurah, Granite Way, and Wildflower trips. Look forward to reading the trip reports in the mag and seeing the photos on the Club Facebook.

Upcoming trips in September include the Heart Beat First Aid course, a Warriedar Track Care trip, the Yanchep Inn Social Lunch, with an optional overnight camp in Yanchep NP, a mid-week Lookout, Lake & Lunch trip, and LWE trips to either Jaurdi, Helena-Aurora or the Kulin Clan Gathering.

Join a trip and get out there in your Subaru!

The Club's Annual Dinner and Awards Night is coming up soon at the end of October. Time to click on the "nominate for an Award" button at the bottom of the trip page or on the trophy icon to the left of a member's name in the Members list. Or you can send your Awards to secretary@subaru4wdclubwa.au. All awards are confidential.

**Cheers,
Joy**

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A note from the Editor

Vanessa Carn



You may have noticed a fresh look over the past few editions. Big thanks to the wonderful Joy Unno for all her help while I headed off exploring! It was great to have a digital detox and even better to know the magazine was in such great hands.

Trip leaders please remember to **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.



Things to include with your report(s):

- Your name
- The trip name
- The date and day of the trip
- Photos - Please name & date all images

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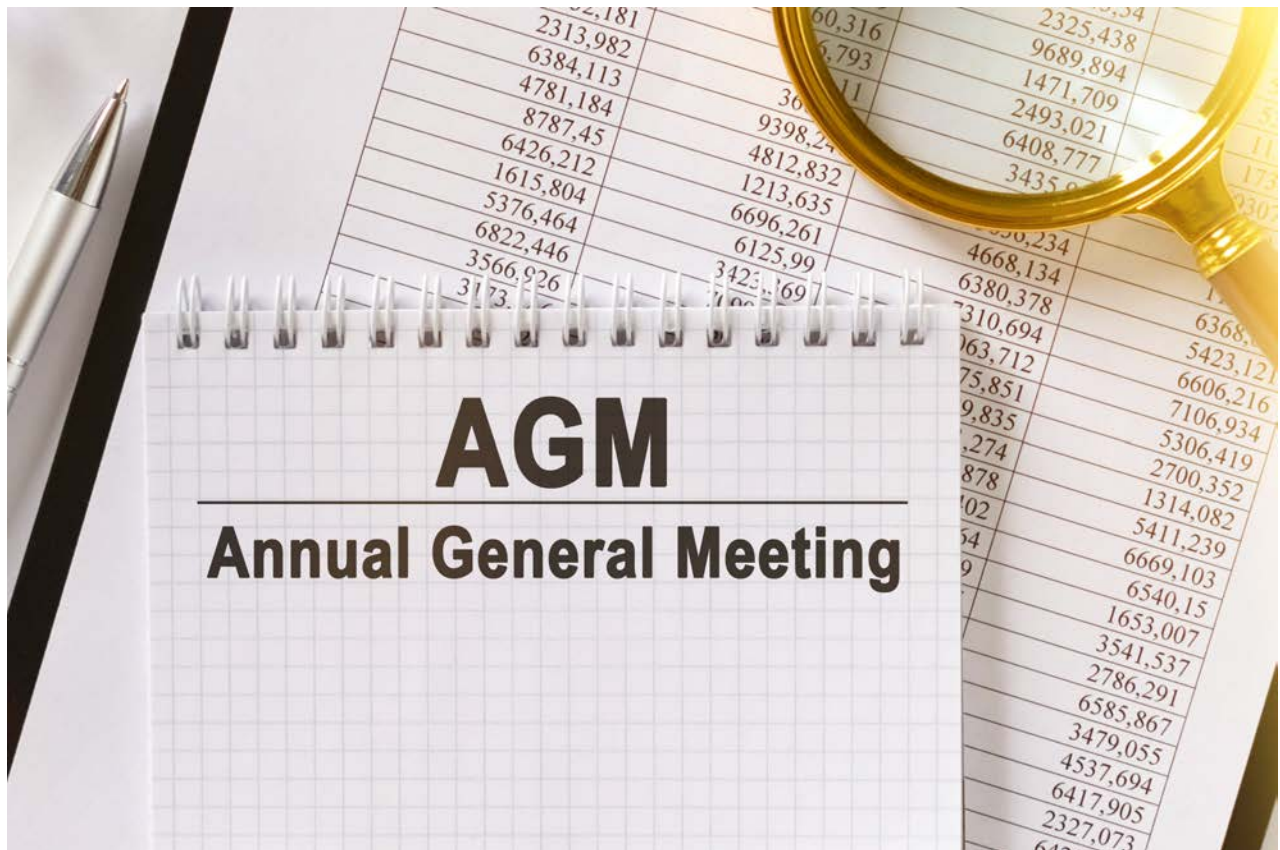


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Notice of AGM FOR THE SUBARU 4WD CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.

TUESDAY 14 November 2023 in the
City of South Perth Library Mopoke Room
&
ZOOM Video Conference

AGM follows the General Meeting which starts at 7.45 pm
AGM Agenda includes: President's Annual Report, Treasurer's
Financial Statements, and Election of Office Bearers & Committee



If an unknown flower, insect or other animal was seen on a trip, Ian or Nina would happily provide the name, enriching our understanding of the environment we were travelling through. Ian's attention to detail did not end with the pre-trip planning as he would produce an impressive document for all trip participants containing not only trip reports and photos, but also trip fuel and distance statistics, maps, and research articles that Ian had read covering biological, geological and historical aspects of the trip. He was a man of wide and varied interests and loved learning and sharing his knowledge with others.

It was Ian and Nina who brought "gourmet" into camp oven cooking. Their Roast Pork with Apple Sauce, followed by Pineapple Upside Down Cake was legendary. We learned so much about camp oven cooking from them. Not so keen to follow Ian's habit of tasting scats though :) Ian was an expert camp fire coal maker and trivet builder. His favourite wood for coals was Minniritchi and least favourite was Mulga. I have many memories of him standing by the campfire, shovel in gloved hand ready to lay out the coals for Nina to put the camp oven over. More trip memories include Ian grinding the beans with his homemade, drill-operated coffee grinder, preparing Nina's morning coffee, and Ian's iconic cry of "Morning Teeeeeee!" as he pulled into a lovely spot off the track.



Wells, Wocks, etc. 1992



Echidna 1995



1992 Italian Night

Ian's innate generosity and kindness was reflected in his service to the Club, whether it was trip leading and mentoring, serving many years on the Committee (once as President), writing mechanical, technical, or other articles for the Club Magazine, or helping Club members with advice, repairs, car services or interior fittings. He was instrumental in organising 'The Journey' book about the first 25 years of the Subaru 4WD Club of WA. The list is endless. Ian was always there with a smile and a helping hand.

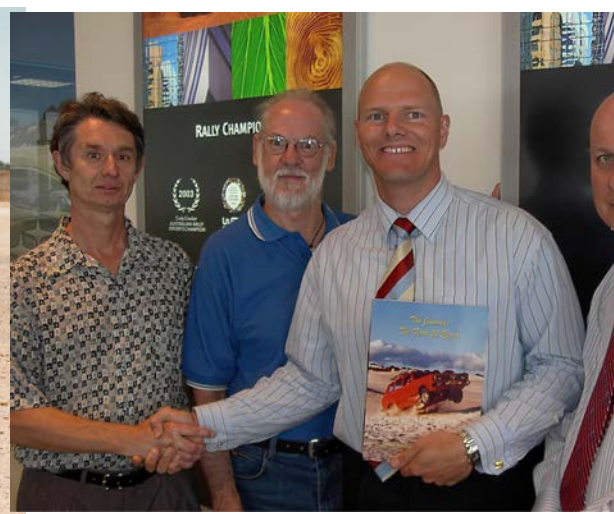
Ian, being a former Bank Manager, was an excellent record keeper and in 2006, provided the Club with a list of all the Club driving trips since inception (1979). A large job! He said it was "wall size if printed" adding that "It might be worth having a look at this to see if some of the earlier trips can be re-visited, though many may be out-of-bounds these days.....call around and have a look at some of the files and paper work too. I have lots of handouts on trips, bound trip reports, guidelines on how to run them, preparation for easy trips right up to full-on expeditions, blank trip log forms, dozens of actual trip logs, maps, location sketch maps, etc." He also has boxes of every Club mag printed until digitalisation in 2010.



Rudall River 1997



Solar Eclipse 2002



Club History Book Launch 2004

VALE, IAN JOHNSON

The Club was appreciative of all Ian's and later Nina's many contributions and Ian was awarded Club Member of the Year in 1997, 1983 and 1984. They subsequently took home an impressive number of awards for Trip Leaders of the Year, Trip of the Year and also a couple of Social Events of the Year. In 1996, Ian was awarded Life Membership, the highest honour the Club can give to a member for their exceptional services to the Club. Nina said he loved being a life member and was very proud of it.



Ian garnered some Silly/Other Awards such as Bog of the Year in 1998 "For bogging his car up to its elbows in sand at Lancelin". 2015 was a bumper year with Ian and Nina being awarded Trip of the Year for Karijini & More, and Trip Leaders of the Year for Leading Several Extended Trips, including Quick Hicks, Karijini & More and Woodland Woodlines!

Many current members and Trip Leaders such as Keith Wilcox, Jim Wilcox, Tony Richards, David Peck and even

myself, Joy Unno, benefited from and are thankful for Ian and Nina's example and teachings, eventually coming to lead extended trips of our own. In that way Ian's heritage lives on in the Club and is passed on to the next generation of new Club members.



Matuwa (Lorna Glen) 2016



Where's Wally 2018



Karijini & More 2015



Ularring Soak Camp



Camp Oven Cooking Demo 2021

There is so much more to say about this respected and unique Club Member but no more space here. Ian has left a lasting, beneficial and iconic legacy in the Club, literally shaping the direction in which the Club has gone since its founding. Personally, this smart, kind, funny, complicated man has positively impacted the lives of the Club Members he has interacted with, and leaves many good friends. Goodbye and Farewell, Ian Elliot Johnson.

We will remember you. And Morning Teeeeeeea!
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Joy Unno and Tony Richards
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Please refer to the club website for all dates & details

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UHF radios 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

SEPTEMBER 2023

 HEART BEAT CPR TRAINING
02 SEPTEMBER

WARRIEDAR SHEARER'S QUARTERS
RECONSTRUCTION – TRACK CARE
07 -10 SEPTEMBER

YANCHEP NP OVERNIGHTER
09 - 10 SEPTEMBER

 YANCHEP INN LUNCH
10 SEPTEMBER

 LOOKOUTS, LAKE & LUNCH
13 SEPTEMBER

GATHERING OF THE CLANS AT KULIN
23 - 25 SEPTEMBER

JAUDI & HELENA-AURORA RANGES
23 - 28 SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER 2023

COCKTAILS & JAFFLES WITH THE
LANDCRUISER CLUB
06 - 08 OCTOBER

WANDOO CLEANUP & O/N CAMP
07 - 08 OCTOBER

 OKTOBERFEST
14 OCTOBER

 LAKE LESCHENAULTIA LOLLING
15 OCTOBER

ANNUAL DINNER
28 OCTOBER

NOVEMBER 2023

 PERTH 4WD SHOW
10 - 12 NOVEMBER

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 
14 November

 PRESTON BEACH
26 NOVEMBER



DECEMBER 2023
CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY
02 DECEMBER

JANUARY 2024

LEDGE & LANCELIN BEACH
14 JANUARY

SEPTEMBER 2024

QUAALUP QUEST - THE SEQUEL
21 - 23 SEPTEMBER



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

TRIP PROMOS

YANCHEP INN SOCIAL LUNCH SUNDAY 10 SEPT

DAY
TRIP



Join us for a convivial Social Lunch at the historic Yanchep Inn located in Yanchep National Park.

There's a NP entry fee but it is worth it to enjoy the beautiful surrounds and visit the koalas.

YANCHEP NP OVERNIGHTER 09-10 SEPT

Spring Camping, what a time to get out for a night under the stars within the Yanchep National Park. There's a few hikes to choose from as well as Zip Line course, and Koala exhibit to roam through.

The Club is also doing a social lunch on the Sunday at the Yanchep Inn.

Camping 1 Night at Henry White Oval within Yanchep National Park.



WARRIEDAR SHEARER'S QUARTERS RECONSTRUCTION 07-10 SEPT

Subaru 4WD club members have been invited to join the Track Care project to repair and rebuild the Shearer's Quarters and Wash House at Warriedar Homestead. This is in the Karara Rangelands Park, about 400km north of Perth and about 60km west of Paynes Find, which the club has visited several times. There is about 30km of unsealed road from the Great Northern Highway to Warriedar on the Yalgoo to Ninghan road.

Join the trip on the Website.



WANDOO CLEAN UP & OVERNIGHT CAMP 07-08 OCT



This trip is in conjunction with Track Care to do a clean up in the **Wandoo National Park**. We have received special approval from DBCA to camp in the park overnight.

The **wildflowers** will be spectacular at this time of year. A great opportunity to spend time in one of our loveliest NPs.

Join the trip on the website.

LOOKOUT, LAKE & LUNCH DAY 13 SEPTEMBER



Wooroloo Brook Falls

This day trip is another one of Stephan and Hannah's very popular **Mid-week Day Trips** on the lovely Darling Scarp.

It combines a drive through scenic hills, farmland and bushland, a walk to the beautiful **Wooroloo Brook waterfalls**, a visit to surprising **Lake Leschenaultia** and ending up at the historic **Chidlow Tavern & museum** for a pub lunch.

DAY
TRIP

Join the trip on the Club website.

TRIP PROMOS

JAUARDI AND HELENA AURORA RANGES 23-28 SEPT



Jump on this extended Sept LWE trip with Ross for the opportunity to see the spectacular ironstone formation Helena and Aurora Ranges 100km north of Southern Cross. The Ranges are soon to be made into a National Park.

Drive through the amazing trees of the Great Western Woodlands, the largest remaining area of intact Mediterranean climate woodland left on Earth.

Visit Jaurdi Station Homestead a former pastoral lease now managed by DBCA.

Join the trip on the website.

COCKTAILS & JAFFLES WITH THE LANDCRUISER CLUB 06 - 08 OCTOBER

It's on again. Lets see if we can make at least one team of Subaru Club to compete in the Cocktails and Jaffles event with the Toyota Landcruiser Club! We won a prize last time.

Each team will make one main course jaffle, one desert jaffle and one cocktail. Jaffle irons will be provided. We spend all night eating jaffles and drinking cocktails - what could go wrong? Everyone scores everything they consume and there will be prizes. The theme is Steam Punk which seems very fitting! The theme applies to dress, food and drink.

There will be driving on Saturday and Sunday. They head out looking for wildflowers and it has always been Subaru friendly. Camping (normally around \$15 per person for a night). will most likely be in the Quindanning area. Check with Jo for more details and join on the Club website.



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14th October - Day trip

There will be lots of entertainment available: beer stein holding competitions, air rifle shooting (fee), music and dancing. Dinner and drinks (lots of German beer of course) are available. The famous pork knuckle (Haxen) will easily feed 2. The local German folk dance group will also put on a demonstration.

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TRIP PROMOS

ANNUAL DINNER 28 OCTOBER 2023

This trip is not yet on the website but is coming SOON!

The Subaru Club Annual Dinner is the Premier social event of the year where members get together to eat, oh, and also celebrate the special efforts of members (either good or just silly), and hand out Awards for the best trips and trip leaders.

All Members are encouraged to VOTE for the Club Awards.



What Are the Award Categories?

1. Club Member of the Year
2. Trip of the Year
3. Trip Leader of the Year
4. Social Trip of the Year
5. Social Trip Leader of the Year
6. Other or Silly Awards



How To Vote

At the bottom of every Trip Page on the Club website there is a **Nominate For An Award** button. click on that to nominate either the trip or the trip leader. If you log into the Members section on the website, to the right of each member's name is a small blue trophy icon 🏆 Click on that to vote.

Or email the Secretary with your vote. The Secretary is the one who tallies the votes and all votes are anonymous to other members.

What is the judging criteria, you may ask?

Club Member of the year is awarded to a person who has made a notable contribution to the Club's activities during the year, e.g. served on the Committee or other position, been Trip Leader for lots of trips, arranged events, etc. Or it could be a newish member who has stepped up and been very active in the Club.

Trip or Social Trip of the Year is the trip (or social) that most members vote for as being the best trip. You don't even have to have gone on the trip to vote for it if you think it is a great trip. Same with the Trip or Social Trip Leader of the year, whoever you think did a fantastic job of it.

Other or Silly Awards are given for positive, silly, funny or weird things people do on trips. The funnier or more heart-warming the better. **SO START VOTING NOW!**

KULIN
23-25 SEPT Gathering of the Clans

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GATHERING OF THE CLANS

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THERE BE GIANTS THERE

SUNDAY 30 JULY 2023

We heard that several large giants have taken up residence in various locations around Mandurah. Being a club interested in exploring unusual things, Graeme and Naomi Sexton took on the challenge of organising and leading a club trip to investigate this phenomenon.

We, intrepid explorers all, met up with our trip leaders at the BP Southbound on Kwinana on an overcast Sunday morning. After a trip briefing from Graeme and Naomi, it was off to find some giants.



To clarify our quest, we planned to visit four of the "Giants" situated in Mandurah.

These giants have been made from recycled wood by Danish artist Thomas Dambo. Mandurah City Council and the State Government commissioned Thomas to create these figures specifically for particular locations around Mandurah. A Guide Books and Maps plus an interactive puzzle game leading people to each of these large timber figures have then developed. Each giant has a story to tell about their location and purpose.

We met our first Giant – **Yaburgurt Winjan Cirkelstone** on the Peel Estuary foreshore at Coodinup. From there, it was off to meet **Seba** and listen to his song near the Dawesville Cut. After meeting Seba, it was on to join the crowd looking for **Santi Ikto** at Halls Head, but not before having a bite of lunch.



Giant 1
Naomi with Subaru Gnome and Charlotte at Vivi Cirkelstone Giant Coodanup Foreshore Reserve



Giant 2
Seba's Song with Subaru Gnome



Giant 3
Santi Iko Giant, Koolyininap Halls Head

THERE BE GIANTS THERE cont....



**Giant 4
Little Lui
Marlee
Reserve
Lakelands**



Our last visit for the day was to **Little Lui**.

Unlike the other three who were all involved with water, Lui was a giant after my own heart being comfortably settled against a fallen tree stump next to a wetland in a lovely grove of Tuart tree.



They say that an important role of any art work is to prompt the viewer to consider and question the artist's intent. For me, looking at Thomas's art works raised two particular questions. The first was a typical male reaction of "how did he put it all together?" The exterior is amazing but the internal skeleton of each giant must be an equal work of engineering and carpentry skill.

The second question I had was "why there?" I could reasonably understand the first three we looked at as they were all placed in iconic ocean/water viewing locations. However, Little Lui's location and design was very intriguing. He is situated in a bush reserve some distance from suburbia. Adding to my sense of wonder is the fact that he is sitting comfortably leaning back against the stump and exposed roots of a fallen tree. Thomas has built Lui so that the tree roots form part of the Giants hair. How/ why was that site chosen? It must have taken some work to firstly find that specific location and then design and build Lui so he become part of the environment there.

My enjoyment of the giant named Little Lui was greatly enhanced by being able to wander through beautiful Tuart forest around a wetland. We even managed to spot a couple of Quenda busily feeding next to the path we were on. A fitting end to a great trip.

Thanks to Graeme and Naomi for planning and leading such an enjoyable outing.

Ross Mead

THERE BE GIANTS THERE cont....

THANK YOU

Special thanks to Ross Mead for helping us with the Giants of Mandurah Trip. As this was our first trip as Leaders, we were a bit nervous.

We greatly appreciate all your Help Ross and assistance."

Graeme & Naomi Sexton



David with Granddaughter Averly at Little Lui Giant

"We enjoyed getting out of town and catching up with everyone. The booklets and maps that were provided made the experience of finding the giants more interesting, especially for the children and young at heart.

Charlotte liked seeing the symbols and particularly liked Little Lui. She also liked meeting the people in the Subaru club that were friends of Nan & Pop (David and Marian). She wanted to continue on and see the other giants and was disappointed that we couldn't.

Averly liked the bushland."

Dave & Marion Peck

"Just wanted to say a big thanks for yesterday, we thoroughly enjoyed it. Everything was well planned and ran like clockwork, can't wait for your next one.

Naomi I will never forget the spelling of MANDJOOGOORDAP after this trip, ha ha."

Ian & Margaret Griffiths



Stephan & Santi Iko Giant



Stephan & Ian at Seba's Song

"Many thanks to Naomi and Graeme Sexton for organising the 'There Be Giants There' trip to Mandurah. It was very interesting, and we greatly appreciated the preparation that had been done. We were supplied with information booklets and maps with the best route sorted despite a last minute change due to another community activity occurring on the same day. If there is such a thing as a club award for Best 1st Time Trip Leaders we think their names should be put up as we know there was much forgone sleep for Naomi the night before! But it all paid off so well done and thank you."

Stephan Millett & Hanna Silversides

SUBARU 4WD CLUB OF W.A. INC.

CLUB MERCHANDISE – buy items at meetings



Bisley khaki 100% cotton long sleeve shirts (Mens and Women's sizes) are available at a subsidised cost of \$40 with logo (but no name) and \$45 with logo and name.

If you buy a shirt from Club stock with no name, you can have your name added later by taking the shirt to Hip Pocket in Balcatta and having it embroidered (on the spot if you ring first) at a cost of \$9.



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



History Books – reduced to \$10



Royal blue and white ("Podium Bold") 100% polyester polo shirts (with pocket) are available at a subsidised cost of \$15.



Club stickers \$3



Embroidered Badges \$5



Navy blue beanies – \$9

The supplier of all Club clothing items is Hip Pocket Workwear & Safety, Balcatta.



Flat pack neoprene can coolers – \$5

"From photos I had seen of The Giants, I was certainly looking forward to seeing them 'in the flesh'. And I was not disappointed. They were massive, very carefully crafted wooden structures that would have to impress anybody who saw them. Really cool! I only hope that they survive the test of time.

There were four Giants that we saw on the day. The first was Vivi Cirkelstone on the Coodanup foreshore, lying down resting on his elbows. The second was Seba's Song, sitting on a rock groyne on the eastern side of the Dawesville Channel. He was looking out over Collins Pool, with one hand on his forehead to shield his eyes from the sun. The third was Santi Ikto accessed by a short walk along the coast south from the Calypso Road car park (there was a park and toilet there and this was our lunch stop). This Giant had a beard and was sitting cross-legged on a coastal vantage point looking out over the Indian Ocean. The fourth and final Giant we saw was Little Lui, who was not little at all! He was casually sitting up against a tree in Marlee Reserve, Parklands. A little bit of a longer walk to get to him, but well worth it. He had very long (wooden) hair.

PS: Jeanette and I subsequently went to see the fifth Giant in Subiaco, lying on his side, trying to get some rest!

A sincere thank you to Graeme and Naomi for leading the trip. They did a great job. And their three pre-trips certainly helped!"

Tony Richards



**(Clockwise from right)
Black-shouldered Kite
Australian Pied
Oystercatcher
Australasian Darter &
Little Pied Cormorant
(Images Keith Wilcox)**



"This was Graeme and Naomi's first stint as Trip Leaders. They were even earlier than us at the meeting point. Even though I typically get there so early that I start to harbour doubts as to whether I have the correct day and place.

However, everyone who was supposed to turn up did so. Our Trip Leader's documentation was highly organised and included a brochure and a map from the Tourist Bureau. The trip included visits to four Giants which were quite widely dispersed.

There was potential for the convoy to get somewhat tangled given heavy general traffic, traffic lights and lots of turns at intersections. Naomi gave such clear and detailed instructions as we travelled that things worked extremely well. A good deal of prior preparation made for a very well organised day.

The Giants were great to see even though we experienced moderate rain at times. I had the mistaken belief they were permanent fixtures.

The Giants apparently depart in a few months so anyone thinking vaguely of seeing them sometime in the future may need to reconsider their plans.

So, in summary a terrific day, good fun and well done to Graeme and Naomi."

Tom Minto



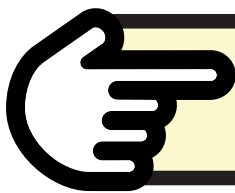
Thomas Dambo, Worlds leading recycle artist had a vision to bring people outdoors and explore the beauty of our country. So, he created these magnificent "Giant" sculptures made from recycled wood.

There are six in total. One in Subiaco, four scattered in Mandurah and a "Mystery" Giant, which will be revealed once "you play the game".

This was our first trip as Club Leaders, and this is our Adventures on visiting Mandurah's Sculptures. Along the way avid photographer Keith took pictures of the local wildlife.

David and Marion's Grandchildren Charlotte and Averly thought it very exciting being first to find the "Giants".

Graeme & Naomi Sexton



<https://www.giantsofmandurah.com.au>

TRIP PROMO LAKE LESCHENAULTIA LOLLING 15 OCT PICNIC DAY TRIP

Last month we had a wildflower walk in the Northern suburbs (Bold Park). Now we are going South (East) to lovely Lake Leschenaultia where we will have a short wildflower walk around the Lake. But there is so much more to do: picnic or bbq or kiosk lunch, swimming (if it's hot), canoeing or SUPing (bring your own or hire one), or just lolling by the lakeside. Join the trip on the website. Joy Unno

BOLD PARK FLORA & GEOLOGY WALK 20-08-23

KEITH & FIONA WILCOX

14 people turned up for the Bold Park walk on a lovely sunny day. At the start Joy told us the difference between a Marri and a Tuart tree by looking at the bark and fruit (gumnuts). Then it was off on the Tuart track a 2.3km loop trail through a bushland conservation area close to Perth. Bold Park, at 437 ha, is slightly bigger than King's Park.

There were many flowering shrubs such as the red one-sided bottlebrush, banksia's and yellow wattles. It was a bit too early for the orchids but a few fungi were spotted including a giant bracket fungus on a tree. Halfway along the track a left turn takes you to the top of Reabold Hill the last 200m being on a boardwalk to the summit. Being a fine day the views from the top were rewarding as we could see as far as Rottnest Island and the Darling Range. Sign boards at the lookout indicated what the various sights and buildings were visible at all points of the compass.



My interest as many of you would know is birds and quite a number showed themselves including a Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, White-cheeked Honeyeater and a Western Scrubwren along with many Galah's, Corella's and Lorikeets.

We made our way back down to the carpark where a few of us had 'morning tea' next to Perry Lakes. Naomi had made pumpkin and walnut cupcakes which were very nice. Thanks to those that left early and missed out I got two!

Thanks also to Joy for organising the trip with commentary throughout of the various trees, shrubs and geology some of which I believe she will add below.



White-cheeked Honeyeater



Western Spotted Scrubwren



Morning Tea

Geological Diversity Underpins Biological Diversity Joy Unno

Two high, North-South dune systems parallel to the coast dominate the Park, with the younger **Quindalup Dunes** to the West and the older **Spearwood Dunes** further inland.

The **Quindalup Dunes unconsolidated, calcareous soil** support two plant communities, the **Shrubland** e.g. Rottnest Island Pine (*Callitris preissii*) and Rottnest Tea Tree (*Melaleuca lanceolata*), and **Coastal Plant Communities** e.g. Sword Sedge (*Lepidosperma gladiatum*), Coastal Daisy Bush (*Olearia axillaris*),

Spearwood Dunes limestone ridge shallow soils support the **Limestone Heath Plant Community** e.g. Wattles, like Prickly Moses (*Acacia pulchella*), with other shrubs such as Cockie's Tongue (*Templtonia retusa*), Dwarf Sheok (*Allocasuarina humilis*), One-sided Bottle Brush (*Calothamnus quadrifidus*) and Basket Bush (*Spyridium globulosm*), Native Climbers: purple-flowered Native Wisteria (*Hardenbergia comptoniana*) and the white-flowered Old Man's Beard (*Clematis linearifolia*).

Spearwood Dune slopes and lower areas deeper soils support the **Banksia Woodlands** e.g. Firewood Banksia (*Banksia menziesii*), **Eucalypt Woodlands** e.g. Tuart (*Eucalyptus gomphocephala*, which grows up to 40m high and has ice-cream cone-shaped gumnuts), and **Wetland Plant Communities** around Camel Lake e.g. Flooded Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) and various sedges and rushes.

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THE FOUR WHEEL DRIVERS DICTIONARY

Ian Johnson - 1984

AXE A long, unbalanced health hazard made of wood and metal, sometimes regarded, ironically enough, as a recovery aid. Used enthusiastically, the axe provides the fastest means yet devised to achieve blistered hands. Often helps pay for skiing holidays for micro-surgeons specialising in toe grafts.

BILLY A metal implement for putting black sooty marks on other items carried in the vehicle. Can also be filled with water, placed on a fire and retrieved with a brittle twig, thus becoming useful for sterilising the legs.

BUSHFLY One of the very few wildlife species not frightened away by campers in 4WDs. These sociable little souls have come to be widely regarded as Australia's national bird and given rise to the Aussie salute.

CAMPSITE An area containing no more than three square feet of level ground.

CLUTCH The vice-like grip a four-wheel driver has on the steering wheel as he/she careers down a steep descent.

CONVERSION Carried out by four-wheel drivers who won't admit they bought the wrong 4WD in the first place.

CRANK As a noun — describes a cleverly-bent length of round steel used to turn over the engine, provided the gearbox is in neutral and the bull-bar is completely removed from the vehicle. As a verb — describes the gentle art of breaking thumbs, wrists and wind.

DIFFERENTIAL An ingenious mechanical device used to divert all the engine's power to the wheel without traction.

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB A group of insecure 4WD owners who believe there's safety in numbers.

FRONT WHEEL DRIVE Your spouse is sitting in the passenger seat.

INCLINOMETER A gauge responsible for Takahito's law, which states 'the intelligence of a driver in rough country is inversely proportional to the length of time he/she watches the inclinometer'.

INFLATABLE JACK Male version of an inflatable woman.

JACK An essential piece of equipment for making neat depressions in soft ground.

JERRY CAN For some strange reason, only old jerry cans are ever encountered in the bush. They are used to test the effectiveness of filters at removing rust and old paint from fuel.

LONG RANGE FUEL TANK Means you will be able to reach more remote places before you run out of fuel there.

LOW RANGE A line of hills.

OWNER'S MANUAL An educational document which explains how to change gears and work the radio. If studied carefully, you will soon be talking English like a true-blue Japanese.

REAR WHEEL DRIVE Your spouse is in the back seat.

REPAIR BILL The amount of money needed to bankrupt the average 4WD owner. Can also be what a vet does for an injured duck.

ROOF RACK A surprisingly robust structure used to remove low branches. When applied to large branches, may assist in streamlining the upper parts of the vehicle.

TENT On wet days, provides a haven for people to enjoy lengthy sessions of constructive tension and general group therapy. Also provides a nice dry place for wet dogs to have a shake.

TENT PEGS Barely noticeable metal lengths used to remove useless skin from between the toes.

TINTED WINDOWS A favourite of novice, four-wheel drivers so that when they do something stupid, no one can identify them.

TORQUE A lot of this occurs at 4WD Club meetings.

TOWBAR A metal protuberance designed to fracture kneecaps while coating the injury with a protective layer of grease. Some vehicles also have a towbar mounted on the front in case you managed to dodge the one at the rear.



The Western Australian Four-Wheel Drive Association, has been formally recognised as a State Active Recreation Organisation by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Culture Industries and is now the pre-eminent representative organisation for four-wheel driving in Western Australia.

The DLGSC acknowledged the importance of the Western Australian Four-Wheel Drive Association in the delivery of quality four-wheel driving opportunities for all Western Australians. The work that the Association does helps to achieve their vision of creating a vibrant, inclusive, and connected WA community.

The DLGSC is looking forward to working with the organisation to maximise the benefits of four-wheel driving for all Western Australians.

The WA 4WDA would like to thank all the committee members, clubs and club members for their support to achieve this state recognition to preserve and promote our Association and the clubs within it.



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