



## Preston Beach Day Trip - 26 November 2023

**Adrian Longwood**

Our regular beach run near the start of summer is planned to follow the Perth 4WD and Adventure Show where we pick up a few guests interested to learn how well their Subarus drive on the sand.

19 folks in 10 cars gathered at the Freeway Southbound BP Complex with another vehicle meeting us at the Preston Beach entrance.

Once everyone had filled up their cars and bodies, I ran a little briefing for the group and showed a few new drivers some of the controls in their Subarus. As my car was out of action, I was kindly driven down by Stephen and Katherine Millar and ended up 'car hopping' over the day between different members of the club to share knowledge about being a passenger and Trip Leader.

**See inside for more details**

**JANUARY 2024**

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# President's Report

Deborah Thyne



I start the January report on a sad note acknowledging the passing of long-time club member Karl Boeing on 14 December after a protracted illness. A private family service will be held, and a celebration of his life is to be arranged later. We will inform members when details become available.

At the December meeting we welcomed David Peck back onto the Committee, filling the vacant position left unfilled at the November AGM. I hope you have been able to enjoy a restful and enjoyable Christmas. Maybe there was something under the tree to add to your Subaru or camping kit.

Welcome to a new year and time to start booking some club trips into your calendar. January has two day trips and a camping option available. A breakfast at Oceans 27 in Alkimos is on 20 January. The freeway extension makes for easy access to this venue. The day after, on 21 January, a day trip to Dardanup has been arranged to see the spectacular sunflowers. For those who wish to, the trip home will be via Gnomesville in the Ferguson Valley to drop back the original Subaru Club Gnome. He is currently being fixed for the second time. Gnomie II will accompany us.

The January long weekend commences on Friday 26 January and Ross is leading a trip to Northcliffe for some exploring and, for those who wish to, some sand or beach adventures.

Please check out the website for details of these and other upcoming trips. Contact the trip leader if you require any further information or details. Or, if you have trip ideas contact Adrian.

See you out there in your Subaru!

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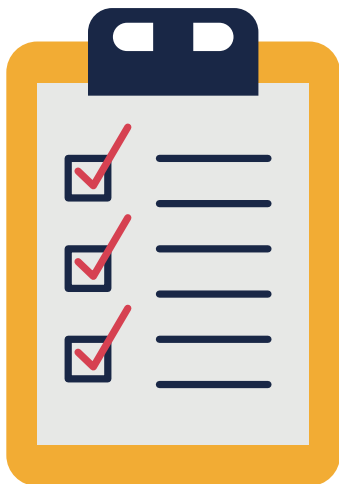
# Writing a Trip Report

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.

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# Adrian the Radio Star

Joy Unno

**BREAKING  
NEWS**

On Saturday 29 December, 6PR host Harvey Deegan interviewed our very own Adrian Longwood on the subjects of 4WD driving and camping. It was a short 7- minute phone interview, although once Adrian got going after a bit of a nervous start, Harvey had trouble winding up the chat. Adrian was on a roll.

Harvey asked Adrian if only 4WDs could go off-road? Adrian explained that AWDs (such as Subaru), could also go most places offroad that bigger 4WDs could go. Harvey then asked what people needed to know when they first bought a 4WD and wanted to go off-road. There followed a detailed description of the modern systems in 4WDs that assist in driving off-road which the owners need to become familiar with and the recommendation for taking a professional 4WD training course. Adrian relayed the appropriate tyre pressures for different driving conditions such as 24 psi for gravel roads, 15 psi for sand and 8-10 psi for very soft sand such as beaches.

Then Harvey asked what was Adrian's favourite 4WD locations which turned out to be mainly beach locations, no surprise there! The next question was about what sort of camping gear was needed and where to get it. Adrian recommended some basic equipment to start with until you get a good idea of what you need. A strong, waterproof tent is a must, especially in WA's sometimes windy conditions. You don't have to spend a lot of money, some things are on Facebook or Gumtree. Independent 4WD stores are good as they often explain how to use and get the best out of the equipment they sell.

Lastly, Harvey invited Adrian to talk about the Subaru 4WD Club of WA where Adrian was the Trips Co-Ordinator. Adrian was in full flight by then and described how many members the club had, and the club's social trips, day trips, long weekend trips and extended and remote trips. He would have gone on a lot longer but the interview time was up.

Thanks, Adrian for doing the interview, you were definitely the best person in the club for it!



# SNATCH/WINCH KITS

What Do You Need To Complete Your Snatch & Winch Kit?



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- ROUND ROPE WILL BE A LARGER PACKED SIZE



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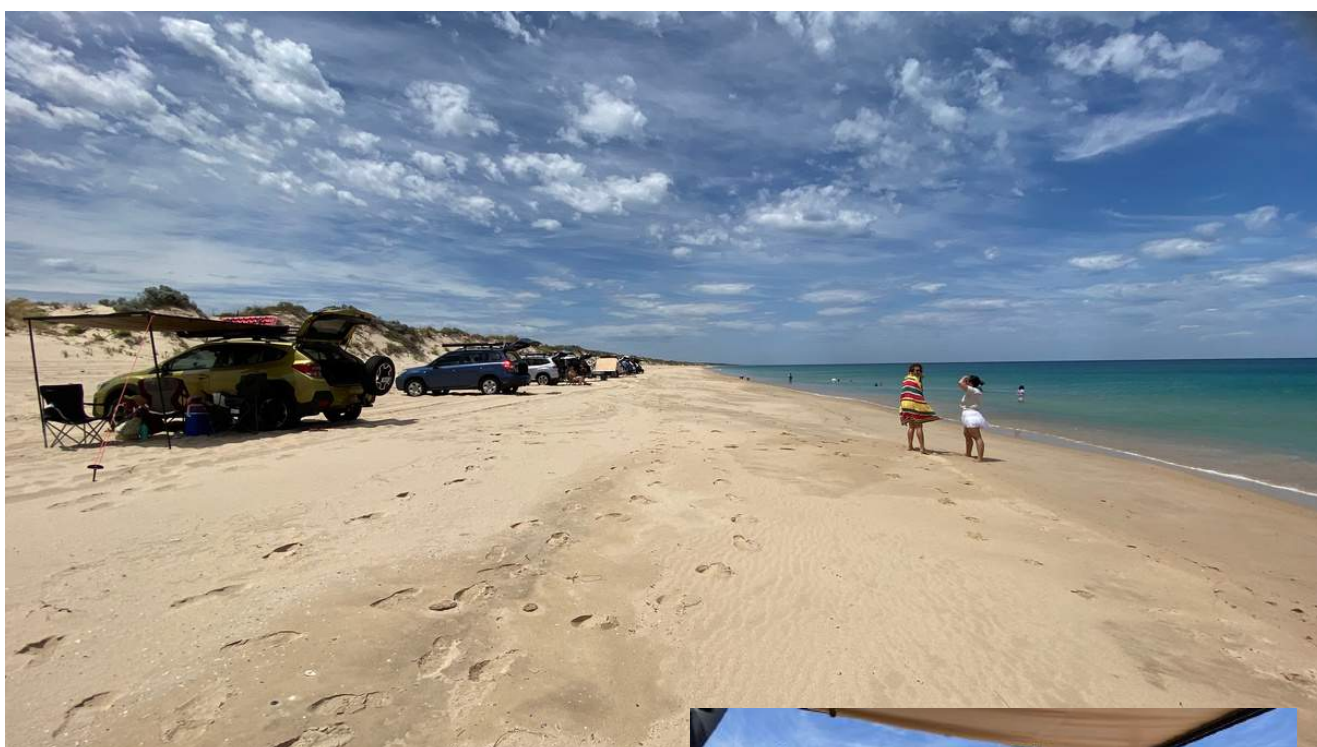
# Cover Story

## Preston Beach Day Trip

Departing the carpark steadily the convoy made their way down to Preston Beach Rd, turning off and heading to the main beach carpark and 4WD entrance. Collecting the last car, I then commenced a more detailed briefing and members deflated their tyre pressures, typically most were between 12-18 psi. With a reminder to turn 'off' the ESC/TC system on the newer models we set off along the beach south bound.

We had a fairly seamless cruise along the beach with pristine water conditions and a clear sunny day. Once we passed other cars and found our own space, while leading from within Uta and her Outback, I let the group stretch out, and encouraged drivers to go between the lower section of soft sand and the firmer high single main track.

After knocking off a fair few kms along the beach I got the group to park up in a nice clear spot to ourselves, where we had a late morning tea/early lunch extended break. Some swam or splashed while others sheltered under awnings out of the hot sun. Members mingled well while plenty of food was consumed. With the water conditions great for swimming the break continued longer before I rounded up the group.



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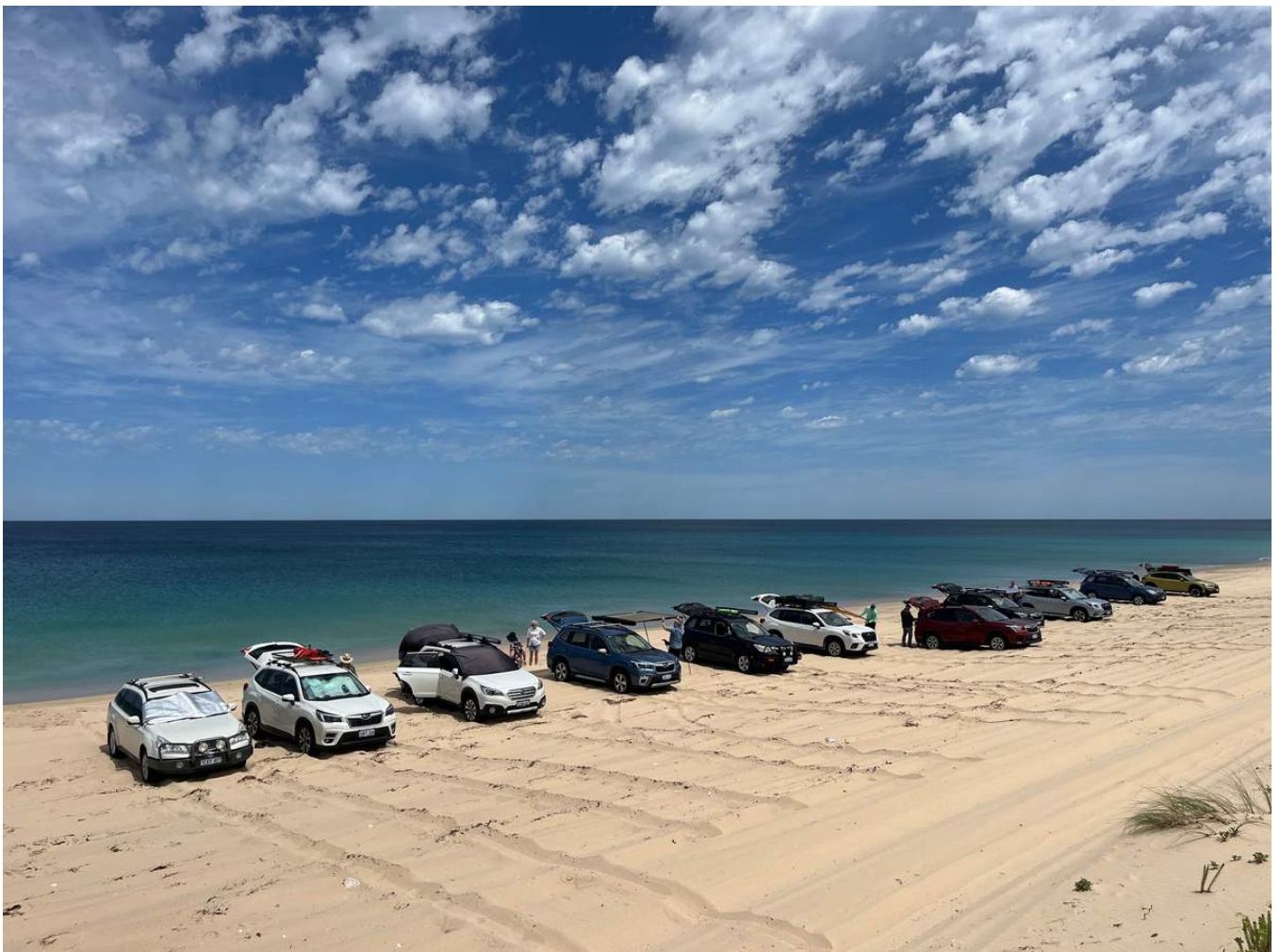


Before we took off I gathered the group around for a detailed explanation on snatch recovery gear and equipment, bringing out a large range of items to compare and explain and detailing the pros and cons of the different types of equipment.

With all packed up I switched cars to join Lloyd and got the group heading further south. One member struggled a little leaving the parked stop trying to get up to the main track, but with some guidance from others at the end of the convoy got the vehicle back and forth a couple of times before successfully up on the main track and in the convoy. Being up the front, I couldn't see much so I was forced to eagerly listen over the radio to hear how it all unfolded.

There weren't too many other vehicles out and about, so we often had plenty of width on the beach to spread out and test the cars handling in the softer sands away from the main track. I encouraged the group to zig zag up the beach and make their own tracks along instead of following formed tracks to get a feel of how the car handles differently compared to the main track that's usually much firmer.

Covering a total of around 20 kms we made it down to Myalup Beach, with most taking the exit with ease and one vehicle going up too slow, needing a 2nd go. We called it a day and began pumping all the tyres up. Temperature crept up so pumping up was hot work. With most members pumped up and on their way home, I snuck back in for one final swim to cool off before the long drive home. Thanks again for Stephen and Katherine for the list there and back and good yarn along the way.

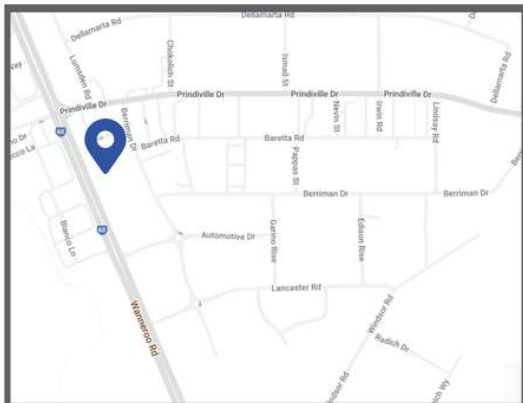


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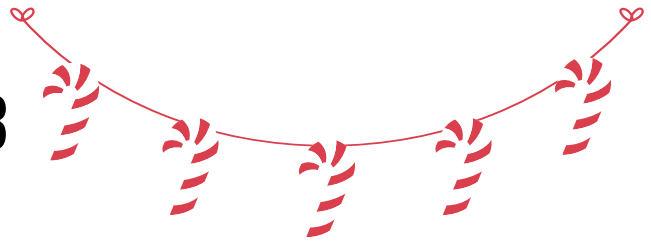
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# Christmas Gathering 2023

Deborah Thyne



The club's Christmas Gathering for 2023 was held at Tomato Lake in Kewdale (Belmont). It was a lovely sunny day and the President Street area had been booked through the City of Belmont. There was no charge for this. This section of Tomato Lake area was chosen as it was quieter than the main area near the café. A number of members stayed longer than others, some all day while others came and went. Again, this year children and grandchildren dropped in for a while to share in the day.

A short walk from the car park and toilets, it turned out to be a great location under well-established shady trees, with picnic tables and barbecues. The Tomato Lake walk was a very short distance away as was a small playground. During the day the group moved with the sun to keep in the shade but provided an opportunity to sit next to someone else and chat. A breeze kept the temperature comfortable.

There was plenty of good and tasty baking shared amongst the group with some asking for recipes to be shared.

It was a very relaxing day and many of the members said how much they enjoyed it. A couple even said it would be good to go back next year.





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**RECIPE**

**ROYAL SHORTBREAD**

375gm Plain Flour  
125gm Icing Sugar  
270gm Butter

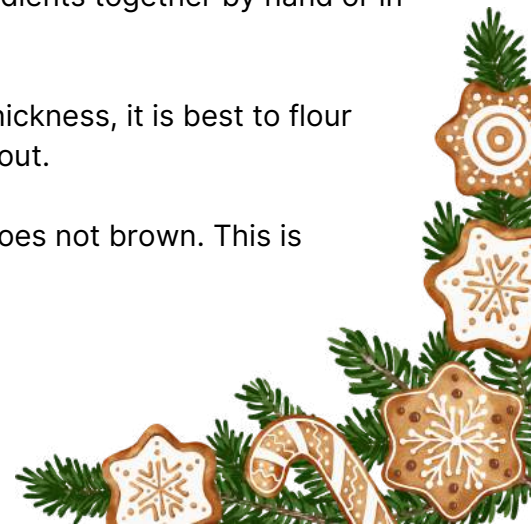
**Method**

Bring butter to room temperature but not too soft. Knead all ingredients together by hand or in a stand mixer until very smooth.

Placed onto a floured surface and roll out to about 3mm – 4mm thickness, it is best to flour your rolling pin. Use either a round or fancy biscuit cutters to cut out.

Place on a lined tray and cook in a slow oven so the shortbread does not brown. This is dependent on your oven.

These will keep for quite a few days in an airtight container.  
But guaranteed they will all be eaten well before then!



# Chingarrup Weed Wacking

1 - 3 December 2023

Joy Unno



Eddy and Donna Wajon sent out a plea for help after discovering an incursion of Spear Thistle on their lovely Chingarrup Sanctuary property near Bremer Bay. Formerly a 576 ha farm, the Wajons have rehabilitated the property back to bush which is a haven for native flora and fauna.

I was the only one to attend from the Club but there were six other volunteers who answered the call. Arriving at The Shed in Chingarrup at about 9.30 am on the Friday, I found the group having a break for morning tea, having started in on the weeds at 6am in the morning.

After a quick cuppa we went back out to the infested creek-line armed with our leather gloves, secateurs, and dyed glyphosate spray. Teams formed up with one person cutting the seed heads of the weed and the other following up with the glyphosate spray. Donna & I formed a follow-up team cutting and bagging any seed heads that were missed. Some of the thistle plants were over a 1m high. The thistle flower is a very pretty purple colour but the thorns on the thistle are wicked! Ouch!



**Weed wackers at work**



**Look at those prickles!**

By about 1 pm, it was getting hot, so we packed up the gear and went back to The Shed for lunch. In the afternoon, we drove along the Chingarrup tracks, stopping to collect cameras positioned on pygmy possum boxes. Eddy has about 20 of them positioned near flowering banksias and other natives which provide food for the possums. We all got a turn to rummage through the dried leaves in the boxes to see if anyone was home. We found spiders, a giant brown grasshopper, small skinks, and even an abandoned beehive honeycomb. Occasionally though, there was a furry little face looking up at you, so cute with its big eyes and cauliflower ears. I was lucky enough to get a box with one of the pygmy possums in it and got some good photos.



**Honeycombed box**



**Pygmy Possum**

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Saturday early am we were out again whacking the weeds but this time I was with Kevin (from Track Care WA), and Pam (a birdo). We each had secateurs & a spray bottle and walked across the bush in a police search line looking for those prickly weeds. This was to be the format for Sunday as well, knocking off for lunch when it got too hot. Monday am, the weeds were finished so we pruned back the vegetation overgrowing some of the Sanctuary's tracks. In the afternoons we got to do fun things such as visit the Ochre Cliffs (always impressive!), have a cool, refreshing swim in Corackerup Creek, and look for Mallee Fowl mounds. We were fortunate in seeing an actual Mallee Fowl stroll into the track in front of us. They (male & female look the same) posed a bit for photos like the star attraction this threatened species are, before disappearing into the bush.



**Spear Thistle volunteer sprayer slingers**



**Malle Fowl posing**



**Eddy & Joy in Corackerup Creek**



**Malle Fowl mound - spot the goanna**



**Bush camp in the casuarinas**

Thanks again to Eddy and Donna for hosting us at Chingarrup, it's such a fascinating and beautiful environment and a great place to bush camp. More than worth a bit of volunteer weed whacking 😊

# Jaurdi – Helena & Aurora Ranges

Day One - 23 September 2023

Maria Deyoung

The trip began meeting up in Midvale for 0800. I was running a little behind and called Ross to let him know only to find my car wouldn't start. Luckily, I recently bought one of those portable jump-starters from Itechworld and soon enough I was on my way.

It was a cool windy morning when we finally set off on the Great Eastern Highway. We stopped for morning tea in Cunderdin, next to the museum. A place I have yet to walk through, but with such a long way to go, our visit was a brief one. Next stop was **Southern Cross**. We pulled up at a nice park for lunch.



Lunch in Southern Cross



Jaurdi

After a much-needed break from driving we fueled up for the last time before continuing east to Jaurdi. At Boorabbin we turned north off the Highway onto the Mt Walton Rd and then turned left immediately over the pipeline. This takes you down to the start of the Ryan's Find Rd to Jaurdi which is signposted at that point. It was great to finally hit the dirt road. A welcome adventure after a long day of highway driving and a mild drizzle kept the dust down.

It was 4:30 when we finally pulled into Jaurdi Homestead after a 2.5 hour drive from Southern Cross. We quickly set about setting up camp, and with no one else there we had heaps of places to choose from. Not bad for a long weekend! The homestead had a large kitchen area (bring your own cooking gear), a shower, two long-drop toilets and even came with a cabin which had three small rooms. Daniel and Brian decided to test these out while the rest of us went about setting up our tents for the next three nights.

It began to drizzle shortly after and we all headed to the main kitchen area for a social dinner safe from the rain. After which, we all turned in for our first night in the bush.

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# Jaurdi – Helena & Aurora Ranges

Day Two- 24 September 2023

Barb King

Went to bed with clear skies, a bit of cloud overnight, but woke to sunshine and a gentle breeze. Breakfast and morning chores done leisurely, we left about 10:00hrs for the day's excursion to Walleroo Rock. Out of Jaurdi and across the Trans Australia Railway line, we turned eastward along the service road, passing some Downer vehicles going the other way. This track was in good condition, and an easy drive. At Jaurdi Siding, we spotted a stationary train with green painted, fully enclosed wagons. We all tried to guess what they contained and where they were heading (east).



**Barb Trainspotting**

Eventually turned left, back over the line and onto the Walleroo Rock road. Our first stop was the info shelter, where we were spotted by a couple of youths on dirt bikes who high-tailed it out of there. A quick morning tea snack, and off to the rock itself. After parking we walked onto the rock to find the dams.

The first dam was low down, and two young men from Kalgoorlie were parked alongside – on the rock face – with their cars, kayaks and marron traps. One was interested in us as he has a WRX, but was using his big 4WD that day. We followed the rock-wall water catchment line, looking for dam #2. We wandered around for a while, admiring the views over the plain, the rock formation, the vegetation, and had an impromptu talk by Gus on rock inclusions and their formation. On up higher, and then heading back towards dam #3 – lo, and behold, we spotted dam #2. We had skirted its lower edge and hadn't been able to see it from below through the vegetation. This one was the smallest, and wasn't being used.

From this vantage point we could see all three dams. Heading back down, we stopped at dam #3. This one was the biggest, and by far the most popular, with a few family groups in swimming, playing on the edge, and hoping for marron too. However, parked nearby – again on the rock – were dirt bikes and a quad bike, and a speaker playing Slim Dusty – the serenity of an isolated natural playground! None of us went in the water ....





We wandered back to our cars, and sat in the shade to enjoy our leisurely lunch. The temperature had been rising steadily, so the slight breeze and the shade were welcome.



**Wallaroo Lunch**

We returned along the same route, but the bonus was we saw a train parked at a siding..... photo op – so we stopped, wandered along the rails, until a man in a fluoro top hopped off the train and headed towards us. We scattered, then decided that he looked ‘harmless’, so returned. He was the driver waiting for the train from the east to pass him so he could continue. He told us heaps about the trains. He had come from Koolyanobbing with iron ore destined for Esperance Port (with a new driver from Kalgoorlie to Esperance). His train was 1.8km long. The oncoming (east – west) train was a freight train, about 1.5km long. The train with the green wagons we saw in the morning was one returning from Kwinana (empty) back to Broken Hill (NSW). Apparently the mine at Broken Hill processes their mineral sands and exports lead ore in Kwinana. This explained the fully enclosed wagons. There had been a lot of public concern about lead dust impacting the community when the transport of lead ore through several towns on its way to Kwinana commenced. This train was probably about 1.5km long too.

Our friendly train driver advised that train speeds are variable, depending on the load and track section, with a max 85kph through that particular bend. We watched the freight train go through – too fast to count the containers – said our goodbyes and continued. We were passed by the same three Downer vehicles going the opposite direction.

Back to camp for a cuppa and/or rest, then a late afternoon stroll to the top of a nearby hill to a water tank – a poly tank inside a concrete tank. Not sure if it contained water, how it was filled, or what it was used for. Lots of guessing.

After dinner we had a big campfire, around which ‘everything’ was discussed, debated, and sorted. The day was much warmer, and the night sky clear, with an almost full moon. (Oh, I forgot to mention the flies – mostly the tiny bush flies, but very annoying.)

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# Jaurdi – Helena & Aurora Ranges

Day Three- 25 September 2023

Brian Overste

Well rested after a late campfire evening, the group emerged at a leisurely pace making breakfast and organising morning teas and lunches for later in the day. We also spent a bit of time having a further explore around the Station homestead area. The weather was perfect early with a slightly warmer forecast for later in the day in the low 30s.

Ross briefed the group with a large friendly Perenti lizard also listening in for instructions on plans for the day. The plan was to head out to the west of the homestead area and explore a section of the Gus Luck Track. This track was put in during the early 1890's by a prospector named Gus Luck. He wanted a short cut from Southern Cross to the goldfields area called the "90 Mile" at what is now Goongarie Station north of Kalgoorlie.



Roads and tracks were in good shape with just a few challenging wash outs that were easily navigated by the unmodified Subaru's in the group.

First stop for the day was **Sardine Dam**. It would be interesting to find out how it got its name. No water to see but the area around the dam was a little greener

After a walk around the adjacent area and exploration and discussion about the old makeshift shelter there, it was decided to take advantage of the many shady trees and stop for morning tea..



Sardine Dam Camp



**Gus Luck Track**



**Ullambay Well**

Next stop was Ullambay Soak on the Gus Luck Track. This took the form of a rocked well with a steel trapdoor lid. There was a small amount of water in the well similar to others in the area we also located later. There was a nice rock to climb and a view to enjoy from the top.

A shady lunch spot was found along the track for a quick bite to eat before heading off to Wallangie Soak and Ives Rock. Another rock formation with a dam and well that also would be a good spot to make camp perhaps on a future trip. Along the way, we stopped to have a look at a lonely grave for an unknown traveller who died at the waterhole in 1910 and was buried by Albert Ives and his son Len.



**Wallangie Well**



**Pioneer Grave**



**Ives Rock & Wallangie Dam**

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The day had warmed and air conditioners were cranked up on the way to our final stop for the day at Breakaway Mine. A picturesque location with a great view from the top of the ridge. Some abandoned buildings and old mine shafts were checked out in the area before heading back to our luxurious camp at Jaurdi station.



**Breakaway Mine**



This would be our third and last night here and another lovely evening and campfire were enjoyed before retiring for the night.

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**Question- Where are you unlikely to be greeted with a smile when out camping?**

**Answer- The camp toilet!**

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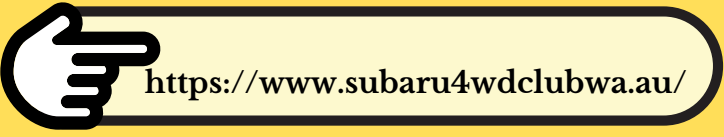
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## Trips & Socials

Please refer to the club website for all dates & details



<https://www.subaru4wdclubwa.au/>

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](mailto:trips@subaru4wdclubwa.au)

### JANUARY 2024

\* LEDGE & LANCELIN BEACH  
14 JANUARY

BEAUTIFUL BEACHSIDE BREAKFAST  
OCEANS 27  
20 JANUARY

\* SUNFLOWER SPECTACULAR!  
21 JANUARY

NORTHCLIFFE NATURE PLAY  
26 - 28 JANUARY

SUN, SURF & SQUEAKY SAND IN  
ESPERANCE  
26 JANUARY - 2 FEBRUARY

### FEBRUARY 2024

\* WANDOO NIGHT DRIVE  
10 FEBRUARY

\* WEDGE ISLAND  
18 FEBRUARY

### MARCH 2024

BARRABUP POOL  
2 - 4 MARCH

LET'S GO FOR BROKE!  
29 MARCH - 1 APRIL

### APRIL 2024

4WD ASSOCIATION GATHERING  
& EXPO 2024  
19 - 21 APRIL

### MAY 2024

CAMPING, COOKING & DEMO  
WEEKEND  
19 - 19 May

### EOI

GIBB RIVER ROAD  
08 JUNE - 03 JULY 2024

### EOI

THE TOP, THE TIP & THE TRACK  
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# BEAUTIFUL BEACHSIDE BREAKFAST AT OCEANS 27

Saturday 20 January 2024  
(Hint: It's not a bank robbery)

Imagine tucking into a yummy breakfast with convivial friends while gazing out at a spectacular, panoramic ocean view, including the historic wreck of the SS Alkimos. Green lawn spreads out in front of you, leading to a children's playground to one side. Very relaxed oceanside vibe.

Oceans 27 restaurant is in Shorehaven, a coastal residential section in the northern Alkimos suburb, about 12 km South of Yanchep. The SS Alkimos was a Greek-owned merchant ship which was wrecked on the coast north of Perth, Western Australia in 1963. Only part of the engine stack is visible now. There is also The Shore Bar which serves drinks and cocktails to Oceans 27 diners.

In front of the lawn area is Shorehaven Beach featuring pristine white sand with crystal clear water. Shorehaven Beach has basic amenities, including bathroom access and showers, but visitors should note that there are no lifeguards on duty, and dogs are not allowed. Swim at own risk.

[Join the trip on the Club website](#) or contact Joy on [0429 4737 09](tel:0429473709).





## WA4WD Association Gathering 2024



**19 to 21 April  
White Gum Farm**

White Gum Farm is in the Avon Valley (via York) approximately two hours from Perth GPO. Access is along well sign posted Cameron Road. This is a solid gravel road for ~ 8km.

The park has been owned by Gary for 23 years and has developed organically into a nature-based caravan park. In 2019/20 the Lake Kimberley restaurant was added followed by a licensed bar.



Ablution block



Gazebo



Group space-no power

### **The park has shady sites as below:**

30 power sites@\$35 per couple per night

50 non power@\$30 per couple per night

Children are an added cost for sites.

8 chalets with various bedding configurations and priced accordingly.

There are well defined paths/ gardens through the park and several grassed areas for groups ranging in size from family to large club groups. In the non pwr group space there are 4 porta pottys (planned to be replaced with permanent ablution block)

There is a small gazebo camp kitchen with BBQ and minimal seating. The ablution block has 1 single toilet/ 2 combination toilet and showers and 1 combination toilet, shower and bath. A washing machine is available at a cost of ~\$5 per load.

The Lake Kimberley Restaurant is fully licensed with reasonably priced 'PUB GRUB' meals and a very pleasant beer garden. At night there is a dragon themed campfire.



**Bookings can be made by contacting the property via email  
[info@whitegumfarm.com.au](mailto:info@whitegumfarm.com.au).**

**Please quote "The Gathering and Subaru 4WD Club WA" in the subject line.**