

March 2015



SUBARU 4WD NEWS

Meetings of
THE SUBARU 4WD CLUB of WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.
are **normally** held at
7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month at the
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Ian Johnson, Peter Andruszkiw and Ron Counce.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT March 2015

Fellow Members,

The trip to Sandy Cape went well, with 9 cars. It is good to see that members are still willing to do overnight camps on ordinary weekends, provided of course they are not too far away.

I hope everyone who attended the February Club meeting enjoyed the presentation by Kylie Webster on her experiences as a member of a volunteer reptile relocation group. She provided a lot of useful information around immediate first-aid for injured animals. Thanks Kylie.

As previously advised, the March general meeting will be at Getaway Outdoors, 1163 Albany Highway, Bentley, commencing at 7.00 pm. The usual meeting business will happen first, followed by plenty of time to buy whatever camping gear you still need, at discounted prices. I look forward to seeing you all there.

At the first 4WD Association Delegates meeting in February, Delegates were advised that Parks & Wildlife were looking to turn the Quannup Pastoral Lease into an eco-tourist park. Quannup Station comprises 4,272 hectares south of Lake Jasper, within the boundaries of the D'Entrecasteaux National Park. No time frame was given and, clearly, any development of this nature will depend on funding.

The Association has ordered 100 "Four Wheel Drive Western Australia" iron-on badges for Club members. If you would like one, please let me know. Also, Association office bearers expressed a willingness to visit/attend Club meetings. Again, if you are interested in having a visit from them, please let me know.

Finally, the Association is amending/updating its Constitution. I have reviewed the proposed amendments and there is nothing in them to cause any concern. The amendments will be voted on at the April Delegates meeting.

Regards,
Tony Richards

TRIP CO-ORDINATORS REPORT March 2015

Hi Everyone,

It sounds like we were fortunate to get into Yeagarup when we did as the park was closed due to the fires down that way and there is now a caution to be aware of falling timber in the area.

By all accounts the trip to Sandy Cape at the beginning of February was very well received although the participants were surprised by the number of people up there considering it was a “normal” weekend.

There are still plenty of places available for people wanting to get away for Easter and Murchison Off Road Adventure Park is a great destination. There are a variety of things to do there and I admit to having visions of being a rally car driver going down the 30km dash track.

Ian has posted up another trip into the Doctor Hicks Ranges in the Great Victoria Desert. Having been along for the trip out there last year I can highly recommend it if you want to get away from it all.

The 4WD Association is looking at helping with cleanup of fire damaged areas around Northcliffe. They will contact Councils and Rangers in the areas to find out what can be done – thinking of fencing, clearing and also Munda Billi and Bibbulmun Tracks may require clearing. If you have an interest in helping please let Wylie know :

landmanager@wa4wda.com.au

Cheers David Peck

Trips Coordinator

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING ADDRESS:

**MARCH 10TH GENERAL MEETING IS AT
GETAWAY OUTDOORS BENTLEY**

1163 Albany Highway, Bentley WA 6102

Come and shop for bargains before meeting starts at 7pm.

TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

QUICK HICKS June Thurs. 11th to Frid. 19st 2015



Ian & Nina are hosting a young visiting relative of Nina's from the USA. He will want to see some of our desert, so we are planning a taste to parts of the Great Victoria Desert east of Laverton – the Doctor Hicks Range. Note the Thursday/Friday start/finish for work leave.

You are welcome to join us. Standard Foresters with some preparation; or 'heavyweights' are welcome on this trip.

Info on the website or from Ian & Nina.

Exmouth & Coral Bay 23rd June > 2nd July 2015

Ian & Nina are hosting a young visiting relative of Nina's from the USA. We would like to show him everything from white sand to reefs, fishing snorkelling, whale Sharks and the colourful ranges.

Join us for a coastal jaunt. Standard Subarus all welcome.

CVP camping. Info on the website or from Ian & Nina.



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Wandoo Night Drive

Saturday 14th March

We will be following 4WD Days out of Perth trip #1 which follows a series of forestry tracks from "the Lakes" past Mt Observation before circling the edge of the water catchment area through undulating



Wandoo forest.

We have done this trip in the day before but for a change we thought we would try it at night.

The plan is to meet late afternoon and do some of the trip before stopping at Mount Observation for a picnic dinner. There are toilets and picnic tables available there but with the fire restrictions we can not use the BBQs provided. However we are able to use gas stoves, so if you want a BBQ bring it along otherwise bring a picnic dinner.

After dinner we will continue along the forestry tracks through the lovely Wandoo forest. There are options if people want to leave earlier with a couple of roads heading straight back to the Great Southern Highway.

Meeting Details

Where: The Lakes Roadhouse Corner Great Eastern and Great Southern Highway

When: Saturday 14th March at 5:00pm

Bring: Radio, Full tank of fuel, food & drink.

Contact: David Peck on 0402 177 886

TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

BEAUT BARRABUP 25th – 27th April (ANZAC LWE)



For the ANZAC day long weekend we will be going to Barrabup Sanctuary <http://www.barrabupsanctuary.com.au/Home.html> which is 32 Hectares of mainly Jarrah, Marri, Blackbutt, Banksia and Rivergum with frontage on the beautiful Blackwood River just north of Nannup. We will have one of the campgrounds for our private use and it has shaded campsites, water, flush toilets

and hot showers. It's also possible to bring camper trailers or small caravans. The cost will be \$15 per person per night and children are free.

There is the opportunity to do a spot of fishing or canoeing and I will bring a Canadian canoe along for those who want to have a go. Otherwise there are scenic walk trails along the river and there should be some good bird watching or you could just sit back under a shady tree and watch the world go by. Barrabup Pool is a short drive away.

Maximum of 12 cars so join the trip on the website as soon as possible.

For more information or to register your interest contact David on 0402 177 886 or email tripcoordinator@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au

BOWLING & CHINESE SATURDAY 11TH APRIL

Come and enjoy an evening with friends. Bring the kids, bring the adults, and have a fun night of bowling.

Later we will head across the road for a Chinese Dinner.



Bowling starts at 5 pm: AMF Bowling - 176 Walter Road, Morley

Dinner around 7pm at Wah Sun Chinese Restaurant - 189 Walter Rd West, Dianella.

Book on the website or contact social@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au

MURCHISON ESCAPE

EASTER Fri 3rd - Mon 6th APRIL



A long weekend of excitement at Murchison Offroad Adventures. Almost a repeat of Easter 2013 minus the difficult night time drive.

MOA is a 4wd park with multiple tracks for visitors to play. There is no power at the site and no mobile or internet service.

We will spend at least one day exploring the Adventure park and I will look into a reasonable night time drive.

The other full day we may look at heading into Kalbarri National Park for those that want to.

One night we will go to the Bar-n-Grill for dinner. Great food and reasonable prices.

Cost is \$35 per vehicle per night and a deposit of one night is required. Please contact Bev at the park on 9933 1050 to pay by credit card over the phone or to get bank details. Please ensure you let her know you are with the Subaru Club. Join the trip on the club website.

The website is www.murchisonoffroadadventures.com.au if you want to have a look. See if you can spot a mud covered me and Shane O'Neil amongst the photos. **Jo.**



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BURNS BEACH SNORKEL & BRUNCH SUNDAY 22ND MARCH

Come for Brunch at the Burns Beach Cafe and spot the Blue Wrens along the cliff top. Go for a walk or a snorkel/swim.



Be there at 9:00 am if you would like to walk or bring your snorkel and fins for a look around the reef. Or come just for the company and the **breakfast at 10:00 am**.

Please register for the trip on the website and confirm whether you are coming for brunch so I can give numbers to the cafe. **Katie**.

COOL COLLIE CAPERS ENCORE 16-17 MAY

The plan is to do a combination of two “4WD Days out of Perth” trips – “Down Around the Coalfields” and “Collie Climbs” in Wellington National Park.

They both have challenging/difficult climbs.

As a result, only experienced drivers in Foresters with an auto-

matic or dual range transmission will be eligible to undertake the trip (unlifted Foresters should be OK). Other members are more than welcome to attend the weekend and undertake other activities, Apart from exploring the local tracks, other potential activities include swimming, bushwalking, picnicking, canoeing and fishing.

Camping will be at a DPaW campsite (\$10/night; \$6.60 concession) and National Park entry fee of \$12/car (\$6 concession).

Contact: Tony Richards on 9386 7705 or email to:







president@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au













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CLUB CALENDAR








March 2015

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April 2015

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May 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Tue 5th: Committee Meeting Tue 12th: General Meeting Sat 16th - Sun 17th: Collie Capers Encore page 11 Sat 23rd: Social lunch tba Sat 30th - Mon 1st: LWE Helen & Aurora Ranges-tba
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Mon 1st: LWE Helen & Aurora Ranges - tba

Tue 2nd: Committee Meeting

Tue 9th: General Meeting

Approx 11th -19th: Quick Hicks p5

13 -14th: Camp Oven Cookout-tba

23rd - 2nd Jul: Exmouth & Coral Bay page 5

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Tue 7th: Committee Meeting

Tue 14th: General Meeting

Sun 12th: Day trip -tba

Sat 25th: Xmas in July- tba

SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

School Holidays: Apr 3 - 19, July 4 - 19, Sept 26 - Oct 11

Public holidays: Mar 2, April 3 & 6 (Easter), April 27, June 1

Potential members are most welcome to come along on any Club activities before joining. Please phone the Trip Leader for further information.

Register with the trip leader if you are wanting to join a trip or social. Also contact the trip leader if you have to cancel, as we don't want to wait for someone who does not turn up!

Some trips are ideas only and may be subject to change. Some of the later trips need trip leaders – volunteers please.

TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

KARAJINI AND MORE 8 - 17 Aug 2015

This is the return trip after the Burrup Tour. We depart Karratha 8th August for Karijini, Mt Augustus, Murchison Settlement, and Coalseam. Several 2 or 3 night camps so you can swim, scramble or loaf.

An exciting trip from the Pilbara into the Murchison with spectacular scenery and camping. New members welcome.



Karijini Pool. Web photo Canuckabroad.com

Details from **Ian & Nina 0416936566**.

WOODLAND WOODLINES 5th - 13th SEPTEMBER

Follow 4WD winding tracks and old 'tramways' in the Great Western Woodlands (GWW) which echo to the historic ring of the axe. Soak it up in bush camps.

Down the west of Lake Johnston to a wonderful granite to scramble over. We cross the lake on a narrow peninsular to a 'new' track which is slow and arm-wrestling!

The George Mundale Trail to Higginsville and Norseman.

More days wandering about the historic, relic strewn woodline trails within the NE GWW to areas the club has never been. From Norseman, we follow several woodline trails which loop Cross the Trans rail line to Bulong into Kalgoorlie and a final bush cookout blowout south of Coolgardie. New members welcome. Reserve a place ASAP!

Details @ club website or from Ian & Nina 0419936566.



TRIP & SOCIAL REPORTS

YAEGERUP HUT Day 2 - 25 January 2015 Jo N.

The morning started earlier for me than most partly because of my poor sleeping habits and partly because of my 8 legged friend that shared my room with me.

It was a slowish start for most and just as we were all fed, watered and toileted the rangers turned up to speak to us about our yahoo friends we ran into the day before.

Ian and Nina decided to stay back at camp while we ventured off to the beach. The track out had a couple of interesting parts and then we had a hold up waiting for a vehicle being towed out. Finally we moved on having not seen this vehicle.

Finally we find the dunes and make our way down the giant hill to the beach. A pleasant drive along the beach with a stop at where the Warren River is supposed to meet the ocean. Tony was excited to cross the river as there was a sandbar. Morning tea stop.

After a little discussion we decide it's time to visit Callcup Hill. After a couple of attempts at the first hill I decide to leave Oscar behind on the beach and jump in with Tony. Derek and Jenny also decide to enjoy the view of the rough ocean.

It was quite quiet at the hill so in between a few heavies everyone starts the climb. Dave struggled on his first attempt and stopped halfway up the first bit. Daniel stopped halfway up then got a little bit stuck. The rest of us head up that first bit and we stopped on the flat before the second part of the great climb. We were out of the cars watching the last of the vehicles come up and taking photos.



Then near disaster struck. I suddenly realised my keys were not in my pocket and then after looking in Tony's car the worry started. We searched Tony's car, we sifted the sand near the car with our hands. Time to bring out the rake and shovel. After starting to discuss how to get in contact with someone to bring down my spare key, David saves the day and finds the keys in the sand that we had already looked in. This is why I am writing the trip report.

Back to some fun and time to get up the last part of Callcup. Tony and I went up first, it was easy sitting on over 500 revs, then waited for the others to join us. The climb up was a little easier than I think most anticipated. We have now been there and done that. Time to get back to the beach to meet up with Derek and Jenny again for lunch. The sea breeze had come in and we decided lunch with a side serve of sand didn't seem very appetising.



Back down the beach, up into the dunes where we joined the queue. Leanne had a blonde moment as she got terribly frustrated calling David on the radio with no response only to realise she was talking into the switched off hand held. The hill out looked much bigger going up than it did coming down. We all made it up first attempt and then started the quicker journey back as we weren't waiting for a vehicle being towed to come through.

Off to the river for a quick swim before 4 o'clock nibbles. The stories started of the day's adventures, then people's overseas travel. We were getting quite exuberant, especially Tony.

Jo.



Yeagarup Hut Trip Day 3

It was colder overnight getting down to 4.5°C according to Nina and everyone had a leisurely pack up and we were on the road by 9:00am.

A few people had reinflated their tyres (I took mine up to 12 psi) and they found they had problems when we reached the dunes so they had to let them down again.



We stopped at the top of the first dune for a photo and watched a couple of heavies go up the dune. One was a local who made it look easy but later on one guy had multiple attempts before deciding to let his tyres down more.

We took it slowly down the track conscious of our low tyre pressures and stopped at Lake Yeagarup for morning tea and to inflate our tyres to road pressure. Keith was soon in the Lake for a swim and he decided to stay there along with Ian & Nina as they were in no rush to get back to Perth.

As we made our way out of the park Daniel & Catherine headed off towards Busselton to meet friends. The rest of us headed into Pemberton where I returned the battery pack for the shower & lights in the hut (we were glamping as the shower even had hot water!). Here we were left by Josh who was off exploring and planned to go to Lake Jasper and Derek & Jeni who were picking up the camper trailer they had left in town as they were also continuing their travels.





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We pressed on to Bridgetown to refuel and get some lunch and more importantly go to have a look at the Wag Walters Emporium at Ford House by the bridge over the river. Ian had mentioned that it was worth a look as it had lots of “stuff” and it certainly did; with a wide assortment of different things.

We continued on to Donnybrook for a rest stop and Nick & Leanne did a driver change and kept going. Tony decided he needed a bit more of a rest and was going to have 40 winks and I commend him for not driving tired. This only left Jo and I and we carried on down the back roads towards the SW highway and met Nick & Leanne coming the other way. They were looking for the shortcut to the Forest highway and we soon put them right. Jo & I decided to go home along the SW highway and we had a good run with hardly any traffic.



David P.

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SANDY CAPE SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY- DAY 1 Joy U.

Eight Foresters, one Outback, 13 people and 2 dogs assembled at the 10th Light Horse Memorial on Wanneroo Road. Following trip leader Tony, we set out northwards to the Indian Ocean Drive (IOD), successfully passing a police radar without anyone being done for speeding. Morning tea stop was at the Lancelin Bakery and the adjacent park where Reba and Mr Bingley could stretch their legs.

Continuing along the IOD past the impressive sand dunes of the Nambung National Park, we took a quick stop at Cervantes to view the algal blister mats and marginal lithified stromatolites at Lake Thetis. After another hour of driving and a tour through Jurien Bay, we arrived at Sandy Cape at about 12.45pm. Much to our surprise, the place was packed,

with all the sheltered and shady tree spots taken by all manner of caravans, camper trailers, 4WDs, tents, etc. The convoy explored the track further north but had to return to the main campsite, splitting up along the way and camping where-ever we could find a vacant spot.



Michelle & myself set up our tents on the side of a large dune while Rob & Wendy (& Mr Bingley), Diana, and Ray & Jo (with Reba), camped in the swale. A very stiff southerly breeze was entraining quite a bit of sand and Michelle's mesh tent soon began filling up with miniature sand dunes. The beach was close-by on the other side of the dune, so it wasn't long before I donned the swimmers and ventured into the surf. The water was very refreshing but the persistent wind created a strong long-shore drift so that I had to paddle hard to avoid being washed some distance northward.

Later in the afternoon, the group assembled from their scattered sites and drove down sandy tracks (after airing down), southward to North Head. This turned out to be an impressively weathered and sculptured limestone promontory, noteworthy also for the remains of WW II corrugated iron bunkers and gun emplacements. These fortifica-



tions were apparently constructed as a protective measure in response to finding a cache of Japanese food rations nearby.

The wind was still doing its impression of a giant sand blaster as we got out of the cars and struggled up to the Head to look at the bunkers.

Eventually we took shelter in a protected sandy cove and several people, along with the extremely enthusiastic Reba & Mr Bingley, ventured in for a swim. Wendy and Keith were equipped with face masks & snorkels and reported an interesting sighting of colourful coral and fish. Some entertainment for those resting on the shore was provided by a couple of heavies getting bogged on a nearby sand dune.



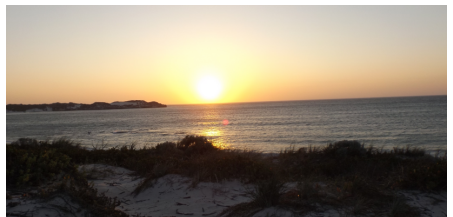
After this pleasant sojourn, we returned to camp to find that the tents



had taken a bit of battering in the wind but had not entirely blown away. A large mobile dune inland of our sand bowl campsite was a classic example of a "smoking dune" with a fine mist of sand streaming from the tip in the persistent gale. The camp caretaker

came in the evening to collect fees and said that the crowd was normal for summer weekends - it was quieter during the week.

We gathered for drinks & nibbles in the shelter of Nick & Leanne's camper trailer annex as the sun set in glowing golden and peach hues over the bay. Later, we ate dinner there as well since the wind still had not abated. A lively discussion ensued after dinner until people (dogs included) retired for the night. It seemed that we would not get much sleep as the tents flapped, snapped and billowed in the breeze but the wind did drop around 11 pm, thank goodness!



TRIP & SOCIAL REPORTS

**Subaru Club Trip Report – Sandy Cape 7/8 February 2015-02-15
Sunday 8 February 2015 with a predicted maximum temperature =
40° C by Diana R.**

Saturday afternoon and evening was windy but the skies were clear as we sheltered in the north facing “veranda” of the biggest tent in the group. Thanks Nick & Leanne. Then about 9, we headed back to empty our cars/tents to prepare for sleep – of course some slept better than others – the full moon rising at 11pm was beautiful but distracting.

Next day, we woke early thankful that the wind had dropped and the skies were clear, although high temperatures were predicted for the afternoon. After a hearty (uncooked) breakfast there was surprise, concern, then keen interest in the faint whirring of a drone-like object above us. But soon reassured we continued to pack up, confident that evidence of our skill in decamping was being captured by Robert’s “Quad copter” robotic camera.



At 9am sharp, we put some air in our tyres, and with Tony in the lead Forester, followed by another 5 Subarus (4 Foresters and an Outback), we left our camp at the Sandy Cape in search of adventure in cool air conditioning. Some of the group – the serious campers – had decided to stay to enjoy the sun, sand, surf and fishing at the Cape.

As the small convoy of six headed north along Indian Ocean Drive, about 18 kms north of Jurien we came upon Grigson lookout, a scenic spot in the Beekeepers Nature Reserve with good views of the coastline, beaches and surrounding flora.



Then taking the next right off Indian Ocean Drive into Coolimba Eneabba Road we were all keen to find the north entrance to Pearson’s Track – a good medium grade 4WD track, but requiring a little less air in

tyres and care over limestone rocks.

The next stop was Stockyard Gully Caves where the outside temperature was close to 40. The combo loo here was immaculate. After morning tea, we headed on foot down some wooden steps into the aptly named high



“walled” gully to find the caves. The piles of rocks at the entrance to the cave did not deter any of us as we pulled out our torches and followed the dry underground river bed through to the other entrance to find a buzzing hive high above the opening. So we retraced our steps and met a party of “younguns” heading in the opposite direction. Suba clubbers were not alone in the desert after all!!

In cool vehicles, we were glad to venture south to look for the Mount Lesueur Scenic Drive, through Lesueur National Reserve, which is noted for its botanical diversity. Once off the 4WD section of track out of Stockyard Gully, we pumped up tyres again and Keith who had been our “tail end Charlie” headed off to do his own thing. The now five vehicles crossed Coorow Greenhead Road and there farewelled Michelle who was heading back to Jurien. The remaining four Subarus continued on into Lesueur National Park to enjoy its famed scenic drive. But as we sailed past an “exit” it became clear that this scenic drive is in fact one way. So we had to continue on to the “entrance”.

A stop at the Information Bay gave us an opportunity to capture some of the great views. Lesueur National Park is superb and famous for its flat top hills and diversity of arid flora. Again further on we stopped at a lay-by to take photos of interesting flora, including long stemmed white flowers and more mysterious flat top hills. Joy and Diana in particular were captivated by the superb examples of a wide variety of plants thriving in that sandy heat. Then on we ventured to have lunch at shady Cockleshell Gully. After a lunch of leftovers, we farewelled Karl and Jacob who went back through Greenhead to camp, and Tony, Joy and Diana headed for home. Another great weekend and some new driving experiences. Thanks Tony.



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