





QUAALUP QUEST II

JOY UNNO

This trip was proposed in respect to Nina McLaren and (the late) Ian Johnson, Trip Leaders par excellence who led this trip back in 2011 and taught me mostly everything I know about trip leading.

My plan was for us to visit the spectacular Fitzgerald River National Park over the King's Birthday Long Weekend, Friday 20 to Monday 23 September and stay at Quaalup Homestead Wilderness Retreat.

There is a range of accommodation options at the Wilderness Retreat, from four self-catering two person units, one secluded two-bedroom chalet for up to five people, one three-bedroom cabin for up to seven people, as well as a nature campground for tents and caravans.

Highlights would include seeing the amazing flora such as the Queen Victoria Hakea and the Quaalup Bell which are only found in this Unique Bioregion, a drive through forests and climbing Mt Barren for outstanding views, and a visit to the coast to watch out for whales.

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President's Report

Deborah Thyne



The Club's Annual Dinner was held at the Castle Hotel on 26 October. Thanks to Ross for organising this event and the venue was very suitable as was the food!

Congratulations to **Ross Mead** who was voted **Club Member of the Year**. Well done to all recipients of awards be they honourable mentions or a silly award. See the trip report in this edition for more award winners.

The **Perth 4WD** and **Adventure Show** is being held from 8 to 10 November. The club will be represented here so if you are attending the show do drop by and say hello. Thank you to those who have nominated to be at the stand over the three days.

I would like to thank the 2024 Committee for the discussions, planning and work undertaken during the year. The **Annual General Meeting** is being held on Tuesday 12 November 2024. This meeting involves the election of Committee Members for 2025. Members are encouraged to attend the meeting, provide nominations and vote.

There is a great opportunity to try out an overnight camp if you haven't camped before. On 23 and 24 November you can camp overnight at **Martins Tank Camping** and the following day do the **Belvidere and Buffalo Beach Day Trip**. If camping is not for you at the moment you can just sign up for the beach day trip and find out how versatile your vehicle is in sand.

The **2024 Christmas Gathering** is being held on 30 November at Kent Street Weir. See the website for more details and get your name down and come along and join us. If you have a kayak, bring it along as this location provides an opportunity for a social paddle on the river. A coffee shop is available nearby for refreshments if required or, bring your own.

As the year begins to draw to a close it is a time of reflection on trips undertaken by the club in 2024 and plan and put forward ideas for trips in 2025. If you have an idea for a trip, please suggest it and members will be happy to support you to plan and run it. You may like to think about a social event or day trip to begin with.

See you out there in your Subaru!

Deborah Thyne
President
Subaru 4WD Club of Western Australia

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.



Thank

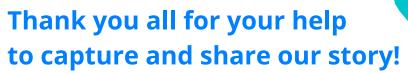
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Trip leaders please **include photos** with collated reports if you can. Send photos **as separate files**, or send a link to your cloud image storage (eg Dropbox) to share them. Do not embed them in the trip report document(s) as the image quality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



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 -If I wasn't there, I need your help to match the images to your report





NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR THE SUBARU 4WD CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.

TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2024
IN THE
CITY OF SOUTH PERTH LIBRARY MOPOKE ROOM AND
ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

AGM FOLLOWS THE GENERAL MEETING WHICH STARTS AT 7.30 PM

AGM AGENDA INCLUDES: PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT,
TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS,
AND ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS & COMMITTEE

Annual Award Winners 2024 SUBARU 4WD CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Thanks go to Ross Mead for researching and arranging the venue for the club's 2024 Annual Dinner. The Castle Hotel in York proved to be a very suitable establishment. The dinner was held for thirty-one people in a room especially for our use and was set up in 'long table' style and was beautifully presented. Separate tables in the room were set up with water jugs and glasses and the other tea and coffee. The staff were very welcoming and had a great sense of humour but were also highly organised! They had the list of attendee names and their dinner preferences and served all three courses of the meal accordingly. After enjoying entrees, I presented 'Comforting Koalas' and 'Freddo Frogs' to members who had experienced actual, or near collisions during 2024. As stated, of the thousands of kilometres the club covers in trips, fortunately incidents and accidents are rare.

We then enjoyed generous serving sizes of main course which included choices of schnitzel, steak and fish. With delicious food being consumed members continued with much conversation.







In between main course and dessert I presented the 'silly awards' of which there were a few. These included such things as euthanising cane toads in the car fridge overnight, a trip leader arriving at a departure point and experiencing a flat battery and another getting vehicles bogged when conducting a training run in the sand.





After delightful desserts of either apple pie and cream or ice cream sundae it was down to business presenting certificates for Honourable Mentions which included such things as a thanks to David Peck for his long term and continued service to the club, acknowledgement of members who take home baked goodies to share on trips and continued support to new and existing members.

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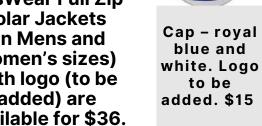
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The supplier of all Club clothing items is Hip **Pocket Workwear &** Safety, Balcatta.



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MAJOR AWARDS

Club Member of the Year Trip Leader of the Year (Tie)

Trip of the Year

(Tie - Quaalup Quest II & The Big Lap)

Social Trip of the Year - Karl's Social Event Social Trip Leader of the Year

(Tie - Karl's Social Event & Karl's Beach Run)



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QUAALUP QUEST II
Day One - Friday 20 September 2024 Uta Bauer



We gathered at the Lions Park meeting point in Armadale with the promise of fine weather ahead for the four-day weekend trip. Our trip leader was delayed for a bit, as were Graeme and Naomi due to a tyre carrier malfunction, and were going to meet us during the course of the day. It was great to see Mary manage to make this trip with her niece and nephews. A few of us carried the extra sleeping gear needed so she didn't have to load up the roof too much, but I was impressed to see how much she did get in her XV, along with three children!

Morning tea was at Williams Woolshed where there was a great choice for morning tea if you didn't BYO, plus a chance to look at the wool clothing, produce and gifts. Turned out to be a popular place also to stop for participants in the Vintage Sports Car Club (VSCC) Coalfields 500 on at Collie Motorplex the next day.

This was followed by a quick stop in Katanning with a promise by Joy to visit the All Ages Playground on the way back.





Next stop was for lunch at Ongerup where we had the choice to visit the Yongergnow Mallee Fowl Centre or look at the wildflower display at the museum. There were only two mallee fowl to be seen in an outside enclosure but the display in the Centre about the history of the area, and the mallee fowl was interesting.





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With a later than planned departure and 520km to do for the day we couldn't linger and so headed off to Jerramungup where Naomi and Graeme finally caught up with us. Wasn't much going on in town but I did quite like the vintage Mini parked in the street! It was also a chance to fuel up and have a snack from the servo.

It was about an hour's drive to the Quaalup Homestead where about half of group was in accommodation and the other half had to set up camp, so we were keen to arrive before it got dark. The owners, Karin & Carsten, are German so I got to practise my German as we were all being shown our campsites.

Unfortunately prior arrivals had not followed Karin's 'where to camp' instructions and she was very apologetic that we were more spread out than she had planned. Another club member Stephen had also arrived before us, so that made us now two Outbacks, four Foresters and two XVs. While some went and explored the nearby wildflower walk, the rest of us set up our camps and helped Mary set up hers.





Scenes from the journey to & settling in at Quaalup Homestead Wilderness Retreat









QUAALUP QUEST II Day Two - Saturday 21 September 2024 Graeme & Naomi Sexton

After a quick briefing we left the homestead at 8:45am in convoy. Today was a driving and walking day, investigating the western side of the Fitzerald River National Park.

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Once out the gate, we took a left turn down a track only to find out after crossing over the creek we had taken the wrong turn. With a bit of manoeuvring, we finally managed to turn around and head back down Gairdner Road towards Collets Road. After travelling for a short while we drove through the rangers pay station. Having our Park passes already we didn't have to stop. Continuing on, there are a lot of purple and orange flowers in this area and also, the Royal Hakea (image above) named after Queen Victoria, a very stunning wildflower especially when the sun shines on them directly, bringing out their most intense reds, oranges and greens. Only found on the South Coast of WA between Esperance and Albany.

As we drove into West Mt Barren Road the road was very corrugated. We travelled very slowly as there were a few kangaroos jumping out in front of Joy's car. An unusual sight for us city slickers. Arriving at **West Mt Barren**, we were sure to clean our boots to prevent disease spread into the park. We continued to climb to the summit, some reaching quite a distance. The rest of us enjoyed the beautiful wildflowers all around us and the impressive view.



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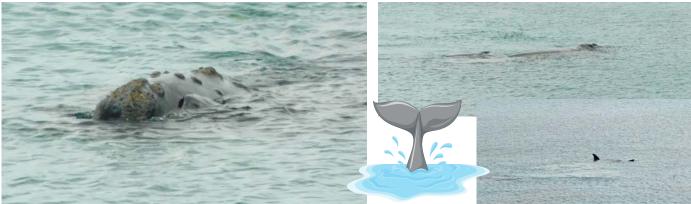
Our next stop was **Point Ann**. Driving towards the coast we could see Triglow Beach, a beautiful view of the beach and hills in the background.



Point Ann is a prime viewing area for Southern Right Whales where mothers and their calves come close to shore during their annual migration from Antarctica from May to October. Looking through Graeme's binoculars from the viewing platform we saw the whale's shadow in the distance just below the surface and occasionally blowing water from their blowholes. Occasionally, we could glimpse a tail fin.







We then continued onto **Twertup** for lunch. Located within the north-west section of the Fitzgerald River National Park, it overlooks the wide valley of the Fitzgerald River; the site includes an old spongolite quarry, a Field Studies Centre and a number of walk trails. The road was very corrugated and rough in areas, partly white sand and gravel in places, with runoffs and deep gouges at some points.





Twertup Spongolite Quarry

Twertup lunch

Graeme and I went on the short Nature Walk, an 800-metre walk taking roughly 30 minutes, which returns through the spongolite quarry. Spongolite is a stone made almost entirely from fossilised sponges. Sammi and Steve walked down to the quarry and apparently the cliffs are very fragile. So, keeping to the marked tracks was the best way around it.

We left at 2pm and headed back to Quaalup. Back at camp we went on the Homestead 'Nature Walk.' This walk is an approximately 30–45-minute round trip, with an abundance of some spectacular wildflowers including Queen Victoria Hakea and Quaalup Bell.

On the trail we passed a lonely grave belonging to an 18-year-old girl May McGlade, who died in 1927 at the age of 18 from a chest complaint. Her father at the time was working at the Homestead. Further on there is a lookout where Graeme climbed up a ladder. At the top you could see a magnificent view of the surrounding hills and bushland.

Walking back to our unit there are kangaroos roaming freely around the homestead munching on the yellow sour fig flowers (Carpobrotus edulis), a ground cover that is found throughout the homestead, also known as Pigface. The kangaroos are clearly used to people being around them.







Wildflowers on the Nature Walk including the Quaalup Bell (right)





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QUAALUP QUEST II
Day Three - Sunday 22 September 2024 Sammi & Steve Browning

Day three started with a beautiful sunrise and a nip in the air. Those of us who rose early, took the opportunity for a walk admiring the incredible wildflowers here before the day's activities began. Capturing the Royal Hakea (Hakea victoria) in the morning light was a must—it's a breathtaking sight with its vibrant and captivating colours.



Once everyone was ready, we hit the gravel backroads and set off for Bremer Bay, but not without first wishing Greg a 'Happy Birthday.'

As we reached Bremer Bay, Naomi and Graeme left the group to visit friends, while the rest of us made our first stop at Short Beach, a 500-metre stretch of east-facing beach. Before exploring the beach, we all gathered in the undercover seating area and sang 'happy birthday' to Greg. Deb brought out her home-made delicious chocolate cake to celebrate the occasion (See recipe in October magazine - Ed). After indulging in a slice or two, we headed out to explore. While a few walked along the sand, Uta had her shoes off and waded into the sea, while Mary's kids found the rocky areas perfect for exploring.



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Joy called that it was time for us to head to **Tooreburrup Hill Lookout**. The unsealed road up might be considered a bit rough to some, but not our Subarus! Sitting approximately 152m above sea level, the lookout is marked by an electrical building/tower, but the highlight was the stunning views of the Southern Ocean and the town. We couldn't resist taking a group photo with such a backdrop.



For those fascinated by Australian history, our next stop is for you: the **Wellstead Heritage Museum** at Peppermint Grove Farm. The museum houses an extraordinary collection of Australian memorabilia, from vintage newspapers and bottles to old carriages, cars, and motorbikes and everything in between. Mary's nephew enjoyed himself, playing on an old piano. Of course, we took a photo opportunity of all the Subarus lined up with the mid-morning sun reflecting off them.





With everyone starting to get those lunchtime hunger pains, Greg suggested the **Bremer Bay Brewing Co**, where we gathered around three tables to enjoy a meal. One of the kids spotted a 'Chin Up Competition' sign and gave it his best shot. Although he didn't break the record, he impressed everyone with his effort.

Just as we were wrapping up, Naomi and Graeme walked in. Leaving Naomi and Graeme to eat their lunch, we headed to find the 'Wellstead Estuary Walk'. However, between consulting apps and maps, we realized we didn't have enough time before needing to head back to the homestead to avoid driving during 'dusk/kangaroo time'. Parking at Paperbark Park, we had a wander down to the beach, where Vanessa and Greg had driven onto the beach in search of the group. No need to deflate the tires; the sand was firm! Their car's now red-and-white tires made for a unique sight! Back near the cars, we had a pleasant chat with the local police, who had quite a commute from Jerramungup.





With 'dusk/kangaroo time' approaching, it was time to return to Quaalup Homestead, but we made a final quick stop at **Mount Maxwell Lookout**. The views of Fitzgerald National Park and Mount Barren (East and West) were worth it.





Back at the homestead, Vanessa called wine and cheese time, the perfect way to end the day. We toasted Greg again, ensuring his birthday spent with us was truly memorable. To top off the day, there were marshmallows to toast on a stick over the fire pit.

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Day Four - Monday 23 September 2024 Joy Unno

Waking up on Monday, it was nice to lie in my tent listening to the morning bird song. Quaalup was well endowed with various species of avians as well as kangaroos that turned up in the mornings & evenings to graze in the Pigface succulents.



The weather was fine and partly cloudy, good for our pack up. Half a dozen Bull Ants had made themselves comfortable on the outside of my tent and I had to dislodge them before folding it up. I went to collect my inexpensive fold up Bunnings fire pit that had served well for the evening marshmallow toasting. Steve G had already stowed away his shiny stainless steel Darche fire pit which will undoubtedly last a lot longer than mine. Mary and the kids had the biggest pack up, but many hands came to help, and it was soon done.

Then we bid a fond farewell to Quaalup Homestead and the Fitzgerald River National Park with all its amazing wildlife and wildflowers, along with stunning mountainous and coastal scenery. I was pleased to have seen and photographed the Zebra Orchid, a flower that I hadn't seen before. A big thank you to our hosts Karin & Carsten who were so helpful and guided us to the best spots

We hadn't progressed very far before Mary announced over the radio that she had to pull over as a Bull Ant had appeared on the dashboard. After a short pause, Mary reported that she had been unable to catch the ant which had disappeared into the dashboard.



We continued on for a bit when Mary suddenly pulled over, leapt out and started patting her legs. She'd felt something on her leg, but it turned out to be a false alarm. The ant was not seen for the rest of the trip with Mary and the kids being hyper-vigilant watching for any ant reappearance. It was not until back in Perth and unpacking the car that the ant turned up again and was promptly delt with.

I had planned to stop for morning tea at Boxwood Hill Roadhouse but unfortunately it was closed so we eventually stopped along the roadside at a place with a good view of the Bluff Knoll and the Stirling Ranges.

After a pit stop at Bordin (quite nice public toilets), we moved on eventually to the Great Southern Highway, stopping at Katanning for lunch, fuel and a play on the Adult Playground.

Then it was onto Wagin and a photo stop with the Giant Ram. After that, it was onto Albany Highway for the run home.



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Thanks to all the trip participants who made it such an enjoyable trip.
Just so you know, we only saw the western side, there's the whole eastern side of the Fitzgerald River National Park out of Hopetoun to explore.



Images thanks to Uta Bauer, Sammi & Steve Browning, Greg Carn, Graeme & Naomi Sexton, and Joy Unno









Oktoberfest 2024

Saturday 19 October 2024 Vanessa Carn

Club and committee superstar Uta invited members to join her at a traditional Oktoberfest celebration at the Rhein-Donau Club. While not everyone rocked the lederhosen and dirndls, one thing was clear: this was the hotspot for steins overflowing with frosty beer and mouthwatering German delights. Festivites included live entertainment and the opportunity to enter the shooting and prestigious Mr. and Miss Oktoberfest contests.





MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Graeme Sexton





Hi All

I hope you have enjoyed your membership of the Subaru 4WD Club of WA during 2024. 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 2025 to the Club's Treasurer as detailed below. Please note that if you are a new member having joined the Club since 1st July 2024, your membership has been extended to include the 2025 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:

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Account Number – 289726.

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I look forward to seeing you at club events for the remainder of 2024 and in 2025. Please contact me if you have any questions about your membership.

Regards

Graeme Sexton

Membership Coordinator

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Trips & Socials

Please refer to the club website for all dates & details



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X Day Trip

NOVEMBER 2024

SUBARU CLUB STAND @ 4WD SHOW 8-10 NOVEMBER

MARTINS TANK OVERNIGHT CAMP 23-24 NOVEMBER

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CHRISTMAS GATHERING IN THE PARK 30 NOVEMBER

JANUARY 2025

LEDGE POINT 4WD DAY TRIP 19 JANUARY

AUSTRALIA DAY LWE - IDEAS NEEDED 25-27 JANUARY

FEBRUARY 2025

MYALUP - PRESTON - WHITEHILLS BEACH DRIVE 16 FEBRUARY

MARCH 2025

GUILDERTON TO SEABIRD 4WD TRIP 30 MARCH

APRIL

EASTER TRIP IDEAS NEEDED (4 DAYS) 18-21 APRIL

EASTER+ANZAC EXTENDED TRIP (10 DAYS) 18-27 APRIL

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MAY/JUNE

WA4WDA GATHERING IN ALBANY 31MAY - 2 JUNE - GET YOUR NAME DOWN EARLY

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When: **31st May – 2nd June 2025**

Time: Friday from 2pm to Monday 10am

Where: Kalgan River Caravan Park

247 Nanarup Road, Kalgan

BYO Everything you need for the weekend!

Limited Powered Sites. Unpowered sites & Cabins available.

BOOKINGS NEED to be made ASAP – Phone: 08 9844 7937

Online: www.kalganrivercaravanpark.com.au

Please state the following on your booking– I am with the WA Four Wheel Drive Association and your club name.

MORE DETAILS TO COME CLOSER TO THE DATE!





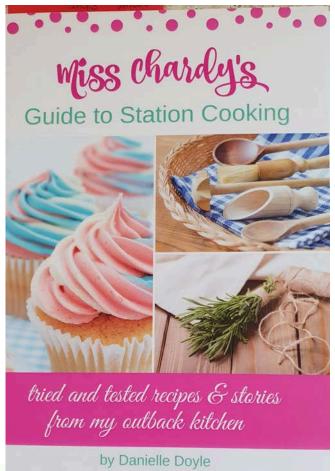




THIS YUMMY BISCUIT RECIPE IS PROVIDED BY DEBORAH WHO HAD THEM DOWN AT QUAALUP FOR **MORNING TEAS**

IT CAME FROM THE GUIDE TO STATION COOKING, A GREAT COOKBOOK SHE HAD WHEN SHE DID A STINT OF STATION COOKING





Cowboy Cookies

Single	Double	
1 cup butter, melted 2 cups plain flour 1 teasp bi carb soda ½ teasp salt 1 cup white sugar 1 cup brown sugar 2 eggs 1 teasp vanilla 2 cups rolled oats 1 packet choc chips	2 cups butter, melted 4 cups plain flour 2 teasp bi carb soda 1 teasp salt 2 cups white sugar 2 cups brown sugar 4 eggs 2 teasp vanilla 4 cups rolled oats 2 packets choc chips	

- 1. Pre heat oven to 180°C and line baking trays with glad bake.
- 2. Throw all the ingredients into a large bowl and mix well.
- Form balls and place on trays with room to spread.
- 4. Bake for 8 10 minutes.

Note: even the single batch of these cookies makes lots. The double batch will make around 100 cookies.



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