

May 2012



## ***SUBARU 4WD NEWS***

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**Club member of the year 2011: David Peck**

### LIFE MEMBERS

Fred Offer, Keith Anderson, Jonel Householder, Ray Stewart,  
Ian Johnson, Peter Andruszkiw and Ron Caunce.



**PRESIDENT'S REPORT May 2012**

Fellow Members,

I will bring along the Club's data projector to the May general meeting and, after the meeting has concluded, I propose to show some photos from the Coolgardie Woodlines trip at Easter. If anyone else has any photos they would also like to show of this trip (or any other trip), please feel free to bring them along.

As approved by the April general meeting, I have now purchased a new Uniden 80 channel UHF CB radio and Personal Locator Beacon. The purchase of a towing bridle was also approved, but I am pleased to advise that Jim Wilcox has kindly agreed to donate his (hardly used) bridle to the Club. Thank you Jim!

Club radios are for the use of visitors and members on a trip who do not yet have their own radio. A CB hire fee of \$5.00 will apply. However, please note that all new members are encouraged to purchase their own CB radio as soon as they are in a position to do so. For obvious reasons, it is important that a trip leader always has an effective means of communicating with all visitors and members on a trip.

These days, with Club trips (particularly extended trips) often venturing into the great Australian outback, way out of mobile range, having a means of emergency communication on these trips is considered essential. While one or more Club members on a trip may have a satellite phone and/or HF radio, it was felt nonetheless that the Club should have its own PLB for use in an emergency situation. The GME PLB purchased has a 7 year battery life, which means no need to worry about charging (other than after 7 years!).

I confirm that trip leaders are responsible not only for ensuring that all participants on a trip have a working CB radio, but also for bringing, or ensuring that someone attending the trip brings, adequate recovery gear and a reasonable first aid kit (their own or the Club's). Obviously, the trip destination, the type of terrain to be traversed and the length of the trip will all have a bearing on what is adequate or reasonable in any given case.

In addition, the trip leader should now always carry the PLB, although I expect that, in the case of some shorter trips closer to home (where the trip leader has a satellite phone or a mobile that will always be in mobile range, or some other reasonable means of quickly accessing emergency services), he or she may reasonably conclude that carrying the



PLB is not essential.

While I am talking about a trip leader's responsibilities, I also want to make it clear that a trip leader should always also be concerned to see that trip participants do not unnecessarily expose themselves (or other trip participants) to risk or danger. The last thing we all want to see, or hear about, is someone on a trip being injured or a vehicle being damaged.

For this reason, it is important that all members (and trip visitors) understand that, if you are on a Club trip, you are subject to the control of the trip leader, as the trip leader will have spent some time planning the trip, with safety always in mind. If (for any reason) you and/or others want to do something different at any point, the trip leader will need to agree. And, if the trip leader does agree, for example, to you/others going on a side trip on your own, then the trip leader needs to be made aware of your destination, the route you propose to take and your intended return time. Any non-compliance with a trip leader's instructions may result in the termination of your participation on the trip and the loss of any insurance protection. Further, while ordinarily a trip participant can also elect to terminate their participation on a trip at any time, it is worth noting that there may be situations where it is not safe to do so and the trip leader will not agree. For example, if on an extended outback trip, a participant wants to leave, the trip leader will need to consider the risks of allowing the participant to travel in the outback alone and the impact it may have on other members on the trip, their vehicles and their enjoyment of the trip, if the participant who leaves gets into trouble and needs help from the group.

At the April meeting, members also approved the registration of another "Subaru Club" website name for the Club. Unfortunately, the name approved is no longer available and the Committee will consider other potential names at its next meeting.

Finally, my thanks again to Subaru Osborne Park for making available an XV for the April meeting. Tony Richards

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***THE SUBARU 4WD CLUB OF W.A. INC.***

Please send articles and photos to the Editor by the Thursday before the end of the month (earlier is better).

**Email:** [editor@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au](mailto:editor@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au) in Word format or plain text



## TRIP CO-ORDINATORS REPORT May 2012

The Coolgardie Woodlines trip at Easter was great thanks to Keith L in an area that is often overlooked and it has an appeal that will draw you back. I reckon it was every bit as good as the Holland track but without the crowds or the cut up track. We enjoyed some good bush camping but as the weekend progressed the camp sites seemed to get more spread out.

I had to leave early on Monday morning to make it back for a family do in the afternoon and I would like to brag that I made it home from Coolgardie (925 km) on one tank of fuel (60 litres) but to be honest I was trying to stretch it as far as possible (only doing 90km/hr) and drove from Christmas Tree Well to Morley with the low fuel light on.

The trip around the Clackline refractory was Travis's first trip and even though we didn't go far we ended up doing more recoveries than we normally do in months. It was a great learning experience for both experienced and new members with an interesting recovery when a car got stuck on top of a tree stump on a 'ramp over'. This area will have to be revisited to find out in future. Thanks Travis.

Travis has also done a lot of work preparing for the camp oven cookout and Gymkhana at his uncles farm at Wickepin including digging the long drop for us already and preparing fire wood for the camp fire. Thanks again Travis for the effort you have put in to making this event go well.. Cheers. David

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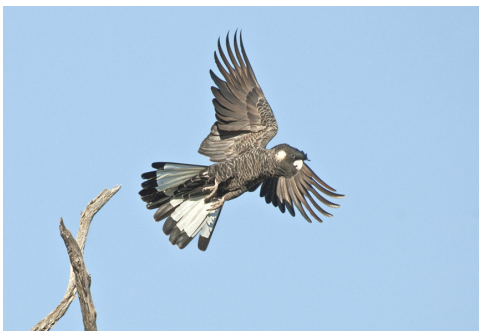


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## TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION



Carnaby's Black Cockatoo

### **KAARAKIN WORKING BEE AND/OR WANDOO WAN- DERINGS MAY 12,13**

Come up to Kaarakin and help out with some Planting and Traffic Control on 12/5

The 4WD Association has volunteered to help the people of the Black Cockatoo Preservation Society with their regular busy bees at Kaarakin and our Club has selected this date.

More information about what the Black Cockatoo Society does can be found on their website

<http://www.blackcockatoorecovery.com/>

#### **Meet at Kaarakin**

322 Mills Rd. East Martin. The work is planned for Saturday morning from 8 till 12. Why not camp at Kaarakin on Saturday then join the:

#### **WANDOO WANDERINGS.**

Come join us for a trip on easy forestry tracks through undulating Wandoo woodlands.

A day trip along a series of forestry tracks stopping at Mt Dale for an optional climb. Then circling the edge of the water catchment area through the Wandoo National Park (probably doing some of the 4WD days out of Perth Wandoo North trip in reverse). Also stopping at Mt Observation and ending up at "The Lakes".

#### **Meeting Details**

**Where:** Kaarakin, 322 Mills Road East

**When:** Sunday 13th May at 9:00

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

**Contact:** David Peck on 0402 177 886



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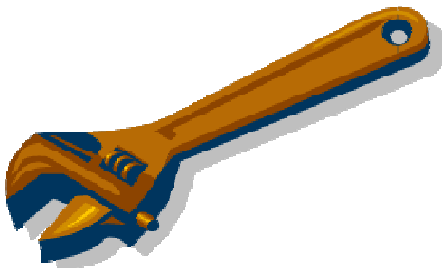


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### **FIDDLES AND NIBBLES**

**SUNDAY MAY 20**

Are there any jobs that you would like to do on your car and maybe need a bit of guidance to achieve them? Well this is the idea of the day. It allows you to get in there and tackle projects that you otherwise may not do.

.Start 9.30 onwards, BBQ available if you are staying thru lunch. BYO everything.

Extra details are on the Members section of the website.

Call Jim: 0419040969 if you have any questions or need further details



## **COOL COLLIE CAPERS –** **JUNE LWE – SAT 2 TO** **MON 4 JUNE**



Join us on a trip down south to Wellington National Park. We will be staying at one of the DEC camp grounds in the National Park (hopefully Honeymoon Pool) and exploring the local area and tracks.

The plan is to do a combination of two “4WD Days out of Perth” trips – “Down Around the Coalfields” and “Collie Climbs”. Both of these trips have been pre-tripped. **They both have challenging/difficult climbs.** As a result:

unfortunately, **only experienced drivers will be eligible to undertake the trips** – however, other members are more than welcome to attend the weekend and undertake other activities;

because of its poor approach angle, Outbacks will not be able to participate;

I doubt that diesel Foresters (with no low range) will be able to make the climbs;

unlifted Foresters should be OK; and  
autos are also OK.

However, if the tracks are wet or rain is forecast, other tracks will need to be found, as the climbs will become impossible and the descents too dangerous. Of course, DEC may also have closed the tracks by the time we arrive.

Full details (and photos) of the Honeymoon Pool camping ground can be found at the DEC website.

The winding road into the camp grounds is suitable for small vehicles only – no caravans are allowed. The prices for this campground are – Adults \$7/night; Concession card holders \$5/night; Children (under 16) \$2/night. In addition, a National Park entry fee of \$11.00 per vehicle is payable.

Contact: Tony Richards on 9386 7705 or email to: [president@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au](mailto:president@subaru4wdclubwa.asn.au)

### **MEETING DETAILS:**







We will meet at the corner of Albany and South Western Highways, in the car park behind the Inne - **9.15 for a 9.30 departure.**










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## CLUB CALENDAR







### May 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			2	3	4	5	<b>Tues 1st</b> Committee Meeting
			8	9	10	11	<b>Tue 8th</b> General Meeting
6	7		12	13	14	15	<b>Sat-12th –Sun 13th</b> Karaakin working bee and Wandoo wander Page 8
	13	14	15	16	17	18	<b>Sun 20th</b> :-Fiddles and Nibbles Page 10
	20	21	22	23	24		<b>Fri 25th</b> : magazine articles deadline
27	28	29	30	31			

### June 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
					1		<b>Sat 2-Mon 4:</b> Cool Collie Capers. Page 11
			6	7	8	9	<b>Tue 5th:</b> Committee Meeting
10	11		13	14	15		<b>Tue 12th:</b> General Meeting
17	18	19	20		22	23	<b>Sat 16th:</b> Casserole Night Page 14
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	<b>Thur-21st:</b> magazine articles deadline <b><u>(Please note early deadline)</u></b>

### July 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			4	5	6	7	<b>Sun 1st to Sun 28th:</b> Central Circle (Trip closed)
1	2		11	12	13	14	<b>Tue 3rd:</b> Committee Meeting
8	9		18	19	20		<b>Tue 10th:</b> General Meeting
15	16	17	18	19	20		<b>Sat 21-Sun 22:</b> Greenhead Gambol/ Gamble
	22	23	24	25		27	<b>Thur-26th:</b> magazine articles deadline
29	30	31					










## SUBARU 4WD CLUB of W.A. INC

### August 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			1	2	3	4	<b>Tue 7th:</b> Committee Meeting
5	6		8	9	10		<b>Sat 11-Sun 12:</b> Westerways Wildflower Page 15
	13		15	16	17		<b>Tue 14th:</b> General Meeting
19	20	21	22	23		25	<b>Sat 18:</b> Restaurant Meal
26	27	28	29	30	31		<b>Fri 24th:</b> magazine articles deadline

### September 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
						1	<b>Tue 4th:</b> Committee Meeting
2	3		5	6	7	8	<b>Sun 9th:</b> Moore River
	10		12	13	14	15	<b>Tue 11th:</b> General Meeting
	17	18	19	20	21	22	<b>Sun 16th:</b> Social Hills Walk
23		25	26	27	28		<b>Mon 24th:</b> magazine articles deadline
							<b>Sat 29th to Mon 1st October:</b> Helena and Aurora Ranges

### SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

**School Holidays:** Jul 7-23, Sept 29-Oct 14, Dec 19-

**Public holidays:** June 4, Oct 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.**



## **CASSEROLE NIGHT** – Bring A Plate

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> June**



Come one, come all to a chilly winter's feast of hot foods – the humble and slightly retro 'casserole' makes a comeback!

Everyone brings a hot casserole – either main or dessert – and assemble at Ian and Nina's house for a tastebud tickling evening. Everything to be a hot casserole – no soups or salads or cakes – so you may have to exercise your ingenuity! (Get out those 70's cook-books... they made EVERYTHING into a casserole!)

Bring your casserole piping hot as there is limited oven space – a casserole will stay warm for several hours if well wrapped in newspaper in a cardboard box. Please also bring your own plate and cutlery as well as liquid refreshment. Ian and Nina will supply coffee and tea and have plenty of cups and wineglasses for you to use.

Register on the website, and please ring Nina to let her know what type of casserole you will be bringing – to prevent duplications and ensure a good ratio of sweets to mains. Venue details provided once your casserole choice has been confirmed!

The date is Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> June. Drinks begin at 6.00 and because there will be so much food, we will probably not have much in the way of nibbles and just dive in at 6.30.

Bake until bubbly!



## **WESTWAYS WILDFLOWERS** – 11-12 August

Westways is a 2000ha wildflower, sheep and tree farm in the Kwongan heathlands. Situated just north of Moora it produces a large range of wildflowers which it preserves and exports mainly to Japan. Westways promotes self drive 4WD tours around the property to view the various wildflowers. It also has panoramic views of the Yalallie Meteorite Crater which was only recognised in 1990.

The plan is to travel up Saturday morning and stay overnight in their basic campsite. It has a toilet but no shower, a couple of tables and benches, a firebox for campfires and plenty of trees for shelter. You can take your caravan, camper trailer or tent but there is no powered sites. We will be driving around the property stopping frequently to see the wildflowers and anything else that seems interesting. The 4WDing should be fairly easy with maybe a little soft sand depending on the weather.

**Meet:** Gingers (Gull) Roadhouse, Great Northern Hwy, Upper Swan

**Time:** 9.00am for a 9.15 start

**Bring:** Everything for a bush type camp. Full tank of fuel. Drinking water etc.

**Cost:** \$10 per adult, children free

**Contact:** Keith Wilcox 0413 266 245





## TRIP & SOCIAL REPORTS

### WOODLINES Easter 6-9 APRIL 2012

#### **Day 1, Good Friday 6 April**

Arose early today, much earlier than normal, to get ready and meet Keith at his home.

Repack into his car and we are off to meet at Midland. Good mix of old and new members.

All ready and were on our way. Good run with no problems, morning tea at Merredin.

Hot cross buns off the motor, nicely warm only, It's a bit hard to fit under the plastic cover on the diesel motor.

Lunch at Southern Cross and then on to Coolgardie to meet 2 more cars and refuel.

We now head south on the Nepean Rd and Burra Rock Rd to, logical guess, Burra Rock.

Stop for a rest, oh yeah, now climb the rock. Good views all around. Photos of the views and anything that moves, if you're quick. Got pics of a small lizard, long and slender, with long tail. He even posed for us



Getting late now and we move on to find a camp, away from the crowd at the rock.

Simon found a site further down the road and we set up for the night. It was a large clear area with plenty of room to fit our twelve cars and the varied dwellings. From a Taj Mahal down to swags.

Usual banter and revelry around a camp fire until time for bed.

Were on to Cave hill in the morning

Ray (Rabbit) Stewart



## Coolgardie Woodlines – Day 2 – Saturday 7 April 2012

The scheduled departure time was 8.30, but everyone was up and away by about 8.15. We were all in good spirits. We headed straight off to Cave Hill and arrived there at about 9.45.

First, we went up to have a look at the three dams nestled in Cave Hill, all of which held water. The rock channelling which funnels the water into the dams really is a “work of art” and I am always amazed to see how effective it is.



From there we then walked to the cairn on top of Cave Hill, which is a large granite outcrop. I always like to walk to the cairn on top of hills like this, as I think it is only then that you can properly say that you have “climbed” it!



From the cairn, we then walked around to the cave itself. There was a metal boardwalk that you could walk along and there were also steps up to a small viewing platform that gave you a better view of the cave. You weren't allowed in the cave itself as there was, apparently, some danger of the roof collapsing.

The cave is an ancient formation carved from the granite by the effects of heat, cold, water and salt over many millions of years. The granite itself is much older and was “born” 2,600 million years ago!



We then headed back to our cars in the car



park and had morning tea, which included toasted hot cross buns that were very tasty.

After morning tea, we took a (designated) 4WD track heading for Sunday Soak. On the way, we took a side-track that we thought might take us through to the disused Chalice Mine, but there didn't seem to be anything in sight and Dave Peck said that his Hema map showed that mine in a different place. We turned around and proceeded on towards Sunday Soak, which was to be our lunch stop, arriving there at about 12.15.

The Salmon (*Eucalyptus salmonophloia*) and Gimlet (*Eucalyptus salubris*) gums that we saw on the way were spectacular.

After lunch, we walked (with Simon and Anne) up to the top of the adjacent granite outcrop (hill) and on to the cairn. Obviously, at some stage, there had been a farm here that someone had tried to make work. There were lots of rusty tanks and bits and pieces. We took a different track down the hill and came across what we thought was the actual soak, as there was a large tank, a depression in the ground and what looked like the remains of a pump (windmill?).

By the time we arrived back at the cars, the sun was out and it had warmed up somewhat. I noticed that there was plenty of green everywhere – we were parked on what was basically green grass.

From lunch at Sunday Soak, we headed back up the track just a bit to the lonely graves of Thomas Cantwell and Jerry O'Conlan. From the West Australian of 4 January 1896:

*THE Coolgardie Pioneer gives the following men, Thomas Cantwell and, Jerry O'Conlan, who (as mentioned in our columns the other day) were lost some time back on their way from Dundas to Coolgardie. It will be, remembered that they, with their two mates, having just disposed of a mine, were coming in here to draw the money, when they got off the track. - In a very weak state and the other two went off in search. When disappeared-wandered off into the trackless but Constable Brown and a black tracker were sent off in search of them. The missing west of the Sunday Soak, and there their of what they must have suffered ere death came to their relief only those who have can form an adequate idea. There were signs ground in their agony. In the end, one of the poor fellows had crawled into a sandpit his hands, and so he died. He was found still in that position and only about four yards off lay the dead body of his mate, lying on his back, partially stripped of clothing. On their wanderings they had precious fluid that might have saved their lives. The discovery took place on the day before Christmas Day, and as the bodies given immediate burial close to the spot where they breathed their last.*





We then proceeded on to Lake Mundale and Mundale Dome, where we found a great camping spot right next to the Dome. We had clear blue skies and lots of gum trees for shade. We all set up our tents quickly and the campfire was blazing away in no time at all. As we had arrived early (just before 4.00), we were looking forward to an extended happy hour!

After dinner, as usual, we sat around the campfire and lively chatter ensued. We were also lucky enough to get Keith Low to recite a number of poems for us – The Ballad of Blasphemous Bill by Robert William Service and the Geebung Polo Club and A Bush Christening by A B (Banjo) Patterson. Excellent! During the evening, Ray also played some old music/songs and there were a few of us who actually knew some of the lyrics! We were told that the music came from a trivia night that Ray had organised.

Tony Richards.

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### Day 3 - Easter Sunday 2012

We awoke just after dawn to find small clutches of colourful eggs neatly placed on camp tables, car bonnets and tent entrances. Golden orb spiders were still circling the site, but were a little less terrifying (and much more photogenic) by daylight.



At 8:20 or was it 8:25, we were all packed and ready to set off down the dirt track in search of adventure. The quest for a perfectly formed walking stick had just begun. Artsy trees with streaming bark and trees that shone copper, gold and bronze in the beautiful mid autumn light were all around us.

At the outback intersection of the old Hyden/Norseman Road and the track from Sunday Soak we met 2 groups of BMX motorbikes and 3 “heavies”. Unfortunately further on, we passed one of the



“heavies” stuck in the mud , then further on one of the BMW bikes in midst tyre change.

Further south, with Lake Johnson on the right and Lake Hope on the left we meandered through spectacular salmon gums. The lead vehicle stopped and there was a moment's indecision among the group - to climb to the top of the ridge on foot or venture up the steeper ridge by car. The names have been changed to protect the innocent, but the clue is that C, S&A, T&J, J&V had to drive down (backwards!)!

The hill climb accomplished, we headed down the main track a bit further and then turned into a 10 km side track to Lake Medcalfe - to find a good fishing spot? (We have at least one fishing rod to try out after all;)

Back on the main track south again, the struggle was to find a sheltered spot that was clear enough for 11 cars (10 tents) to settle for the night. Finally, just in time, we stopped at a tightly fitting campsite close to the edge of the tree line. An expertly built bush campfire was ready in no time, for “beer-o'clock”, gourmet dinner, a poem about camels and another Subi safari, then early to bed (for some)..... Diana

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### **...Day 4. Easter Monday.**

Another beautiful day as we break camp. Only ten cars now as David has left for home. On the road by 08.15, driving on a surface reminiscent of the Anne Beadell highway, it's not surprising that just ten minutes into the trip, tail-end Charlie (Ray and Joanne) lost the awning from their Forester. Fast thinking...and a pair of bootlaces and they were able to secure the awning to the roof-rack. Once they had caught up with the convoy Charlie was waiting with snatch straps for a more secure job.



20 minutes later we were thankful to turn onto the Lake King-Norseman road and a much better road surface. Making good time we soon arrived at the 90 mile water tank. It seems that 1001 tourists and travelers had written their names on the wall of the huge concrete tank...so what could a few more hurt? No surnames or club references though.

We passed into the Frank Hann national park where a bustard (bush turkey?) was spotted by Keith as it ambled across the road, head held high.

There was a good deal of chatter on air re the pros and cons of bush welding and other emergency repairs. The area was thick with lush vegetation contrasting with the many dead trees there. We stopped for morning tea at 09.50 beside the road. At this stage we had only encountered one other vehicle. The dead trees had now given way to magnificent salmon gums which stood out vividly against the clear blue sky

We saw quite a few bobtails in the area, and a small swarm of locusts. Other than that there was no native fauna to speak of.

Soon we were on the 'black-top' and picking up speed heading for Varley and a fuel check. Some of us had filled up in camp from jerry cans so there was no panic. Ice-creams seemed to be quite popular though...as were the public conveniences.

At Hyden the group split up for a while, some wanting to see the rabbit cemetery and others going to Wave rock.

We regrouped for a picnic lunch in town and all too soon it was time to say a fond farewell to those traveling in different directions homeward.

What a fabulous week-end, good weather, great company and spectacular scenery.

It was nice to meet new members (Charlie, Ray and Peter) and to catch up with old friends. Thanks Keith for a job well done.

Val Hunter.



### CLACKLINE REFRACTORY -April 15

Hi Subaru 4wd Club of WA. I am Andy Wood. I have recently joined the club to meet experienced responsible off roaders. I took my first



trip on the weekend of 15.4.12 to Clackline refractory. and I was not disappointed. A fantastic day was had by all on a trip with so much to note and including much incident intrigue and laughs. The group met at the Lakes road house. The intrigue started here. Berty my Brumby blew a fuse or two. He didn't like the plug in cb. so we defaulted to a hand held.

The group set off in convoy and soon arrived at the refractory. And what a place it is ! Rumour has it the owner of this crucible production plant met hard times and closed it overnight. If any



one knows any different please let us know.....one's imagination could run wild in this ghost town of a industrial site. The group had a look round on foot, before setting off on the many winding and moderately challenging tracks and trails. Mostly small rocks and soft sand. Travis led us to a sand quarry where we stopped for lunch. Following this the group put their Subi's through their paces on the banks and sand traps within the quarry. Trouble soon ensued. Keith



discovered a faulty rear sway bar. This was removed and Keith was on his way !

Shortly after Tony H. got stumped ! Literally stuck on a stump ! After much hacking stacking puffing and blowing the car was extracted from

it's pinnacle. The group reconvened for the trip back to the road. On the way back I and Brad got stuck at the same place. I got stuck in a trough and Brad became grounded. No dramas though, easy recoveries and we were on our way. Back past the old caretakers

house and a walk up a hill to a splendid view. Then afternoon tea at the Bakers Hill cafe.

Thanks to the experience and considered choice of route of established club members, this was a brilliant introduction to responsible off roading.

A special thanks to Travis and Katie for a thorough reccy. Also to everyone for mucking in with great spirit to sort out casualties. Thank you for taking the time to read my first trip report and I look forward to meets and trips. Camp oven cook out next. On W/E of 28.4.12. Hope to see you there.

Regards Andy.







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