

August 2012



SUBARU 4WD NEWS

Meetings of
THE SUBARU 4WD CLUB of WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.
are **normally** held at
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Club member of the year 2011: David Peck

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT August 2012

Fellow Members,

Well, what a trip it was! The Central Circle trip may well now have come and gone, but it will certainly not be forgotten. I conservatively estimate that trip participants must have at least 10,000 photos between them! I have over 3,000! Watch out for the trip reports in this and future mags and a slide show at a future general meeting.

My thanks to Phil Read for chairing the July general meeting in my absence on the trip.

I confirm that a copy of Roads & Tracks WA 10th edition will be a door prize at the August meeting.

As the end of the Club year is 30 September, we all need to start thinking about our nominations for:

Club Member of the Year;

Trip of the Year;

Trip Leader of the Year; and

Trip Report of the Year,

which are all presented at the Annual Dinner.

I would particularly like to see a large "voter turnout" for Club Member of the Year. In recent years, there has been a low number of votes lodged, so I would very much like to see a strong vote this year.

Can I also ask you please to start thinking about Silly Award nominations. These Awards form a very important part of our Annual Dinner proceedings and are an opportunity to recognise a Club Member for their contribution to the enjoyment of a Club trip or activity.

In the past, these nominations have usually been called for closer to the Annual Dinner. However, we now all have the capacity to nominate Club members for an award easily, using the Club website. Just click on the "Nominate for Award" button on the right-hand side of the individual trip page. So, please get your nominations in sooner rather than later, to give us more time to prepare.

The Annual Dinner is being held on Saturday 3 November and it will again be at the Yanchep Inn, which is a great venue – see the promo in the mag. Please get your name down early. It should be another great night out.

Finally, although there is still a little way to go until the AGM in November, I would also like to get you thinking now about whether you may be able to help out with the management of the Club by taking a position on the Committee. It is very rewarding. Further mentions will follow in the coming months, as the date draws near.

Tony Richards.

TRIP CO-ORDINATORS REPORT August 2012

The centre circle trippers are now back and look on the website and in upcoming editions of the magazine for their stories and photos of how the trip went.

At the time of writing this Adrian's G.F.C." Greenhead Fishing Challenge is going ahead with a good number of people attending. I guess if they catch some fish tis may become a regular thing which is good as we are always looking for a variety of activities to cater for what you want to do.

It has been suggested that we organise some midweek trips as well for those members lucky enough to be able to get away then without the weekend crowds. If you are interested in a midweek trip or if you are able to lead the trip let one of the committee members know. If you are planning on going to a favourite spot and would like some company all you have to do is let me know and I'll put it up on the website to invite other people to come along.

The Westways wildflower trip in August has a great turnout already and it's still not too late to put your name down to come and have a look. We haven't been there before and it promises to have some interesting tracks as well as the wildflowers.

The Moore River Kayak Crusade on September 9 is also something different as a number of club members now have kayaks and canoes and it is a chance for them to get together and have a paddle. Even if you don't have a kayak or canoe please come along as I will have a kayak, a surf ski and a Canadian canoe which you are welcome to try.

On September 23rd I am after some volunteers to represent our club help with a cleanup on the Mundaring Powerlines track as there are a number of other 4WD clubs attending. DEC will be putting on a BBQ to thank those who help.

Cheers David

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR EDITOR

I gather the issue of accessing PDF versions of the mag was raised at the last G.M. If you are logged in as a member you are able to access a PDF version in the Members Library section of the website.

If you receive a hard copy of the mag, the August version will not be in colour. Colour printing should be back for the September issue .

My apologies for the Aug. mag being later than usual-I was on the Central Circle Trip throughout July- definitely no computer access or time .

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THIS MAGAZINE ARE NOT NECESSARILY THOSE HELD BY

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

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<h2>TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION</h2>

WESTWAYS WILDFLOWERS – 11-12 August

Westways is a 2000ha wildflower, sheep and tree farm in the Kwon-gan 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 Yallalie 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 are 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.
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RESTAURANT MEAL

SATURDAY 18/8, 7 PM.

AT: THAI WITH STYLE



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Parking and entry is from Salisbury Ave.

Join fellow club members in a meal out at this excellent Thai restaurant.

They are a Gold Plate Award Winner and very reasonably priced for this quality.

Mains start from around \$16.

B.Y.O. wine and beer only-No corkage charge

They also offer 4 different Banquet options ranging between \$28 to \$36 per person.

(Minimum of 4 people for any of the Banquet options)

We will have our own section of the restaurant.

The cut off day to commit is Friday 10/8

QUESTIONS ?: Call Tom on 93824678

MOORE RIVER KAYAK CRUSADE?/CRUSADE ?
SEPTEMBER 9

Sunny Weather, peaceful river, and family fun are a few easy ways to describe Moore River. So, all there is to do is make the most of it! What better way than to KAYAK along the gentle curves getting the best view in town?

The Plan is to paddle along the Moore River from the river mouth in the centre of town, and then go along as far as members feel comfortable to, have a bite to eat for lunch, then turn around and check out the view from the other direction. upon returning to the river mouth we can make use of the public barbecues for dinner and relax by the river soaking up the afternoon sun.

Meeting Point:

10th Light Horse Memorial - Wanneroo Rd, approx ~3kms north of the joondalup drive intersection

Meeting Time: 9am for a prompt departure

Other Important info:

Please bring a pre-prepared lunch, or purchase something from the local store that you can take with you on the paddle for the lunch stop up the river,

make sure you have adequate drinking water for the journey - approx 3 litres onboard and another 2 litres for the arrival back at the launch area.

Safety gear such as lifejackets (PFD's) are strongly recommended

Hat, sunglasses, shoes/reef shoes, sun-gloves, appropriate clothing and sunscreen should be worn for your comfort and protection.

TRIP LEADER: Adrian 9279 8993








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CLUB CALENDAR







August 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Tue 7th: Committee Meeting Sat 11-Sun 12: Westways Wildflower Tue 14th: General Meeting Sat 18: Restaurant Meal Fri 24th: magazine articles deadline
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September 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Tue 4th: Committee Meeting Sun 9th: Moore River Kayak Crusade Tue 11th: General Meeting Sun 16th: Social Hills Walk Mon 24th: magazine articles deadline Sat 29th to Mon 1st October: Helena and Aurora Ranges (TBC)
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October 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Tue 2nd Committee Meeting Tue 9th General Meeting Sun 14th: Day Trip (TBA) Sat 20th: Quiz Night Fri 26th: magazine articles deadline
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SUBARU 4WD CLUB of W.A. INC

November 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
				1	2		Sat 3: Annual Dinner Yanchep
4			7	8	9	10	Tue 6th: Committee Meeting
11	12		14	15	16	17	Tue 13th: General Meeting
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Mon 26th: magazine articles deadline
25		27	28	29	30		

December 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
30	31					1	Tue 4th: Committee Meeting
2	3		5	6	7		Sat 8th: Christmas Function
9	10		12	13	14	15	Tue 11th: General Meeting
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	

SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

School Holidays: Sept 29-Oct 14, Dec 19-

Public holidays: 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.

PARKERVILLE HIKE SUN16/9)

Come for a casual walk into John Forrest National Park from Parkerville. It is about 4.5 to 5 km along a wide gravel track also used by horse riders and mountain bikers. It passes by the historic Hovea Train Station and the Avon River, including Hovea Falls. The track is suitable for kids with push bikes and prams but the ground is uneven gravel. Allow about 4 hours for return journey, stopping in John Forrest National Park for drinks and nibbles.



I enjoy walking in the rain so only extreme weather will cancel the trip.

Meet at 1.30 pm at car park opposite Parkerville Tavern on Owen Rd for a 1:45 pm start.

What To Bring.

Good enclosed walking shoes and drinking water
(compulsory), hat, weather appropriate clothing
and back pack.

Nibbles to share.

portable gas or spirit stove, or thermos if you want hot drinks, mugs. Coles and Woolies sell 100 mls of long life milk.

Other tips

Foot care. Use band aids or coat your feet with vaseline (especially between toes) to prevent blisters (you will be washing your socks afterwards anyway).

Use layers of clothing. It may be warm in the afternoon but cold at dusk.

For those who want to meet us in John Forest, go to the end of Park Road and we will be on the Eastern Side on the other side of the brook. I will have a hand held radio set to channel 16.

For more information contact Philip Read. 0438926274

POWERLINE TRACK CLEANUP

SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2012

Over the past twelve months the W.A. 4WD Association has been working closely with DEC to devise a track assessment program that hopefully over time allow us to have ongoing access to property that DEC manages. Currently DEC have some funds which are available to do work in the Mundaring area. It was agreed at a recent DEC meeting that they would like to have a cleanup of the Power Line Track and DEC have asked both the WA 4WD Association and Track Care for assistance.

What are DEC providing ?

Caged trailers and other hand tools

Skip bins to be located at West Talbot Road, Flynn Road and Gorrie Road (junctions with the Power Line Track)

BBQ at the end of the cleanup.

What does DEC want from us ?

Three teams of helpers that will commence at either West Talbot Road, Flynn Road or Gorrie Road and proceed down the track towards the water tanks at the Mundaring end.

The track is a reasonable distance to try and cover in one day so DEC needs 20+ vehicles to knock it off in one day.

Further information on what to bring will be confirmed once we have numbers of starters from the clubs.

What do clubs need to do?

It would be fantastic to see as many clubs as possible support this cleanup. Could all clubs please discuss this clean-up at your next meeting and add the clean-up to your calendars. If your club is able to assist the contact details for any questions or to report numbers are listed below.

Guy Lehmann (Land Manager WA 4WD Association)

M: 0409 112 435 Email: guy.lehmann@bigpond.com



SUBA QUIZ EVENING

- Venue - College of Electrical Training 5 Avior Ave Jandakot
- Time - Arrive 6.30 Quiz 7.00pm till 11.30 pm
- Bring - Nibbles, Drinks and Glasses for your table
- Cost - \$2 each to fund the wonderful prizes on offer
- Travel - Cockburn Central Station is a 5 min walk from the College
- Date - Saturday October 20

Details

When final numbers are known teams will be drawn from hat and you will be assigned to a table. The Suba Quiz will consist of a series of questions from 8 Themes punctuated by 3 Who am I type activities. There may be subtle clues given during the evening

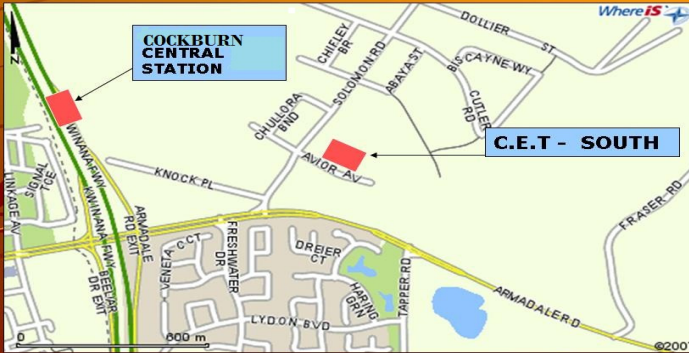
The themes for the evening will be as follows:

- 1 Australian Places
- 2 Music – Songs and Artists
- 3 Movies
- 4 Where in the World
- 5 Sport
- 6 Literature
- 7 Clues and Riddles
- 8 General Knowledge

No smart phones are to be used and the Judges (Ray and Joanne) decision will be final, can we make decisions ? Well yes and no.

So come along and have fun, eat drink and be knowledgeable. 😊

Locality – Southern Campus



Club Annual Dinner – Saturday
3rd November, 2012

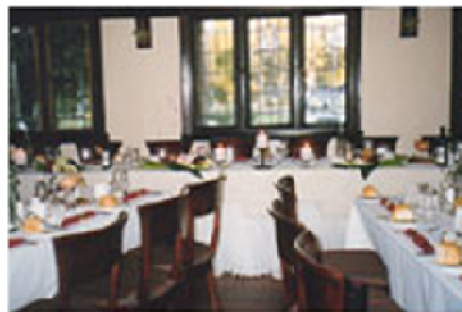
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*The lovely Banquet Room at Yanchep Inn where we will enjoy our Annual
Dinner*



The historic Yanchep Inn within the surroundings of Yanchep National Park is a pretty, historical venue, perfect for our Annual Dinner. Combining first class cuisine and service with the serene and tranquil surroundings of the Park, located just

45 minutes from Perth. It is the second time the Club has visited here for the Annual Dinner.



Built in 1936, from locally sourced jarrah and limestone the Inn has had an interesting history. The RAAF took it over in 1943 during World War Two as a rehabilitation centre for servicemen. After the war, the Inn returned to private hands. The Inn became known as the “Honeymoon Hotel” as numbers of people marrying and enjoying their honeymoon in beautiful settings rapidly increased. There is still a military link, as there is a picture on the wall where the 10th Light Horse are portrayed

charging the enemy and the local RSL club hold Anzac day memorial there as well as regular meetings.

The Inn today is a heritage listed building and remains as a proud reminder of our history in the spectacular Yanchep National Park. Nearby are the caves and other attractions in the national park.

The dinner will be buffet style, at a cost of \$39.50 per person. The menu is as follows:

Entrée – Leek & Potato soup.

Main: Continental Meat Platter (including various cured meats, cheeses & continental variety) plus:

Leg of Pork with crackling & apple sauce;

Baked Barramundi Fillets with lemon & herbs;

Lasagne; and

South-West Beef slowly braised with onions, button mushrooms & red wine.

Potato Selection: Jacket potatoes.

Vegetable dishes: Mixed seasonal greens and Baked Pumpkin.

Salad Dishes: Greek and Pasta.

Dessert: Apple & Blueberry Crumble.

We should be able to cater for any vegetarians

Accommodation at the Inn is available at various tariffs, depending on whether you choose to stay at upmarket motel units or in the historic old Inn itself. The old hotel rooms are \$105 a night for room plus buffet breakfast included the next day. The rooms are clean and open onto private verandahs overlooking parklands. There are some 21 rooms available in the old Inn itself, some with extra beds for family groups. Members wishing to stay should contact the Inn direct on 9561 1001.

Other accommodation options include units with spas and modern facilities.

Members should contact the Inn for details, or if camping, the Capricorn resort, nearby is an option.

The Inn is clean and comfortable but basic, with bathrooms at both ends. With open fires, weather permitting, and the charm of leadlight windows, the beautiful *Banquet Room* overlooking the gardens should be a lovely place to spend some time together. Put your name on the trip list online with any special dietary requirements.



TRIP & SOCIAL REPORTS

CENTRAL CIRCLE TRIP (30/6/12 to 28/7)

DAYS 1 TO 4 (30/6 to 3/7)

After months of thought, planning and readying of cars and equipment, the time had finally arrived to head off on this extended trip to Central Australia. Dave Peck had the original concept so it was a real shame he was unable to be with us on the trip because of family health and travel issues.

The “3 Amigos” (Tony R., Keith W. and Simon N.) stepped into the breach and co-ordinated final planning details and adjustments to the itinerary. The broad concept was to head to Ceduna via the Hyden-Norseman Road, Go North on Goog’s Track, visit a range of spots and eventually return via the Great Central Rd.

An early start from the Rock Inne at Karragullen was something of a challenge. Somehow, 2 separate drivers (including this reporter) were delayed by disappearing sun glasses. There was not much sun involved at the time-about 3 degrees plus fog and a strong breeze. When Josan arrived with her Canadian friend Pat, the shivering masses were amazed to see him emerge wearing shorts and a T shirt. Pat is from the town of Whitehorse in the Yukon so was unfazed by our version of “cold”. A very nice surprise was the presence of David who had come along to farewell us. Now that is dedication and support in action.

Five Foresters duly set off into the fog. Val and John were meeting



Karagullen start-Pick the Canadian !

us in Corrigin whilst John C. and Joy were not leaving till later in the day.

Simon shared his Tour Guide knowledge of geographic and historical features as we headed East. This included a stop off to visit Wave Rock. He also had us sucked in with talk of visiting a Mallee Fowl Nest which was very close to the main road. Said “nest” turned out to be a concrete replica of a nest. Unsurprisingly, no live Mallee Fowl were sighted.



Camp for the night was at Disappointment Rock. We found an excellent spot on the opposite side of the Highway to the rock. Simon and Anne did a great job of producing a group BBQ meal with trimmings. This was despite Simon being unwell from the beginning of our trip. John and Joy displayed good timing by arriving at 7pm just as dinner was ready. They had left Perth about 1 o'clock due to John's various commitments. This took us to our full complement of 7 Foresters (2 X 2 litre, 1 X 2 litre Turbo, 2 X 2.5 litre, 2 X 2.5 litre Turbo).The night was very cold for everyone except Pat but it proved good practice for managing this in the future.

We got away on Day 2 pretty close to the targeted 8 am start, and later passed through Norseman. Our destination for the night was supposed to be the Old Burnabbie Ruins (off the track into the Eyre Bird Observatory). However, we were running short of daylight hours so Keith, who was leader for the day, found an excellent camp near the top of the escarpment. His enjoyment of the site was marred by the hole in one of his new and expensive Cooper tyres. Pat produced the guitar that Josan had tracked down for him. He has only been playing for 2 years but has a campfire repertoire that worked well.



Descending to E.B.O. track

The following morning, a group of 4 vehicles tracked down the escarpment to visit the Eyre Bird Observatory. There was a range of warnings about steep descent, 4 WD necessary, lowering tyre pressures etc. We let our tyres down and the cars managed without problems. We did not have the time to visit Burnabbie . The distance into the Observatory meant we could only manage a short visit there or this would overly delay the departure of the larger group. The current caretakers were a South Australian couple (with a Forester) who were nearing the end of their 3 month stint. They were very welcoming, directed us to the museum display and advised on which walks suited our schedule. Josan took the opportunity to give her new camera a good workout taking bird photo's. The Observatory is located in a narrow coastal corri-



Koonalda

dor which birds transit through to avoid the deserts to the North. The density of bird life within the corridor is consequently high. After a quick “cuppa” with the camp hosts it was back up the scarp to join the other 3 vehicles.

We continued across the Nullabor and crossed into South Australia. By this stage Pat was gaining an appreciation of just how flat sections of Australia can be. Pat also

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Head of Bight. Photo Keith W.



Fowlers Bay Photo Keith W.

spotted the first dingo he had ever seen.

We stayed at Koonalda homestead which is accessed by a very stony stretch of dirt road off the Eyre Highway. This is a former station which is located on the old Eyre Highway alignment. Koonalda also has masses of dead car bodies from those that never made it. There are also a few of the old buildings potentially usable to sleep on the floor. Most of us used our tents. We could clearly hear dingoes howling as we rugged up for another cold night.

When we emerged on the morning of Day 4, the tents were soaked with very heavy dew. To give them some opportunity to dry out, we followed a track out to view a very large sink hole. This was fenced off with access restricted. However, even from outside the fence we could get a sense of the impressive size. The tents had largely dried out by the time we returned to camp so we packed up and continued our journey. A highlight of the day was a visit to the Head of the Bight whale watching platforms. There were numerous Southern Right Whales visible, many of them Mothers with a calf in tow. Some came surprisingly close to the shore so the photographers were very busy.

Our destination for the night was Fowlers Bay. As we approached, we could see the area did not look at all encouraging for Bush Camping. When we enquired in the town, we were told free camping was on the mud flats. This sounded most unappealing so Tony negotiated a group camping price with the Caravan Park. We were still able to enjoy an evening around a camp fire thanks to one of the other travellers having bought wood with him. This Queenslander later produced a ukulele with various of our group singing along with him. If there were dingoes in the vicinity, we certainly would not have heard them.

A walk on the jetty shortly before leaving next day produced bonus wildlife encounters. Some very friendly seals were obviously hoping in vain for a fish breakfast from us. On to Goog's Track !

Tom and Jenni



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