

December 2012



SUBARU 4WD NEWS

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Club member of the year 2012: Travis Maskey

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Ian Johnson, Peter Andruszkiw and Ron Counce.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT December 2012

Sorry I couldn't make it to the AGM however I am looking forward to being president. I feel Tony will be a hard act to follow for all the enthusiasm he has put into the club during his term in office.

Thanks Tony for a job well done; you have ensured the club is in a sound position. Also thanks to the committee for the great job they have done over the last year. I'm pleased to say that all the committee positions have been filled with John Cahill now doing the Treasurers job and Travis Maskey becoming the Trip Coordinator - thanks guys. The full list of committee members and their contact details can be found on the inside cover of the magazine.

The 4WD show drew record numbers on each day but we only seemed to get a similar number of people visiting our display as last year. Thanks to the people who volunteered to help out on the display and especially to Tony for all the work he put in organising it. He was there on Thursday to set up the area as well as spending each day there. He also provided a number of new photos as well but if anyone else has any good photos especially of newer model cars could we please have a copy for next years display.

We had three trip guests at Lancelin who enjoyed themselves so much that two have indicated they want to Join the club. Thanks must go to Peter for the excellent way he takes beginners and gives them the skills and confidence to drive through some pretty daunting sand dunes.

At the 4WD Association meeting there was a gentleman from the Department of Agriculture who gave a presentation about the state barrier fence. There have been problems with people travelling down the fence line which is not open to the public. I have asked if we could have a copy to present at one of our meetings. One of the things he hinted at was the possibility of clubs being given access to a section of the fence in exchange for some minor work like removing saplings. Both Tony & I liked the idea and we will be perusing it further.

If you haven't already done so could you please renew your membership as they are now overdue.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Regards

David Peck

TRIP CO-ORDINATORS REPORT December 2012

Season's greetings to you all!!

I'd like to thank the club for letting me be appointed as trip Co-ordinator. I also want to thank David for all his efforts over the past 2 years. I hope that I will do as good a job as him.

This past year has been a great one. The club has taken me to places I've never been before, and I've taken the club to places it's never been before. Next year looks to be the same.

Ian is looking for expressions of interest in a secret trip through the Great Victoria Desert in July. Tony's planning a trip to Cape York. The Kingsford-Smith mail run, Mount Augustus to Carnarvon and many more are in the pipe line as well. Plus, there is the odd fishing trip as well. If you want to volunteer as a trip leader for one of these trips, or have a good place to go to let me know.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And please drive to arrive!

Travis

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TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION



XMAS PARTY

Saturday 8 December

Venue: Robert & Wendy's place

We'll be making the usual collection on behalf of the Royal Flying Doctor Service – so bring some gold coins.

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ANNUAL BEACH RUN

SUNDAY JAN. 13

Our annual beach run is on again second Sunday in January. Again it will be in the area between Tims Thicket and Myalup. We will decide closer to the day as to whether we go



North or South North. This is always an excellent day to experience a lot of beach driving. Suitable for everyone. If you have just joined the Club please come along. Weather permitting you will get a chance to have a swim at the lunch break.

Contact Peter A – 0419 854 671 (M)

or log into the website to join this trip.

Meeting point will be as in past years at the service station complex Baldivis Rd exit of the freeway at 8.30am.

BREAKFAST **AND SUPA** **GOLF**



SATURDAY JANUARY 19

Supa golf is a different take on golf. The balls are bigger, so are the clubs and the course is shorter. So, combine that with a good brekky and all that the Swan Valley has to offer, and it looks to be a good day.

I found a fantastic cafe close by: Jude Taylor cafe and gallery, where we start with breakfast. Meet at 8 to be finished by 9.30. The food is great and the meals are between 7 and 25 dollars.

Supa golf will take about 2 hours and cost about \$15. The course should be easy, and fun.

The cafe is at 510 Great Northern Hwy. Supa Golf is at 10250 West Swan Rd.

I need to close the trip on the 4th so I can give various people final numbers.

If you want further information, call **Travis 0433 424 659** or email travismaskey@hotmail.com.

BEAUT BARRABUP

**SAT 26/1 TO
MON28/1**



For the Australia day long week-end 26th to 28th January 2013 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.

The Blackwood is the longest river in the south west and flows through Boyup Brook, Bridgetown and Nannup finally reaching the ocean at Augusta.

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.

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

Meeting Details

When: 8:45 for a 9.00am start on Saturday 26th January 2012

Where: Cnr of Baldivis and Safety Bay Roads, Rockingham (at the Caltex Petrol Station)

Bring: BYO camping gear and gas cooking gear as we may not be able to have a wood fire.

Rating: Suitable for all vehicles on easy tracks.








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CLUB CALENDAR

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 p 6
9	10		12	13	14	15	Tue 11th: General Meeting
16	17	18	19	20		22	Fri 21: magazine articles deadline
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	(Please note early deadline)

January 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
		1	2	3	4	5	Tue 8th General Meeting
6	7		9	10	11	12	Sun 13th: Beach Trip p 9
	14	15	16	17	18		Sat 19th: Super Golf Social p 10
20	21	22		24	25		Wed 23rd: magazine articles deadline
		29	30	31			Sat 26th-Mon 28th: Barrabup p11

February 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
					1	2	Tue 5th: Committee Meeting
3	4		6	7	8	9	Sun 10th: Social Breakfast Burns-Beach
	11		13	14	15	16	Tue 12th: General Meeting
	18	19	20	21	22	23	Sun 17th: Powerlines/Lake Leschenaultia
24	25	26		28			Wed 27th: magazine articles deadline









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March 2013

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	18	19	20	21	22	23
24		26	27	28		

Sat 2nd-Mon 4th: Coast and/or I Cottage TBC
Tue 5th: Committee Meeting
Tue 12th: General meeting
Sun 17th: Brunch Social-Matilda Bay Café
Mon 25th: magazine articles deadline
Fri 29th-Mon 1/4: Murchison Meander

April 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			3	4	5	6
7	8		10	11	12	13
	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24			
	29	30				

Tue 2nd Committee Meeting
Tue 9th General Meeting
Sun 14th: Go Karting TBC
Thur 25th-Sun 28th: 4 day Fishing trip
Fri 26th: magazine articles deadline

SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

School Holidays: Dec 19– Feb 3, April 20-May 5, July 6-July 21

Public holidays: Dec 25-26, Jan 1, Jan 26, Mar 29,30, April 1, 25

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 & SOCIAL REPORTS

NOSING AROUND NINGHAN (cont. from October issue)

DAY 2 SUNDAY 30/10/12

We awoke early to the sound of a night bird clocking off duty. As we opened our east-facing tent we watched the sun starting to peep above the orange horizon. One of the many glorious things about bush camping!

Dear Leader Dave had planned an 8.30am start - but everyone was ready early so at 7.30 we all walked up to the top of the huge Warrdagga Rock beside our camp in the [Ninghan Indigenous Protected Area](#). Warrdagga is a huge granite dome with rock pools and

some semi-permanent water. So the rock hosts many plants flourishing in the run-off. The rock covers over 100 acres according to Don Bell, the third generation of his family to run Ninghan Station. Clearly we were only ever going to see a small part of it.

Few of the shallow holes we saw held water but there was plenty of evidence of abundant plant life. Some sections on the ascent featured mulla-mulla, everlastings and small shrubs. The view from the top stretched far across the flat land.



Returning on foot to camp we set off in 8 Subarus for the nearby Warrdagga windmill to chat to campers who'd offered ideas about interesting places nearby. One was a hidden valley between two sections of the rocks - though we failed to discover it this time.

By the bore, we watched two young emus and a pair of galahs, their pink a far deeper shade than in the city. This bore was on the old camel route from Paynes Find to Ninghan Station. Heading SW from the windmill we discovered some even more secluded camp sites which we thought worth checking



out next time we visited Ninghan. Travelling further along a track parallel to the boundary fence of the Indigenous Protected Area we saw a young roo trying to outrun us on the other side of the fence - and the remains of one whose paw had been trapped in the wire leading to a miserable death. We reached the breakaways where we found great secluded campsites.

On the track we also stopped at Billaburna No. 1 and No. 2 wells. One had a stone ramp used to trap stock in a fenced area before trucking them out to market, the other a very deep well right down far into white sand which was piled up around it in an area of bright red-brown pindan. Parts of the track were quite rocky but very manageable - well, we are a 4WD club. We also visited Amphitheatre Rock – a large granite outcrop with a wide view and many interesting plants. We returned to yet another rocky outcrop which some climbed to enjoy the extensive views out over Lake



Mulga Ant Nest

Moore. This trip finished at lunch time when we returned to camp to replenish ourselves.

The afternoon drive headed out in a different direction from Warrdagga Rock, this time to the east. We had a little trouble finding the right track out of camp as there were numerous tracks around the base of the rock. We finally made it, with a little help from God, in the form of Wendy directing us via the two-way from her position on top of Warrdagga Rock. Wendy had been watching us from above as we drove round and round in circles.



As the spring temperatures crept into the thirties there was the inevitable onboard thermometer comparisons (I've got 31, 32, 34 etc). You can choose not to participate. 😊

This time we were searching for the remains of an outstation to the main homestead. It turned out to be just a few old cans at an inaccessible spot over a fence now cutting off the track east. However, we did come across keyhole ant nests and many wild lowers, including purple buds of [*Keraudrenia integrifolia*](#), pink patches of tiny [*Levenhookia*](#) (styleworts) and the local globular mulla-mulla ([*Ptilotus*](#) spp.).

Though the large expanses of everlastings were clearly at their best two or three weeks before, there was still plenty to see and photograph.

On the return trip back to camp, some of the group stopped to pick up larger logs for the night's campfire. Though wood is plentiful round Warrdagga Rock, it is mostly smaller mulga. This had kept our

pyromaniacs busy the night before – especially young Tim and Claire, as well as (grown-up) Alex.

Drinks and nibbles started early – late afternoon and so did the enhanced fire. And soon the sun set on another wonderful day at Ninghan Station. Ah, camping, the best of life!

More about [Ninghan history](#) including a 1927 photo of local people at Warrdagga.

Jenni Ibrahim

DAY 3 MONDAY 1/10/12

The last day of our 3 day tour through Ninghan Station was filled to the brim with exploring and just showed how much there was still to see of this beautiful station. We set off early to beat the heat, but the temperature was already in the high 20's by the time we reached the homestead to head up Mt Singleton. We farewelled a few of the group before adventuring upwards on the rocky track leading to the top of Mt Singleton, which stands at an altitude of 671.5m. As a first time 4wd'er the track was challenging but lots of fun. Despite driving the last 10 minutes with the

“Engine Watchdog” temperature alarm stuck on and not knowing what this meant or how to fix it, the stunning views appreciable from the track made this one of my highlights of the trip. After a short break and morning tea at the peak of Mt Singleton, we made our slow and steady descent back to the homestead. A detour to Paynes Find, found us exploring an old gold battery. The battery was established in 1911 and is the only one of its kind left still functional in Western



Australia. We were lucky enough to get an in-sight into its running's and guided tour by Elaine Taylor. Elaine's family has managed the gold battery and kept it functional over the many years and her stories of its significance in the past, and now its present were very interesting. We then began the casual journey back to Perth, the day was a perfect end to a fantastic long weekend.

Veronica Peck

Europe on a shoestring in a Subaru

*Richard le Serve trip report for Metro in the City
14th October, 2012*

When I first read John' Cahill's promo for his *Metro in the City* trip, I had been reading and dreaming about an extended river cruise, or genteel travelling through Europe with maybe a hint of the Arabian Nights thrown in with a bit of Mediterranean North African fantasy. John's siren call got me in this mood when he advised of 'a fairly gentle day trip through the Perth Hills along little travelled tracks and roads from Mundaring through to Serpentine'. If you blur your eyes a bit it could be Croatia, Sicily, and Montevideo!

Some of the European stuff unfolded quite well. A gentle rain was falling as I twice missed the meeting place of BSW Maida Vale but a quick call on the radio had John calming the troops like a travel courier with his clients milling around him with a myriad of nervous requests and questions about language and money changing. The only changing going on was the weather and the language issue was one of radio calls. With John as tour leader and Tony Richards and Dave Peck playing tail end Charlie we were shepherded along to see what the day would bring.

The Italian connection turned out to be the story of Italian prisoners of war at the old POW camp ruins out of Serpentine and the countryside was lush and heavy from winter rainfall. The wildflowers were out in places and the twelve cars from the club made good headway in what turned out to be a lovely day, even if I had not left Western Australia! Christmas Tree Well was inspected and apart from some freeloading ticks who tried to hitch a ride back to Perth, everything was going to plan.

We toured all day in changing weather from gentle rain to warm and windy and back to rain again. We visited another prison beside the *Italian Job* already mentioned when we reached the ruins of Barton's Mill prison. Little remains of a life of crime but wildflowers and water lilies growing everywhere provided the keen photographers and flower scroungers plenty to be going on with. The lilies looked great when picked and bagged up to take home. An air of danger was added with kamikaze trail bike riders dic-ing with death (and Subarus) through the many tracks that litter the area.



The view from Mt Dale where we had morning tea was magnificent and after a short break we continued on careering around gravel tracks through the escarpment on our way to Gringer's Creek Hut on the Bibulmun track near North Bannister for lunch. Gringer must have been living around the time of WA Inc and all its attendant crime and stealing because Gringer's hut was never finished properly having three walls and one side open to the elements. Even the bunk beds had to sleep multiple occupants. A walker I spoke to said sometimes the hut held 20 people. They must have been friendly souls as they were only 4 'bunks' in the huts, some five must have shared each bunk, which were of a generous size I suppose. After a good lunch we set off again for the North Bannister roadhouse and tavern for ice creams and or coffee.

The Millers Creek road part of the trip came next and John, like a conjurer kept pulling more delights from his hat which caused Tony Richards to remark in amazement 'there is more?' There sure was. Jarrahdale



came and went and more gravel tracks and lush countryside graced the scenery. At one stage on the run down the escarpment we passed grazing kangaroos and alpacas. We did not have time to visit Serpentine Falls but no one was complaining as we had a memorable day and there was more! On joining the freeway for the run back to the big smoke, an accident on the southbound carriageway looked like a European motorway pile up as kilometres worth of traffic in three lanes did its best to imitate a car-park as two wrecks were recovered by truck and removed from the scene. There was also heavy traffic northbound but this did clear as we got closer to Perth.

A big thank-you to John for a great day out and for those on the trip who helped it run smoothly. I think my Forester even enjoyed the run as it seemed to go better and sound better after its European holiday and a chance to blow away the cobwebs. Now for some peace and quiet and an unhurried look at those travel brochures. . .



ANNUAL DINNER

SATURDAY 3/11/12.

Saturday 3/11 saw the club glitterati assemble at the Yanchep Inn for this event. More accurately, around 40 members turned up dressed more smartly than in the usual bush camping gear. Most of the group were staying at the inn so had the chance to wander round during the afternoon communing with the numerous semi tame kangaroos.

Pre dinner drinks on the verandah produced much animated conversation, story telling and general “catching up” .Everyone then moved to the dining room where lively discussions continued the high noise level.

After an excellent buffet dinner, Club President Tony presented a range of awards and certificates for both “serious” and “silly” achievements. Many of the latter had very droll accompanying items.

Club Member of the Year went to Travis Maskey for his numerous contributions to the running of the club. Travis and Katie doubled up with an extra award for the most effort in preparing the trip and cook out at Wickepin.



President Tony congratulates Travis

Trip Leader of the Year went to David Peck for the “Central Circle”. David was hesitant about having earned this on the basis that he had to pull out of the trip due to external events. However, all his prepara

tory work meant that those on the trip still benefitted from his efforts. A whole bunch of Trips tied for “Trip of the Year” whilst Ian and Nina’s Casserole Night scored the “Social Event of the Year”. Jim scored with Best Technical Support on the “Fiddles and Nibbles” Day

“Silly” awards included the following (though I may not have covered them all): John C. for 101 uses of gaffer tape on the Central Circle Trip (most of them listed in the extended presentation) plus a long gone thong award for losing his footwear during the trip.

Keith W. scored an award detailing his misadventures with tyres.

If he ever replaces the existing Forester wheels with bicycle tyres he now has the right repair equipment. Keith also managed an award for spotting an Eagle’s nest – an Eagles cap naturally !

Tim Read scored as the youngest and cutest new Club Member (nominated by his totally objective parents).

Jenni I. was issued with an apron in recognition of her taking over the role of waitperson by default at a Club Restaurant Meal.



Young Tim asks his Mum why his award says 2011



Our retiring President's apple obsession was recognised with a permanent Apple to keep in the car. No state of deprivation for him! Adrian received the "Bitzer Award"-so called because bits keep falling off his car due to overexuberant driving.

After all certificates had been issued, we realised Tony must have been doing the time warp for they all had 2011 printed instead of 2012. This may well have involved "just a jump to the right, then a jump to the left etc". Unfortunately for certificate recipients, this is not likely to make them incredibly valuable collectables.

However, a very useful collection of funds to go to the RFDS was generated from the Fridge Raffle (won by Robert and Wendy). Former member Martin Greenwood had very kindly donated his used Engel for this excellent cause.

Thanks Keith and Tony for the organisation in setting things up, shopping, printing etc

Tom

FORESTER EXPLORER July 2013

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