

June 2013



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

Meetings of  
THE SUBARU 4WD CLUB of WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.  
are **normally** held at  
7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month at the  
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## SUBARU 4WD CLUB NEWS

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**Club member of the year 2012: Travis Maskey**

### LIFE MEMBERS

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

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT June 2013**

Thanks to Mark Edmonds for hosting our May general meeting at Subaru Australia in their newly renovated premises. He had a Forester XT for us to have a look at and crawl all over as well as another Forester up on the hoist for us to have a look underneath. He gave us a presentation on Subaru's plans and highlighted the advancements that have been made in the new model Forester.

It was good to see how many members who were able to attend and I think they were impressed with the new model. I can't wait to see one in action as it has some good ideas that should increase its off-road ability.

We still haven't heard about what DEC projects are going to happen except for the Avon Valley NP one with Eastern Suburbs which is conditionally set for June 29/30 to do the signage work on the "Moondyne track". Eastern Suburbs is planning on making it an overnight camp as they have a long standing relationship with the local ranger and have been granted access to areas that are not open to the public. I will email out the details and put the trip up on the website when it is confirmed.

I will be an apology for July and August and Travis has agreed to take the reigns whilst I am away.

Cheers

David

## TRIP CO-ORDINATORS REPORT June 2013

Ray put on a good trip down to Walpole. It was complicated by some rainy weather but all in all everyone had a good time. Even the kangaroos had a good time going through the Lee's eggs. Plus, Tony might have a few more "Silly Awards" at the end of the year.

Tony's Julimar trip looks like it was a bit challenging and lots of fun. Some chose to make it more challenging, but it all worked out well for everyone.

Adrian's fishing Challenge and Phil and My Subarogain is up on the net, so put your name down for those. Keith's Captain Fawcett Track trip is on there as well, and so is John's Millers feast. These should be fantastic to be a part of.

See you all out there.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER REPORT

### DEC INFORMATION DAY AT KAARAKIN

On Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> April three Club members (David, Alex and Joy), attended the 4WD Association DEC Information day at Kaarakin, the Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre.

[www.blackcockatoorecovery.com/](http://www.blackcockatoorecovery.com/)

Please donate to a good cause)

About 30 people from various 4WD clubs including Toyota,

Eastern Suburbs, Jeep and, of course, Subaru, gathered to hear DEC Senior Recreation Officer Terry Goodlich give an informative presentation on Motorised Recreation Management. Terry has had many years experience in this area and described how ongoing consultation with 4WD groups (such as Track Care and the 4WD Association), and trail bike communities has led to the Draft Motorised Recreation Management Plan December 2012 and the Memorandum of Understanding with TrackCare in February 2013.



The aims of the Management Plan are to:

- identify key partnerships and stakeholders
- define user needs, spectrum of opportunity and compatibility
- develop planning standards, classifications for tracks, routes and areas
- identify strategies to manage visitor risk
- define communication techniques to encourage responsible motorised recreational vehicle use and modify existing behaviours



- improve the regulatory framework to respond to illegal activity  
improve monitoring, evaluation and restoration techniques

Also, improvements have been made to the Track Adoptions program and Terry mentioned several new adoption projects including Mt Meharri in the Pilbara (Red Dog club), Avon Valley National Park (Eastern Suburbs club) and the Mundaring Powerline track (4WD Assoc.). The Subaru Club, while not being a main manager of an adoption project, can join in and contribute to project activities by liaising with the club responsible for the project.

Terry described the new 4WD track classification system based on the Victorian model with varying degrees of difficulty from Easy to Extreme Difficulty. Terry suggested that WA should develop several Iconic 4WD Tracks as Victoria has done. See the following website: <http://www.fwdvictoria.org.au/iconic4wd/track.html>

After the talk, we had a guided tour of the Kaarakin facilities including the kangaroo enclosure (quite a large mob of Red & Greys), the Pilbara dingo enclosure (one of them didn't like all the visitors and set up a loud howling, triggering off all the other dingos), and of course most importantly, the Black Cockatoo enclosures. These have developed considerably since the Subaru Club helped to erect one of the enclosures several years ago. Now they have long flight cages where the birds can practice their graceful flying style prior to release. Also there is a large Vet enclosure where a successful breeding program has been carried out. We then tucked in to a delicious BBQ with salad and dessert. Our thanks to the 4WD Association for arranging the guest speaker and providing the food and to the Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre for providing the tour.

**Joy U. (Club Environmental Officer)**



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<b>TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION</b>
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# WARRIEDAR ANDER

**JUNE 1 TO JUNE 3**

We will have a wander around the northern end of the station as a follow on from our explore of the southern end 2 years ago.



There will be a limit of 10 cars.

Bring everything required for a 3 day camp. There are NO facilities.

Bring an extra 20 litres of fuel as we will do 400km from Wubin to Warriedar and return plus exploring.

Tracks may get scratchy as they have not been used for years.

Meet at Gingers Roadhouse on Great Northern Hwy ready for prompt departure at 8.30am. Please don't be late.

**Contact: Jim on 0419040969**

## AVON VALLEY FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL JUNE 2ND

Liz and I are heading to Northam on Sunday 2nd June for the Avon Valley Food and Wine Festival and would like to invite you to join us.

The details are below, which are also posted on the club's website.

If you want to join please register online and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me (email preferred).



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> Where: Northam Recreation Centre (Peel Rd)

> When: Sunday June 2nd (10am to 4pm).

> Cost: \$11 entry.

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> You can pre buy tickets. Website: <http://www.avoneventsandmarketing.com/gourmet-food--wine-festival.html>

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> Meet at Mundaring Shopping Centre 8:30 am for a 8:45 am departure. (Sunday 2nd June). Cnr Great Eastern Hwy and turn left into Stoneville Rd,

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> Now in its sixth year, the Festival, previously held in York, will showcase over 60 stalls displaying produce from yabbies, cheese, wine, olives, chili, jams, spices, chocolates and much more. The festival will also hold cooking demonstrations and for those who want to really lash out the will be a long table dinner with Australian Iron Chef winner Herb Faust. This is only on Sat night and tickets are limited.

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> **Philip Read**

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> **0438926274**

# SUBARU 4WD CLUB NEWS

## CLUB CALENDAR

### June 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
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### August 2013




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

### September 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	<b>Tue 3rd:</b> Committee Meeting <b>Sun 8th:</b> Captain Fawcett Track <b>Tue 10th:</b> General Meeting <b>Sat 21st :</b> Casserole Night <b>Mon-23rd:</b> magazine articles deadline
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### October 2013

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### SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

**School Holidays:** ,July 6-July21, Sept 28– Oct. 13

**Public holidays:** June 3, Sept. 30, Dec 25-26

**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.**

# FIDDLES AND NIBBLES

SUNDAY JUNE 16



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 small projects ( tasks you could reasonably expect to get done in an hour ).

.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

## MILLERS FEAST AND GYMKHANA JULY6-7

Come join us for our annual Camp-oven Cookout and Gymkhana not too far from Perth in among the trees in the Perth Hills.

The idea is bring out those long stored Camp-Ovens and cook up a treat in good company and conversation with your fellow camp-cookers to share.

It is also only 40 km from Perth so if you wish you can drive home after the cookout as well. For the cookout could you please indicate what dish you intent to make and if you are intending to camp over-night.

The next day the intent is to run a gymkhana starting about 10:00 AM on the large gravel area which is ready equipped with bumps and mud pools just to make things interesting. If you are interested in either activity please join through the web site or give John a call on 0439 922 338.

The location is at Barton's Mill off Ashendon Road, just east of the intersection with Pickering Brook Rd. Due to road closures it can only be reached by going along Ashendon Road from Mundaring Weir Road or up from Brookton highway. The whereis map reference is:

<http://www.whereis.com/wa/pickering-brook/ashendon-rd?id=A24682583A539>

If you want a guide up to the site meet outside the Kalamunda Hotel, Kalamunda at 2:45pm for a departure at 3pm. Please indicate whether you are joining the convoy.

**Call John: 0439 922338**



## GEOGRAPHE BAY CHAMPIONSHIP (FISHING)

**July 27-28**



Geographe Bay, a large open peaceful bay located on the doorstep of a popular southwestern town called Busselton, or 'Busso' as many like to call it. This year it will be the place of the Subaru Annual Fishing Championship.

We will be battling it out in 3 categories to find the ultimate Subaru fishing champion, beach, jetty, and boat/ kayak fishing. are you up the challenge?

For partners and other non-participants there will be the option to explore local attractions such as wineries and breweries

**Meet:** Safety Bay exit Service Station

**Time:** 8.30 am for prompt departure.

**Contact:** Adrian, 0424723558, 9279 8993

## MUNDARING MUNCHINGS

### SUNDAY 11/8

We will meet at an excellent patisserie and coffee shop in Gooseberry Hill at around 10.30 am. You can enjoy an hour or so of chat over coffee with fellow club members. If you wish to, you can have your coffee or chocolat from a drinking bowl in the French style. The pastries and cakes are so gloriously looking, it almost seems wrong to demolish them.

We will then travel along the scenic Mundaring Weir Road from Kalamunda towards Mundaring. Hopefully, wildflowers should be starting to emerge by this time of year

The plan is to stop off at South Ledge which overlooks the Weir and water catchment. A 300 metre walk through the bush from the parking area takes you to the “Golden View” viewing platform. Then it’s off to the pub (once you get back to your vehicle).

The nearby Mundaring Weir Hotel is renowned as a great place to gather on Sundays. There are a range of food options at the Hotel, often with live music.

A lamb spit roast is available from around 3 pm for the real stayers.

None of the elements of the day require advance booking so there is complete flexibility. You can attend for the coffee only, lunch and/or a drink at the pub only, or indulge yourself with it all.

**Meet at: “Le Croissant Du Moulin”**

Gooseberry Hill Village Centre, 169 Railway Rd ( opposite Lenori Road) 10.30 am till 11.30 am. approx.

**OR**

**Mundaring Weir Hotel from 12.30ish**



Any questions? Call **Tom Minto on 9382 4678**

## **SUBAROGAIN 2**

**24-25 AUGUST**

The SubaRogain is back again better than ever. A car rally based in the rules of cross country orienteering (aka ro-gaining). Covering an area



over 5000 sq km centred around York. Competitors choose from a list of destinations to visit and accrue points accordingly. However, only one tank of fuel is allowed so be careful. The winner will not be the fastest driver but the best planner and the most economical. Everyone will have a different adventure with great stories to tell. Remember driving safely is paramount. No prize will compensate for lost limbs or damaged vehicles.

**Contacts:** Phil ( 0438926274) or Travis (0433424659)

<h2>TRIP &amp; SOCIAL REPORTS</h2>
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### **JULIMAR TRIP 12/5/2013**

*When it comes to “who is going to do the trip report” ? , a sudden radio silence or averting of eyes often happens. Somehow, through a happy misunderstanding, two participants both thought they were doing the trip report-so, 2 for the price of 1 here.....Ed.*

After a week of much rain Sunday began fine and sunny for our trip to Julimar Conservation Park. Ten cars set off from Gingers Roadhouse at 9.30am for a day of exploring the forest. On the drive in we passed some enthusiastic bike riders competing in an event through the Chittering Valley and stopped for a quick look at Julimar Lookout. As it was Mothers Day Jo Norton had brought her Mum Wendy along for the day. We also had some trip guests in a brand new Forrester along for the ride. Welcome, and we hope you enjoyed yourselves!

On entering the park Tony noted that there was water in places that had been dry two weeks before. We began with climbing and descending hills that were quite steep with Tony at one point providing some guidance on lines and wheel placement to the drivers over a hand held uhf. A little further on we found a rather deep puddle with some big wheel ruts and most of us decided to take the easier option and use the chicken track. John Cahill was keen for a bit of fun and decided he would try the deep puddle. Dave Peck was pleased as he now had the opportunity to try out a new item, a “Blind” which is a tarp rigged up with eyelets and elastic to cover the front of the vehicle and prevent water damage to the engine. John and Dave hooked up the blind and also a snatch strap just in case. John entered the puddle and almost straight away the front right wheel dropped into a rut and the car veered towards a small tree on the side. The front left wheel hooked up on the tree and for a second or

two I held my breath (and forgot I was supposed to be taking photos), sure that the car was about to tip over but John had it all under control. With a bit more right foot on the “loud pedal” (accelerator), he made it through to the other side. I believe the blind did what it was supposed to do so Dave was very happy with the outcome.

At another spot that looked a bit tricky, Dave tried out some new fibre glass tracks for assistance in stepping up onto rocks. Most of us chose to use the side track but a few more experienced drivers tried the tracks. Day trips provide the perfect opportunity to try out new gear for use on longer, more remote trips.

After a lunch stop where Dave tried out another new item, a mosquito net to fit over his chair, we continued on and the tracks became easier and less steep. On a farm bordering the park Tony spotted an ostrich in a paddock, not a common sight on Australian farms.

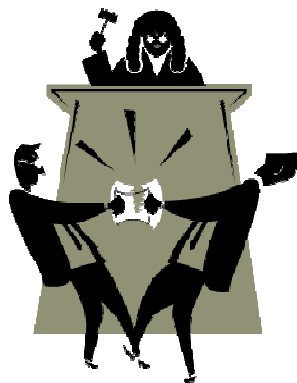
Once we were back on the bitumen, it was decided that cake and coffee were the ideal day to end the day so a few of us headed to the Bindoon Bakery. Tony, thank you for a fantastic day out and for arranging such perfect weather for the day too!

Jane

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*By Richard le Serve Subaru Club reporter at large on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2013*

Tony Richard's spiel about the above trip mentioned that the 4 wheel driving was expected to be 'easy'. As he is trained as a lawyer, obviously the proof of the pudding is in the tasting, as they say. I 'googled' the word easy just to be sure! This is what it said.



- 1. Capable of being accomplished or acquired with ease; posing no difficulty: an easy victory; an easy problem.*
- 2. Requiring or exhibiting little effort or endeavour; undemanding: took the easy way out of her problems; wasn't satisfied with easy answers.*
- 3. Free from worry, anxiety, trouble, or pain: My mind was easy, knowing that I had done my best.*

When the driving turned out to be a practice for the **Rally Australia rally**, I perked up a bit. The setting was good: A perfect day, lovely weather, good company and an even better 'ride' in my Subaru Forester. It turned out to be a wonderful day.

We met at Gingers, (I haven't had the heart to google that word, just satisfied that it means 'up yours' or something similar! Ten cars in all: eight Foresters, and two Outbacks. We set off after the usual breakfast on the run and late entrants who had spent too much time in nightclubs or similar establishments. One poor soul never showed at all, which means he had had a great night or is terrible with maps. He kept sending messages saying he was not far behind.

The first part of the trip showed vineyards, Alpacas, black and white sheep (not the black sheep in our cars) and passed without too much trouble. Morning tea came and went in good natured fashion. Wandoo, marri and karri trees featured in the talk over coffee. A pleasing thing, to me anyway, was the proliferation of new member and new 'blood' into the club, which is important in the great scheme of things. We then started on the more challenging aspects of the trip.

Being a linguist of sorts, I was amazed as drivers spoke of *jockstraps* and *car bras* as John Cahill's turbo Forester was covered in a

silver garment, not unlike a sun stopper on a windscreen on a summer's day. John then attempted to cross a deep river crossing on two wheels as he attempted to defy gravity. He made it to much applause!



*John's Forester attends a bra fitting, not unlike Myers at Karrinyup!*

May of us, including the author, opted for the 'chicken track' and so the day went. Tony managed to find a good lunch spot and everything looked good in the world. The day unfolded well and I enjoyed the day in all manner of ways. Well done to Tony and well done to our little Subaru cars that punch well above their weight in making the trips easy, as espoused by the Tony all along!



*Bra-less Subarus chance their luck in the water*



*U-boat 135 turns into John Cahill's turbo*



**POSSIBLE LIFT KIT GROUP PURCHASE:**

One of our club members is considering another group purchase of 1" Aluminium lift kit blocks from Subtle Solutions.

If interested, contact Adrian.

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9279 8993

**Subaru News** (20/5/2013) has just reported:

“New generation Subaru Forester has become the first vehicle to pass every aspect of challenging new “small overlap front crash tests”, conducted in North America.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) results show Forester is the only one of 13 small SUVs tested to earn an overall “Good” rating in the most recent test, netting the Institute's recently inaugurated top honour: “Top Safety Pick+.”

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Please send articles and photos to the Editor by the Thursday before the end of the month (earlier is better). [PHOTO'S SHOULD BE 400KB MIN.](#)

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