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SUBARU 4WD NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello Everyone!

2018 is upon us. Ready or not, it's here and we have some great things ahead for you all. First, our beach run is coming up soon. It's always a lovely day out with some sand driving and a good chance for a swim and other activities. David Peck, the Trips Coordinator, is busy with the committee filling our 2018 trip

calendar, so if there's something you'd like us to fit in, or go to, or even something you would like to lead, please get an email to him or catch him at any meeting so we can do our best to include it.

We will be planning our meeting guest speakers, sponsors, and product nights shortly, with Hema, Ranger Outdoors, and Richard's Tyre Power in the pipeline. How very exciting! Stay tuned.

Last month I brought along some of the Bushranger 4WD gear Xmas Specials, and there's a couple of items still left in stock, so track down last month's mag to see the deals then send me a message to see if it's still available.

With the festive season winding up, summer is still here to stay, so I hope you all are out and about enjoying it. There's plenty to see and do, whether it's with the club or family and friends. We hope you are out there getting good use of your Subaru. I'll be down in the southwest corner early in January before returning in time for the beach run on the Sunday.

Speaking of my absence, Travis Maskey will be chairing the January meeting, so please be on your best behaviour for him.

If you have any 4WD or outdoor industry contacts/experts that are interested in presenting to the club please let the committee know. Any way to gain further understanding of our environment or equipment is valuable.

The Pres, Adrian Longwood.

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TRIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT



Welcome to a brand new year.

This year, how about making a new year's resolution to be a trip leader. We are looking to increase the pool of trip leaders and we will help you along the way. We usually team you up with an existing trip leader and you co-lead the trip to get an idea of what is required. We have a couple of easy trips, like to

Hoffman's Mill just south of Dwellingup, which would be an ideal place to start.

This year we have a good variety of trips planned already with all the long weekends taken care of. We have some old favourites as well as some new places too. We also have a couple of overnight camps close to Perth planned for normal weekends as they have proved popular before. ANZAC day is on a Wednesday so those who are working book in leave for the Monday & Tuesday as we are planning a 5 day trip to Albany. One of the WA 4WD Association delegates has plotted out the back roads and forestry tracks from Mundaring to Albany and the distance between the way points is 820 km! We plan on being in Albany Tuesday night so people can attend the dawn service there if they wish. Look through the trip promotions in the following pages and start planning.

If anyone knows of any places to go to, or events in the country that we could turn into a trips or social event, please let one of the committee know, as we are always keen to get ideas.

Cheers

David Peck

An advertisement for SUBIELIFT0Z lift kits. The title 'SUBIELIFT0Z' is written in large, bold, green and yellow letters. Below the title is a photograph of a silver SUV driving on a dirt road through a rocky, hilly landscape. To the right of the photo is a list of features and prices for their lift kits.

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NEWS

New meeting room planned for the Club in 2018

From February next year, the Club hopes to have a brand new location for its monthly meetings. The paperwork has not been finalized but plans are well advanced. We are likely to get space in the City of South Perth's newly-completed Ernest Johnson Hall and Pavilion at 97 Hensman Street South Perth. This is just across the park from the Rotary Hall where we now meet. It is planned that we will hold our January monthly meeting in the Rotary Hall and have our meetings in the Ernest Johnson Hall after that. The new meeting room is big enough for our needs, and tables and chairs are provided. There are hot water and toilet facilities, including a disabled toilet and the room is air conditioned. For 2018, at least, the hire costs will be the same. **Enter via the red-framed door.**



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NEWS

A-class salvation for Helena and Aurora Ranges

The WA State government has decided to ban mining in the Helena and Aurora Ranges and make the unique landscape an A-class reserve.

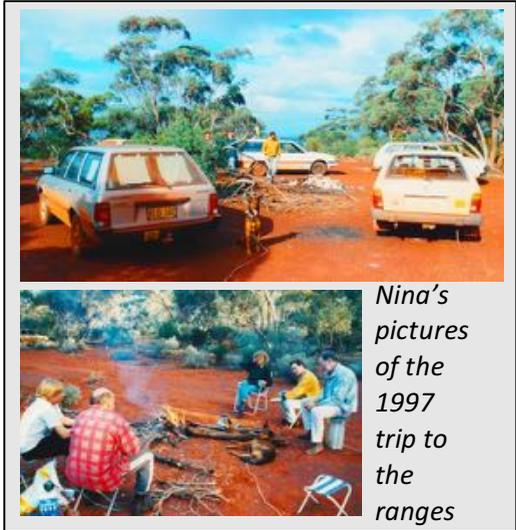
This follows the Environmental Protection Authority twice rejecting requests to mine the area.

The range (Bungabbin to the traditional owners) is a banded iron-stone formation which includes some of the oldest rocks on the planet and is home to a large variety of flora and fauna, some of it unique to the ranges.



Club's long association

Life Member Ian Johnson writes: "For many years the club has visited the Helena and Aurora Ranges and the adjacent *Great Western Woodlands*. The first club trip to Helena and Aurora was in 1990, then again in 1997 and Easter 2000, when six cars and 11 people chose to go there when their planned trip to Esperance was rained out. This was a fortuitous default resulting from the first of many "Elsewhere at Easter" trips due to rain!"



Nina's pictures of the 1997 trip to the ranges

The club newsletter report of the 1990 trip noted the 'vandalism' of the whole hill being surrounded by 'gridlines graded by the mining companies'. Since then the club and individual members have made written submissions and attended seminars and public support meetings. **Cont. p. 7.**

Ranges saved from mining

From p. 6. We also camped there in 2015 in support of efforts to have the area gazetted as an A-class reserve. The ranges are a series of convoluted hills 13km long. The highest point is 704m and the range was named by John (later Sir) Forrest after Helena Aurora Monger, the daughter of John Henry Monger. The range is a healthy unique ecosystem in the largest and healthiest temperate woodlands on earth. The contributions by all –including Club members – has finally paid off. If you would like to keep up to date; look or join up here: [http://helenaurorange.com.au/](http://helenaurororange.com.au/) [which is where the above map is from].



Out with the old, in with the bright new filter

Time to check your cabin filter

Most vehicles have a Cabin air filter to trap pollen and dust. It acts in the same way the air filter for the engine does and like the air filter it needs replacing from time to time.

However, the cabin air filter isn't on the service checklist for any of the service intervals, and is often overlooked. It can easily clog up over time without anyone knowing, making a big difference to airflow. A replacement is around \$80 from local auto parts stores or around half that online. Installation takes around half an hour, but after you've done it once, it's easier. It's a matter of removing the glove box, then a small electrical module to allow you to remove the side lid/panel and slide out the air filter. It is likely to be very dusty and you will wonder how your aircon was still working!

Once removed you slide in the new air filter, and reverse the removal procedure. The procedure varies between models, so ask for assistance from other club members.

For anyone who has been in a convoy a few times on dusty roads, or who has a car older than 5 years, it's certainly about time to replace it. Happy breathing! **Adrian Longwood.**

TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

Annual Beach Run - Sunday 14 January 2018

Join us for a very popular run along the beach, covering terrain our Subarus float across so well. Suitable for any skill level and guests welcome. Beach Run along Preston Beach and stopping for a relaxing lunch. And maybe a swim.



Bring: UHF Radio (these can be hired from the club), Air Gauge/Deflator, Air Compressor, Chair, Food/Drinks, Sand Flag & Shade.

Contact: Adrian Longwood 0424 723 558

Yeagarup weekend

We are heading back to Yeagarup for the **March long weekend**. Yeagarup Hut is located around 45min drive from Pemberton township, on the south side of the Yeagarup Dune system; the largest landlocked dune system of their type in the Southern Hemisphere. From the hut is an 8km 4WD drive to the Southern Ocean and the mouth of the Warren River. The hut has a large communal dining area, toilets and hot water. Sign up on the Trips page

Expressions of interest are being called for two longer trips in the middle of the year



Bungle Bungles, Purnululu National Park in July-August.



Flinders Ranges, South Australia. 16 June- 8 July **via Goog's Track** and the Trans Australia rail track. Contact Ian Johnson for the Bungle Bungles and Stephan Millett for the Flinders Ranges

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TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION

Get around to Northcliffe. January 26-28 2018

Over the Australia Day long weekend, come to the **Round Tu It Caravan Park** in Northcliffe. From here we will drive to nearby beaches and forestry tracks and sample some great local produce.

Northcliffe is a little town south-ish from Pemberton. Some of the local sights include Moon's

Crossing, Mount Chudalup and the Warren River.

We'll head down on Australia Day and come back on Sunday.

We'll be staying at the Round Tu It Caravan park just out of town (details are below).



You will have to

book your own site so be quick before they run out. I am sure there are other options for accommodation around the area if you're looking for other digs.

On Saturday you can either adventure out towards Lake Maringup and Broke Inlet, head down to Windy Harbour, explore the many back roads or head over to Pemberton and Manjimup to climb trees.

Wanneroo warning
Over summer, the City of Wanneroo is enforcing rules that prohibit driving on all beaches within its boundaries. Fines apply.

If you need something to enable you to come along, please let me know and I will try to help you out.

Round Tu It Caravan Park - 9776 7276 -
<http://www.aroundtu-it.com.au/>
Camping/caravanning - \$15/person/night
Chalet - \$175 (2 people)/night
Unit (3 people) - \$75/night

Contact: Travis Maskey 0422 815 737

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Loafing at The Left Bank

Join fellow Club members for a lazy Saturday morning brekky with views of the Swan River at The Left Bank. Club guests welcome.

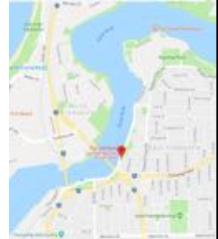
Saturday 17 March, 8 am onwards



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The breakfast menu has something for everyone: carnivores (e.g. The Big Breakfast), gluten free (e.g. Smoked Salmon Stack), & vegetarian (e.g. Honey

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15 Riverside Road, East Fremantle

Beautiful Bremer Mark II

Good Friday 30 March to Easter Monday 2 April 2018

Let's go explore the Bremer Bay region again for Easter –

hopefully with less water than last time, when much of the beautiful Fitzgerald River National Park nearby was closed to us. The consolation was some fun puddles on the roads we did get to drive down and a bit of fishing.



Location: Tozer's Bush Camp. **What to Bring:** There is a full camp kitchen and ablution facilities. All sites are unpowered so all camping gear is required. Basic recovery gear would be handy.

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CLUB CALENDAR							
January 2018							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tue 9th: General Meeting Sun 14th: Annual Beach Run Fri 26th-Sun 28th Aust Day LWE - Roundtult Northcliffe CP
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
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February 2018							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
				1	2	3	Tue 6th: Committee Meeting Sat 10th: Night Drive through Julimar Forest 13th: General Meeting Sun 18th: Swim and Sunset, Fish & Chips at City Beach
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March 2018							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
				1	2	3	Sat 3rd-Mon 5th: Yeagarup Hut Tue 6th: Committee Meeting Tue 13th: General Meeting Sat 17th: Breakfast at the Left Bank Fri 30th-Mon 2nd: Easter at Tozer's near Bremer Bay -
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CLUB CALENDAR							
April 2018							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Fri 30th-Mon 2nd: Easter at Tozer's near Bremer Bay April 25: Anzac Day extended trip to the Wheatbelt
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29	30						

May 2018							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Trips for May are being finalized, but are likely to include an exciting new set of tracks along the Scarp to Albany. If you wish to lead your first trip, here is your chance to propose an idea. Contact David Peck for assistance.
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SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

School Holidays: December 15 - January 30, April 14 - April 29

Public holidays: Dec 25 & 26, January 1 & 26, March 5 & 30, April 2 & 25

UPCOMING TRIPS June 2-4: **4WD Association Gathering at Kalgoorlie** . **Long trips:** June 16 – July 8 **Flinders Ranges and Goog's Track**; August **Credo**; August **Purnululu**. Note changes for **Purnululu Pre & Post**. The duration is 4 weeks from 22nd July. Options to join or depart anywhere on the return section, which may help people with less leave.

TRIP PROMOTIONS/INFORMATION



Julimar forest night drive.

February 10, 5pm onward

On this Saturday trip, we will be heading out for a night drive north of the Avon River in the Julimar State Forest.

We have done this trip during the day previously but for a change we thought we would try it at night. For those who have not driven on dirt tracks in the dark, this is a good opportunity to learn how to do it safely.

The plan is to meet at 5pm at Gingers Roadhouse, 1383 Great Northern Highway, Upper Swan then to travel in convoy to Blackboy Ridge, where we will stop for a picnic dinner. There are toilets and picnic tables available. Whether we can use gas stoves will depend on any fire restrictions in place at the time, so if you want to be sure of a hot dinner bring it along already heated. Otherwise just bring a cold picnic.

After dinner we will continue along forestry tracks through the lovely Wandoo forest – which take on a very special character when lit by headlights. There are options for people to leave earlier by taking one of several roads heading back to Great Northern Highway. Just check with the group leader before leaving. We will be finishing the trip in the Avon Valley national park where there is a campsite available for those who want to stay the night, but no campfires will be permitted.

Meet at: Gingers Roadhouse, Great Northern Highway, on 10th February at 5pm

Bring: a radio, a full tank of fuel, food and drink. Some basic recovery gear too, would be a good precaution.

Contact: David Peck on 0402 177 886



Swim and Sunset

Sunday 18 February 2018

Pack a picnic or grab something to eat at one of the cafés and join us from 4.30pm for dinner as we watch the sunset over the ocean at City Beach.

Meet on the grassed area to the north of the cafés at City Beach.

Have a splash in the waves if it's warm or just admire the view.

Contact: Jo Norton 0411 151 024

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Keith



Tony and John and a happy bunch of members

Christmas at Jo's

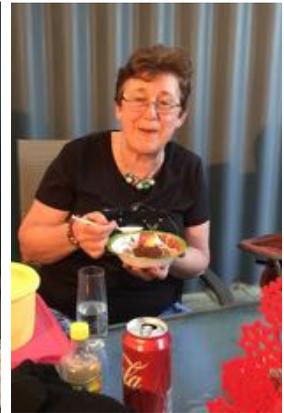
Jo again hosted the annual Christmas get together, and again the food was good and the company great. There was a good turnout, and the weather was warm enough to entice some into the pool. Tony's surprise contribution was a jelly dessert ... with no mousse in sight. Thanks Jo.



Keith and John discuss barbecue technique



Ian



Joy

TRIPS AND SOCIAL REPORTS

Rudall River Reconnoitre Day 17 21 August

Lorna Glen – Day Trip to Sydney Heads

It had occurred to me during this trip that this was a 'triptic trip' – three in one. Our first week was Perth to Veteran's Retreat via Marble Bar, the second Running Waters through the Rudall River National Park (Karlamilyi) and our third and final leg was our sojourn back at Lorna Glen (Matuwa). Today's trip was led by Jim and Chris and was about 300km return to just beyond Sydney Heads. We were unable to make this trip last year due to rain and poor road conditions.

For this outing, the 'petrol car ladies' were passengers in diesel vehicles to conserve our fuel as ULP is not available at Lorna Glen. Keith and Tony left early with Mark (DPaW) to hopefully locate two buzzards and visit the compound.

They met up with us at the compound fence where we headed off on a short cut side track that met up with the Granite Peaks. We found Granite Peaks Road to be in a great condition compared to last year. There were a few rough and lumpy bumpy bits but overall a speed of 80 – 90kmph was achievable for most of the drive. Passing the old Earahedy Homestead site (Kurrara



Climbing the breakaway

Kurrara) we reached an established picnic spot at Sydney Heads with information boards and a water tank. The waterhole was dry but the trees provided lovely shade for our morning tea.

Jim then led us a short distance up the road and onto a steep, gravelly track to the top of the breakaway. This afforded sweeping views of the valley and land beyond. Kangaroos hopped below us, possibly disturbed by our vehicles on the way up.

After descending the breakaway and another short drive we cut into Imbin Pool. Here there was a little stagnant water above which on the pool walls were oval marks made by Aboriginal people to indicate the presence of waterholes in the area. There was also a 'whitefella' engraving in the rock from 1929 when the area was being explored. **Cont. p. 16**

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From p. 15. On the road again we began the return journey back to Matuwa along Granite Peaks Road. We stopped at the old Earraheedy Homestead site for our lunch. Earraheedy is also part of the DPaW conservation area adjoining Matuwa. The old homestead has been bulldozed and all that remains is a heap of dirt. There were remnants of the old shearing shed but white ants are eating out what remains of the wooden frame and I doubt they will be standing for much longer.

With some intrigue Jim advised us that on the way back to Matuwa the group would call into 'City Beach' to see some water birds and a pink lake! This 8km side trip did not disappoint! A much bigger lake than Pink Lake, City Beach is a striking pink/red colour contrasting with the surrounding green vegetation and creamy spinifex. Keith and Tony identified the waterbirds as red-necked avocets. An electric fence runs through the middle of the lake and earlier in the year it had to be switched off as significant rainfall resulted in the electric strand of the fence being submerged.

A fascinating sight on the road into City Beach were the ant nests which had been built with spinifex on the outside to stop water going in. They looked like mini spare tyres!



Spinifex ant nest on the track to 'City Beach'

After a short drive on the drier shore of the lake we headed for 'home'. The group seemed to be grateful to return to the homestead in time for some rest and recuperation before dinner. A combined effort by David, Stephan and Deb produced a hearty shepherd's pie for dinner. It was enjoyed by all and was enough for two meals!

On the trip out to Sydney Heads the 'girls' were invited to drive the respective diesel vehicles they were travelling in. Jo took over from David after the steep descent of Sydney Heads. She thought that due to her being familiar with her automatic Oscar she would more prone to stalling the manual diesel which she did on one occasion. **Cont. next page.**

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From p.16 When Jo and David got out at Imbin Pool David made a Freudian slip saying, 'That was fairly painful' instead of 'painless'!!

Deb drove Stephan's car from Lorna Glen to Sydney Heads. On starting the car Stephan stated categorically, 'You will stall this car because of it being a diesel plus a heavy-duty clutch'. I was concerned about all the electronic gadgets as I wondered if I was driving a car or flying a plane!! Like all good pilots I did not stall!! I learnt a lot in those 100kms or so about driving a diesel, torque, power bands, tyre size and pressure, 6th gear and how to accidentally over rev the engine by going into 3rd gear instead of 5th!! That was Freddie Mercury's fault as he was rather loud and 'travelling at the speed of light... '!!!

It was a great day, and on reflection satisfying to see the sights we missed out on last year due to the rain. Thank you Jim and Chris.

Day 18 Rudall River Reconnoitre 22 August

Feral Cat Tracking

This particular morning Jo and I didn't have an allocated job. The Martu camp had a large number of residents who arrived Monday afternoon, including the federal Commissioner for Endangered Species and Martu representatives from across communities including Kiwikurra. There was also a delegation from the Northern Territory. Everyone had come together to learn about tracking and culling feral cats.

The day began with an 'introduction'. The ground outside the Tractor Shed was divided into four to represent the skin groups. When it came to Jo and I we were asked who we were 'brother or sister to'. Tjoki said we belonged to his group so we joined the Wiluna Martu mob. Two elders including Lena from Wiluna led the division and discussion on skin groups and their meanings. This was a very interesting and concrete way of explaining skin group and how it provided a social structure –including who could marry whom.

Following this we returned to the shed for a series of presentations using a projector set up on a 44 gallon drum! The community representatives from Kiwikurra shared their experiences of tracking and killing feral cats. I was very surprised to learn at this point that they eat the cats and **Cont. p. 19**



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From p. 17 the meat is seen as a delicacy. A young ranger told me a couple of days later it tasted like 'young joey'! After a cat is killed they are gutted to determine what they have been eating such as lizards, grasshoppers or bilbies.

Community members who kill a feral cat can claim a \$100 purchase order for the local store. When they ring Bush Heritage, information is gathered as to when it was killed, where, maturity, and stomach contents. A vet presented on the humane way to kill a feral cat and to ensure it is dead. He also discussed 'social licence' in relation to how the killing of feral cats is perceived by the wider community in Australia.

After this Mark from DPaW demonstrated how to set a leg trap for cats and particularly how to place sticks to lure them into the trap. The leg trap is lined with rubber so will hold but not injure a cat. Mark put his hand into the set trap to demonstrate this.

Mark had dragged several of the tracks prior to the Martu people's arrival so tracks of cats could be easily seen and everyone could go

out and learn how to track. The

ladies from Kiwikurra said it can take 30 minutes to 4hrs to track and kill a feral cat. The group went out after lunch so the Kiwikurra mob could teach the Wiluna mob the art of tracking. There were a number of tracks seen including perenti, dogs and cats but no cats were seen. Mark dragged the tracks again that evening.

The next day the group tracked a cat for about 2hrs. The lady from Kiwikurra identified from the tracks the cat was pregnant. Indeed they successfully tracked this cat and killed it and it was pregnant! Thank goodness we weren't invited for dinner!! **Deborah Thyne**



The day before we left Lorna Glen I was sitting quietly out at the airstrip and this is what appeared....

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Rudall River Reconnoitre Days 21, 22 & 23. August 25-27

Day 21 – Our time at Lorna Glen was up – P&W staff were leaving and so were we. It had been a great stay, with time to have look around the station. And we managed to make a significant contribution to station maintenance – the shed frame we built last year had a roof; some corrugated iron wall sheeting that had been blown off the shearing shed off was put back up again; and real progress was made on completing the Martu house. Keith and I left early for a final spot of birding at the station before returning to the homestead in time for a 9.30 departure. It had been raining and the track was wet on the way out, but thankfully not too wet and we all got through without any trouble, although the cars were now showing signs of the muddy track!

We arrived at Wiluna in time for lunch. We decided to try out the new café and buy our diesel there as it was cheaper than the main servo down the road. We met up at the park and left



[L-R] Dave, Keith, Stephan, Tony, Jo and Deb celebrate the end of the trip (and Deb's job) at the Sandstone Hotel

Wiluna around 12.50, heading for Wanjarri.

As we headed south and the weather got worse (steady rain), we decided to give Wanjarri a miss and continue on further to Sandstone. Rooms were booked and a dinner reservation was made. Deb had received news at Wiluna that her position at Country Health had been made permanent and she was elated. Champagne was to be ordered for dinner with her compliments!

We stopped for afternoon tea at the Dead Camel parking bay on the Sandstone Road. Yes, that's right, there was a dead camel at the parking bay! Still, it was downwind, so afternoon tea proceeded. When finished, we then drove through to Sandstone and checked in to our accommodation at the National Hotel, which was established in 1907. Dinner went down well, aided by the champagne Deb ordered.

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Day 22 – Keith and I had decided that we wanted to take some time on the way home for some more birding (apparently there was a good birding spot just west of Sandstone); the others wanted to push on through to at least Dalwallinu [but ultimately ended up travelling all the way home to Perth]. The birding spot west of Sandstone was OK and a few good shots were taken. We also noted that the spot was good for camping with large open areas.

From that spot, we continued on west heading for Mount Magnet. We stopped on the way for a few photos of Torresian Crows feeding on roadkill. We stopped again for morning tea further up the road and were extremely lucky that Keith spotted some Chestnut-breasted Quail-thrush (which are not all that common). These birds



were on Keith’s birding hit list and he had hoped to find them at Lorna Glen. Many photos were taken! After morning tea, we headed on through MM to the Granites where we stopped for more good bird good photos and lunch. Then we went back into MM to fill up with diesel and buy ice-creams before going through Payne’s Find to Ninghan Station, where we stayed for the night.

Day 23 – After a night punctuated by the noise of a squeaky windmill, we got up, had some breakfast and then went birding for a while. We then left the station heading for home, making birding stops at Jibbering Rocks and Nature Reserve and at Nugadong Nature Reserve. Our lunch stop was at New Norcia. Then through to Perth and home non-stop.

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My thanks to Keith for agreeing to travel together in his car and for his keen birding eye, without which I would not have half as many new bird photos as I do. Our bird list hit 108! My thanks also to Stephan and Dave for leading a great trip. They did a great job. **Tony Richards.**

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