



Dates for the diary:

Next Meetings:

Until further notice all meetings postponed due to COVID-19.

Upcoming Trips:

Subject to lifted travel restrictions

14 June 2020 Boyagin Rock

Trip Leaders: **Needed**

17 June 2020 + Karajini Adventure

Trip Leaders: Andy & Linda

5 July 2020 Julimar Jaunt

Trip Leaders: **Needed**

24-26 July 2020 Christmas in July

Trip Leaders: **Needed**

August 2020 Mt Augustus

Trip Leaders: John & Debi Marten

Freedom All Wheel Drive Club is a family oriented 4WD Club for drivers of Compact and Standard 4WDs.

Monthly Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at the Manning Senior Citizen's Centre, 3 Downey Drive Manning. Contact us via email at info@fawdcwa.com

President's Report

G'day everybody. At last some good news. I hope that all our members have been able to maintain their health and are ready to join together back on the road. I have just watched the Government announcement of the four stage plan to get WA back on its feet. Arguably the best news for us is the easing of the intrastate travel restrictions on 18 May 2020, which means we can start planning to get back into action. I say arguably as there is always the possibility that the restrictions will be put back if there are any problems. Unfortunately we cannot recover trips like Easter at Hyden, but we need to now get some day trips happening to make up for those we have had to postpone or cancel. In the next two weeks I will find out when our meeting venue is opening and get a club meeting scheduled as soon as possible. If you have some ideas for trips and/or would like to lead a trip, please let us know. Let's get out there and hit the ground running, or at least driving. Any ideas can be sent to me or our secretary or just put up an email to everybody.

The rain is finally starting and the wildflowers will be happening soon, so here is our opportunity to get back out into our countryside.

The main point is let's get moving, but do it in a safe manner, so that we keep ourselves safe and healthy and keep the borders open.

Make sure there is air in the battery and the indicator fluid is topped up and we will be "on the road again", to paraphrase Willie Nelson.

Tony Allender

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Snippets from the Editor

Hello Everyone. The four weeks between editions does come around quickly! I am excited at the possibility of some trips soon, and am sure you all feel the same way. I hope you enjoy this edition, and please give any suggestions for features.

The puzzles have been fun to make and are quality checked by Rod, so I hope you enjoy doing them. (Please do them!)

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Member Profile

Paul Hemmings

Vehicle: Toyota Prado

My family and I are English migrants and came to western Australia as “ten pound” Poms when I was a young man. For work I was a career public servant in the State Government for twenty years and after rising to a management position I decided that I would move to the private sector where I started my own business as a business consultant and trainer. I ran a successful venture for over twenty five years and for the last number of years I have been a marriage and funeral celebrant where I have completed over 1500 services.



4wd driving has always been a strong interest of mine and when I was in a local volunteer bushfire brigade, I drove many different vehicles all over the bush and coastal areas. This experience drove my affinity with the bush and enjoyment of nature. I go off road for camping or driving as often as possible and love the serenity and splendour of the ever changing scenery. I decided to join Freedom a few years ago to pursue my interests with like-minded people and have met a great selection of members.

My most interesting trip: Wilbinga beach 2019.

I had just recently purchased my current Prado when my son and I decided that it would be a good day trip to go to Wilbinga and have some fun on the dune tracks and on the beach. I had not familiarised myself with the electronics of the vehicle but took the attitude "it would be a good trip to work out a few things as we go. What could possibly be that hard!!". Well, the male ego insisted that we must not read the vehicle manual – even though we had it with us. It was a trip that reinforced the adage that complacency and ego are a terrible combination that can get you into trouble.

We drove north to the Wilbinga turn off and proceeded to air down the tyres. I did notice once again, that having just bought the car, that I still had road tyres – but what the heck, what could go wrong right??. I am a mature adult and I have been off road hundreds and hundreds of times and nothing has ever gone wrong, so on we went. We drove through the tracks and had a great time for a few hours in the dunes and even though the sand was soft in several places, the Prado is a great vehicle and we decided that 4wd was not needed and drove all the way in 2wd. We eventually got to the beach area and stopped to have some lunch after which we decided to head south on the beach. It was at this time we decided to engage the 4wd and also disengage the electronics and we found that we did not have any idea how to do this – but what could go wrong right?? – I am a mature adult. So we drove onto the beach anyway And got approximately 10 metres and the vehicle bogged straight down to the axles. In hindsight I now know all the embarrassing and basic errors I made, but at the time I let my ego tell me everything would be fine. Did I mention that I did not have any recovery gear with me?? ... or that there was of course only the one vehicle ... Or that I had neglected to tell anyone exactly where we were..... the list of stupid errors just went on and on.

After much digging, many phone calls and much frustration we got to the point where the vehicle was driven in reverse a few times to try and drive out backwards ... and we only succeeded in slowly moving it towards the water line. Well the day was getting late and the tide was getting closer and for about two hours I really thought we were going to lose the vehicle to the surf. The water was all around one side and lapping up against the side of the car. I built a mound of sand all around the car to try and stop the ingress of water and we eventually contacted a recovery service where a fellow came all the way out to us, snatched us out and showed us how to disengage the electronics and engage 4wd As we had never actually managed to do any of this!! All in all a humbling experience that reinforces some lessons of 4wd driving: know your limitations, know your vehicle, take the right gear, make sure someone knows where you are and leave your ego at home

Answer: Header April 2020 Newsletter

The "Back of Jarrahdale" in the mud, 2019. By some strange coincidence the lead vehicle is the Editor's Zook.



My husband purchased a world map.... gave me a dart and said "throw this and wherever it lands I'm taking you for a holiday when this pandemic is over". Turns out we're spending two weeks behind the fridge. 🤔

*Someone offered me
grapes. I declined...
I'm not used to consuming
wine in pill form.*

First Camp with FAWDCWA

Sue Slack - March 2013 (Easter), Quaalup Homestead – Fitzgerald River NP

We met at Kelmscott (Leaders Luke and Craig, participants Dave & Carole Wearing, John Varty, Myself and Crispy and Patricia) and headed off to Corrigin for our first stop at the Dog Cemetery.

From there we went down the Tin Horse Highway and on to Jerramungup. We stopped lots of times to look at the silly horse creations. A really good laugh. We reached Quaalup Homestead and setup camp. Luke and Craig in a new dome tent, John in his camper trailer, Dave & Carole and Crispy & Patricia in the onsite accommodation (which apparently had thin walls and the snoring was rather loud) and myself in my tent. A very quirky little campground with nice surrounds and lots of kangaroos. The first night was rather entertaining with some other campers with a female that had a very unique laugh (You had to hear it to believe it, and boy, did we hear it). The next two days were spent exploring all the coastal tracks in the area, down to the beautiful Point Ann area over to Bremer Bay, on the beach, viewing the peaks and Royal Hakea plants. Some of the roads were very corrugated and there were a couple of really wet sections. Highly recommend this area if you haven't been there.



And another day in quarantine, somebody was feeling creative or maybe just losing their mind



Creature Report:

Big Foot aka Macropodidae aka Kangaroo

(Macropus fuliginosus and Macropus rufous)

Written by Diane Court

Did you know Australia has a Big Foot? Millions of them actually. Macropodidae means “Big Foot” and that is the family name for the marsupials we know as Kangaroos. You often hear about them - they are variously described as cute, stupid, suicidal, tasty and so on. We see them all over Australia, in the bush and the cities and on our roads, however, there is more to them than just the back of a coin, or an aircraft tail fin.

There are six types of Kangaroo – Red, Western Grey, Eastern Grey, Antilopine, Common Wallaroo and Black Wallaroo. There are also various other wallabies, Euros and potaroos. A generalization is that if the adult animal is more than 25kg it's a kangaroo and if it's less it's a wallaby!

Red kangaroos are the largest and can reach 2 metres in height, tail length up to 1 metre and weigh up to 90 kg. The Black Wallaroo (the word is a combination of Wallaby and Kangaroo) is the smallest at 20kg in weight. Kangaroos can reach speeds up to 60kph and can clear tall buildings 8 metres in a single bound. They are all characterized by their smaller arms, very large feet and muscular tail, and are best known for their hopping locomotion. Their tails are amazing – they not only propel macropods at speed over the ground, but can also be used for balancing on when fighting and for swimming. Kangaroos are good swimmers. They also have excellent eye sight and hearing. Another interesting fact: Kangaroos can't move backwards. It's for this reason that the Australian coat of arms features the emu and the kangaroo: two animals that can only move forwards as symbols of national progress.

Kangaroos are marsupials which means they give birth to live young (which resemble a hairless, sightless jellybean) which has to complete an exhausting journey up Mum's fur to her pouch, where it attaches to a nipple and stays put for 6-8 months before venturing outside. They remain in the pouch for a further 3-5 months and are fully independent by 12 months. Female kangaroos have the ability to keep a fertilized embryo 'on hold' (called embryonic diapause) until the joey occupying her pouch leaves.



Female Western grey, Credo Station



Male Western Grey, Augusta vineyard

This is also a spare if her current joey is killed. Mother kangaroos are able to have a joey at their feet, one in the pouch and another in diapause all at the same time. They are also able to regulate lactation so that different nipples simultaneously provide the correct nutrition for the three stages of young with her.

Kangaroos are not quiet animals either. They communicate by grunts and squeals, they hiss and growl when alarmed, males chuckle during courtship and females make clicking noises to communicate with their young ("What's that - do you mean Dad's in trouble and I have to rescue him Skip?").

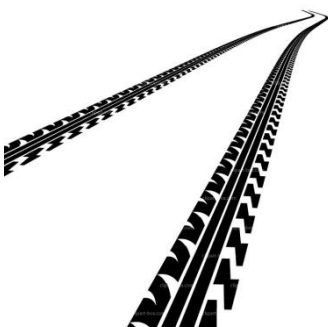
Kangaroos are vegetarian and eat grasses, leaves, ferns, flowers, fruit and moss. They regurgitate their food (like cows and camels) and chew it twice before passing from their stomachs. They prefer to drink fresh water, and if they have enough grasses they do not need to drink. They will dig for water, but as a last resort.

Kangaroos live in family groups called mobs (or a troop or court), which is comprised of flyers or does (females), joeys (young) and boomers or bucks (males). They are most active from dusk to dawn. I call this time Kangaroo O'clock! I hope you've enjoyed hearing about this familiar animal, and hope you look at them a little differently next time you see one.

Information sourced from [Bush Heritage](#), [Perth Zoo](#)

Where Am I?

Answers at end of this newsletter



Trip Calendar

The Club has a Trip Calendar for 2020, however, our trips are in doubt because we do not have leaders for many of them. We also have some extended trips planned, but day trips will not run in this time unless people volunteer to lead a trip. We all start somewhere. On my (Diane's) first trip I lead the group into an unmarked swamp. We survived and some people even had fun. If the trip planned is not something you could do then change it. To indicate which trip you'd like to lead please contact Tony on president@fawdcwa.com or Michel on secretary@fawdcwa.com.



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13 September 2020 Hoffman Mill

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25 October 2020 Jarrahdale Travels

Trip Leader: **Needed**

22 November 2020 Visitors' Day Out

Trip Leader: President

6 December 2020 Christmas Party

Organisers: **Needed**

For Free:

Tony has two tool or storage boxes for free to any club member who has a use for them Picture attached.

The smaller one is lockable aluminium and there is one key. The larger is galvanised steel and can be padlocked.

Padlocks not included

Contact Tony 0418944304.



We wish happy birthdays to:

Jeanette Tai

12 June

Craig Collins

29 May

Puzzle Page

Answers to Where Am I?

Wandoo NP, fence-lines

Wagin

Moora

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WORDSEARCH – 4WDs

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Answers are [here](#).