



Freedom All Wheel Drive Club of WA

A 4wd Club in Western Australia that is a mix of
Compact and Standard 4wd's, seeking adventure.

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2018

General Contact Details: Postal Address: PO BOX 68 Gosnells 6110

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Meetings: 4th Monday every month - 7:30pm at East Victoria Park Family & Community Centre. Corner of Kent St and Gloucester St, East Victoria Park.

Visitors are more than welcome.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi all,

Another month down, Christmas is slowly coming.. Planning for the Clubs Christmas has started, so please members if you have any suggestions on what to do please let us know. Also the same goes for day trips, if there is somewhere you think the club might like to go let us know. Then that way we can start planning some different trips.

Thanks for those stepping up and leading some trips, hope the members are enjoying them.

Don't forget our annual Christmas in July in York for the end of July, those requiring sites, please contact me, and those who are requiring cabins please contact Whitegum Farm direct.

Look forward to seeing you all soon on the tracks.

LUKE

TO OUR NEW MEMBMR

NEIL

WELCOME

MEETING DATES FOR 2018

MAY 28th	JUNE 25th
JULY 23rd	AUGUST 27th
SEPTEMBER None	OCTOBER 1st
OCTOBER 29th	NOVEMBER 26th

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MAY 21st	AUGUST 20th
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MOONDYNE FESTIVAL

TOODYAY

6th May 2018

Trip Leaders: Michael and Jeannette

Tail End Charlie: Luke and Craig

Six member vehicles assembled at the meeting point in Midvale on what was a cold, damp morning.

Heading off to Toodyay the rain and fog set in and I was pretty nervous on how the day would turn out, but as we got closer to Toodyay the weather cleared slightly and by the time we arrived in town the rain and drizzle had stopped, but it was still rather chilly. We parked up and left our cars carrying umbrellas, which fortunately we didn't end up having to use.



The main street was set up with numerous market stalls, displays and entertainment stages, where we watched a bush poet before the street parade began. The parade was led by a pipe band, stilt walkers and followed by the local townsfolk dressed in colonial costumes. Thieves and thugs ran amok through the street chased by the constabulary. The odd gunshot going off!



Perth Rifle and Artillery Regiment put on a display after the street parade.



A Colonial village was set up in the center of town which included a blacksmiths workshop, a swaggies inn where stew and damper were cooking in the camp ovens, an aboriginal artist, a general store to check out items sold in years gone by and another stage for musicians and bush poets.



There was loads on offer to keep everyone entertained from Clydesdale horse and cart rides, various art and historical displays, a carnival and camel rides but we still did not see it all.

After lunch it was suggested we take a detour back to Perth via Clackline for a play in the "playground". Secretly, I suspect Luke wanted to test out his new suspension! As we were already there, we did a little bit of exploring around the nature reserve and John has graciously volunteered to run a trip to the area in October.



The day was finished off with a stop at Avonbrook Winery, Clackline for coffee and cake before the drive home. Thank you to all those who attended for another enjoyable trip.

LEN BEADELL

OAM, BEM, FIEMS (Aust.)

1923-1995



Len Beadell is regarded as the “last true Australian Explorer” due to his lifetime of work surveying, mapping and creating access to over 2.5 million square kilometres of the Australian Outback.

Len was born in Sydney in 1923. He developed an interest in surveying during his time as a member of the 1st Burwood Scout Group. His Scout Leader, John Richmond was a surveyor and weekend excursions included survey work and this is where Len developed his affection for the bush.

In 1941 Len was called up for active service and in 1942 was in the 2nd Australian Field Survey Co, before being sent to New Guinea with the 8th Field Survey Section, where he contracted malaria, dengue fever and scabies.

After the war Len was a member of a CSIRO expedition to Alligator River in Arnhem Land. He was involved with the Army in selecting a site for a proposed rocket testing range, which eventually became the town of Woomera.

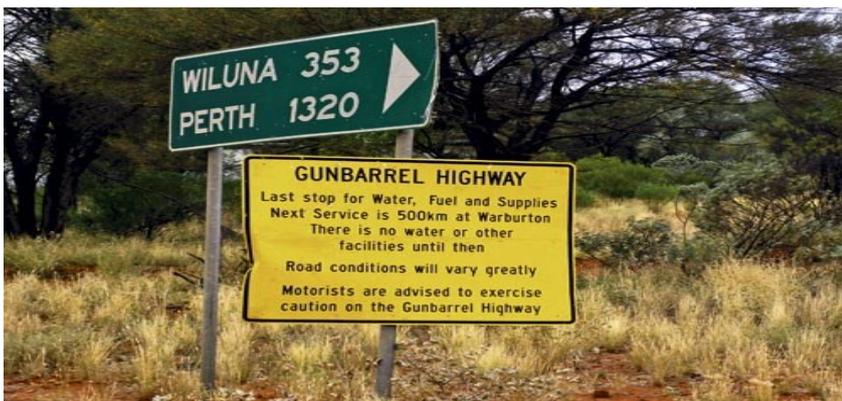
After he discharged from the Army in 1948 Len was part of a “secret” project to locate a site for atomic weapon testing. Dingo and Emu clay pans, were chosen for the landing field and test site. The first atomic test was conducted on 15th October 1953. They carried out two atomic tests at this site before moving the tests closer to the rail line (which is used by the Indian Pacific). This site became known as Maralinga, Aboriginal for thunder and a further seven atomic tests were carried out here.

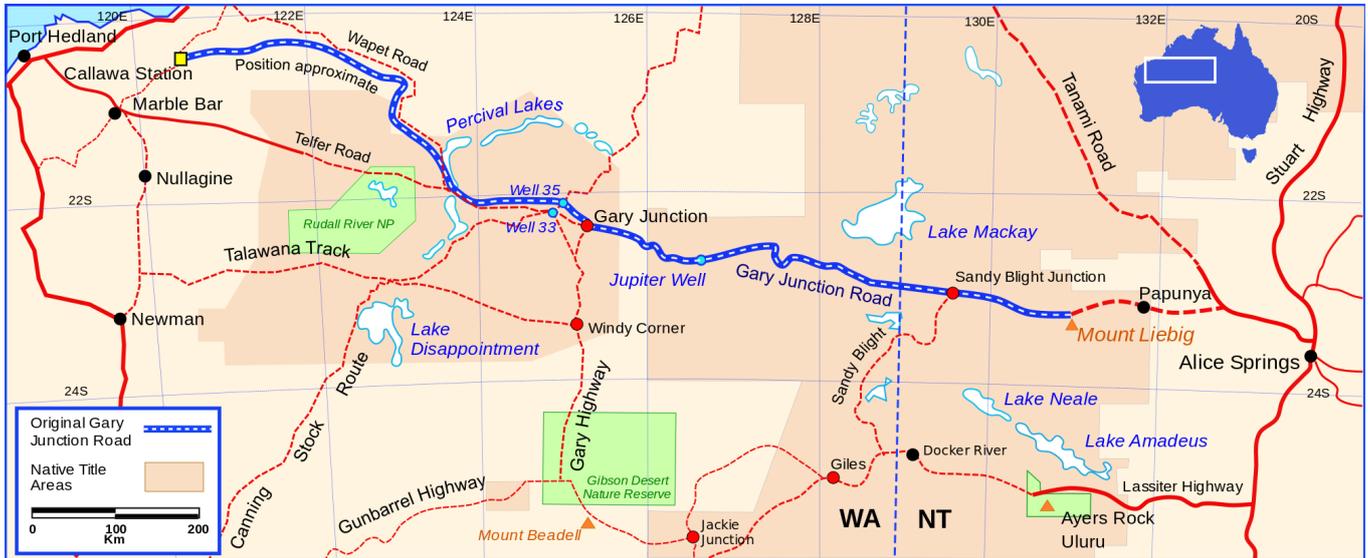
Len then went on to build roads through the test sites, they built approximately 6,000 kilometres of outback highways. Most of these still exist today:

“Gunbarrel Highway” completed in 1958. Len received the British Empire Medal in 1959 for his work on the “Gunbarrel”, which stretched 1600 kms. from Wiluna in Western Australia’s Northern Goldfields to Yulara in the Northern Territory. Highlights of the highway include Giles Weather Station, Banjo Creek, Mt Beadell, Lasseter’s Cave and Docker River.



Len Beadell Tree on Gunbarrel Highway





Other roads Len was responsible for:

- ◆ Sandy Blight Junction Road.
- ◆ Anne Beadell Highway, which was named after Len's wife.
- ◆ The Connie Sue and Gary Highways, named after Len's children.

Len finished building roads in 1963. In 1964 he contracted Hepatitis B while working at Woomera and was sick for almost 3 years.

He spent his retirement taking people to the areas he had opened up and gave inspirational talks about his adventures.

Len was awarded the Order of Australia in 1988.

Len passed away on the 12th May 1995.

**A memorial was erected at Mt Beadell
on the Gunbarrel Highway
by 4WD Clubs from around Australia.**

**On the 12th May 1996,
71 vehicles and 163 people attended
the ceremony unveiling the memorial.**



If you would like to learn more about Len Beadell and his tales from the bush, seek out some of the books listed below for a great read.

Too Long In The Bush

Blast the Bush

Bush Bashers

Still in the Bush

Beating About the Bush

End Of An Era

Outback Highways (a compilation)

Around the World in 80 Delays: A Traveller's Tale (written in 1967 but unpublished until 1997).

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

WA 4WD GATHERING - KALGOORLIE

June long weekend 2nd to 4th

Luke will be leading this trip.

Leaving Perth on Thursday 31st May returning Tuesday 5th June with convoy or any part there of if making your own way there.

If attending you should have registered on FAWDC database by now.

Any queries please contact Luke..

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

FRIDAY 27TH TO SUNDAY 29TH July

WhiteGum Farm Caravan Park , York

Cost is approx. \$25 per site per night for 2 people

WhiteGum Farm also has it's own 4WD test track that we can play on.

If you are wanting a site, please let Luke know via the data base and he will make booking for you.

Cabins available but you need to contact
WhiteGum Farm direct on 0408 906 520.



WINDMILL FARM—BRIDGETOWN

September long weekend.

Please advise Diane if you will be attending, as she needs numbers to book camp sites.

Tariff is only \$15 per night per person, and its suitable for camper trailers and tents but not caravans.

PERTH 4WD SHOW

9th - 11TH NOVEMBER

Keep these dates free, as we will be having a display to promote our club and will need volunteers to represent the club throughout the weekend.

POSITION VACANT

A committee position has become vacant due to Luke taking on the role of President.

Please consider if you could take on this role.

**YOUR CLUB
NEEDS YOU**

Nominations required by
Monday's meeting - 28th May

Presented by Trackcare and the Mitsubishi
4WD Owners Club.

An evening with

**Connie Beadell and
Mick Hutton**

7.30pm Saturday 7th June 2018

Manning Seniors Centre

Downey Drive Manning

*Come and learn about the "Gunbarrel Road
Construction Party" and stories of the 50's and
60's road-making crews led by Len Beadell.*

Tickets \$10

Note: Tickets available to WA4WDA members until
26th April, then out to general public.

For booking details see flyer sent to all
members on 12th April.



NEW CAPS

Janet has sourced a cap to add to our FAWD Club apparel. There will be a sample item for viewing at Monday nights meeting, costs and ordering process will be discussed at meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS THAT HAVE AN UPCOMING CELEBRATION

May your day be one of joy and great celebration.

**“As you get older, three things happen: The first is your
memory goes, and I can't remember the other two”.**

Norman Wisdom



2018 TRIP PLANNER

WHEN	WHERE	TRIP LEADER
MAY		
20th	MT DALE	Kay
26th or 27th	SOCIAL FUNCTION	
JUNE		
2nd to 4th	Long Weekend 4WD Assoc Gathering—KALGOORLIE	Luke/Craig
23rd, 24th or 30th	SOCIAL FUNCTION	?????
JULY		
7th or 8th	CAR RALLY	Dayne/Linda
27th-29th	CHRISTMAS IN JULY	Luke/Craig
AUGUST		
5th	JULIMAR FOREST	Tom
25th or 26th	SOCIAL FUNCTION	?????
SEPTEMBER		
9th	WANDOO	Lee
21st to 24th	Long weekend - BRIDGETOWN	Diane
OCTOBER		
7th	MOUNT DALE NIGHT RUN	
27th or 28th	SOCIAL FUNCTION	?????
NOVEMBER		
9th—11th	PERTH 4WD SHOW	
10th	BACK OF ARMADALE	
DECEMBER		
8th	CHRISTMAS PARTY	Committee



Last call for CHRISTMAS PARTY IDEAS

Do you want it in a park, a restaurant, activity based venue, a river cruise, etc. A decision will need to be made soon, so that a booking can be made, if required.

So put those thinking caps on and bring those amazing ideas, along with costs etc to the next meeting.

TRADING POST

If any members have something they wish to sell, whether it be 4WD accessories, camping gear or any quality unwanted items, email the details, price and picture (optional) to :

lbarrett@iprimus.com.au

by the 15th of each month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

When I am right no one remembers, when I am wrong, no-one forgets.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH *FISH TACOS*

INGREDIENTS

500g of a firm white fish

1 cup corn flour

1 tblsp paprika

1 packet soft tacos or wraps

1 lime

1 tin mango slices

1 onion—finely chopped

Fresh coriander

1 tomato—finely chopped

1 avocado—mashed

METHOD

Place cornflour, paprika and small fish pieces into a plastic bag and shake until covered. Dust of excess flour and fry in olive oil. Drain well.

Place chopped mango slices into a bowl with onion and chopped coriander, add tomato and a squeeze of lime juice. Combine well and season with salt and pepper.

Place tacos/wraps on plate, spread with avocado, add fish pieces and top with salsa.

ENJOY