



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

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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

Hello All,

Wow....Do you believe it's the end of summer and the weather is cooling off!!!! Where did summer go???

And.....the Easter Bunny is coming!!!!

Thought for the Day....

"It always seems impossible, until it's done" - Nelson Mandela

Cheers for now

The Pres

MEETING DATES FOR 2018

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

BRING YOUR IDEAS TO THE NEXT MEETING

The Committee are looking for ideas for our end of year Christmas Party.

Ideas and articles for future newsletters.

More people to put their hands up to lead a trip or organise a social function.

LUNAR ECLIPSE

On Wednesday 31 January, there was a special event with the moon. Part of this being the second full moon in the same month, which happened to coincide with an eclipse of the moon. Being a week night and not long after people would finish work, there was a few members that were able to go to the secluded area of Christmas Tree Well. Here we had dinner and prepared ourselves in the pole position for the super blue blood moon.

It was a still and clear night, accompanied by a few mozzies, however this would not deter us. It wasn't long before we saw the moon starting the eclipse, and before long the night was getting darker as the eclipse continued. Being out away from city lights, the stars were shining brightly, getting brighter by the minute. The milky way was as clear as anything, and we were even lucky enough to witness around 10 shooting stars throughout our stay there.

As the moon went into full eclipse, the background noise of night animals such as crickets also ceased, as if they knew something was out of the ordinary.



We stayed until the moon start to re-appear then started our way home. It was a great place to watch this event knowing it will be years before this can be witnessed in the same sequence of events again.



Hills to Buffalo Beach

Day trip - Saturday 10th February.

Trip Leader: Craig and Luke

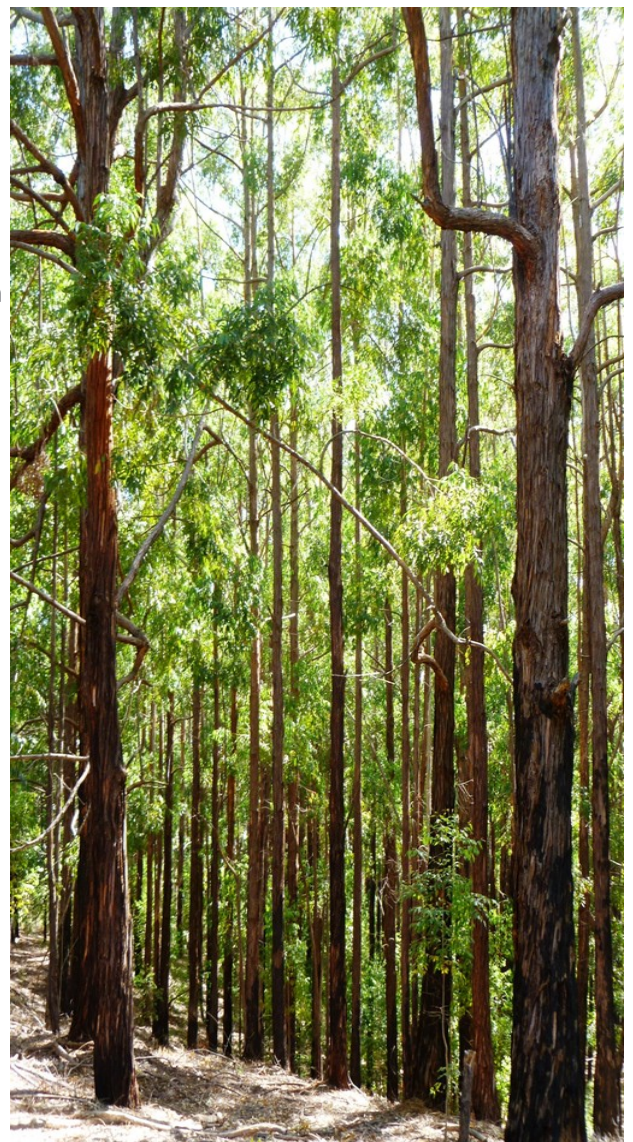


What a day! It was another nice day with the guys and girls from Freedom All Wheel Drive Club today with the weather perfect for exploring



Today's adventure started in Byford then took us into the Byford hills through some different dirt tracks not far from town. We explored around here coming across a couple of emus, followed closely behind by kangaroos. The wildlife was certainly doing its bit, as well as the summer trees in full flower. This was the first bit of off roading for the day for our two visitors, one in an X-Trail and another in a Hyundai Kona.

While negotiating the dips and ruts, our visitors had big smiles on their face, enjoying being off the bitumen and having the cars change from the original colour. From here we went down some more back dirt roads, some with corrugations which took us into Dwellingup and then down to Pinjarra for lunch. We had lunch in the local park there before continuing on to Harvey, then Yarloop. Its hard to believe that this was under fire about 2 years ago, with the bush and trees showing strong signs of new growth.



Hills to Buffalo Beach Continued

We kept heading towards the destination of Buffalo Beach. Here we let our tyres down and run south along the beach to what they call the "Cutting". We pulled up here for a stretch out the car and some photos, however the wind was quite strong and cool, a bit too cool for swimming. We all decided we would turn around and keep running north along the beach. The sand was extremely soft in places which made the car go in its own directions.



We ended up off the beach in a little sea side town called Binningup. From here we aired back up and called the trip to a close. Everyone was then free to head back in their own time while some stayed behind and enjoy dinner while watching a pretty awesome sunset.



It was a great day with snippets of different driving conditions, dust, dirt, rocky steps, beach and something we can't avoid, bitumen

Thanks for the great day all. Look forward to another one soon

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

MARCH LONG WEEKEND

DENMARK

If you are interested in the trip to Boat Harbour Chalets and Camping (with mystery trip) on the Labour day long weekend - 3rd to 5th of March, please register your name on the data base.

Don't forget you will need to bring all food as accommodation is not near town.

For further details see members website or contact your Trip Leader—Chrispy



The RAC **PERTH CARAVAN AND CAMPING SHOW** is on at the Claremont Show-ground from **Wednesday 21st to Sunday 25th March 2018** 9am to 5pm daily.

You can purchase tickets from 8.30am at the gate or to avoid the queues purchase your tickets online. Online tickets include free transport to and from the show with Transperth.

RAC Members can receive a 10% discount—check out the shows website for more details - <http://caravanandcampingshow.com.au/>

WA 4WD GATHERING - KALGOORLIE - June long weekend 2nd to 4th and for those that want to continue, follow Luke and Craig onto the **Helena Aurora Range** and then make your way home via the **Holland Track**.

Arriving back in Perth for Saturday 9th June.

For more details see Lukes post and register your interest on the database.



WINDMILL FARM—BRIDGETOWN

Diane is organising a trip for the 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.

2018 TRIP PLANNER

WHEN	WHERE	TRIP LEADER
MARCH		
3rd to 5th	LONG WEEKEND TRIP - Denmark	Chrispy
EASTER		
Mar 30th to April 2nd	EASTER LONG WEEKEND TRIP	
APRIL		
28th or 29th	SOCIAL FUNCTION	?????
MAY		
6th or 13th	MT DALE	Kay & Andrew
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
20th-22nd or 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		
10th	BACK OF ARMADALE	
DECEMBER		
8th	CHRISTMAS PARTY	Committee

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Banana Mellows *Serves 6*

Preparation time 10mins, cooking time 5 mins.

One of the best deserts you will encounter at a camp. Anyone with a sweet tooth will be drooling over this one!

Ingredients:

6 Bananas

Small bag of Marshmallows

Block of Chocolate



Cut the banana peel lengthwise, stopping 10-15mm from each end. Stuff each banana with chocolate and marshmallows. Carefully wrap each banana up in foil tightly at each end but loose at the middle over the top of the bananas. Place in hot coals or on top of grill for approx. 5 mins.

To eat simply scoop the banana mixture out with a small spoon.



When using a public campground, a tuba placed on your picnic table will keep the campsites on either side vacant.

Apparently you
can't use
'beefstew' as a
password.

It's not stroganoff.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TOM

CONGRATULATIONS YOU MADE THE BIG ????????

"Do not go where the path may lead;
go instead where there is no path and leave a trail"